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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 *Nationa 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, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A. T.E. of Chicago presented the house 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 Executive Coordinator, National Coalition of Motorcyclists A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone:

Our first state board meeting of 2004 took place on the 10th of January in Junction City and our new board of directors was introduced. I congratulate you in the local chapters for your choice of state representatives elected to serve on this board. These are the people who run this organization and I can tell you that we are in good hands.

Our by-laws state that the key officers of each chapter should attend one board meeting during the year. Board meetings take place on the second Saturday of each month at Christ Center Church, on the corner of Kalamia and 7th, at 12:00. Typical meetings last until 2:30 pm and as the weather improves we hope to have an early dinner ride after these meetings. We look forward to meeting you.

I am very grateful to all of you who have taken officer positions with *A.B.A.T.E.* at state and local levels. I know only too well the time and effort required of you. You are my heroes. As you assume your various jobs, remember that faith, family, and jobs come first otherwise you will risk burnout and we want you to be a part of our fight for the long haul.

It is no coincidence that S.T.E.A.M. takes place so soon after new officers assume their various positions. S.T.E.A.M. or *Seminar to Educate and Motivate* is designed to teach the skills needed for your new position as well as instruct you on the issues of importance and to enable you to more effectively lobby our representatives at state and federal level.

If you've asked yourself "what do I do now?" or "what does *A.B.A.T.E.* intend to accomplish?" you are sure to have the answers if you attend. S.T.E.A.M. will take place on February 21st, at *Chemeketa Community College*, (love those Indian names) [*c.o.e.*—*Goodness gracious me but that is a tribal name*] 4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem from 8:30 am until about 4:30 pm. This will also be a good opportunity to meet your state officers as well as other *A.B.A. T.E.* members from around the state.

Recently, I attended a rally here in Roseburg protesting the "United States P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act". In attendance were our good friends U.S. congressman Peter DeFazio and Oregon senator Bill Fisher. Most of you know that this legislation was a knee-jerk reaction to the events of 9-11, and enables law enforcement agencies and the courts to legally suspend all of your personal freedoms guaranteed by the bill of rights of the constitution by merely accusing you of being a terrorist or of assisting terrorists. I learned of this act by reading the A.B.A.T.E. newsletter and M.R.F. Reports as many of vou did.

What I didn't know was the devious and deceitful way in which this legislation was enacted. An illustration was provided by congressman DeFazio who told us that the act was submitted to congress on the same day a vote was demanded on this issue. Congressman DeFazio threatened to cause a postponement of the vote unless he was provided a copy of the bill. He received his 78 page copy, still warm from the photocopier and one of only three copies on the floor, only two hours before the floor vote. It was passed riding on a wave of emotion and without the careful study and review most legislation receives.

Many who voted for this act would change their votes if given the opportunity according to DeFazio.

The prevention of this kind of wholesale theft of freedoms was why *A.B.A. T.E.* was created in the first place. You have an opportunity to do your part by writing or e-mailing congressman DeFazio and telling him you support his efforts to overturn *P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act I* and to vote down *P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act II*.



by Joe Laurance

When you do be sure and thank him for the work he has already done on our behalf with *T.E.A.-21*, the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century*.

His address is:

2134 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515

and you can e-mail him at www.house.gov/defazio/. Through the simple act of writing congressman DeFazio, you become an *A.B.A.T.E.* freedom fighter.

I thank each and every one of you for making *A.B.A. T.E.* the powerful voice for freedom that it is.

May God guide and empower us,

Joseph Laurance A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon



A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Central Oregon Chapter



Most of us on this side of the mountains are settled in for the winter right about now and anxiously awaiting spring and the start of another riding season.

The Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition Toy Run went very well and a good time was had by all. We collected many toys for the kids, listened to some good music and ate some good treats. There was also a pool tournament, an in-house poker run, and Chopper Dave raffled off some great items. Our chapter donated 350 toys to this event, and thanks to all our members for their help making this happen. All our efforts really paid off.

Every year, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon puts on a Seminar to Educate and Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.). This year, it will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, in Salem.

This seminar is free and very educational. I have gone the last two years and it was well worth it. Jackie and I came back a little wiser and motivated for the upcoming year. We also got to meet and talk to some of the people on the state level. I strongly encourage any of our members to attend. For more information, there is a flyer in the back of the newsletter.

That's about all for this month.

Thanks, Marie, for taking over for me at the last meeting.

Remember, "United we stand," . . . and you all know the end of that sentence.

