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February 2003

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and
Biker Days**

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It's all happening in Salem this month

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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."

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.).

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, Rep. Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the House Sub-Committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through Congress.

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone,

S.T.E.A.M., or Seminar To Educate And Motivate, is the most important item on our calendar for this month. This event takes place at **Chemeketa Community College, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE**, in Salem. Plan to be there by **8:30 A.M., Saturday, February 15th**. I encourage those local chapter officers who have not attended S.T.E.A.M. in the past to do so this year. S.T.E.A.M. will help you learn the things required of you as an officer, as well as provide a more detailed view of the fight for motorcyclist's rights and *A.B.A.T.E.*'s role in this effort. The short informative talks will give you poise and confidence, and are aimed at all *A.B.A.T.E.* members, whether or not you are an officer. It's also an opportunity to meet *A.B.A.T.E.* members from across the state. This one day event should wrap up around 4:30 P.M.

The first state board meeting of the year took place on January 11th, in Junction City. The new chapter state representatives and state officers for 2003 were introduced, and I've got to tell you that we are very fortunate to have these people working on our behalf.

The state board meeting always occurs on the second Saturday of the month, at 12:00, noon, on the corner of 7th and Kalmia in Junction City. Key officers from the local chapters are required to attend one meeting per year, so make your plans to attend.

I've purchased a new bike, a black *Suzuki* GSX 1300 R, Hayabusa, and I'm reminded of the best advice I've ever heard concerning motorcycle safety, "Either ride it all the time, or never get on it". The point here is that there is no substitute for recent experience, and that the bike that sees 1,200 miles a year is more often involved in accidents than the bike that sees 12,000 miles. The various courses that Team Oregon offers have dramatically increased survivability for motorcyclists in this state, and I encourage you to take an appropriate course this year. These range from the Basic Rider Course, through Intermediate and Experienced Rider Courses, to the Advanced Rider Training Course.

I know, you've been riding for 30 years and don't need this stuff.

Wrong!

I've never met anyone who took these courses who didn't comment on how much they learned, regardless of their experience going in. An added plus is that virtually every insurance company will reduce your rates with your certificate of completion. [*crusty ol' editor's note — obviously you haven't delt with State Farm.]*

A #@!*\$ crotch rocket? No, more like an inter-continental-ballistic-missile!! My friends are already warning me of possible dire consequences, my wife has increased my life insurance and no longer buys lottery tickets. A buddy looking at the bike for the first time, turned toward me with a sad and mournful expression, cocked his head to one side, and thrust his hands out palm up, and asked "What about the *Harley* FXR you've been wanting for years? Why this?"

First and foremost, we make it clear that *A.B.A.T.E.* is for all bikers, and all makes and types of bikes. This proves we mean it.

The next reason has to do with the "Motor Company", who has not seen fit to join us in our fight against restrictive legislation.

An example is the recent *E.P.A.* effort to reduce emissions and after-market modifications. When this effort eliminates your local custom shop and your bike won't pass its emissions test, what are you going to do? You will go

H-D and spend big bucks for your ride, and its "Screamin' Eagle" mods. Remember, the competition no longer exists.

Think this is far fetched?

The V-Rod is Phase 1.

The average person purchasing a new *Harley* is 44 years of age, and makes \$78,000 dollars per year, and will trade for another new *Harley* in 3.5 years.

This, people, is where the money is at!

You are either a potential new *Harley* purchaser or you don't exist, or shouldn't.

Another has to do with dependability. I'm told by those who went to Sturgis last year, that repair shops along the route were filled with broken down Twin-Cams. This new engine was conceived by *Harley*, engineered by *Porsche*, thoroughly tested by "The Motor Company", and sold for an average of \$15,000.

H-D should be ashamed.

Oddly enough, the owner-maintained Evo's



by Joe Laurance

and customs seemed to do just fine.

Another reason for buying this bike is 158.7 rear wheel horsepower. (Know where I can get tires, cheap?)

Anyway, if on your way to a run or rally this year and you see an all-black sport-bike, I hope this encourages you to wave with your whole hand.

As I mentioned in last month's comments, the October Planning Session in Cottage Grove was a great success. Many of the excellent ideas put forth will be acted upon at state board meetings, so follow the meeting minutes in the newsletter and listen to your chapter state representative when he/she reports to the local chapter.

As many of you know, I'm a member of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association. Their primary purpose is not to "preach", but to be of service to the biker community. If you are planning an event, involve your local CMA chapter in set-up, clean-up, gate duty, security, or any of a number of other jobs in which too few always do too much. They'll be glad to help. Perhaps you feel "high sided" by life? They will be there to listen.

Biker Days begins this month so check with your chapter legislative representative for dates to attend the Oregon state capitol and meet with your elected officials.

May the Lord Bless you and yours,

Joseph Laurance

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

Columbia River Chapter

Our chapter elected new officers in our January meeting.

Coordinator- Spike

Vice-co-ordinator- Big Bill

State Representative- Joel

Secretary- Dee

Treasurer- Janet

Sgt. at Arms 1- Nick

Sgt. at Arms 2- Big Bill

Membership- Terri

Ways & Means- Julie, Jimbo, Shag

Historian- Aaron

Education- DC

Road Captain- Shag

Toy Run- Janet, Julie, Jimbo

The Road Captain is a new position for us. Shag has promised to plan runs for us to go on after our meetings so we have some fun to go along with business. It is a great idea and Shag is to be commended for it.

I want to thank our outgoing officers, Angie, Art, Sherrie and Steve and thank our new ones as well as our continuing ones for their commitment to the cause of liberty.

On February 9th our chapter hosted 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

February Report

The first meeting for 2003 was a big one for our chapter. We had a big turn out and visitors from the both the *Northeast* and *Southeast* chapters.

We are still getting the new officers acquainted with their jobs. Terri was helping Rhonda with the membership secretary position and Janet getting DC squared away with the treasurer's job. Now all I have to do is to remember that we have filled some positions that had been vacate and call on those officers for their reports next time. I guess I'll have to get organized.

As many of the new officers who are able should attend S.T.E.A.M. on February 15th; there are great training sessions there.

There was a great deal of discussion about the way the *Washington State Police* is enforcing the helmet law and how some of their officers are targeting riders who wear beanies. Jimbo, Julie and Willie attended a meeting last month and brought back some information. It sounds a lot like [how] the *Oregon State Police* was behaving after we got the helmet law in Oregon amended to make it clear what a "legal" helmet is and then had to sue *O.S.P.* about the law. The *W.S.P.* is using the same, stupid and incorrect interpretation of the federal technical testing requirements for helmets that the *O.S.P.* did including the totally false claim that federal law requires a certain amount of foam in a helmet. We proved both in the Oregon legislature and in the federal courts that there is no such requirement.

Some *W.S.P.* officers are also confiscating motorcycles based upon a rider's helmet. [*crusty ol' editor's note* — *It has since come to our attention that bikes are only confiscated if the biker attempts to ride off helmless after having an "illegal" helmet confiscated.*] Again, they are dead wrong on that point as I have seen the law that they are relying upon for their seizures.

So, Oregon riders beware of the *W.S.P.* and if you suffer any adverse consequences because you are wearing a beanie, contact Sam Hochberg who will refer you to Marty Fox, the *A.I.M.* attorney in Seattle. One or two lawsuits will set those *W.S.P.* clowns down. Make sure that you ask for damages

against the individual officers in your lawsuits.

The *Toy Run* committee presented an award to the *U&I* in appreciation of its efforts in supporting the *Shiners' Hospital Toy Run*.

Michelle, the state products director, was one of our visitors and showed us some of the new products that are available. Buy them and help support the state.

We had three misfortunes visited upon our members recently. First, DC has his motorcycle stolen *again!!!* [*See article on page 57.*]

Second, Roger had an electrical fire in his house and fortunately got it out before too much damage was done.

Finally, and worst of all, Brandy and Rob had their trailer burned to the ground, losing everything that they owed. The chapter voted to donate \$150 to Rob and Brandy to help them get back on their feet. I hope that the New Year gets better for them all.

Make sure that you come to our Sweet Heart Dance at the *U&I* on February 15th. The *Vagabonds* are going to play and we are going to party.

Spike

[*crusty ol' editor's note* -- *The January report for Columbia River did not appear in last month's newsletter because the crusty ol' editor misplaced it in e-mail hell. The c.o.e. sincerely apologizes to members of the Columbia River Chapter for the omission.*]

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
U & I Tavern
6910 North Interstate Avenue --
Portland
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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

Douglas County Chapter

Hey gang,

How are ya? Good?

Good.

I want to thank everyone for all the nice comments on my first newsletter [article].

But there are just a few minor things I believe need to be straightened out here.

Lonia and Ledia Judd. Well who the hell are they? I don't remember them at the meeting. Especially since they think that they will be taking my place as secretary and public relations representative.

Ha, ha.

Well *girls*, you're kicked to the curb! This is one correction I'm proud to make.

That's *Tonia Judd*.

Maybe next time girls. Sorry honey!

Also I want to apologize to our ways and means officer, Paula Evans. (Not Smith.) Sorry sis, bear with me. Okay?

Well Jim Jones pulled it off. He has his first meeting under his belt. (God knows he's glad to be there.) I gotta tell ya I was kinda nervous myself. (Well, it was nothing a beer couldn't cure.)

I thought I was doing good until we decided to say the pledge of allegiance. I'm glad I remembered, because I think if I'd stopped, the whole room would have lost it. I don't know,

maybe it was just me. (I felt like I was in school again, damn it!)

Well Tim and Debbie did a good job. They made sure we didn't spend all the money. They paid the mailbox up for the year and put some money back in. (I think we should keep them.) Thanks you two. Pretty good!

I didn't think Rick was gonna get through that state report. I think he was thinking the same thing. Not to mention the membership report as well. (Good job, Rick.)

Paula ~~Smith~~ . . . I mean, Evans . . . you've got your work cut out for you ordering all that stuff. (But don't forget my stuff.) You're gonna do fine

Good luck, guys. I'm right with ya. Look at Joe Laurance, big wig. Now we gotta make him look good. (As if we don;t have enough to do on our own.) Thanks Joe. Good luck. Make us proud. <smile>

Well, as public relations representative, I'm gonna do my best to get things ready for *Casino Night*. We're trying for 26 April. That's a Saturday night. So bring on the money. Got a lot of good stuff lined up. We need all the help we can get, se get a hold of me. (Tonia, not "Ledia".)

And all our supporters out there too, we're counting on you as well. You know who you are. All of you, the readers, the members are welcomed. We're happy to have you come. We got a lot of stuff to look forward to, things

to do, places to go. It's all for you. Let's do it.

I want to remind everyone that we need to have your phone number updated. So if that's you, let's have them. And membership as well. Get a hold of Mary Cruz.

I want to extend our sympathy to Ron Clark's family. I hear he was a good man.

Well, my fingers are tired so I'm going totalk to you next month, same time, same place.

Be cool.

Your secretary/public relations representative,

Tonia Judd

next meeting:

02 February 2003-12:30 pm
Round Table Pizza

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE

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

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Hub City Chapter

Meeting called to order at 1916 by Cole Hembree.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of silence for our missing and fallen.

Introduction of guests: New member, Barry, showed up on his *brand new* white *Duece*. 30 people were in attendance.

Officer Roll Call and Reports

Coordinator – Joe Lawrence is our new state coordinator. Our chapter won the largest percent of chapter members at the *End of Summer Run*!

Vice Coordinator – Al will do a safety item each month – this one is to e careful riding in winter: wet, slick leaves and patches of ice are a real hazard.

Secretary – A motion was moved and passed to accept the minutes that were circulating.

Treasurer - Petty cash is \$54.83, checking is \$275.93, savings is \$976. Paid out \$10 to Mel to go to the state board meeting and the grand total is \$1,249.28.

Membership secretary – Deputy Dog was absent but last count had our chapter at 82 members.

Sergeants at Arms – Jimmer was absent. Gary was proud of the fact he finally made it though he had no report

Quartermaster – Cathy was approached again about conducting the games at *Fossil*. During discussion we discussed accepting *if Lincoln County* helps us out this coming year then we have another chapter apprentice under us the second year, then that chapter would take over the

third year with a different chapter apprenticing under them. It would be a 2-year commitment every six or seven years. Al moved to accept, Cherie seconded. Passed unanimously (this is dependent upon the state accepting those terms)

State Board Rep – Unable to make state meeting, no report.

Public Relations — Mary absent.

Run Coordinator – Our *Poker Run* will be June 7th. We have a tentative route. We will be selling hands for \$5.00 with top prize at \$100 and low prize at \$50. There will be games at each stop for poker ships for new draws of cards. With the addition of games, we will need four volunteers at each stop (all will be at bars). If the weather is nice, we'll try to have the drawings outside for those who bring their kids. Meeting will take place after this meeting in the bar to discuss further options on the poker run.

Looking for any other ideas for the rest of the year – contact Shawn.

Historian – Cherie will start printing out pictures with her new supplies and will bring to next meeting.

Education Director – Carolyn absent.

Legislative Director – Kenny absent.

BikePAC Representative – Mel informed us the new legislative session starts January 13. Swing by and say “hi” to your representatives. 03 February is the first *Biker Day*.

Correspondence – Al had the newest Butt report.

Northwest Biker is now on-line.

Old Business

Logo contest – only one submission so will table it for one month.

New Business

Defense class for women – Contact Cliff if you're interested. The Salvation Army has a free place we could meet.

Chapter Chaplain – members will consider and will bring up at the next meeting.

50/50 drawing was \$35 with \$35 going to the chapter as well.

The next meeting will be January 16th (3rd Thursday) at 7:00 PM at Los Dos Amigos on Pacific Blvd in Albany.

The meeting was adjourned at 2010

HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Los Dos Amigos
1402 Pacific Blvd.
Albany

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

North Coast Chapter

Hello friends,

Well the holidays are over... maybe not.

It could be we have done things that will resonate throughout the year.

For example our *North Coast Toy Run* which was held in December. Additionally you probably made New Year resolutions that are etched in stone ... maybe not.

Last month I wrote about a fellow who was most generous at our *Spaghetti Feed*, this being the prelude to the *Toy Run* and one of the ways we *North Coasters* raise funds to support the Wishing Tree program.

This generosity continued with *Mary Todd's Worker's Bar and Grill* filling one of our donation cans with more than five hundred dollars. She and her staff did this by actively soliciting donations through raffles and home made gifts as a premium for a given size donation. Because of people such as Mary we were able to purchase gifts for over a hundred and thirty children plus make a donation to another Christmas program in conjunction with our fellow Washington state *Pacific County A.B.A.T.E.* members across the creek.

At a special meeting in December, my fellow *North Coasters* voted to throw in an additional thousand dollars to complete our Christmas goal.

Nominations are in and the election committee is busy continuing the election process. Your help here is needed. Your vote will help shape the future of the chapter. To satisfy our chapter mandate it is imperative to

have member participation in all of our activities including the leadership vote.

On the subject of participation, we missed your presence at the *Toy Run*. Yeah, I know it was wet, windy and chilly but you've ridden in that before and the cause was as good as it gets: Christmas gifts for kids.

This could be my last chapter report (depends on how quickly you respond to the *North Coast* mail sent to you) and I want to thank all of you who have helped me in this temporary job as Coordinator.

Amelia Williams, Skye McKey, Kris Kelso, Chuck Jensen, Al Jaques, Betty Kelso, Harley Bristol and Sue Mills are names that come to mind instantly. Forgive me for not remembering all.