Later,

John

<u>CENTRAL OREGON MEET-</u> <u>ING TIME and PLACE</u>

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) Old Redmond Hotel (next to Sulley's Restaurant) Redmond, Oregon

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"Columbia River Welcome's You"

We had our chapter elections on north. [State board] January 11th.

coordinator- Spike Neal vice coordinator- Jimbo Hibbard recording secretary- Marie Young membership secretary- Rhonda Sweitzer

treasurer- Mary Rusk state board rep I- Duane Calkins state board rep II- John Hancock legislative coordinator-Willie Sanders ways and means- Rob Neill and Brandy Zaccone road captain-Shag Stewart public relations- Willie Sanders sgt. at arms I- Donnie Stephens Sgt. at Arms II- Kodiak Wilson historian- Dee Plumlee

stepping down for all of the work that Portland, OR 97227 they have and thanks to the officers who are continuing and those who are coming on board. I also want to congratulate all of our chapter members who have been attending the meetings so faithfully and to welcome our new chapter members. The chapter continues to grow.

Congratulations to Larry Brown who was elected vice coordinator-

S.T.E.A.M. is on February 21st and we hope that all of our new officers will attend. Anyone else who has not been at S.T.E.A.M. in the past is also encouraged to be there.

The other major item of business was planning for the Sweet Heart Dance, February 14th, at the Blue Eyes Café and Lounge, 10845 NE Halsey. Panama will be providing music. Come out and support the Columbia *River Chapter* and have a lot of fun.

Next meeting I will have photocopies of the planning session items so we can discuss them.

Spike

Note: Our new chapter mailing Thanks to the officers who are address is 4048 N. Overlook Terrace,

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm) Jubitz Truck Stop 10310 N. Vancouver Avenue --Portland Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports **Douglas County Chapter**



Greetings from *Douglas County* A.B.A.T.E.

Happy new year!!

We managed to miss the big weather news in January, and most of us were pretty happy about it. We seem to have our own little "banana belt" here, so far....

With new year comes new ideas and we are implementing our first. We are now meeting the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm at *Roundtable Pizza* in Roseburg. Come early if you would like to join the dinner crowd prior to the meeting. You will be receiving our newsletter contributions two-months behind due to the change in our meeting times. If you are looking more current information as the ride season comes along about what's going on down here, give someone a call or e-mail.

We are all looking forward the upcoming year with *A.B.A.T.E.* We have a great chapter, hard working members and officers, and a great community of riders to work with.

DJ Jaspers, a first-time chapter coordinator is up for the challenge of getting things going.

We have some officers with previous experience, and some that are new to offices and to *A.B.A.T.E.* in general. With a this great combination of energy and experience we should have a very productive year.

It's the time of year when I personally begin planning for the upcoming riding season. So here's a little encouragement to begin looking at calendars, get on that winter maintenance (tires, battery, fluids, etc.) that was put off due to the holidays, and be sure your ride is safe and ready to go when the sun comes out again. (It will). *Fossil* will be here before we know it!

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone out there.

Life is short, remember the ones you love.

Ride safe.

Becky Garino secretary Douglas County Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm) Round Table Pizza Roseburg

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Hub City Chapter





Hello everyone!

I hope this finds you looking forward to spring and the riding that awaits! I know I need some of that "therapy". (Or at least I think that's what Monika is talking about!)

How about *Hub City* winning the largest M.R.O. at the *A.M.O. Toy Run* in Albany this year? Great job, *Hub City*! This award has been won for years by a bunch out of Sweet Home. This year they just couldn't answer the challenge as *Hub City* had a phenomenal turnout. The kids were the real winners as over 100 bikes braved the really cold and wet day to make sure they had a little Christmas.

S.T.E.A.M. is over by now but I hope lots of you took advantage of the offerings in place there. It's only for your benefit that Geoff White and crew put this event on. I know very involved *H.O.G.* people who brag about how well S.T.E.A.M. is put together. That's after they've gone to P.O.T.

I always thought that was an odd name for a H.O.G. related activity, but no one thought of the acronym when *H.O.G.* named the seminars "Primary Officers Training".

It took the backing of *Harley-Davidson* and all their millions to come up with a program to help *H.O.G.* officers transition into their duties but *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* put together a program admired by *H.O.G.* members? I'd say that speaks volumes!

This program was founded by our own Mel Yeager and other principals, so I want to say thanks, Mel. Thanks also to all those who have kept the program alive and vibrant for all who attend. I can say personally that S.T.E.A.M. has helped me a lot.

Our December "Adopt a Highway" cleanup was canceled due to about 6 inches of rain that day coupled with 40 mph gusts. One of our members, Rick Wohlers, was good enough to come to our December meeting with a pair of nice white topaz earrings for each one of the girls who turned out. Who says bikers don't know how to treat a lady? Especially a lady who shows up to pick up trash in the rain?

Thanks ladies (and guys) for turning out on such a bad day, and thanks Rick for rewarding their effort. *Hub City* has a lot of great members!

Our next cleanup will be on March 13. We will meet in the standard place, which is the parking lot of solid waste recycling. It's on highway 34 between Oakville Road and the railroad tracks. 9 am is the starting time. Bring boots, gloves, and foul weather gear is recommended!