My New Years resolutions?

To do a little better. On this thought a challenge: to try and see each of our members at more than one meeting before the end of the year.

Fraternally,

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000

(10 am)

Merts Campus

3 miles east of Astoria

Industrial Arts Building

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter

I know you're not going to be reading this until February but what the hey...

I am writing this on New Years' Eve. I've had some time off this week and I am going through the pictures I've taken over the last year(s). I am organizing them a bit so I can find them without tearing the place apart. With my new camera I've taken a lot more pictures in 2002 than I have in previous years.

The pictures I took bring back lots of good memories this last year.

In March, the Freedom Train was in town building up steam up for a trip up north. I got some great shots and a good picture of Roger and Rena in front of the train (before it took off).

There were a good number of us at *Portland Motorcycle* for their Spring Open House. We were out there promoting *A.B.A.T.E.* and selling tickets for the Deuce (Toy Run Bike Raffle). I got a picture of all the guys with a very pretty blonde who was helping the shop out.

Got lots of great pictures of my first trip to the Grand Canyon in May.

Several good shots of us in Sandy for the Fly-in and at Sandy Days selling tickets for the Deuce.

Got a couple of good pictures of Rusty and Jordan on their Ural at the car show in Clackskanie (with the 3rd wheel in the air).

Al, Oopy, and I were out at Liverpoolooza selling tickets in July and in the process I got pictures of some really righteous bikes at the ride-in bike show.

Lots and lots of shots of people and bikes from our very first annual and

hugely successful Poker Run.

In September some beautiful shots of a ride some friends from church, other ministries, and True Apostles went on during Labor Day in the Mt. St. Helens area. It's funny but for such a beautiful sunny day there were hardly any other motorcycles to be seen that day. We had the place to ourselves and had a great time.

Awesome pictures were taken of the kids we gave \$30,000 in wheelchair and other needs equipment to at the Shriners Hospital in late September. We had lots of bikes and bikers show up for the presentation. It was another sunny day as well for the All Chapter Picnic after the presentation.

And finally I seem to have dozens of pictures from the *A.B.A.T.E./Shriners Toy Run* to cap off the year. What an awesome day that was with 3,000 motorcycles in the parade, a bus full of toys for the kids, and a great Christmas program for the kids up at the hospital.

What a great year!!!

As I look back at what our chapter has accomplished, there's been quite a bit of stuff going on. We continue to grow. Meeting attendance also continues to grow with great discussion and sharing of information. The new blood (and new old blood) that has joined the group has breathed new life into a chapter that seemed ready to kick the bucket this time last year. We've got a website now:

<http://www.abateoforegon-ne.org> thanks to Oopy.

Kat and her helpers did a great job of getting our first Poker Run off of the ground. By the time you read this we've had our first *Cabin Fever Party*.

This year promises to be action packed. We are heading into a legislative session that will require participation from everyone in some shape or form – from writing letters to visiting our legislators. The *E.P.A.* would like us all to ride *B.M.W.'s* (*B.M.W.'s* are not so bad. I love mine, but not everyone is into fuel injection and catalytic converters). With the new *E.P.A.* rules, it is possible a lot of the custom shops will be put out of business. The fight with the *E.P.A.* will require a lot of energy from the motorcycle lobby. (Us.)

The S.T.E.A.M. conference will be in February and is always a good forum for learning more about *A.B.A.T.E.* and how to be more effective at what we do.

This year is shaping up to be another great year for the *Northeast Portland Chapter*. We've got a lot of work to do but let's be sure to have some fun as well. I am looking forward to working with all of you and hopefully getting in some good rides in as well.

Catch you at a future meeting,
Mike

**N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

December 17, 2002

We had a small meeting. Most years we just cancel the second meeting of December, but decided to hold this one due to the way the calendar falls.

Ten people showed up and held a lively meeting with good discussion about all sorts of things. The most important was the *M.R.F.*'s economic impact study, to which we donated \$50. I'm glad everyone is so willing to take on a federal bureaucracy. It is a fight that has value beyond the specific issue.

We are working on expanding our list of planned rides for the upcoming year and hope to have some fun and excitement. In our Chapter membership drawing, the winner would have been Robert Ritzer, if he had been present.

It will go up \$5 to \$75 for next meeting. Lynne won the 50/50 at \$6/\$5, which she donated back to the Chapter. Thanks, Lynne.

Catch you in 2003.

Called to order by Lee at 7:06 pm. 10 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee
Minutes were waived on a motion by Lynne because they were presented in written form. Correspondence was a *B.O.A.* statement and a membership renewal notice from *M.R.F.*

Treasury Report is \$817.39.

Bills submitted *M.R.F.* membership, \$100, Teresa moved to pay, passed.

Membership Report: 82

Board Report: Elections were completed, special *M.R.F.* donation of \$500 was approved, Annual Meeting

and dinner was great.

Legislative Report: Report on *M.R.F.* special economic impact study for *E.P.A.* and motion by Del to donate \$50.

Ways and Means Report: Shirts and patches available.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: Greg showed up last week, alone. Steve and Lee went to the Int Motorcycle show in Seattle

Planned Rides nothing to report, Hollister, July 3-13

Poker Run Committee next meeting 1/14, 6:00, Lone Pine

New Business

Membership Drawing for \$70 would have been won by Robert Ritzer if he had been present. It will be \$75 next time.

50/50 was won by Lynne at \$6/\$5, which she donated back to the chapter.

Adjourned 7:57 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)

Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-197)

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

Salem Chapter

The Annual Christmas Party/ chapter meeting was a success with good food and good people. Our elections were held and here are the results:

confirmed. There will be food, taped music and fellowship with all those wonderful motorcyclists.

The Toy Run on December 8th was a blast with 85 plus motorcycles and

The Annual Report is out for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* Your state representative will have copies. Look on the back page for the upcoming dates for swap meets and runs.

Be kind,

Michelle
Chapter Goddess

Coordinator — Loran Halvorson
Vice Coordinator — Marlene Schroeder
Treasurer — Cindy Poulin
Membership Secretary — Sheryl Forrest
Recording Secretary — Michelle FitzHenry Lipchitz
Education Director — Sheryl Forrest
Sgt. At Arms #1 — Louis Schroeder
Sgt. At Arms #2 — Ted Minden
Sgt. At Arms #3 — Bill Pulliam
Sgt. At Arms #4 — Jeff Poulin
Quartermaster — Tylor Johnson
Public Relations — Loran Halvorson, Marlene Schroeder, Sheryl Forrest, Michelle FitzHenry Lipchitz
Run Coordinators — Tim McKnight, Don Nash, Ed Rollman
Webmaster — Michelle FitzHenry Lipchitz
State Representative/ Legislative Director — Michelle



SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
 Pietro's Pizza
 637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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 Salem, OR 97309

Thank you to all the people for stepping up to hold office. Your help and hard work is greatly appreciated.

The committee for the *Ice Breaker Picnic* is Teri Rollman and Michelle. Tentative date is March 9, 2003 at the Lion's Hall in Keizer. Fliers will be appearing as soon as the date is

toy/money donations going to the *Silverton Community Resource* and *Stayton Firemen's Toys for Joy Program*.

The run coordinators both agree that it was a great ride and are looking at bigger turnout for this year's *Toy Run*, which will probably be on December 14th in 2003.

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

South Coast Chapter

December was a busy month for *South Coast A.B.A.T.E.*

We held our toy run on December 15 with 55 bikes (in the pouring rain) and around 100 people helped to load and unload the trucks. Between *Coos Cycle Supply* and the efforts of the *South Coast Chapter*, we gave the Salvation Army over \$10,000 worth of toys. The majority was collected by *Coos Cycle Supply*.

South Coast A.B.A.T.E. had approximately 15 volunteers working at the local annual *Holiday Lights at Shore Acres* event on December 27. The volunteers greeted guests, handed out cookies and coffee, and sat in attendance in the individual rooms in the garden house. This was followed by a potluck dinner at Mary's.

We had a pretty good turn-out for the December meeting. New officers were elected. We voted to donate \$250 to *M.R.F.* to help fight the emissions bill.

New officers

Coordinator	Charlie Hill
Vice Coordinator	Brian Bryan
Secretary	Janet Jinkner
Treasurer	Sue Becker
Membership Secretary	Carole Abshire
Public Relations	Ross Orr
Ways and Means	John Guernsey
State Representative	Tom Curran
Education Director	Steve Corey
Historian	Bill Shineflew
Sgt. at Arms	Mike Richards
alternate Sgt. at Arms	Tom Shine
Road Captain	Greg Sause
alternate Road Captain	Roger Freeman
Chaplain	Steve Corey

SOUTH COAST MEETING**TIME 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

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hello to all you good people,

P.S. Check out the new look of our chapters web site. Carol is doing a fantastic job.

I hope that you all had a safe and Happy New Year.

Here we are in February with a new Legislative session going.

Now is the time to get involved.

There are three *Biker Days* at the Capitol this year, two of which will have already happened by the time you read this. The next one is February 23rd.

Mark it on your calendars and show up.

Another important upcoming event is S.T.E.A.M. on February 15th. I have been to S.T.E.A.M. the past couple of years. It has been very informative and motivating each time, especially my first one as an officer. I will attend again this year and am really looking forward to meeting new officers and seeing old friends. Hope to see you there.

Another happening in Salem is the *May Awareness Rally* (May 3rd). These are both good tools for *A.B.A.T.E.* to get our legislators aware of who and what we are.

Our chapter is still growing and our new officers are enthusiastic. We have formed committees for our *Anniversary Party* and *Run 21*. With their hard work, both parties will be a great success. If any of you would like to donate any door prizes for either function, get hold of Dianne, Lee or myself. I am sure arrangements could even be made to pick them up.

Well that all for now folks.

Ride safe.

Later,

Mammy Tami



FOOD DELIVERY
 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
 Southeast Portland Chapter
Food Drive
 Saturday, 15 March 2003

MEET AT M/M RESTAURANT-LOUNGE - 137 N MAIN GRESHAM 10:00 AM
 DEPART AT 11:00 AM
 DELIVER AT 12:00 NOON TO HARBOR LIGHT MISSION 5W 2nd & BURNSIDE, PORTLAND

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS ON HARD TIMES

ANNIVERSARY PARTY SATURDAY (QUIT AT THE M/M 7:30 PM)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY. ANY GIFTS OR DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

S.E. Portland MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
 M/M Restaurant & Lounge
 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Hey brothers and sisters

This report is from our January 5th meeting and your new secretary, Ric Goodwin.

We talked about having more Bar-B-Qs, more biker movie nights, etc.

We have changed our meeting time (same place) to 11:00 AM 1st Sunday of each month. We hope that these changes will be better for all members.

Joe Vespoli says everything is a go for the *Sweetheart Ball* on February 14th, so hope to see everybody there. We have a new Sgt-at-Arms #2, Jack Baker, and a new Road Captain, Jayme Baker.

Well being this is my first time I'm sure my report will get better and more informative.

Thanks for your patience,

Ric Goodwin
Southern Oregon Chapter secretary

At our December meeting we were fortunate in that enough concerned *Southern Oregon Chapter A.B.A.T.E* members stepped up to the plate and took a position to sustain our chapter.

Hopefully more members will come forward and take some of the positions that are unfilled as of this time at the February and March meetings.

Open positions are: legislative director, education director, ways and means, public relations director, and run coordinator.

Also Pat Striffler would like two individuals take his positions. Thus any paid up Southern Oregon member who is interested in the position of Vice Coordinator or State

Representative may make application to the chapter e-board and, with the ratification of the general membership of the chapter, assume the positions. Pat stepped in the positions to save the chapter, but is the First Officer of *Southern Cruisers*, Jackson County Chapter 336 and that makes him doing double/triple duty at this time.

Herb Sweeten
coordinator,
Southern Oregon Chapter



The new officers are:

Coordinator	Herb Sweeten (541)-944-8272 herbstr@msn.com
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Secretary	Ric Goodwin (541)-826-9546
Treasurer	Cathy King (541)-472-0924
Membership Secretary	Kent Nelson (541)-479-7585
State Representative	Pat Striffler (541)-821-2661 (evenings)
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Ziebarth (541)-472-0924
Chapter Historian	Cathy King (541)-472-0924
Sgt-at-Arms #2	Jack Baker (541)-582-1584
Road Captain	Jayme Baker (541)-476-9704

SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME and PLACE
1st Sunday at 1100 (11 am)
Big Daddy's Pizza
(formely Oregono's) -- Gold Hill

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

Washington County Chapter

Greetings all and welcome to new officers and new members.

Our 2003 event calendar had been planned and now the work begins for the run committee. We will begin planning our *Poker Run* for 10 May. The run calendar in the newsletter says 17 May, so we will have to work out the details and get the correct information out.

Our apologies to those who missed the *Ice Cycle Run* that started at *Beaverton Honda-Yamaha* on Saturday, 04 January. The flyers did not include sign-in time or ending location. We will be better at that this year.

Our condolences to the family of Paul Edwards who was killed on Christmas Eve in a car [crash]. Paul and his wife, Yvonne, have been vendors at various events for several years. The service was very touching and the sentiments were heartfelt. Paul will be missed not only helping his wife but also helping his good friend Gunny at the *A.I.M.* booth.

Our *First Sunday Ride* in January was supposed to be a ride around Mt. Hood, but it was too cold and it was the end of Christmas break (lots of people and "sand" on the road), so we opted for hot chocolate at my house and then a visit to Big Bob who is recuperating in a local rehabilitation center after several surgeries. he appreciated seeing all the leather coming to visit him.

At our December meeting, Ken Mason won almost \$100 after Ian Pfluke-Shelton, Jim Eastburn, Teddy Tracy, Marilyn Shaw, Frank Rathjen, Perry Bjornseth, Ron Bloker, and

Kathy Petty were not present to win the membership drawing.

Melissa Vaughn won the 50/50 hand.

Be safe on the road because it is still winter.

Many thanks to my husband for the wonderful birthday gift of *Gerbing*

gear. I can hardly wait for those gloves to come in.

I look forward to seeing you in 2003 at runs, events, or just on the road.

Watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells

WaCo secretary

Chapter officers for 2003 are as follows:

Coordinator	Ed Vaughn
Vice Coordinator	John Borelli
Treasurer	Becky Ramirez
Secretary	Linda Wells
Membership Secretary	Cindy Henderson
Sgt. at Arms-I	Rick Stocker
Sgt. at Arms-II	John Borelli
State Representative	Marion Bishop
State Rep alternate	Ted Tracy
Public Relations	Kay Sipple
Legislative Director	Ted Tracy
Education Director	Roger Yarnell
Historian	Lyn Combs
Historian	Jim Henderson
Quartermaster	Paul Hering
Newsletter Editor	Greg Vaughn
Webpage Editor	Trace Ceccacci
Chapter Products	Dave Meeker
Ways and Means	Luke Stocker
Chaplain	Roger Yarnell

WASHINGTON COUNTY**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd and 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



Well, January is kind of a slow month, being that the holiday season is over and the official riding season is not here yet, although we do have a lot of diehard riders in this area. I was impressed to see about ten scoots at our January meeting.

Being the new year, this was our first meeting held on the third Wednesday of the month and we had a really good turn out. I am not sure of the exact count, but I would guess about 40 members.

The new officers took over and didn't miss a beat. Although we did have to elect a secretary because the person [who] was elected decided to step down directly after the elections, so we are proud to announce that Jeri Laird was nominated and voted in at the meeting. Congratulations to Jeri.