Maybe some of you heard the news about Fossil. (The city) The town got all their city funds embezzled by someone so they literally have zero dollars in the bank. I know we can't do much, but *Hub City* voted to answer the challenge put forth by *Washington County*. A check for \$200 has been mailed to the city of Fossil by *Hub City Chapter* to help with whatever they see fit. I know it isn't much but those people have been mighty good to *A.B.A.T.E.* over the years and it's a shame to see someone steal what little the town has.

Fossil (the run!) is right around the corner so you better be planning ahead. Get ready for the kickoff party of the season! *Hub City*'s Richard Androes will be running the games this year after we apprenticed last year under the "founder of games", *Lincoln County*. *Willamette Valley* has been good enough to volunteer to run the games in 2005, but they will need a chapter to step up and apprentice under them that year. How about it *A.B.A.T.E.*?

We need to use this format to address one of the things *A.B.A.T.E.* has long been famous for. If you come up with an idea or volunteer for a duty you will be stuck with it until "death do us part". Pretty hard to get volunteers and recruit members when new folks see one person handling the same duties year after year until they've "had it".(Thanks for all the years Roger!) Think about it and maybe someone can come up with some other ideas on how to handle this problem. The apprentice system is at least a start.

Hub City will be sponsoring a biker night to benefit charity on Friday, March 26. It will

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) *Ciddici's Pizza* 133 Fifth Street Albany

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Josephine County Chapter





Well here we are, it's 2004!! Can you believe it? Wow!

Another year of fun riding our bikes coming up.

There's a lot of excitement here in Josephine County Chapter. Being a new chapter we have a lot of planning to do for this year's events we're hoping to have in our county.

As most of you know getting a new chapter going is a lot of work. We got started a little late in the year but we will get things going at a faster pace soon.

We had our January meeting on the 8th this time because the first Thursday of the month fell on new years day. At the meeting we elected Pat Wine as our new treasurer. Jane Cook who was our treasurer had to step down because she need more time for her business and family.

There's not a lot to report this time. Things are slow right now but when the weather breaks things will liven up. Ride safe and take care !

from Jo County!!

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

MEETING TIMES and PLACE 1st Thursdays at 1800 (6 pm) Pizza Hut 1465 6th Street Grants Pass

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North Coast Chapter



Greetings from the North Coast Chapter,

Here's the news from the north coast this month.

2004 North Coast Chapter officers coordinator-Sue Mills vice coordinator-Tony White secretary-Amelia Williams treasurer-Amanda Mills membership secretary-Sue Mills state board rep-Chuck Jensen (shared position throughout the year with other chapter members) secretary(s) at arms-Tony White Don Schock

sergeant(s) at arms-Tony White, Don Schock, Randy Johnson, Bob Williams

We wish these new and returning officers all the best in the year ahead and many thanks for their commitment to assist in the growth and future of our chapter.

Just another reminder, we encourage all of our new and returning chapter officers and any interested chapter members to take full advantage of the great educational and networking opportunity at S.T.E.A.M. this month.

Membership news!!

Early last year I issued a challenge to increase our chapter membership to the 100 mark. Well we did it!! Our year end *North Coast Chapter* membership count is now one hundred and two members strong!! That's a gain of 30+ members.

Great work and many thanks to all of those who worked hard to achieve this goal. Let's keep up the effort in the year ahead to grow the chapter even more. Again, as always a hearty warm welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and runs throughout the year.

Our 15th Annual Toy Run held on December 13th was a great time in spite of the rain soaking conditions. We had 22 bikes on the road (including two a.k.a. Santa Claus,) when we left *Rob's Restaurant* in Seaside. The run continued to *Bubba's Sport Bar* in Warrenton, *Mary Todd's Workers, Bar* and Grill in Astoria and ended up at the *Moose* Lodge in Astoria where we enjoyed a chili dog feed (prepared by the *Moose Lodge* volunteers), raffle prizes, 50/50 and lots of good fun.

This event alone raised over \$1,200. These proceeds along with the proceeds from our Spaghetti feed and the other charitable donations succeeded in providing close to \$7,000 this year in support of the *Toys for Tots* cause for Clatsop and Pacific counties.

Many of our chapter members spent their time on December 14th purchasing wishing tree gifts for over 200 children.

This is a record year for the chapter in terms of the amount of money raised and the number of children's lives touched this year. Our deepest appreciation to everyone who helped to make this a record year and assist in the many fundraising events and gift purchasing.

As the outgoing chapter coordinator, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the chapter officers and members for all of their fantastic work and support over the past year, especially in my extended absence. Their untiring work as demonstrated by all the many successful events and outcomes as reported in these past reports are truly a testimony to their great work.

It's been great fun folks.

- All the best in the year ahead.
- Thanks for the memories.
- All the best from the north coast.