Rick Maish went over upcoming events to which we had flyers for those who wanted them, for the Roseburg and Portland *Swap Meets*, and also our chapter casino night which is February 22 at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta, followed up by the *Fossil Run* flyers. Also offering advanced ticket sales at this time.

Michael Taylor gave a quick update on the *S.O.S. Run*. Not much to report at this time. Although we did put a committee together to assist Michael with putting this chapters part of that run together, working along with Michael will be Mary Ann Goll, Hal Fletcher, Bob Lowe, Wendy Solcova, Jeri and Doug Laird.

Our state representative, Rick Maish, went over the events at S.T.E.A.M., mentioned that we needed to get the list of our new officers to state. [He] gave us the cost of *Fossil* tickets: \$20 members; \$25 non-members for advanced tickets. Also stated that we need to submit all chapter events to state by April 1st, so insurance can be acquired where needed. We went over the road-assistance program and acquired information to be published in the state newsletter.

Michael Boggs reported that in no uncertain terms our newly elected governor stated that he will veto any helmet repeal that is put on his desk. (Oh, what a shock) Thanks for keeping that open mind gov. Michael also went over the importance of supporting

BikePAC, reminding us that these are the people [who] directly fight for our rights. Looks like they're going to have a lot of work to do this term. Should be quite a challenge for them. We also went over the list of issues they will be fighting for, which is listed on page 44 of the last state newsletter.

Wendy Solcova gave her treasurer's report and requested new officers report to her so she can acquire their patches. She also said she would be submitting a budget report by next month.

We had a treat at this meeting: Sam Hochberg of *A.I.M.*, stopped by and chatted with us about *N.C.O.M.* and the *Confederation of Clubs*. He passed around some brochures and cards containing very useful information about "what to do if's," as you're in an [crash] or stopped by the police and being hassled, etc. He also advised us about motorcycle insurance coverage, and why we should up it. Good advise given — thank you Sam.

Peggy Schneider will be updating our membership list and submitting it to state.

Ruth Johnson, followed up on volunteers [who] will be working *Casino Night* and the *Rhody Run*. Their are also a lot of members going to a lot of business' in the area collecting donations for this event.

Joe Dershon lined up a class at Lane Community College (L.C.C.) for advanced motorcycle safety, which will be taken on April 6 for a cost of \$68.00 each and a maximum of 12 people. Thanks Joe, for setting this up.

Dave Morgan reported that our web page space is used up and submitted a report for

the chapter's consideration, maybe costing us about \$6.00 a month for a page with a lot more space.

Mike Johnson passed around some pics from our Christmas party and will be putting photo albums together from all of our events.

Bob Lowe gave us some words of inspiration and reminded us that Biker Sunday is March 21, at the Springfield Faith Center, where we can get our bikes blessed and follow up with a "kick off" run. He also reminded us to do a basic safety maintenance on our scoots: oil, battery, tires etc.

Debbie McFarren wasn't present. If she was she would have been \$200 richer from our chapter drawing.

Christie Short won our 50/50 drawing for \$31.50.

That's about it for now, 'til next month. Will be waving at you soon on the roads,

Mary Ann Goll,
Chapter Promoter

WILAMETTE VALLEYMEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Our Officers at Work

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

11 January 2003



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Joe Laurance, coordinator at 12:05 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the December 14, 2002 motion made by Mel, seconded by Rick to waive reading of the minutes and adopt as printed.

Coordinators Comments

Joe led the introduction of all state board of directors and state representatives. Joe reminded the state representatives that they are our rule deciding body and Joe described what the state representatives job was and its importance.

Guests

Willy Sanders from Columbia
Ricci Laurance (Joe's better half)

Correspondence

D.M.V. Administrative rule changes that don't affect us.

Christmas card from *Indiana A.B.A.T.E.* Chapter correspondence.

*** * * Officers Reports * * ***

Legislative Director: Rick Maish reviewed a packet of information he had put together which contained, legislator: how to contact, *Biker Days* schedule, and "How an idea becomes a law". Rick also said information regarding the *E.P.A.* is on the *M.R.F.* website. Rick said everyone should read the article in the state newsletter about the Patriot Act.

Rick needs information from each chapter on your legislative director including their name, phone number, and e-mail. Please give this information to him or Randy for *M.R.F.* so the directors can be kept informed. Also, *Willamette Valley* invited Sam Hochberg, *A.I.M.* attorney, to talk about *N.C.O.M.* insurance issue. If you are also interested in going, it's Wednesday, January 15, 2003 7:00 p.m. at *Foxfire* in Springfield.

The environmental studies show motorcycles don't impact the environment as previously thought. This information will be in the next newsletter.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall couldn't make it today because he had to attend a funeral.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Ed Vaughn said the next meeting is tomorrow. Ed said they are looking into two issues: motorcycle confiscation and the left turn signal that won't function. If you have first-hand information on these two issues, please contact him or Clark Brooker.

Chuck Jensen said that Washington doesn't require you to have insurance, but Oregon does, so if you live in Washington and come to Oregon, you better get insurance. Stephen Baton said the motorcycle confiscation is a misunderstanding of the law from 1987. Washington State troopers were at a meeting he was at and said the first time they catch you, you will get a warning; the second time you must have another helmet to ride away or you will get your motorcycle confiscated.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Bob Earl said there is a sign on the bridge coming into Oregon that says Oregon requires a helmet and insurance.

Education Director: Geoff White — S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled for February 15 at *Chemketa College* on Lancaster Boulevard. Sign up is at 8:00 a.m. Classes will be 3 time periods and should end around 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. Roger mentioned that all those who went to *Best of the West, Meeting of the Minds, O.D.O.T.* conference etc., should be instructors.

Geoff also mentions that drivers education classes have been cut in schools. Tom Curran asked about others ways to get into the schools to teach the M.A.P.

classes. Geoff advised health classes or contacting the schools and asking them.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde had nothing to report.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy was unable to make it to the meeting but Ted gave her report. Jill needs all chapters to submit a list of the new chapter officers except for *Willamette*, who already submitted theirs. We currently have 1,987 members.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path thanked all for their submissions and reports. Apology to *River City* and Rick Maish for their reports not being in the newsletter. Rot reminded us that the house legislative session starts at 8:30 and the joint session at 10:30. Rot has put a guideline for reports in the state representative packets. Rot also mentioned we would get a price break if we cut the newsletter to 56 pages. Roger suggests a committee to review. Wendy will form that committee with Rot.

Products: Michelle Hobbs has a couple of new bumper stickers.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen couldn't make it but sent an e-mail.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger said he forgot the trifold holders. *Fossil* tickets are available from Michelle. The advance price for members is \$20. Roger brought *Fossil* fliers, *Portland Swap Meet* fliers. Roger would like to see lots of people attend the *Washington Swap Meet*, February 16 in Monroe, Washington so you can see how they do theirs. Also, need *Fossil* run shirt designs for the contest, which are due by April. Need emergency medical technicians (E.M.T.) for *Fossil*. If you're an E.M.T. and interested, see Roger. Tina will work with them.

State Run Coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz has *Fossil* tickets to check out to the state representatives.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn has no treasurer's report for the next two months due to getting a new computer and it's not quite set up yet, but does have balances available. For those from out of town [who] are going to attend S.T.E.A.M., her house is available although she lives in Beaverton. Also, she won't be at the next meeting. If you have expenses, e-mail them to her. Chapters need to bring their new signature cards to the next meeting as they need state people on the signature card too..

State Auditor: Nancy Curran said she hasn't made the transition yet. Nancy will be at S.T.E.A.M. as an instructor and will do training. Nancy said it is imperative for the chapter treasurers to be there at S.T.E.A.M.

Historian: Iris Yeager informed us that during the legislative session, we'd again be working on the right of choice for helmet wear. Also, we will try to get the law that makes it mandatory for motorcycle headlights to be on at all times repealed. This would make the choice of headlight use the same as other vehicles.

WebPage Editor: Mad Dog was not present

Vice Coordinator North: Matt Hobbs [had] nothing to report.

Vice Coordinator South: Tim Rohde said *Southern Oregon* is alive and well. Please pay attention to the state newsletter article regarding the Patriot Act.

Vice Coordinator East: Bob Hadley thanked all those for voting for him

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs asked about training for the Sergeant at Arms that was mentioned at the planning session. Roger said he is working on it and it will be taught at S.T.E.A.M. Matt reminds all that we need help at the runs to make them successful.

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree was not present.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms [had] nothing to report.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker — Thanks to the chapters for submitting

fliers with sanctioning forms. When you e-mail them, he needs a clean copy. JPEGs are smaller and best. If you need to fax them, that number is (503)-690-6515. He is still working on the insurance-self insured and he wanted to remind us that the deadline for insurance events is March 8. All run information must be in by that date.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said he needs a list of all *A.B.A.T.E.* equipment that the chapters have.

Committee Reports

1. **Run Committee** — Roger reminded us the *Fossil* ticket prices went up. Advance member price is \$20, \$25 at the gate; advance non-member \$25, \$30 at the gate. Run committee meetings will be an hour before the board meetings.

Unfinished Business

1. **Annual Meeting** — Jim Niece, Brian Stovall, and Melinda McCrossen. Michelle Lipchitz said they did a great job and the food was good.

2. **State Stage Cover Committee:** Steve Baton didn't have time to work on this.

3. **Washington D.C.** — Joe said they are trying to put together their schedule. Joe, Ricci, Bob Avery and his wife. They have meetings scheduled with 6 of 7 congressional members.

4. **Planning Session:** Under the "Organization" section, Joe read through the sections.

a. Chapter notebook forms will be made available at the next meeting for the representatives to take back for the chapter secretaries.

b. Signs and banners: that's for the quartermaster

c. Public relations

d. Name tags: Michelle is still working on that

e. Workshops

f. Michelle [Hobbs] is ordering black shirts with an eagle and the *A.B.A.T.E.* logo.

g. Public relations committee

h. Need structural guideline

i. Active run coordinator II (This is

complete.)

j. *Hub City* doing the *Fossil* games with *Lincoln County* (This is happening.)

k. State officers: again, if you're not at the board meeting, **notify** the coordinator and submit your report.

l. Officer reports: submit a written copy to the secretary, ten-minute recap except for legislative reports who would require more time.

m. State representatives should take good notes or highlight pertinent information to report back to the chapters.

n. S.T.E.A.M., nuts n bolts classes (This is happening.)

o. S.T.E.A.M., if we have a legislative guest speaker, they should be someone who sponsored a bill for us. Geoff made note of this.

p. Hotline: (Has been taken care of.)

q. D.C. trip: (Has been taken care of this year.)

r. History Committee — Iris will be working on this with a committee.

New Business

- Motion made by Marion Bishop, seconded by Mel Yeager that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* provide coffee and muffins at the first *Biker Day* with an approximate cost of \$50 to \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Biker Days:* If need be, have chapters reimburse gas expense for those who attend. Use phone tree to remind all of first *Biker Day* February 3. Be at the capitol between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

- February 15 — Columbia 9 p.m., *Sweetheart Dance*

- March 9th — *Icebreaker Picnic*

- April 26th — *Douglas County Casino Night*.

- On the House side of the transportation committee, four of the people elected were fair to strong on our side.

- Breast cancer *Pony Express Ride* — if interested call 1-(800)-442-3550 ext. 6116 or ponyexpressride.org is the web site.

- Rot Path needs road list information.

Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



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What a great Annual Meeting. I have to admit I was pretty much dead set against it, which is how I got appointed to the committee in the first place! The cynic that I am, I didn't think anyone would come, but I was wrong. It was cool to be able to acknowledge some of the behind the scenes people.

Jim Niece had a vision and worked really hard to pull off a class act, I have to say. As it turned out, the food was excellent, the awards were fun, and the people who showed up were a hardworking, dedicated, group of friends. The only sad thing about the day was that several of our members were in Portland, honoring Ron Clark at his memorial service.

The highlight of the event was the fact that I published my first Annual Report. This has been one of my officer goals forever. The pictures turned out dark and the *Swap Meet* dates got switched, but other than that, it looks pretty darn good, if I say so myself.

The reason an Annual Report is so important is that it showcases the depth of our mission statement. There is so much to be proud of in our work. This is a document you can proudly hand to your state legislators, your neighbor, or your local reporters.

Crowlady inspired me when she wrote an article for the Annual Report about how *A.B.A.T.E.* has helped her to grow. It is because of *A.B.A.T.E.* that I am able to speak in front of large groups of people and I am able to shake hands with anyone and

introduce myself. It is because of *A.B.A.T.E.* that I feel connected to a true brotherhood... a family dedicated to liberty and justice for all. It is because of *A.B.A.T.E.* that I am not afraid to be myself. It is because of *A.B.A.T.E.* that I can be all that I can be and am loved for it.

As I looked around at the Annual Meeting, I was impressed with *A.B.A.T.E.*'s ability to attract such smart, warm, compassionate and hardworking people into the fold. It makes working together a fun and positive experience. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to committee members Jim Niece and Brian Stovall.

That was pretty much my December report.

Before I knew it, it was December 20 something and I wasn't done.

Bad me.

I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

Myself, I had more fun than I've had since the last biker run.

It all started the night my girlfriend and I joined some of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* members at a tavern where J.R. Simms was playing. J.R. is a *Southeast Portland Chapter* member. His band has played at several of our *A.B.A.T.E.* runs and for good reason. We danced until 1:30! A personal thank you to Matt Hobbs for spreading rumors and for taking me seriously.

I also went to the *Brothers Speed* New Years Eve party and had a blast. I got there about 8:30 and the place was

hoppin'. They had live music, great door prizes and food. The best part was all the visiting I was able to do with good friends. It was the most fun I've had in a very long time on New Year's Eve, but then I usually stay home.

I've been asked by several people to change the *A.B.A.T.E.* history that appears in the front of our newsletter. These requests are from people who were there at the very beginning. We've agreed to all get together to talk about it so that it can get recorded. As we all grow older, we are losing more of our storytellers. These people feel it doesn't accurately reflect how *A.B.A.T.E.* got started here in this state, and as you well know, this is a state of independents (or at least we are trying). We really deserve to be acknowledged for our early arrival on the scene of motorcycle rider's rights.

That means more things for me to do this coming year. Which reminds me to encourage anyone who would like to help with public relations, to contact me. There's always more to be done. Speaking of public relations, which is what I am supposed to be doing, I hope to see all of the chapter public relations directors at S.T.E.A.M. I haven't talked to Geoff yet about what I will be teaching, but I plan on being there.

I can't emphasize enough about how important it is that all of our members know how to represent the organization when you unexpectedly get a camera in your face or a reporter talking to you while you are busy. This year's Portland chapter's *Shriners' Hospital Toy Run* is a good example. A big committee of members work hard all year to hold this event. I had volunteered to help that one day. I was

going to do clean up because I hadn't ever worked a clean up shift and it was time. When I got there I volunteered to do anything and I was put on the bus loading toys. (By the way, this is the coolest job in the world.) I was able to warmly thank everyone for their contributions.

Then the TV camera shows up. I tell the guy that he really should talk to the people at the other end of the parking lot because they are the people who had done all of the work. He wanted something and so I dutifully recited our mission statement. He asked me why I did it and I told him. However, he never went to the other end of the parking lot. He just picked a lady out of the crowd and she talked about her reasons for being there. Never once was *A.B.A.T.E.* mentioned by name.

The wild card was the *Oregonian's* Arts and Entertainment (A & E) writer, John Forsyth, who captured the event quite beautifully, I thought. Here I had given up on the *Oregonian* years ago, and along comes this reporter who bothers to dig in and get to the heart of the matter. Interestingly enough, he hung around after everyone left and we stopped and talked for awhile. He found me picking up the little bit of trash left behind. I gave him my name and phone number in case he had any other questions. You know what else? He made it to the other side of the parking lot. Rotten Roger was quoted quite eloquently. The reporter did call me a few days later asking for a final count and I called him right back.

So, the bottom line is, you just never know when you will be representing the entire organization! Even if you are just picking up trash, you might be a

critical link to the public's perception of bikers. Come to S.T.E.A.M. to find out how to do this and other essential skills. That's what it's all about.

Well, I am unusually long-winded this month. It's because I've been all bottled up. My current job situation is stressful, vulnerable and requires lots of extra hours at night and on the weekends. I will do what I can, but once again, if you would like to help out, give me a holler.

Happy New Year everyone.

Melinda McCrossen

Photo Caption Challenge

subject:

"What's Rotten Roger thinking?"



It's winter.

It's too damn cold and icy to ride.

Nothing's on the television that you haven't already seen. (Or want to see.)

What's a snow-bound biker to do?

Put yer thinkin' helmet on and figure out what might be going through Rotten Roger's mind in the photo above. (And why he's on a Trail-90.)

Winners will have the satisfaction of seeing their brain gems printed in this newsletter.

Send or give yer offerings to the crusty ol' editor of this rag at: P.O. box 4504; Portland, Oregon 97208 // rotnews@open.org // or at runs or meetings where he happens to be.

Historian

by Iris Yeager



Hello.

Happy New Year

Plan for much to be accomplished with the legislators this session.

The reason for this organization of motorcyclists is to keep and add needed rights as citizens of this state and the U.S.A. The right to make individual choices with few restrictions should be okay when no harm to another is involved.

This legislative session we will again work on the right of choice for helmet wear. We will also try to get the law that makes it mandatory for motorcycle headlights to be on at all times repealed. This would make the choice of headlight use the same as other vehicles.

The fact that insurance companies can refuse insurance on motorcycles needs to be stopped.

Lane splitting and discrimination also needs to be addressed.

Much work is planned.

Let us all work together to make this year a great chapter in the history of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.*

Iris Yeager
historian



Is this the evil twin we never heard about?

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

I would like all of you to please join me in wishing Nora a swift and full recovery from her surgery this month. Nora is a vital part of our education and awareness team and she is always missed when she is away. Get well soon, and we look forward to having you back and healthy. The southern Oregon Area is awaiting your orders, captain.

S.T.E.A.M. is almost here. Salem, Oregon is the place to be on February 15th. at 8:00 AM. The conference will be held at Chemeketa Community College. We will have guest speakers and training sessions that are open to all who wish to gain knowledge and skills, useful in our work within our various motorcycling organizations.

Chapter officers of *A.B.A.T.E.* are encouraged to attend the S.T.E.A.M. conference. Many of the tasks and jobs within our organizations will be covered at this event. Take advantage of the valuable guidance and expertise from the people who have performed these jobs over the past years. Your new ideas and thoughts are equally valuable at this time. Bring your qualities, talents, and enthusiasm, and help us to build stronger more effective motorcycling groups. The sign - up for the day will be at 8:00 AM. The opening session will start promptly at 9:00 AM. There will be three training session periods. These periods will last approximately forty - five minutes in length. In each training session there will be four different class-type options

available. Coffee and beverages will be served.

A catered lunch will be provided by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

The event should wrap up around 4:30 or 5:00 PM. Come to Salem on February 15th. to become educated and motivated.

In the area of motorcycle awareness classes we might have some new challenges this year due to school cuts in time and budget. Even though our program is offered free of charge to the schools, many have had to eliminate some of their guest speakers in order to have enough class time to cover all the curriculum that the *Oregon Department of Transportation* has required. I personally believe that motorcycle awareness is an important subject in the driver's education curriculum, so I will continue to pursue methods in which our message may be delivered to the students. Many of the teachers that I have been in contact with over the years have explained that *A.B.A.T.E.'s* and *Team Oregon's* presentations are the only form of motorcycle awareness subjects offered to the student drivers in our state. I believe that we must strive to keep this valuable message alive in the driver's education programs. Our lives really might depend on it.

Remember that *Biker Days* are an important way way to educate our state legislature on the needs and desires of the motorcycling public in Oregon. Try to take some time and visit the state capital on the following days to keep our voices heard in the world of motorcyclists' rights and

freedom. It's up to us to ensure that our lawmakers understand all the facts and details behind the laws that they vote on. Help them to see a little bit of our world. *Biker Days* are February 3rd. (Monday), February 23rd. (Tuesday), and March 19th. (Wednesday).

Have a safe and pleasant winter. If you're on two or three wheels, ride aware. If you're on four wheels, remain aware. If you're on any other combination of wheels...okay...just be aware. We hope to see you out there enjoying motorcycling in the near future.

If you're with *A.B.A.T.E.*, spread that awareness, baby.

Take care y'all.

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Vice-Coordinator--South

by Tim Rohde



Hey brothers and sisters!

I've done my homework and listened to my instructors well and now look at me — they sent this “bad boy” to the head of the class! I have yo say this though — had it not been for S.T.E.A.M., chapter leadership, a strong belief in our rights, and rubbing elbows with some really great people the last three years, I wouldn't be here!

I won't go into much detail about myself as our new illustrious coordinator has, 'cause that usually is good for beer and campfires! But, for the record, I have been around a long time!

My family moved back to southern Oregon when I was 13 and my ancestry goes back to the first settlers and covered wagons. I've been around motorcycles and “bikers” all my life and rode “affiliated” with a couple down south. After bouncing back and forth between Oregon and California for a number of years ('cause I wasn't sure where I wanted to be), I finally got tired of all the “fast” bullshit and made my home Oregon.

About 1993 I stumbled on *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and I sat in on some Jackson County meetings. In early '94 I finally decided I wanted to be a part of *A.B.A.T.E.* The only hard part was stitching my patches on my vest myself.

When *Southern Oregon Chapter* formed I was there. And yes, I was one of its first officers. I was Sgt-at-Arms for several years and I liked it, I was comfortable with it.

About 5-1/2 years ago I learned

what it was like to have my rights taken away. I was stupid, not invincible. And I paid the price.

When I came home in late '99 my chapter was in trouble. In 2000 there were a few things I did that gave me “purpose”.

First, I went to S.T.E.A.M. and learned everything I could.

Second, I married my wife and worked on stability.

The third thing I did was take over *Southern Oregon Chapter*. (Kinda like taking the bull by the horns and ridin' it for all it was worth.) I had some terrific officers too and we worked hard and built the chapter back up.

Now in 2003 I find myself sitting at the table I've been starring at the last three years.

Scared? You bet!!

You could knock me over with a feather right now but this what I trained for and where I want to be.

You'll see me at runs I can make it to but the difference is I may be sittin' in on other chapter's meetings.

It's important for everybody to remember that each chapter is part of a whole entity. I cover just a portion of that entity and I will do my best in representing it.

My thanks and gratitude goes out to my many *A.B.A.T.E.* “elders”, 'cause without you I wouldn't be here and with your continued support I can strive to excel in *A.B.A.T.E.* endeavors.

So now, Mr Coordinator, I guess I gotta say something every month, so look out!

My hand is tired now (this is handwritten) so 'til next month . . .

Ride safe and free!

Tim “Renegade” Rohde

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Don't know who your legislators are or what district your in?

On the internet: Go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/>

This gets you to the Oregon State Legislator home page. Go to "*Capital Information*". Then "*Citizen's Guide to the Oregon Legislative Process*". From there go to subject heading "*Find Your Legislator*", in the upper right of the page. This takes you to a page where you enter your address to find out who your legislators are or go straight to this page here:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/findset.htm>

Citizen's guide to the Oregon legislative process

This Webpage will get to *all* of the info wanted:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/citizenguide/home.htm>

Information by phone

During the Legislative Session, the following numbers are available to reach your legislator or for legislative information:

Outside Salem: 1-(800)-332-2313

Within Salem: (503)-986-1187

Want to contact your legislators over the internet?

On the internet: Send a message to your state Senator or Representative at the following address:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/writelegsltr/writeset.htm>

Fill out the form. By giving your address and zip code you will be automatically matched to your district legislators. Once you have written your letter and completed the form, just click "*Submit*"

Not sure what voting / legislative district you're in?

On the internet: To find out what your district is, point your cursor at this page:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/other.info/vreg.htm>

A listing of all the county elections offices.

Information by phone: Go to your local phone book. In the front section you'll find the *Government* pages. You will either have to go to the *County* section or go to the back of the *Government* section and you'll find the *Oregon Voting Information* and a list of all *Election's Offices*.

Government resource websites

Thomas Legislation Information Resource, <http://thomas.loc.gov/> From this site you can check on legislative bills, get summaries, check the status,

First Gov. The official site for Federal Government Information

<http://firstgov.gov/>

U.S. Blue Pages - Your Online Directory to the U.S. Government <http://www.usbluepages.gov/>

Oregon. Gov on Line: <http://www.oregon.gov/>

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Oregon Ballot Measures.com <http://www.ballotmeasure.com/about.asp>

Oregon Republican Party "ORGOP" <http://www.orgop.org/>

Oregon Democratic Party "ORDPO" <http://www.dpo.org/>

FedStats: Gateway to federal statistics <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Oregon State Elections Division: <http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/elechp.htm>

The Federal Register (1994 to present) http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



News Bit's-n-Pieces

Here we are in the second month of the new year and I'm still writing 2002 on my check dates. You too? Y'must be past fifty or sixty.

Looking back, this past year has been one of many victories and a few upsets for us in motorcycle rights. Our main problem, still, is finding people that ride or are rider friendly who even care about what happens to their freedom to ride a motorcycle, let alone deal with all the restrictions we are fighting, to be able to ride machines with air cooled engines.

If big brother has his way, pretty soon, we'll be on bikes that don't even resemble the machines that so many of us learned to ride on. That is, if we're lucky to keep the right to ride at all. Right now, the life of the air cooled engine is on the way to extinction if we don't make ourselves heard and very clearly by our congress, our state legislatures, and in various ruling bodies in other parts of the world.

This last year has also been one of loss of dear friends for many of us, myself included. These people who meant so much to our lives will be remembered in the way we conduct ourselves in their absence. Many of these folks were fellow freedom fighters, others were fellow riders and they all need to be remembered as contributors to our well being and footprints on our souls. None of them would want us to falter in our fight for the return of freedoms lost because we didn't think it could happen. 2003 needs to be the year of *gettin' the job done!*

San Diego — Don Vesco, who set the wheel-driven land-speed record of 458 mph, died of prostate cancer at 63. Vesco set 18 motorcycle and six car-type vehicle records, going back to when he was just 16. And listen to this:

In 1970, he rode a bike to a record 250 mph. Five years later, he broke the 300 mph barrier on his Silver Bird Yamaha, powered by twin Yamaha TZ750 engines. In 1978, he boosted that to 318 mph on a Kawasaki turbo, a record that stood for 12 years. He was inducted into the motorcycle hall of fame in 1999. Yet, this man is relatively unknown to the average street rider. This cat could really ride a scooter.

Las Vegas — The *Guggenheim Las Vegas* museum, the scene of the motorcycle history display, closes its doors January 5 after a 15-month run. Our economy is stated to be the reason. They just can't afford to operate the way things are right now. It's a shame. And none of the riders in our Oregon A.I.M. office — me, Sam Hochberg or Jeanne — *we* didn't get to *see* it yet! Damn. Oh well. Y'snooze, y'lose.

Don't let your leathers get trashed. — From our field reporter, Sam Hochberg, comes a solution for *not gettin' your leathers cut off you by a paramedic*: Wear zippers. Wear the type that have a zipper down the entire length of each side of the *outside* of your chaps or pants, or at the very least, along the outsides of each leg. If you

don't wear that zipper-type, you run a higher risk that the paramedics at the scene will *have to cut your leathers off you, right there!*

The real reason? If you wanna live, you have to. You can *bleed to death* in about 15 minutes from a pelvic fracture. That area holds up to 2 liters of blood, and *that's* too much to lose to live very long. The *only* way to evaluate your injury in a bike wreck is to inspecting the perineum (uh, it's that area between yer male or female part and your butt-hole, or your "t'aint", like some folks useta call it). Gotta look in that general nether-region for blood pooling.

Paramedics *don't want* to cut off your leathers because it's *way* more complex than just unzipping. Pulling them off is out of the question because that could exacerbate any existing injury. Leathers are so thick, like they *oughta* be, that they can hide life-threatening injuries, so they *have* to be cut off. Or unzipped. So get some zippers! Thanks and a tip o' the stethoscope to the Sack's source, a paramedic in training up at O.H.S.U.!

Little Egg Harbor Township — I have no idea where it is, but it seems the librarian in this town is quite a celebrity. Maggie Penk isn't used to being Miss September yet but it appears the fire marshal believes so, he needed her autograph.

She is one of the dozen Ocean County librarians in leather featured on a new calendar. It's made of various Ocean County librarians sitting on a

white Harley-Davidson, clad head to toe in leather, some even ... reading.

They wanna use the dough they raise toward an \$11.6 million expansion to their library, and to bring public attention to it. This one lady, Ms. Penk, used to ride dirt bikes as a kid in Wyoming, so at least for *her*, scooters aren't strange.

The whole thing was done tongue in cheek, kinda glamorizing the so called "stuffy" librarians.

The idea works: \$20,000 raised so far, from these calendars. The county and the state will spend 11.3 million on the project so the whole thing is almost done. Good deal!!

Sounds like that bunch of women in England who made *tons* of dough doing something similar: Posing nude for a calendar. Most were just ordinary women with ordinary bodies, so it was different! [*crusty ol' editors note — one of them British calendars is hanging here in the "newsroom".*]

A quote, for a change — "Own only what you can always carry with you: know languages, know countries, know people. Let your memory be your travel bag." By Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian novelist. He's best known for his books describing forced labor camps, namely "*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*," in 1962.

Riders ed is for you, Bub — Time really flies when yur hav'n fun and we often forget that we are a minority on our roads and highways. Sometime during the off-season for riding, do yourself a favor: Take a riding course. They're available in most states through nearby colleges. Check with your state Motor Vehicles Department or the bikers rights group in your state

for more. Most courses are less than \$100.00. Just one thing you learn there can save your life. All of us lose people close to us during every year and it's heartbreaking.

Even if you're an experienced rider, there's always something else to learn.

We spend much more than the cost of a course on chrome stuff for our ride. The good news is that motorcycle accidents that have alcohol involvement are down nearly 10%. Maybe the word is getting out that scooters and booze *don't mix*.

Our *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorneys across the country are working daily for our benefit and not just on accidents we have had. They provide *pro bono* or *free* representation at all the *Confederations of Clubs* meetings all over the U.S.A. and Canada. Not to mention all the time they spend talking to various groups and giving free advice to folks on other legal matters than accidents, also without cost. Do yourself a favor and call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney if you have an accident or if you just need some advice on other legal matters; especially anything about motorcycle law. Remember, these people all ride the same as we do so they know what our world is all about on the road.

Nationally call *A.I.M.* at 1-(800)-on-a-bike or 1-(800)-531-2424.