Yet another new year ahead with fresh opportunities to fight for the freedom of the road.

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NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Thusday at 1900 (7 pm) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Northeast Portland Chapter



The *Northeast Portland Cabin Fever Party* was on January 17th.

I want to thank everyone who helped set it up. Anna Dahl and Kathy Whitney found *Roc's Grill* for us to have it at. Melinda McCrossen did the flyer. Kathy Sanchez found the band, *The Yanks*. Al Thompson collected all of the door prizes. Lightning managed the security. *Roc's* made sure that the front lot was for motorcycle parking only and that we had a special meal available to fill our feed bag. And Rusty was in charge of it all. Thanks to all.

Don't forget the *Columbia River Sweetheart Dance* on February 14th.

And S.T.E.A.M. is coming up on February 21 for us to hone our *A.B.A.T.E.* "Knock-'em-Dead-and-Have-'em-Come-Back-Beggin'-For-More" skills. It's free and you get lunch on *A.B.A.T.E.* to boot.

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at *Roundtable Pizza*, between Sandy Boulevard and I-84, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30 pm is the kick off time. Meetings usually run around an hour and a half. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar or (duh!) pizza. Motorcycle-friendly places are getting hard to find. *Roundtable* rolls out the red carpet for us. So come support the people who support us. Hope to see you there.

So ride if you can and drive if you can't. I'll be riding again as soon as I can find where my bike is hidin' under this snowdrift. (Or is it that one?).

"Here, Thor. Nice bike. Come to Crow."

Damn, I know he's here somewhere.

See ya down the road.

Crow

<u>N.E. PORTLAND MEETING</u> <u>TIMES and PLACE</u>

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

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December 16, 2003

First off, about the bike on our agenda this meeting. Yes, it was a 1980 *FXB*, "B" for belt, *Sturgis*. This was the first year of production at 1,470 units produced. The next year there were 3,543 made and in '82, the final year of production, 1,833 units made it to market. It was a Willie G. design with double belt drives and a high geared tranny for easy cruising.

We had a good meeting and elected our own officers for the year. They are listed in the minutes [below]. In the minutes, I listed a percentage next to the attendance indicating what portion of our chapter membership attended.

I will do this regularly. (If I remember). Rudy the Reindeer was raffled off and the winner was Ralph Jones of *Lincoln County Chapter*.

Bob Watkins won the 50/50 at \$8.50. Mike Mclenden would have won the membership drawing if he had been at the meeting. It will go up to \$25 for the next try on January [20].

Yes, we will have a New Year's Day ride!!!

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:00 pm. 17 people present, (23%).

Pledge of allegiance led by Lee. Guests: None.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Del because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence was a *B.O.A.* statement, an *M.R.F.* renewal.

Treasury report is \$69.22, with \$110

still due back from *Southeast Chapter* for unsold toy run raffle tickets.

River City Chapter

Bills submitted: Motion by Teresa to pay the \$100 *M.R.F.* renewal; passed. Motion by Steve to pay Brian for gas, \$50.75; passed.

Membership report: 73.

Board report: Brian reported on the 50/2 board of directors meeting, election of \$8.50 officers and the annual meering. Adjo

Legislative report: Extensive report from Rick Maish passed along.

Ways and means report: Rudy raffle tonight!.

Public relations report: None. Historian report: None.

Old Business Group riding protocols: Nothing Planned rides: January 10 — Portland motorcycle show.

Officer nominations/elections coordinator-Lee Eikanas vice coordinator-Steve Boston secretary—Brian Stovall treasurer—Lynne Kadlec board of directors representative 1-Brian Stovall board of directors representative 2-Del Nicholson legislative officer—Brian Stovall ways and means officer-Deb Lutje public relations-Rick Prentice historian-Johnna O'Neil/Cheryl DuQuist sgt at arms—Scott Goad webmaster—Justin Goad membership Sec—Del Nicholson

Motion by Brian to elect all nominated; passed. Lee passed out officer guidelines to everyone. New business

Coordinator's comments: Lee thanked everyone for being there.

Membership drawing for \$20 would have been won by Mike Mclenden if he had been at the meeting. It will be \$25 at the next meeting.

50/50 was won by Bob at \$8.50/ \$8.50

Adjourned 7:50 pm

Brian

Upcoming meetings

January 20, 2004 7:00 pm

<u>RIVER CITY MEETING</u> <u>TIMES and PLACE</u>

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm) Lone Pine Restaurant 335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)

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Greetings,

These are the brave people who stepped up to fill the officer positions.

coordinator: Loren Halvorsen vice coordinator: Mona Pulliam treasurer: Michelle J. FitzHenry recording secretary: Kathy DeMelo membership secretary: Sheryl Forrest sgt. at arms: Bill Pulliam sgt. at arms: Ray DeMelo sgt. at arms: Rick Alt Sgt. at Arms: Jeff Poulin state representative: Michelle quartermaster: Mona Pulliam education director: Shervl ways and means: Mona Pulliam legislative director: Michelle road captain/run coordinator: Loren Halvorsen road captain/run coordinator: Rick Alt chaplain: Bob Woodworker product director: Mona Pulliam

We didn't have a meeting really, just good food, friends with gifts, laughs and unleashed frivolity.