Sam Hochberg, our Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney can be reached at (503)-224-1106 or toll free at 1-(800)-347-1106. Sam's e-mail handle is SamBikeLaw@aol.com, and I'm AIMGunny@aol.com. Just be sure and put an obvious subject line on your e-mail, or I could just delete it, thinking it's some damned spam.

Give me a shout. I'd love to hear from you.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

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American Motorcyclist Association

NEWS and NOTES



American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) government relations staff participated in the *Forest Roads Working Group* dialogue held December 3-4, 2002 in Arlington, Virginia.

The *Forest Roads Working Group* (F.R.W.G.) is comprised of national conservation organizations including: The *Izaak Walton League of America*, *Wildlife Forever*, *Wildlife Management Institute*, *The Wildlife Society*, *Trout Unlimited*, *Outdoor Industry Association*, *Pinchot Institute for Conservation*, and *International Paper* (all advocating for implementation of the Clinton-era Roadless Area Conservation Rule).

The dialogue, facilitated by the Meridian Institute under contract with the F.R.W.G., was attended by 50 representatives of conservation, timber and timber product organizations, American Hiking Society, western states officials as well as Forest Service Chief Bosworth, Mark Rey, David Tenny, David Barone and Gail Kimball also of the Forest Service. Staff from both the Senate Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee and House Forests and Forest Health Subcommittee attended for the majority of the meeting. In addition to A.M.A., motorized recreation interests were also represented by the *Motorcycle Industry Council* and the *Blue Ribbon Coalition*.

The *Forest Roads Working Group's* discussion paper supporting the immediate implementation of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule singled out O.H.V. (Off-Highway Vehicle) recreation as a recreational

activity destructive of public lands. This paper was released to dialogue invitees two weeks prior to the dialogue. Recreation representatives spent considerable time during the first day of the dialogue correcting erroneous assertions made by meeting attendees regarding motorized recreation and the motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle industry.

A written summary of the dialogue exchanges will be compiled by the Meridian Institute and released for review to dialogue participants. Counsel for the *Forest Roads Working Group* indicated the F.R.W.G. will meet to consider the content of the dialogue and may revise the discussion paper based on the information learned at the dialogue.

The California Multiple-Use Summit will be held March 22, 2003 in Sacramento, California.

The purpose of this summit is to bring together representatives from the entire multiple-use community in order to identify common problems, find common solutions, embark upon unified efforts, and resolve possible misunderstandings between various interest groups. The Summit will focus on keeping access to lands and resources in California. There are no dues, no structure, no taking away memberships from anyone, and no political finagling.

All forms of access-oriented enthusiasts are invited, including but not limited to: four wheelers, equestrians, mountain bikers, metal detectors, A.T.V. riders, snowmobile riders, off-highway motorcyclists,

miners, ranchers, gem collectors, racers, dune enthusiasts, sand draggers, rock crawlers, hill climbers, back country explorers, hikers, etc.

For more information go to www.delalbright.com/summit.htm

The *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association* will file a class action suit against the city of Newburyport, after 230 motorcyclists were issued excessive noise citations while only three noise complaints were filed by residents over the last three years.

After reviewing more than 1,500 pages of police department documents, M.M.A. Legislative Director Paul Cote said he is questioning whether motorcyclists' civil rights were violated in the city, especially considering that some of the citations were issued without sound metering equipment. Six-months after the M.M.A.'s request for police documents, the state Supervisor of Public Records ordered the police to release the public documents.

Cote, an Amesbury resident, said they plan to bring a class action lawsuit against the city for an estimated \$150,000 — the amount in damages to some of the 230 cited riders over the last three years.

The citation for excessive noise carries a \$50 fine, an increased insurance premium of 7 percent for six years, and if more than three citations are issued, the loss of a license for 30 days. The city shares 50 percent of the citation fines collected. Cote said he expects to be in court some time in January or February.

American Motorcyclist Association



The *Coalition for Recreational Trails*, a federation of national and regional trail-related organizations including the *American Motorcyclist Association*, has announced its fifth annual achievement awards.

The awards will be presented in Washington, D.C. on June 12 during Great Outdoors Week 2003 (June 9-13) as part of the *Coalition's* ongoing effort to build awareness and appreciation of the *R.T.P.*, a highly successful program that has greatly enhanced the quantity and quality of trail experiences available to the public. The awards ceremony will be held on Capitol Hill and members of congress will be encouraged to join the *Coalition* in honoring the outstanding achievements of their constituents.

Award winners will be selected from projects nominated by public agencies, trail administrators or other project sponsors and will reflect the diversity of trail activities that receive *R.T.P.* funding. To be eligible for recognition, a project must be complete and must have received *R.T.P.* funding since 1998. Award categories include: construction and design; maintenance and rehabilitation; education and communication; accessibility enhancement; multiple-use management or "corridor sharing"; environment/wildlife compatibility; and use of youth conservation/service corps.

The *Coalition for Recreational Trails* and *A.M.A.* invites trail administrators, agencies and project sponsors to nominate an outstanding project in one or more of the above categories and/or to encourage the sponsor(s) of an excellent project to submit a nomination as well.

Nomination forms are available directly from the *Coalition* at (202)-682-9530 or arc@funoutdoors.com

The form and any supporting materials, including pictures, should be sent by March 14, 2003 to:

Alicia L. Knight
Legislative Counsel
American Horse Council
1616 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006.

Questions should be directed to Ms. Knight at 202-296-4031 or via e-mail at Aknight@horsecouncil.org

Winners will be notified no later than April 21, 2003.

San Francisco, California Board of Supervisors approved a measure to try to ease motorcyclist's parking woes in the city. Introduced by Supervisor Matt Gonzales at the request of the *San Francisco Motorcycle and Scooter Coalition*, the new law calls for cars to be towed if they're parked in motorcycle spots. The law also requires city traffic officials to consider designating a space as motorcycle parking before making it a no-parking zone.

California's Coastal Commission was declared unconstitutional December 30, 2002 by a state appeals court in Sacramento. Among the commission's many responsibilities is a yearly review of the conditional use permit for Oceano Dunes. The commission was found to violate the California Constitution's separation of powers provision because eight of its 12 members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of legislative leaders, even though commissioners

make mostly executive and judicial decisions.

Washington State Senator Jim Horn (R-Mercer Island) has been chosen to chair the Senate Transportation Committee. Senator Horn, a long time motorcyclist and *H.O.G.* member, has been a consistent advocate for motorcyclists during his time in the legislature.

Carefree, Arizona city officials have adopted ordinance 2002-14, revising the town code to prohibit "Noise of such a character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life, health or well-being of any individual, or to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood, family or person."

This proposed ordinance specifically outlines motor vehicles, including motorcycles, in the arbitrary criteria for enforcement and levy of fines starting at \$175.00 up to \$2,500.00 with 180 days of imprisonment.

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:

www.AMADirectlink.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. Economic Impact Study Confirms High Cost of E.P.A. Proposed Standards



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's* (M.R.F.) commissioned economic impact study of the *Environmental Protection Agency's* (E.P.A.) proposed emissions standards for street motorcycles confirmed that the costs of these proposed standards will be significant in terms of rider safety, small business, fuel conservation, traffic congestion and road wear. Dr. Garrett Vaughn, a noted economist, completed the study just in time for motorcyclists nationwide to incorporate his findings into their public comments submitted to the E.P.A.

Thanks to the efforts of the M.R.F. and motorcyclists' rights activists across the country, the deadline for submission of public comments was extended to Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

The M.R.F. would like to express its gratitude to those concerned individuals and organizations committed to reasonable emissions regulations and the continued health of motorcycling in America for their selfless contributions that made this study possible.

Below is a brief summary of Dr. Vaughn's economic analysis. The study can be downloaded, viewed and printed in its entirety in pdf format at:

www.mrf.org/pdf/epa_vaughn_study.pdf

Executive Summary: An Economic Analysis of the E.P.A.'s Proposed Emission Standards for On-Highway Motorcycles

Prepared for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* by Garrett A. Vaughn, Ph.D., Economic Consultant

1. When realistic cost estimates are used, E.P.A.'s proposed emission standards for on-highway motorcycles would cost from \$3,500 to more than \$7,500 per ton (2001 dollars) - far higher than the per-ton costs of previously implemented mobile source pollution prevention programs.

2. The E.P.A. did not meet its obligations under the *Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act* of 1996 (S.B.R.E.F.A.) because its analysis of the proposed emissions considers only motorcycle manufacturers - and especially a handful of large motorcycle manufacturers. E.P.A. never considers the economic impacts that the proposed standards would have on the tens of thousands of small businesses that also belong to the U.S. motorcycle industry: franchised dealers, performance shops and aftermarket suppliers.

3. The E.P.A. ignores the issue of rider safety. None of the major E.P.A. documents that discuss the proposed

standards even make a single mention of either "rider safety" or "consumer safety."

4. The E.P.A.'s analysis ignores possible impacts of the proposed standards on future motorcycle sales by assuming sales will grow smoothly at 1 percent annually, despite the historical evidence showing that national sales are subject to radical year-to-year swings and despite the long-term downward trend between the early 1980s and the late 1990s (despite the recent upswing in annual sales).

5. The E.P.A. wants to "harmonize" California's proposed emission standards to the other 49 states (regardless of those states' air pollution regulatory needs), but ignores that states 7.7% reduction in motorcycle registrations between 1996 and 2001 when registrations increased by 32.2% in the other 49 states. Even a cursory look at the data suggests that government regulations explain much of the fall in California's motorcycle registrations.

6. The E.P.A. did not meet its obligations under Executive Order 12866 to consider a less stringent alternative to the proposed emission standards. Yet, ample warnings abound that the catalyst-forcing Tier 2 standards will produce negligible environmental benefit at considerable cost to jobs and personal freedom,

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compared to only a slightly less stringent standard.

Thought you'd heard the last from Ted Tracy when Joe was elected as state A.B.A.T.E. coordinator?

Guess again.

He's still working for us through the M.R.F.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is the only national motorcycle rights organization devoted solely to the rights of the street motorcyclists.

To join or for more information call Ted Tracy:

1-(877)-55A-BATE

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M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Weird News of the Month: A Dodge Motorcycle?

A new American cruiser may be on the horizon, and it may sport a *Dodge* emblem on its gas tank! The *Dodge Tomahawk* concept motorcycle turned heads at the recent *N.A.I.A.S. Auto Show* in Detroit, a dual-tandem four-wheel motorcycle built around the Viper 8.5 liter V-10 engine capable of producing 500 horsepower and theoretically achieving a top speed of 400 mph.

"This is for people who are passionate about engines," said *Chrysler* C.E.O. Wolfgang Bernhard, who rode the *Tomahawk* on stage during a media preview. "A motorcycle is the most beautiful way to showcase an engine."

At 590 pounds, the 505-cubic-inch motor could propel the *Tomahawk* from 0-60 mph in an inertia-defying 2.5 seconds. *Chrysler* executives volunteered that *Dodge* may build the bike in limited numbers, selling for approximately \$250,000 each.



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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



E.P.A. Comment Deadline Passes. What Next?

With the passing of the January 7 deadline for public comment, the federal *Environmental Protection Agency* is expected to release their final emissions regulations for street motorcycles, but can bikers do more than just wait and see what the *E.P.A.* has in store for our future?

Contacting your Congressman and U.S. Senator to let them know your feelings about the stringent standards should be your first priority, if you value your right to ride. While you're at it, send a copy of your letter or memo of your phone call to Christie Todd Whitman, *E.P.A.* Administrator, at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20460, so that the agency is well aware of motorcyclists' concerns over their pending rules.

The Barcia Bill, or "Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act (HR 5433)," will not be carried over into the new legislative session, and Michigan Congressman James Barcia did not run for re-election. But that doesn't mean Congress can't exert political pressure to create protections for small volume manufacturers and the motorcycle aftermarket.

"It's not so much what the *E.P.A.* standards do that concern us most as consumers," lectured Bill Bish at a recent *N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)* regional meeting in Ohio, "It's what they potentially open the door to that could sound a death knell for motorcycle enthusiasts."

In-use emissions testing, roadside inspections, stricter enforcement of

anti-tampering regulations, bans on equipment modifications that alter emissions, end-of-life mandatory recycling, and decertification of aftermarket products could have a chilling effect on the motorcycle industry and effectively create a monopoly controlled by the marquee manufacturers.

"You don't see automobile dealers doing performance work on cars anymore because they know that the *E.P.A.* can slap them with heavy fines for tampering with emissions systems, so how long before the feds start clamping down on performance modifications to our motorcycles, holding both the dealer and consumer responsible for altering emissions output?," Bish asked the crowd in Columbus during a seminar hosted by *N.C.O.M.* and *A.I.M.* attorney Ralph Buss.

If we could no longer modify or customize our motorcycles, or have access to aftermarket performance parts, an entire market could come crashing down, and who in the motorcycle industry wouldn't be affected by that?

----- Helmet Laws Again

Ever since bikers came together across the country to successfully repeal the national helmet law in 1995, there have been no real helmet law threats in any of the freedom of choice states, while five states have succeeded in repealing mandatory helmet laws beginning with Arkansas in 1997.

Texas, Kentucky, Louisiana and, most recently, Florida have followed suit, making 30 free choice states and only 20 requiring helmets for all riders.

However, for the first time in nearly 8 years, motorcycle rights organizations will be on the defensive and must gear up for helmet law battles in their state legislatures. Two of the five states that recently won their freedom of choice, Arkansas (HB1024) and Louisiana (HB41), will have helmet bills introduced this session and will have to fight to maintain their hard-earned rights. Louisiana legislators received a list of proposals from the state insurance commissioner aimed at stabilizing rising insurance costs, and "mandatory motorcycle helmet laws" was among the suggestions.

"We knew the good times wouldn't last forever and it looks like the party's over," said Richard Paulkner, Legislative Director of the *Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association (C.M.R.A.)*, referring to an internal legislative proposal from the Connecticut Department of Health proposing a mandatory helmet law for all motorcycle riders. "It's time to start composing those hand-written letters to your state representative and state senator," instructs Paulkner. "Remember, be polite and do not try to be an expert unless you are one. Share your personal experiences and state your beliefs, but do not make claims you cannot prove if asked to do so."

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



From The "I Told You So" Department

Scott McCool of *A.B.A.T.E. of California* and an *Easyriders* magazine staffer writes that he was watching TV recently when "I heard an interesting item: 'Are bicycle helmets unsafe?' So, I thought I'd listen for a bit longer. It seems that two studies have been done by universities that show that bicycle helmets do *not* prevent brain injury as they have been advertised! Well no shit! According to these academic studies, 'More often, the wearing of a bicycle helmet causes risky riding behavior...in many cases, especially with children, the helmets reduce visibility and [I love this part] are *uncomfortable*.' I'm glad the taxpayers (us) are paying for a study to show what we've been claiming all along."

Lawsuits Filed Over Pennsylvania Police Harassment

Law enforcement agencies in Pennsylvania "have engaged in a practice of conduct designed to deprive Plaintiffs of their interests in life, liberty, and property without due process of law and to deny Plaintiffs' equal protection of law" by actively discouraging patch holders from attending public functions and telling them that they are not allowed in Philadelphia and Darby, according to a recently filed lawsuit.

Those same club members are now fighting back through the courts.

Following several incidents of harassment, a total of four separate lawsuits have been filed against Philadelphia and Darby, Pennsylvania municipalities and their law

enforcement divisions, seeking monetary compensation, punitive damages and injunctions to prevent further violations of bikers' rights.