Rick Alt showed up with suggestions that are just what a chapter needs:

1. Begin phone tree - each person gets ten people from the membership list to call and ask them to stop on by the chapter meetings plus keeps them up to date on events.

2. Don't visit unfriendly bars like the ones that will not let you wear colors in. The chapter amended this: We could work with these bars to accept people with cutoffs and vests on that carry insignia 'cause all that is happening is misinformation on the bar owners side.

3. Begin the coordinators drawing each meeting, starting it at \$5.

Salem Chapter



Sorry Rick if I got anything wrong. I know I didn't write them all down. Sure am glad that Kathy is doing this next year.

Jennifer Chamberlain came back to visit so now she is just one of us, time to join up girl!

The toy run on December 14th was a blast. *Stayton Fire Department* gets special mention as they had donuts and coffee ready for us. We were able to donate \$400 to them this year thanks to the successful biker nights at the *Bottle Factory* and *Wooden Nickel*. Plus lots of nonperishable food items. A big *thank you* to all involved.

An event coming up that you really must attend is S.T.E.A.M. on Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 9:00 am. There will be classes on various officer positions plus one for people wanting to learn more about being a precinct committee person.

Mark your calendar for S.T.E.A.M. plus the *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* legislative summit. This summit will look into how to work effectively together and will be at the grange in The Dalles. The dates are March 27th and 28th, 2004.

May the new year bring you all the joy and happiness that you deserve. Acts of selfless love are definately in order.

My kindest regards to all,

Michelle Jayne FitzHenry a.k.a.: Crow Lady *Salem Chapter* Goddess

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm) Chalet Restaurant Market Street, Salem

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I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who stepped up and held an office last year. At our December meeting, we elected officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

coordinator-Charlie Hill vice coordinator-Michael Van Osdel treasurer—Carole Abshire secretary-Kris Iveans legislative director-Tom Shine membership secretary—Kris Iveans state representative-Tom Curran alternate state representative--Michael Van Osdel education director—Steve Corey ways-and-means—Francois D'Abeney public relations—Mary D'Abeney historian-Bill Shineflew sgt. of arms-Brian Bryan road captain-Greg Sause alternate road captain-Roger Freeman web page editor-Janet Jinker chaplain-Tom Curran

Welcome to the new officers and we appreciate your willingness to become involved with your chapter. Remember, a chapter is only as good as our members.

Once again this year we hosted *Shore Acres* and had a wonderful turn out and all had fun. What a great way to make the public aware of our organization and its objectives. People come from all over the world to see the displays at *Shore Acres* and we make every effort to talk to as many people as we can about motorcycles, education, safety and our community service. Those hosting *Shore Acres* got together afterwards to enjoy each others company and to celebrate a wonderful year.

The annual Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run was huge success. We collected over three truck loads of donated items, the local H.O.G. chapter donated an additional \$1,000. That doesn't include what Coos Cycle collected. Great job everyone.

We are already gearing up for this years activities, mall show, *Coos River Run, S.O.S.*, and many others. Each year they seem to grow bigger and bigger. This is *not* a bad thing. It just means more work.

Our very first event this year is the mall show at *Pony Village* on May 7th , 8th, and 9th. Shine your motorcycle and come on down. All are welcome. For further information contact Charlie Hill at (541)-759-2388 or check out our web site at:

www.southcoastabate.org

I would like to take this time to say that this is my first year as secretary

and I don't even own a motorcycle. I make the public aware of our organization and its objectives. People come from all over the world to see the displays at *Shore Acres* and we make every effort to talk to as many people *help* will be much appreciated.

> Many of our members were down over the holidays with various forms of the Coos County crud. I hope that everyone is feeling better and getting back to 100% . As you know good riding weather is just around the corner.

Ride safe and free,

Kris

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

Hey ya'll,

Happy Valentines Day.

Hope this finds you all warm and happy. Last month's storm was really a doozy.

Hopefully your homes fared better then ours. When east Portland started to thaw, our outside pipe burst and flooded our basement. We lost some mementos and Christmas decorations, but the house still stands and all the bikes wintered here are cool. Turtle is out for parts for repair as I write this.

Did everyone have a great New Year?

Ours was awesome. We got to spend some precious time with a good brother and his special lady, JR and Cynthia. All went well until we decided to go home and went out to get on the bike and found four inches of snow on it.

Turtle tarped the bike up and we tried for a taxi after getting JR on his way. There were no taxies to be had as everyone was in the same predicament. A rescue by D.G.L.D. was in the works and we finally made it home. What an adventure, but we were safe and all in all had a wonderful New Year.

Well, Southeast Portland Chapter has a lot in the works for this year. As I hope you all know, our chapter's 23rd anniversary party is next month, March 20th. The party will be at the *M&M Lounge*, same place our regular meetings are held. Matt Hobbs, our vice coordinator, will be hosting the party. Matt has the *Billionaire Bachelors* booked for your entertainment. There will be the famous broomstick pool tournament, a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. *Southeast Portland Chapter* invites you all and hopes you get a chance to come and celebrate our 23rd anniversary with us.

Preceding the anniversary party is Southeast Annual Canned Food Delivery. In past years, Craig Blair has chaired the committee for this event. Richard Ebeling has taken over this position and will lead the way to the Salvation Army's Lighthouse Mission.

I would like to note that every year our chapter donates approximately \$2,000 worth of canned food, rice and beans to the homeless of Portland. These funds are donated mainly from our chapter's members and their fellow employees. I think, myself, this is a fantastic accomplishment on all our parts. If you would like to help with the delivery we will leave the $M \dot{\mathcal{C}} M$ parking lot at approximately 11 am Saturday, March 20, and head to west Portland to deliver the groceries. Come on out and lend a hand, it will warm your heart to see the appreciation we receive.

Wasn't Rot's newsletter cover last month cool? *Southeast Chapter* has been thinking along those lines too.

At our most recent meeting we have set an agenda to develop goals for the chapter to accomplish this year. Some of these I would like to touch on this year, one being visiting other chapter meetings to see what they are up to, to get ideas from them, and to share ours also.

A.B.A.T.E. is a M.R.O. [Motorcycle Rights Organization] and "O" stands

for "Organization". You can't be organized if you don't know what others are doing or what help they need.

Membership involvement is another issue that rides along with that. We are a very large chapter who sees the same 40 or so souls each months. This is only 10% of our membership.

We are working on getting more involvement at our meeting by increasing our membership drawings each meeting. The drawings will be increased by \$5, as they were in the past but, have been bumped up by a \$50 initial pot. There will be no limit on the pot. It is up to \$70 right now. Trevor Able lost out on \$65 last meeting.

P.C.P. [precinct committee person] involvement is another goal we are working on for both parties. We have quite a few democratic party's P.C.P.s who do attend meetings and work for their party. At our last meeting there were only five representatives present and only two of them were elected P.C.P.s. *A.B.A.T.E.* has support on both political sides of the forum. We have the manpower and the heart; what we need is involvement.

Chapter rides after the meeting and a road captain to organize them have been mentioned, Those play into public relations. Our organization cannot depend solely on events and a newsletter to get the word out, nor can we rely on one officer (Billy Bob) from our chapter to do the same. We all need to get involved in this part of *A.B.A.T.E. A.B.A.T.E* is not just "those guys that don't want to wear a helmet". We are for the civil rights of every (continued from previous page)

person who live in this state, and country. When you are out talking with someone, whether you are sporting your A.B.A. T.E patch or not, get involved. Know what that patch and organization mean. Memorize your mission statement and be able to explain it.

It's not all just a party.

Later.

Mammy Tami

P.S. See you at S.T.E.A.M.



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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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Letter Of Enlightenment To Membership

I guess you could call this a bitch letter if you want to.

I have been in this organization since to be done. 1992 and I have seen and heard a lot of bitching and moaning about not [who] do. (If the percentage is that being able to get the helmet off my high, but I doubt it.) head.

Well now why is that?

There are a lot of reasons why, but the biggest problem is *lack of* participation from motorcyclists across the state.

for?

Totalitarian Enactments". (Political time to take a few hours out to help involvement.)

is that we have quit a few avenues to wasn't this done?" (oh daa). proceed on this matter and one is the P.C.P. part of it. It does not take much going on? to do this. You can become one and it opens a lot of doors for us. The point down and let you people know what I here is [that] the more members we feel on this. And by the way, we are have doing this the more we can not all bad. We know who we are, don't accomplish.

Another thing we have going thanks to Diesel Dave is our very own better? motorcycle caucus in which we have 16 members total. Now don't you think that is one sick situation with over 180,000 registered motorcyclists resolution is: "Let's correct this in the state of Oregon?

going strong. Join, get involved. It doesn't take any of your time. It is a freedom. To choose to or not to. great way to communicate and see what is happening.

If you want something to get done something. do it yourself. No one is going to do it for you!

BikePAC is another tool for you and the membership in that is just heartbreaking, if not the sickest. We should be supporting that big time!

Over 2,000 members and we are hurting to get the tasks done that need

Thanks to the 10% of the members

M.R.F. is also another tool for us as is N.C.O.M. and so many others.