A pattern of harassment has developed, starting with Darby police officers writing tickets and gathering intelligence at an eastern Pennsylvania *Confederation of Clubs* meeting in August, stopping and detaining attendees and literally telling some to "stay out of town."

Then, on November 3, 2002, members of the *Warlocks Motorcycle Club*, *Pagans Motorcycle Club* and other 1% clubs were prevented from attending the *Philadelphia Toy Run*, organized by the Delaware Valley Chapter of *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania*, which they had done without incident for many years. Club members were stopped, detained and searched without provocation, and were told that they would not be allowed to fly their colors in the city of Philadelphia or they would go to jail if they refused to remove their vests.

The *Warlocks* immediately filed a lawsuit, which garnered national media attention, and the police agreed to a one day stipulation approved by the court to allow the club to attend a *Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) Toy Run* on November 10 in Darby. However, when patch holders arrived, they were once again met with a heavy police presence and were detained, ticketed for minor infractions, and ultimately members of the *Warlocks* and *Pagans* were prevented from participating in the *B.A.C.A. Toy Run*.

"Lots of kids went without toys this Christmas due to the actions of the police," said Jesse Moore of the *Pagans*.

Two lawsuits have been filed by *Aid*

to *Injured Motorcyclists* attorney Boyd Spencer, *A.I.M.* attorney for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, one in association with the harassment of club members at the *Darby Confederation of Clubs* meeting in August, and the other in response to the heavy-handed actions of police during the *Philadelphia Toy Run* on November 3.

"The police have engaged in a practice of conduct designed to interfere with my clients' rights protected under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, including their right to freedom of assembly and association, as well as their Fourth Amendment rights to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures," said attorney Spencer, who serves as legal counsel to the *Confederations of Clubs* of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Quotable Quotes

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."

Pericles

Greek statesman (430 B.C.)

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The Wrong Cindy Williams

Here is an example of what can happen when people believe everything they read on the internet, don't bothering getting their facts straight, then jump to conclusions.

The following e-mail has been making the rounds and is *not* factual:

>Subject: FW: Hollywood military geniuses

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>Here is some more great government policy from the political geniuses and pundits in Hollywood, whose money and stardom, of course, make them experts in everything. For those of us who have spent those long hours, days and months away from home in the service of our country, this example is especially galling.

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>On 12 November [2001], Ms Cindy Williams (from the Laverne and Shirley TV show) wrote a piece for the Washington Times, denouncing the pay raise(s) coming servicemembers' way this year — citing that the stated 13% wage was more than they deserve.

This e-mail surfaced early last year. (2002) After researching the article in question, I found the following:

*The original article was **not** written by Cindy Williams of Laverne and Shirley.*

It was written by a Cynthia Williams who works for the U.S. government

and who is highly critical of defense costs.

Cindy "Shirley" Williams is a strong defender of U.S. troops and is understandably upset by the mixup.

Anyone continuing to spread this e-mail needs to be aware that people who repeat libelous rumors are held as guilty of the misrepresentation of truth as the originators of the falsehood.

I would strongly urge people to cease spreading this lie about Cindy "Shirley" Williams, contact everyone they've sent it to and give them the true story.

Correct anyone you hear spreading this falsehood about a supporter of U.S. troops.

— Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

Slaves To Chocolate?



I don't like to put a damper on one of the most popular and tasty aphrodisiacs during the month of love, but did you know that some of the chocolate available in the United States is produced by child slave labor on the Ivory Coast?

According to newspaper articles, including the winter 2003 issue of *Organica*, "hundreds of thousands of children are being purchased from their parents for a pittance — or in some cases, outright stolen [*kidnapped*] — and then shipped to the Ivory Coast, where they are sold as slaves to cacao farms. These children, usually 12 to 14 years old, and sometimes younger, are forced to do hard menial labor 80 to 100 hours a

week. They are paid nothing, are barely fed, and are often viciously beaten if they try to escape. Most will never see their families again."

How can these children be helped? First of all, if there was no market for slave-produced chocolate, there would be no reason to continue enslaving children to produce it. As consumers, our dollars count. Ask *Hershey*, *M&M Mars*, and *Ben & Jerry's* where they get most of their chocolate. Switch to companies such as *Cadbury* who found a receipt for slaves in a load of chocolate a century ago and switched to non-slave providers.

Second, as the demand for slave-produced chocolate dries up, governments must insist that

plantations return children to their families. It is up to us to become informed on this issue and exert pressure on our own government to see that existing slave children are not simply abandoned to fend for themselves or die when the demand for slave-produced chocolate declines.

Acting locally, we *can* make a difference in other parts of the world.

— Rot Path

(This article was written on *Martin Luther King Day*. It is fitting that attention should be called to slavery issues in a nation that banished the practice over a century ago.)

Dear Jimbo, Edd and all other members of A.B.A.T.E.,

I wanted to write and tell you how very much we appreciated your kindness and generosity. You gave my daughter the *Sony Playstation 2* at Shriner's Hospital so she could give it to her brother at Christmas.

Everything went great! She waited until all the gifts were opened and things were cleaned up before she gave it to him.

He was so surprised!

I had already told him that I could not afford one, so he was really surprised that Brittany was able to give him one.

One nice thing that has happened through this whole mess (the cancer, chemo, radiation and surgery) is that Brittany has become more compassionate and caring. I am so proud of her unselfishness. I am hoping she will be able to ride with her uncle next year for the toy drive.

I wanted to let you know what kind things your hard work and generosity does to help the children in our

community. This is just one story out of hundreds of children's lives that you have helped.

I wanted you to know what goes on that you never get to see. So much good that you guys do!

Thank you so much from all us thankful parents!



I hope you always keep helping these children. There are a lot of children with way worse situations than ours.

The toys you bring help to add a little happiness into their lives. All the children get toys before surgery and as rewards for hard work in physical therapy, etc. So many nice things for the children!

I can't thank you enough!

But I hope you realize a little what wonderful

things happen because of your devotion to all these children you don't even know.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you!

Cindy Keller
(Brittany's mom)

31 December 2002

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Okay, the only definition for "F.N.G." that comes readily to mind is "Fat Naked Guy". Ron looses out on two counts, so it must mean something else.

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Insurance . . . or reinsurance?

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by
Rot Path
(c.o.e; n.i.f.o.c.)



(Life without coverage.)

We in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* are seeing the effects of corporate greed affecting insurance premiums. We've had to scramble to provide coverage for chapter and state events. We're paying spiraling prices for less value in what we *can* obtain.

When companies become more concerned with pleasing major stockholders and paying dividends than with providing the services they've been contracted for, the rest of us suffer. (Either financially or in the activities we are otherwise free to pursue.)

It is an *outrage* that insurance companies are now dictating what events communities/groups can or cannot engage in.

Insurance company fiscal policies are eroding citizen freedoms.

The insurance monster is getting out of control and it is past time to reinstitute *effective* regulation of the industry. It *absolutely* cannot be allowed to regulate itself.

It won't.

Its own self-interest will always come before the good of citizens.

What particularly galls me about insurance is how the companies have infiltrated government and changed legislative policies to favor them and require their product for normal daily activities. (Insurance has become a "legalized" protection racket.) If any other industry tried to do that, they would be indicted by the congress and the supreme court.

Insurance plays on people's fears of the future.

However, you absolutely *cannot* buy guarantees of how safe life will be.

How much do you pay for all your various insurances each year?

How much over the last ten years?

What have you received in return?

You will never get as much back from insurance policies as you pay into them. (If you do, you most likely will be uninsurable in the future.)

Insurance company fiscal policies are eroding citizen freedoms.

There was an article in the *Statesman Journal* of 15 December 2002 concerning a new attitude in the insurance industry: "Use it, lose it". People who have paid their homeowner premiums faithfully for decades are being denied insurance renewal if they make too many claims within a certain period.

Let's face it: insurance is a finely calculated gamble. And as any veteran of Vegas will tell you, the odds *always* favor the house (insurance companies).

But we, the free citizens of this nation, do not have to put up with insurance company abuse. It is time to act in our state and nation's capitols to take back control of our lives through citizen-oriented legislation.

It's been difficult to stay focused on topic of insurance while assembling this month's issue of the newsletter.

Several articles needed to be transcribed from handwritten submissions. As yer crusty ol' editor typed people's words in, he found himself getting all misty* and a growing glow of pride to be associated with such a damn fine group of people as the members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, etc.

Being involved with the newsletter means getting to work closer with members from all over the state, getting to know more about them. Take a look at Tim Rohde's report towards the front of this rag. What an incredible person he is. We can all learn from his example.

Elsewhere in this issue is a card *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* received from the mother of a young person at the Shriner's Hospital. Often the charity we do is under bone-chilling conditions and may seem somewhat thankless. But read what this mother has to say about how our actions touch people's lives. We are helping the world become a better place.

*(This is the same guy who avoids bars with live entertainment 'cause he gets all sentimental, then falls in love with the singers.)

2003 RUN CALENDAR

(**Boldface** indicates state A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
February 3rd	Biker Day at the Capitol	Salem	(503)-351-8193
February 15th (day)	S.T.E.A.M. Conference (Chemeketa)	Salem	(541)-774-7558
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March 16th	Ice Breaker	Salem	(503)-371-7550
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April 27th	China Hat Race	Eastern Oregon	(503)-656-5801
May 3rd	Motorcycle Awareness Rally and Freedom Rally	State Capitol Salem	(503)-351-8193
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May 17th	Washington County Poker Run	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
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FEBRUARY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p>Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Biker Day at the Capitol</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>River City 1900 (7:00 pm)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Oregon born -- 1859</i></p>  <p>(Rot Path born as well)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>S.T.E.A.M.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sweetheart Dance--CR</p>
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(The anniversary of yer crusty ol' editor's birth is some time this month. Birthday suits mandatory)



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With new and improved workshops on**

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Seminar to Educate And Motivate

Saturday, 15 February

(registration at 0800)

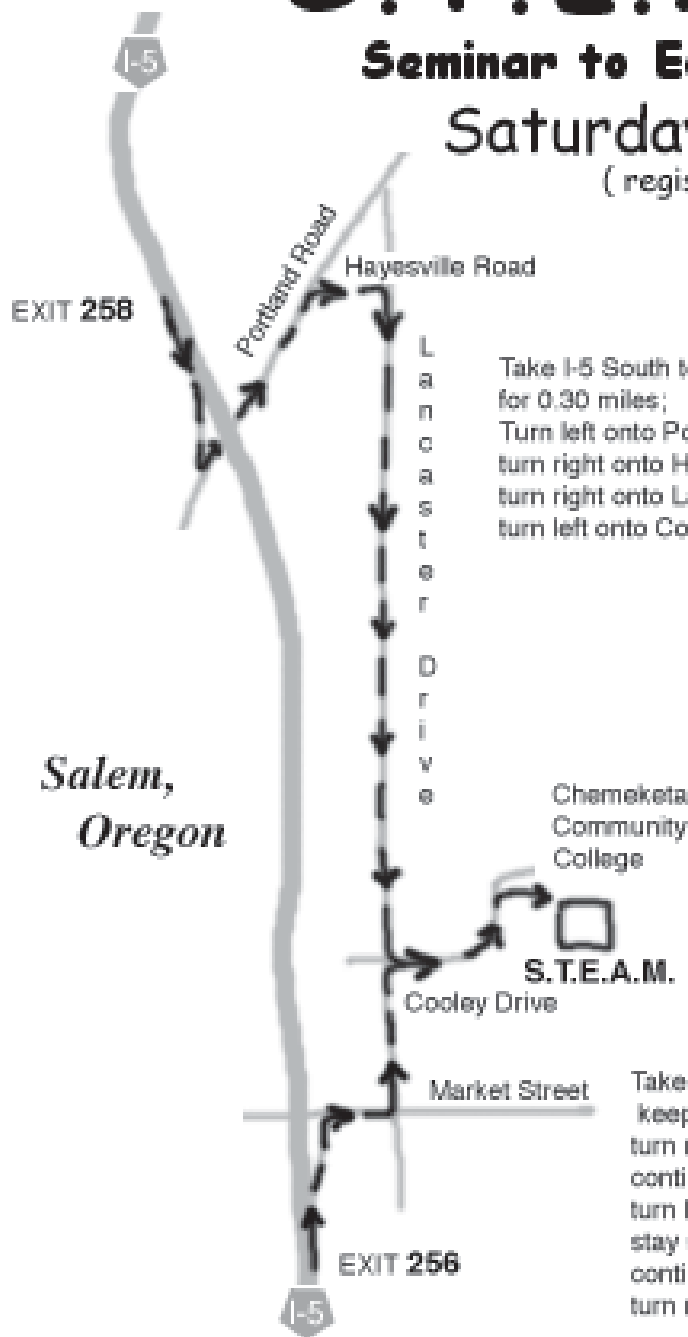
how to get there . . .

• Directions from the North •

Take I-5 South to EXIT 258, "North Salem/Fairgrounds/Amphitheatre" for 0.30 miles;
 Turn left onto Portland Road NE and continue for 0.60 miles;
 turn right onto Hayesville Drive NE and go 0.23 miles;
 turn right onto Lancaster Drive NE, continue for 0.89 miles;
 turn left onto Cooley Drive NE for 0.01 miles and you're there!

• Directions from the South •

Take I-5 North to Exit 256, "OR-213/Market St.,"
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 turn right onto Market Street NE/OR-213;
 continue for 0.27 miles;
 turn left onto Lancaster Drive NE/OR-213 and go 1.32 miles;
 stay straight to go onto Lancaster Drive NE;
 continue 0.53 miles;
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***FEBRUARY 15, 2003
9 p.m.***

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Live Music

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Hot Times

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SUNDAY

MARCH 2nd 2003

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MOVIE STARTS AT 3:09 PM

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Members and Non-Members Welcome

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Afternoon Group Ride To Movies Starts @ 1:00 PM

From Ray's Food Place Parking Lot 868 2nd Ave. Gold Hill, Oregon

After The

SOUTHERN OREGON A.B.A.T.E. CHAPTER MEETING

Held 11:00 AM at

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828 2nd Ave Gold Hill, Oregon

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ICE BREAKER PICNIC

*An event for motorcyclist groups to meet,
exchange information, and enjoy
each other's company.*

*March 9, 2003 * Sunday*

Keizer Auditorium - Inside Facilities

4100 Cherry Avenue N.

10:00 to 4:00 \$3.00 for Lunch

Games, Food, Bike Show

50/50 and Door Prizes

Potluck welcome! Bring the Kids!

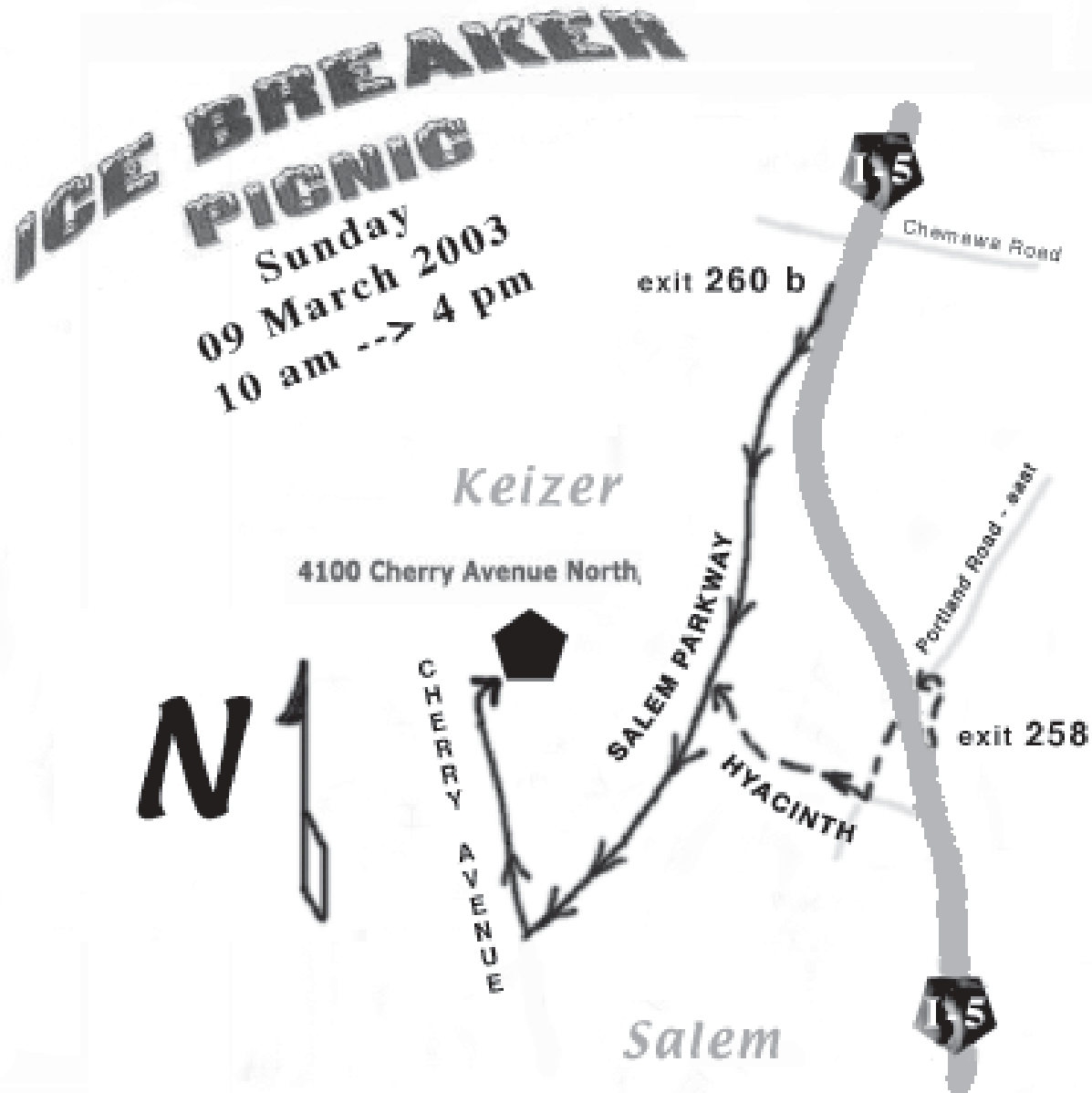


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FOOD DELIVERY

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Southeast Portland Chapter

Food Drive

Saturday, 15 March 2003

MEET AT M&M RESTARANT-
LOUNGE ; 137 N.MAIN GRESHAM
10:00 AM

DEPART AT 11:00 AM

DELIVER AT 12:00 NOON
TO

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SE CHAPTER 22ND ANNIVERSARY PARTY

WHERE : M/M RESTAURANT/ LOUNGE

WHEN : MARCH 15TH 2003

TIME : 7:30 PM-1:00 AM

LIVE MUSIC

COUPLES : \$8:00-- SINGLE : \$5:00

BROOMSTICK POOL: \$5:00 ENTRY, SINGLE

ELIMINATION, LIMIT 12 ENTRIES

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, March 30, 2003

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$675!*

Swap Meet parking available on site
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

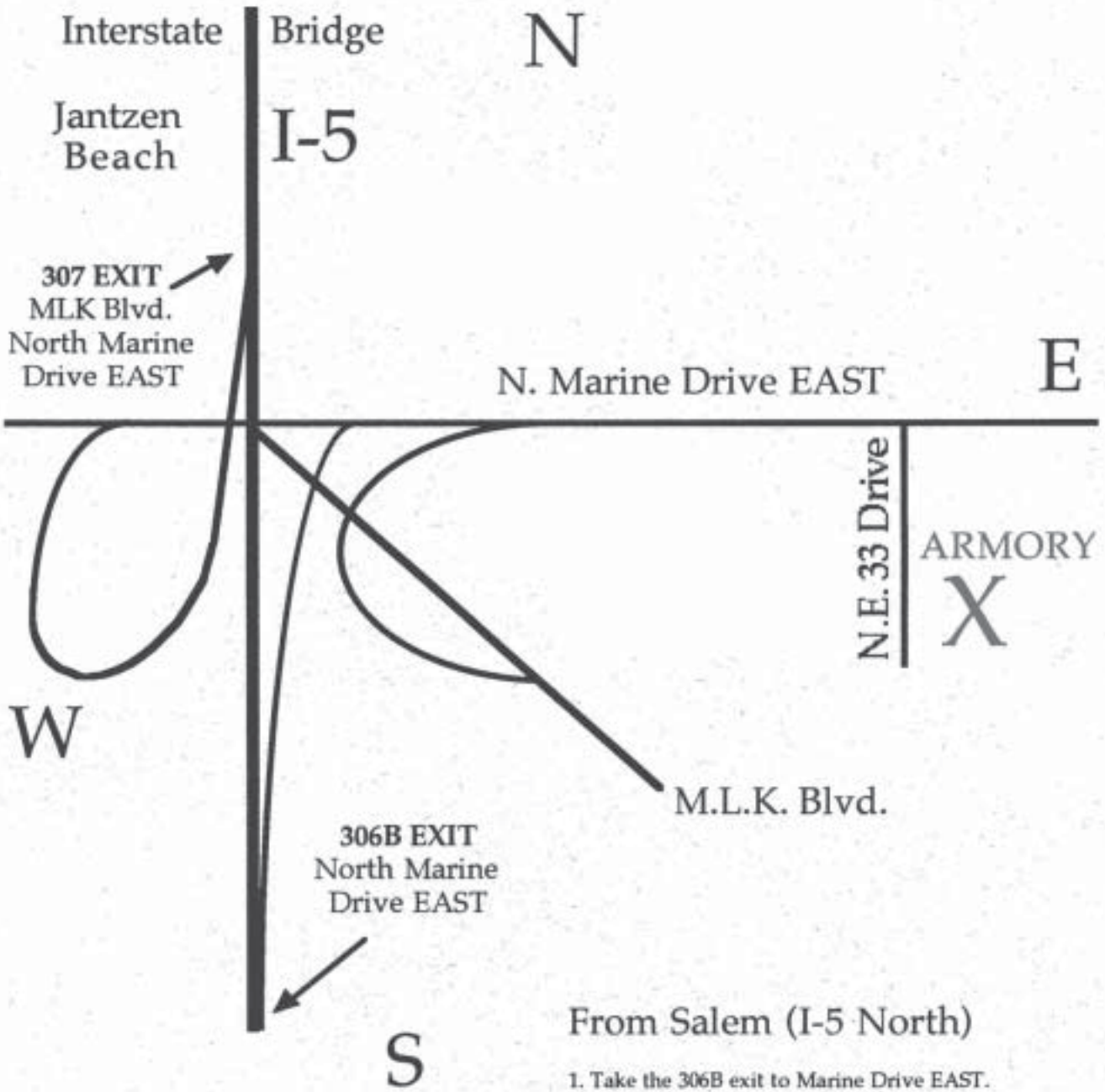
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2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
3. First building on the left.

From Salem (I-5 North)

1. Take the 306B exit to Marine Drive EAST.
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
- 3 First building on the left.

From I-84

1. Take Marine Drive exit and go until you come to N.E. 33rd Drive and make a left turn.
2. First building on the left.

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

Roseburg, Oregon

Sunday, 13 April 2003

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Swap Meet parking available on site

Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

For Swap Meet Vendor Information Call:

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MAY 23, 24, 25 & 26

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Food Concessions

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ON REVERSE**

**SHUTTLE BUS
TO FAIR GROUNDS
Saturday and Sunday
Schedule to be announced**

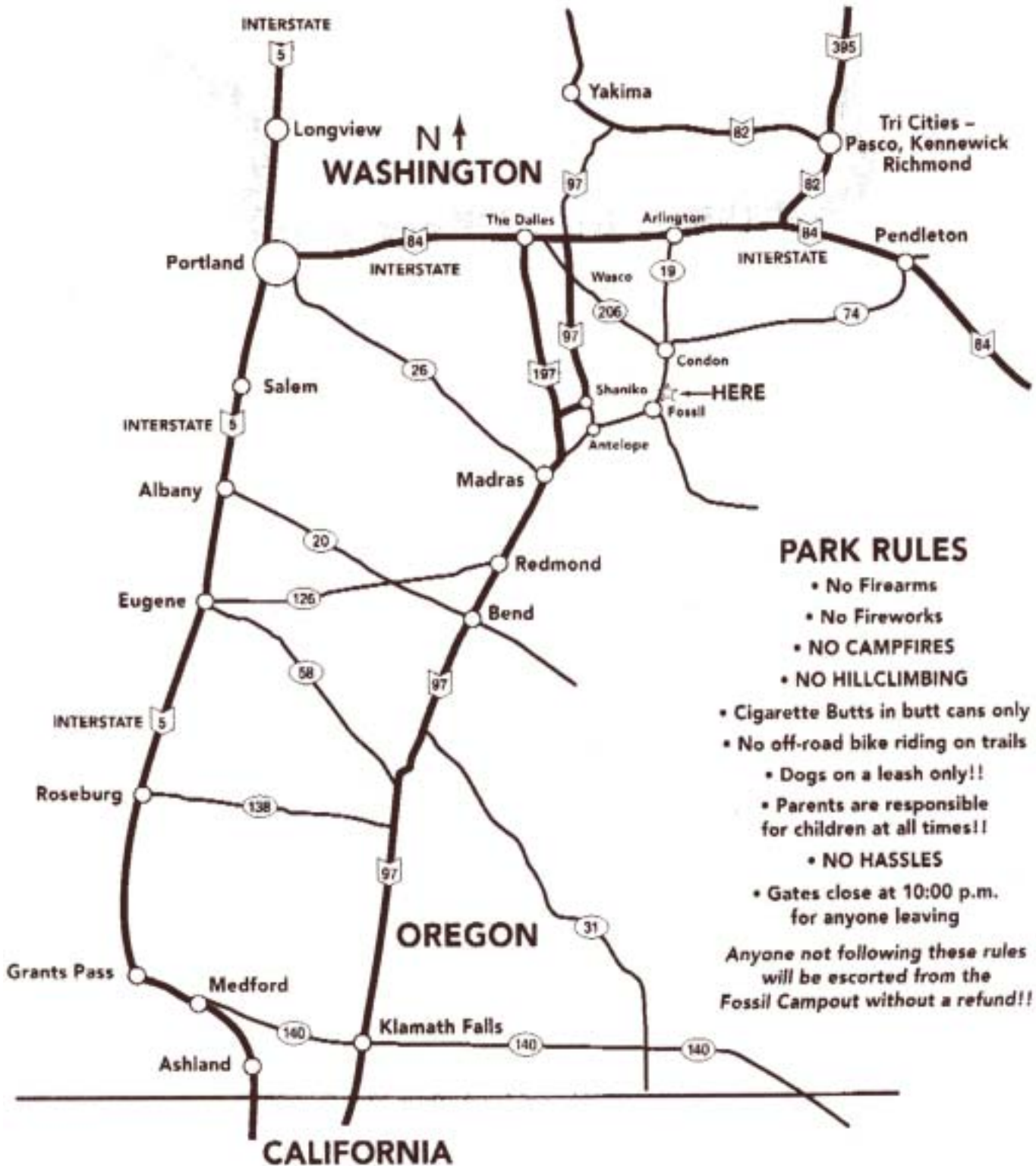
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HOW TO GET THERE



PARK RULES

- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- NO CAMPFIRES
- NO HILLCLIMBING
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Dogs on a leash only!!
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES
- Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc
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Salem, OR 97304
www.bikepac.com

Have fun!!! Make a difference!!!!!!

Attend

Biker's Days 2003

at the State Capitol, Salem Oregon

Monday, February 3rd

Tuesday, February 25th

Wednesday March 19th

9:30 am at the State Capitol in Salem

We need your help.

Help us to help you make Oregon a more motorcycle friendly State.

We need to Win Votes and Influence Legislators. Let us show you how you can help.

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BikePAC of Oregon Legislative Agenda 2003

- Helmet use voluntary for adults
- Mandatory Sentencing for careless or intoxicated drivers that kill or injure motorcyclists
- Ending Health Insurance Discrimination against Motorcyclists
- Headlight use voluntary during daylight hours
- Use of "Lane-Splitting" to enhance traffic flow when riding on congested highways

Past BikePAC Victories:

- Full-service fueling no longer required for motorcycles (2001)
- Handlebar Height mandates eliminated (1999)
- Doubling of rider-training funds for TeamOregon (1997)
- Handicapped stickers available for motorcycles (1997)
- Plain English Statutory definition of a motorcycle helmet (1995)

We need your help in getting our message out to your legislators.

And we need your money - Join BikePAC today.

For more info or to download a membership application visit www.bikepac.co

Millenium Ride

Dear Everyone

I'm e-mailing from Chetumal right in the southeast corner of Mexico in the State of Quintana Roo. Tomorrow I cross the border to tiny Belize, ending my three months in the glorious country which passed all too quickly.

I've just been to the magnificent Maya Museum here, the best I have seen.

This morning I left Tulum, 250km to the north. The turquoise sea and white sand beaches got the better of me for a few days so my tent was pitched beneath a coconut palm. Sunrise came over the Carribbean Sea beckoning me to an early swim in the warm water before leisurely preparing breakfast.

Life is hard, but someone has to do it!

On checking my passport and tourist card, I was given a 30 day business visa on entry to Mexico. I should have checked it earlier. I wonder if they will notice tomorrow at the border.

Route

From Mexico City I rode back to Oaxaca city and on to the south coast, stopping for a while here and there for meetings with medical workers, saying "so long" to the *Legionarios Motorcycle Club* and inspecting former Oxfam worker Graham's carpet factory.

Chiapas is Mexico's poorest state and you could see it in the people and buildings. Then north to Villahermosa in the State of Tabasco (not of the famous sauce, that is made in Louisiana U.S.A.) in hard rain where I spent a lovely Christmas afternoon and night with

Jorge (from Guadalajara) and his family.

Then further north to Campeche and Merida in the Yukatan Peninsular. Merida is a wonderful city, with free concerts in the evenings on the main plaza where one thousand people dance the salsa.

These are mainly Mayan people who are very short. In fact I was among the tallest there, but this wasn't the only reason I stayed for a half a week. A brief but very intensive fling with a Jewish girl called Bareena took me by surprise. I shall have to treat it as an interesting supplement to my education about this people. Some things are just not meant to be. Look out for the full story in my forthcoming book!

Bike

My tyres are nearly bald again but I'm trying to sort out if Metzeler can get me some new ones in Central America.

My sidestand broke in Oaxaca, it was welded, but keeled over again the other day in a gas station after filling up. Now palm trees, kerbs, walls, other vehicles all lend a hand when I have to park it. I'd better get it fixed properly, or remade, before the next desert!

I found a sheared cush drive bolt this morning. (Eleven out of twelve will get me to Belize or Guatemala. Remember them Kev?).

I really love my bike.



Simon Milward

I'm off to enjoy my last night in Mexico. Buenos noches

Simon

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 letters from our members

The Plight of the American Biker

by Butch Harbaugh

To coin an old saying “ *To be involved or not to be, that is the Question*”

From this freedom fighter’s perspective, we seem to be reaching a point in the motorcycle rights movement (M.R.O.) where fresh recruits are becoming a rarity and where the same soldiers for freedom are still in the trenches.

Why is this?

There are certainly many reasons why anybody who cares about motorcycling and the freedom that it represents should get involved. Anyone who has watched the political scene in the past 20 years, surely has witnessed victory after victory in about every legislature in every state and certainly in the United States Congress.

This also includes many “close” calls, where State M.R.O.’s have done their job by playing the game by the rules, only to be vetoed by their perspective Governors.

These incidents made us more aware than ever that we must take it a step further by actually becoming legislators ourselves.

We are very fortunate that we as a group have amongst us popular and powerful Senators, Representatives, Delegates, etc. who view our cause with great enthusiasm because we are so *passionate* about

freedom. These individuals take a lot of static from their colleagues for supporting bikers, but soon begin to realize that we as a group have much energy and are the first to show up to put out the yard signs and make those phone calls.

These actions speak louder than monetary contributions. This is why it is ever so important to get out there and be a part of *your legislator’s* campaign and also to be a part of the *team* once they are elected to office. Our presence in *our legislatures* does make a difference by informing others about our issues and showing by example that we are not the stereo-typed “bad guys” that some choose to label us.

Having said this, I still am at a loss why we are having trouble in bringing fresh recruits into the movement.

It is obvious that we *must* assume the responsibility of reaching out to these new

riders and give them a reason to be a part of the “*movement*”

We must go beyond helmets and focus on the other issues that face us in every legislature and especially on the federal level.

There are those that will seek every opportunity to simply eliminate motorcycles in the name of “*safety*”. They will attack from all sides with ideas and goals that will “protect” us from ourselves.

One of the most current efforts that is under way is the effort of some to say motorcycles are polluters and that we need legislation and mandates to govern and restrict what and when we can do to personalize the bikes we ride or build.

This is another one of those issues that has major implications and effects on a small minority of citizens and is easily dismissed by those who say it is a manufactures problem.

We all know about manufactures and what their bottom line is!

Profit and the hell with the consumer.

Harley-Davidson was one of the first to come forward and say that they can easily meet more stringent emission standards and they produced a water cooled motorcycle.

Isn’t that an indication that this could well be the beginning of the end of air cooled engine that has been around since the end of the 1800’s?

“So what?” some might say!

I say, “What about the millions of motorcycles that have been already manufactured?”

Do we scrap them out, put them in museums so that our future generation can only visualize what it was like in the ‘good ole days’?

What about after-market parts manufactures.

What about modifications to *your* motorcycle?

We who have been in the motorcycle rights movement for some time have watched as our brothers across the “Big Pond” have come to this country and have given us warnings that the move was already under way in Europe.

We have seen videos of leg protectors, ejection systems, air bags and “no touch” laws

intended to restrict you or your mechanic from modifying your motorcycle in any way.

Well here we are folks. 2003 has arrived and those laws and the “*safetycrats*” who propose them are deeply entrenched in the American political system. They have wormed their way into all corners of the political arena and are hell-bent on getting their way cause they know what is best for us!

The bell is ringing, it is time to wake up and get yourself and others involved!

Reach out and touch someone with *your concerns!*

Voice *your opinion!*

Find out who is speaking for you in your legislature!

Go to a meeting and ask if there is something that you can do to help.

Find out who your legislator is and visit with them and share your concerns.

It is time to quit being the sheep and start becoming the sheep herder!

In closing, history clearly shows the sacrifices that our forefathers made for us. They lost their fortunes, their families and their lives so that you and I and future generations could live in a country where there was a system of government for the people by the people, and all they asked is that we *participate* in our government.

Please don’t sit back and assume that someone else will do the job! That is exactly what the opposition wants you to do.

The motorcycle rights movement has always used the phrase:

“*Freedom of Choice —
Let Those Who Ride Decide*”

So now you do have the choice!
Please get involved!

Yours truly, with respect and commitment
to *the pursuit of liberty* !!

Butch Harbaugh
Chairman,
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*passings***Charlie Ray**

With both sadness and relief I am announcing the passing of my father, Charles Ray after a several year struggle with emphysema. The family is sad, but he had been very ill and we are relieved that his suffering is ended.

Charles Benton Ray was born May 5th, 1941 in Atoka, Oklahoma. His father, my grandfather Philip Benton Ray, was a mechanic and jack-of-all-trades in the area. Consequently Dad learned about working on mechanical things and specifically automotive mechanics. The auto industry is where he would spend his working career. In the late 50s, early 60s he was in the navy, usually stationed in San Diego. This is where he started to ride motorcycles.

After going through several brands, Dad picked up a *Harley-Davidson Sportster*. He then became a *Harley* rider for life. He built this bike up in performance until it was the fastest bike in southern California. In fact I just recently read a story he wrote about a drag race in Los Angeles where he beat the challenger to his crown. Nowadays this would be called street racing, but then it was harmless fun. Around this time he met my Mom, Alice and eventually they were married in 1964. When I was born in 1965, the bike was sold and the riding fires were banked until later in life.

Dad worked as an auto mechanic, gandydancer, and whatever else put food on the table. He eventually went back to school and earned his degree. For a couple of years he worked as a high school shop teacher in Halfway, Oregon. After a year he bought a gas station and a wrecker and started working this business. I used to pump gas after school when I was in 5th and 6th grade. He got out of the teaching and eventually decided to find something that was less risky. After being an automotive service manager for a few years, he started working at *Chrysler Corporation* as a regional service representative. He would remain in the automotive field up until he became too sick to work.

Dad bought a motorcycle again in 1987 and rekindled his love for two wheels. After getting a couple *Sportsters* and a *Dyna* he finally settled on a *Road King*, his last bike. We would ride together sometimes and my mom eventually got tired of packing and got her own bike. They put on a lot of miles on vacations together. I think that those times may have been the happiest times of his life. One time in 1995 we all rode down to Reno for a regional H.O.G. rally. The rally wasn't anything special but the time on the road was great.

He was very active in *Salem H.O.G.* for a lot of years and had a lot of friends in the chapter. He also served as an

A.M.A. congressman for a couple of years and helped organize several events for motorcycle groups.

Although he never held a leadership position, he was there with the video camera for a good many years recording the chapter events and editing them into presentations.

Charlie had lots of friends and no one that wished him ill.

He was at home when he died and that is where he wanted to be. He got to spend some more time with us and his granddaughter, whom he adored.

We should all be so lucky when we are ready to go.

He would not want a funeral or memorial service and we do not have anything planned.

Just remember him if you knew him and pass a few stories around.

He would like that.

Ken Ray

Paul Edwards

Paul Edwards' funeral was Saturday, 27 December 2002 at 2:00 pm at the funeral home at 207 Villa Road, in Newberg.

Paul died in a car crash on Christmas Eve, near St. Paul, Oregon.

The widow is Yvonne Edwards.

Paul and Yvonne were *Washington County A.B.A.T.E.* members. Paul rode a *Goldwing* and a *Softtail*. You probably saw them both at *lots* of swap meets and runs. They had a booth selling miscellaneous biker stuff, and Yvonne does decorative motorcycle windshield etchings.

Sam Hochberg

*passings***Ron "Ten Bucks" Clark**

February 22, 1950 — December 5, 2002

This is with regret to note the passing of Ron "10 bucks" Clark on December 5th, 2002.

Ron was riding his motorcycle with a friend and neighbor the evening of December 5th and nearing his home on Howard's Mill road swerved to evade a car that was on the wrong side of the road. The first rider evaded the car successfully but its not clear if Ron didn't see the car or didn't realize until the last minute the car was on the wrong side of the road (checking their mail). Regardless, Ron lost control and died at the scene.

Ron was well known in the motorcycling community and was known by the nickname "10 bucks" because he had won the Harley "Fat Boy" raffle bike in 1998 in the *A.B.A.T.E.* drawing. When people asked he replied "it cost me 10 bucks!"

He had gotten a custom license plate that carried the name "10 bucks" and eventually many knew him by that name.

Ron had initially been a member of *Rose City H.O.G.* but decided *A.B.A.T.E.* was a better fit for him. He was a member of the *Southeast Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.* and recently

had heard the call to give motorcyclists a voice in their community. Ron had become a Precinct Committee Person in Clackamas County Democratic party. Despite his rotating work shift schedule he attended meetings with both groups regularly. Ron was also a executive member of the *Oregon Democratic Motorcyclists Caucus.*

Ron at 52 years old was a family man with his wife Carol surviving and four children and was also a grandfather.

Ron was a employee at Smurfit paper mill in Oregon City for 27 years.

Friends remember him as a generous and giving person who would gladly lend a hand at a moments notice. His neighbor Ken said that all he had to do was start his motorcycle and it would only be a matter of minutes until the phone would ring with Ron asking to "give me a couple minutes and I'll be ready to ride with you."

Ron was looking forward to attending the *Shriners Toy Run* but was sadly missed. He had been committed to the Shriners charity event.

stolen bike

Attention All Motorcycle Riders

Unbelievably, a *Columbia River A.B.A.T.E.* member has had a second motorcycle stolen, this time from his carport while he was out. The bike is a 1995 turquoise full-dress bagger.

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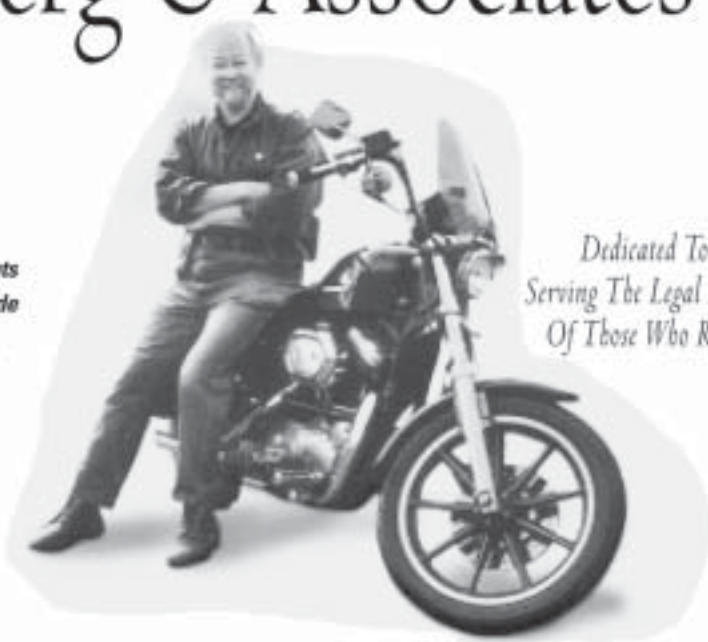
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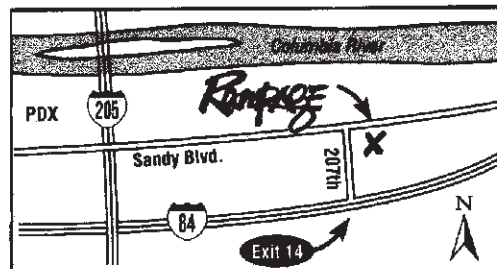
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_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter State Representative	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)		_____	

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)-666-8806

P.O. Box 4504

Portland, ORegon 97208

E-MAIL: mhobbs256@yahoo.com

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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

NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director before placing 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

1991 Ranger XLT pickup. Power steering and brakes, tilt wheel, 4-speed automatic, canopy, CB radio, good tires and brakes. Runs excellent. **\$2,550 (541)-572-1951** John
(Feb 2003)

1982 Suzuki 750, low miles, fairings, tour pack and bags. **\$800** or best offer, possible trade.

DeWalt radial arm saw **\$250**. 1992 Geo Storm in good condition. **\$2,250** or best offer. 1965 Chev 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. **\$3,250**.

1951 Chevy 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade. Portable dishwasher **\$50**. Phone **(503)-285-4329** Rotten Roger
(Feb 2003)

1982 Sportster 1000cc iron head. **\$3,250** or best offer. 1997 Honda CR-250 moto-cross. \$3,000 worth of modifications. Runs good. Asking **\$3,000**, best offer, or trade for Honda XL or XR-650. **(503)-255-8460**

Diesel Dave
(Feb2003)

Three rail trailer. New tires. Tongue jack, heavy-duty ramp. **\$450** or best offer. Bill at **(503)-661-6128**
(April 2003)

For Sale

1971 Shovel New electronic ignition, SU carb, electric and kick start, 74". Very clean custom paint job by Gary Crisp: pearlescent white with black pinstripe, no Harley decals or badges. Fat tanks and fenders, 2-over front, spoke wheels, white sidewalls, police-style windshield, fringed bags. Front disc brake added. Has had some cleanup work done, needs only a little carb and electric TLC. **\$8,950**. Call Sam Hochberg at **(503)-224-1106**, or e-mail your questions to: **SamBikeLaw@aol.com**
(Feb 2003)

1995 Harley Sportster 1200 Custom Flames - KuryAkyn forwards detach. Sissy w/ rack, solo and 2-up seats, recent transmission rebuild, SE pipes and carb. Very well maintained **\$7,200**, OBO Harley synthetic leather saddle bags for Sportster with new yoke & 94-up supports. In good shape, minor wear. **\$250**. Ron **(503)-690-7274**
(Mar 2003)

Road King Classic parts. Fits 2000 or other years. Gas tank, front fender, rear fender and side covers. Tank and fenders are real teal and birch white. Side covers are real teal. **\$1,000** buys the set. call Joe at **(541)-812-1189**
(June 2003)

Beautiful show condition 1979 Sportster XLH. Custom paint,

For Sale

completely gone through at *Fast Eddie's Dixonville Cycle*. \$5,200 or will consider trade for 1990's Softail plus cash. Photo and details upon request with self-addressed stamped envelope. Call Jack at **(541)-459-0101** FAX **(541)-459-6267**
(April 2003)

Wanted

Looking for rear cyclinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake. **(503)-665-5063** or **(503)-997-3558** Barry

Employment

Hangman Wanted

Small, quiet town near state line is fed up with wild bikers. This is no raceway, but a community of decent Christians. We got the law, we got the rope. You provide the know-how and the hood.

You can have the preacher's house — he ain't been no more useful than short pants on a pig.

Apply in person to: Dave Curl, coordinator

January cryptogram answer on page 58.

February Cryptogram

O W X E M A O W H O T V W
T R A O T Y R Y O W H V Q S R Y ,
V C H V X X O X H O N W F O U R
V C W P O W Q V M O C V E M . H F R M
V C V W X E E S R Y J I E M O W
U J X A O T , V C H V X X Q R O W R
C E G R I E I J X O T .

— E W Q O T H V X Y R

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldruggery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.



Space Bikes Unlimited
See the latest model at our new showroom on Gandymede.

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Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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.
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Portland, Oregon

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When young we would exchange valentines,
Asking the question, "Will you be mine?"
But real love will not be owned,
It's given freely but never loaned,
And is the finest wine that we can imbibe.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 February 2003 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>U&I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Merts Campus</i> ; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Pietro's Pizza</i> ;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 st Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Foxfire Restaurant</i> ; 4740 Main Street; Springfield