And we have all the same problems. Lack.

A simple word, "lack", but has a big impact on what we are trying to A.B.A.T.E. What does that stand accomplish and that is freedom. I hear a lot about that and the ones I hear I know, "A Brotherhood Against from are the ones [who] don't have the out. Always "I got to do this or this" One thing that makes me very sad and the next day I hear "Well, why

Hell, where were you when this was

Well anyway I just had to put this we?

Do you all know how to make it

I do. It is called *participation by all*. Not a certain few.

So may I suggest that our new year's downfall and start participating in This is one group that should be things that are important in our lives."

And if you love to ride, that's called

Nothing, and I mean nothing, comes easy or free that means

Letter written and sent by: Lee Austin Southeast Chapter coordinator 10 December 2003

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Southern Oregon Chapter



In December Southern Oregon Chapter coordinator reminded members that since 2004 is an election year, they should consider getting more deeply involved in politics to defend our rights and expand our freedoms as motorcyclists. Membership in A.B.A. T.E. is just the basic commitment along with voting in each election. The next step is to join a party and help choose who will run in the general elections. To be most effective, Herb suggested that we apply for a position on the Democratic or Republican party precinct committee. (Precinct Committee Person). Here our influence on the existing and aspiring legislators in greatly increased.

Incumbent and new candidates depend heavily on the help of precinct committee members during their election campaigns. The more committee members who represent the interests of motorcyclists, the more consideration the candidates have, to give to their concerns. If you want to become more involved in *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission as a legislative watchdog on motorcycle related issues, give Herb a call for more detailed information about precinct committees.

Rick Maish, *A.B.A. T.E.*'s legislative director, will provide information to members of all chapters.

At an officers' meeting held January 7, 2004, it was unanimously agreed to hold the *Third Annual Sweetheart Ball* on February 14, 7 p.m. to midnight at the *Touville Lounge and Restaurant*, located at Table Rock and Modoc Roads northeast of Medford. Dinner will be \$5 and include a door prize ticket. There will be live music.

February, the monthly meeting will be held, on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. in *Abbey's Pizza*, Crater Lake Highway near Poplar Drive. But most of us show up about 6:00 pm for dinner, then the meeting at 7:00 pm. We have a pizza party coming up soon, probably the March meeting. *Abby's* buys us three giants and a bunch of soft drinks.

Robert Mumby secretary, Southern Oregon Chapter

SOUTHERN OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Wednesday at 1900 (7 pm) *Abby's Legendary Pizza* 2550 Crater Lake Highway Medford, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Washington County Chapter

WaCo's Ice Cycle had a respectable turnout of eight bikes and twenty-five people. Not bad for a cold, rainy day in between snow storms. Rich Virchow won \$29 in the 50/50 drawing and there were plenty of great door prizes. The *Copperstone* had warm food and the fire pit going.

Thanks to the *Copperstone* for being ready for a large group and welcoming the small one.

Thanks also to *Beaverton Honda-Yamaha* for once again allowing us to set up in their lobby and start out event at their location.

There was an officer meeting scheduled for 06 January at Cindy Henderson's, but it was canceled due to the snow storm. It will be rescheduled.

It is the slow time of year for some of us, our bikes hibernating in the garage. I look out the window and think that I should be out riding, especially since the temperatures are in the 40's, but I would still have to shovel the driveway to get to the street. Just driving around in the car can be a challenge with sand on the road and cars with fogged windows.

Maybe the Primadonna is better left in the garage. She's charged and ready to go at a moment's notice. I thought we might go on a birthday ride, but decided to go visit family on Mount Hood and build snowmen. Better to take the pickup for that. (And a wise decision after all.)

I have heard a lot of people are experiencing cabin fever, so by the time February hits and the snow has melted away, we should be ready to gather our friends and go for a ride.

Our January First Sunday Ride

consisted of Jim and I going to breakfast. We almost called it at 0915, but Rich and Margo showed up for breakfast. We stayed until 1000 for the appointed drawing, had the waitress draw the route and then headed to our respective homes. Miley, the waitress, pulled the windy (twisty) road route. Good choice when the ground is covered with ice!

Well, welcome to all new members. Thank you all incoming and outgoing officers as well as those who have stayed for another year of service.

Please be safe in your travels and we will see you on the road.

Watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells *WaCo* secretary

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Veteran's Memorial Building; 1626 Willamette Street Eugene

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Willamette Valley Chapter 2004











SUNDAY, DECEMBER STATUS SUNDAY, DECEMBER STATUS SUNDAY, DECEMBER STATUS SUNDAY, DECEMBER STATUS SUNDAY, SUNDAY 2/21/04 STEAM ... Always on the 3rd Saturday of February 2/28/04 Spring Casino Night... 4th Saturday of February 3/20 to 3/28 "Should be Spring Break" 4/18/04 Spfld Faith Center / CMA Bike Blessing and WVABATE 1st Ride.... 4th Sunday of March 4/11/04 Spring Roseberg Swap Meet... 2nd Sunday of April 4/25/04 Spring Portland Swap Meet 4th Sunday of April 5/1/04 May MC Awareness meet at the Capital... Always the 1st Saturday of May 5/22/04 Rhody Poker Run... 3rd Full Weekend in May 5/21 to 24/04 Labor Day Weekend and Fossil Run... 4th weekend of the May 6/11 to 14/04 Best of the West in Casper, WY 6/11 to 13/04 Red Wood Run 6/19 to 20/04 Iron Horse Rodeo .. 3rd weekend in June 7/4/04 WV 4th July Social 7/21/04 Annual Ride to Work Day... Happens annually on the 3rd Wednesday of July 8/9 to 8/15/04 Sturgis Week 8/20-22 SOS Run..... 3rd Weekend of August 9/17 to 19/04 should be the Eugene Celebration Weekend, 3rd weekend of September. 9/19/04 Should be Berkley North, always happens on the Sunday of the Eugene celebration 10/9/04 WVABATE Fall Casino Night. 2nd Saturday of October 10/16/04 ABATE Planning Meeting ... Always on the 3rd Saturady of October 10/24/04 Fall Roseberg Swap Meet 4th Sunday of October 11/2/04 AMA Calendar Sanctioning Meeting....1st Sunday of November 11/21/04 Fall Portland Swap Meet 3rd Sunday of November 12/12/04 WVABATE Eugene Mission Benifit

1st Sunday of December

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

10 January 2004

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator, Joe Laurance at 12:04 with 11 of the 15 chapters represented.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the December 13, 2003.

Correction to the treasury report. It should read "This year's taxes were completed by a hired accountant. Melinda researched several candidates before selecting them, as their rates were reasonable and they were able to handle a non-profit corporation's tax return. They charged \$2,300 for this year. Our thanks go to Joy Hoover, who has prepared our taxes in the past, at no charge."

Correction to elections:

BikePAC representative is Geoff White. (Geoff and Rick were both listed.)

Motion made by Doc Squires, seconded by Rick to approve minutes as corrected; motion carried.

Welcome of guests.

Coordinators Comments

Joe thanked those who came for braving the weather to get here. Joe had all the new state representatives introduce themselves and reminded them that they are the governing body of this meeting. The meetings are conducted by *Robert's Rule of Order*, questions are to be directed to Joe. Wait until officers give their reports before you ask questions. Joe also spoke about Peter DeFazio and the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act II that's coming up.

Correspondence: None was noted.

* * * Officers Reports * * *

Legislative director: Rick Maish submitted in packets his full report. Rick noted the latest news items from *M.R.F.* Also, if you would like more details on these items to become a member of *M.R.F.*

The first item is the *Motorcycle Safety Initiative*. Remember back in early December Mr. Buche of the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* suddenly decided to speak out against the *M.R.F.* January 2nd, he is supporting most of the initiatives.

Second item: *E.P.A.* issues new emission standards. The first tier emission standards will take effect in the 2006 model year and second tier will take effect in 2010. Manufacturers who produce fewer than 3,000 bikes will have to meet the first tier stands by 2008.

February 3rd is a special vote. Rick reminded all you need to vote, Rick has voter applications here today and you need to register by Monday or Tuesday in order to vote in this election.

P.C.P. information in your packets. Registration begins the middle of February and filing closes March 9.

There are some questions and answers in your packets for 2004.

Lee said he has more information on Buche, who had really hurt us. Lee left copies of the information that he had for the representatives to take back if they were interested.

Randy Phipps said go to the MRF.org for more information. He also got an e-mail from a biker in California where the legislature is



by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

trying to push through, you will be an automatic organ donor if caught without a helmet.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Geoff White said the BikePAC meeting was postponed and rescheduled for January 24, 2004 at 12:00 noon at the Salem Library. Also reminded all to mark your calendar for March 27 and 28 for the A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC Legislation Summit. The summit is how to work effectively together and will be at the grange in The Dalles. Also inviting all motorcycle clubs and organizations such as H.O.G., Gold Wing, Vespas etc. Mel has a flyer for the event.

Mel received a letter from congressman Peter DeFazio that read:

Thank you for your message regarding the motorcycle safety initiative. Representative Steven La Tourette and I are trying to include in the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU.) I appreciate hearing from you.

As you may know, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) recently announced that motorcyclist fatalities increased in 2002. This is the fifth straight year that rider fatalities have increased.

In response to the increasing fatalities, representative LaTourette and I are trying to include language in TEA-LU that directs N.H.T.S.A. to focus on crash prevention over injury reduction. We are also encouraging the establishment of a motorcyclist advisory council within F.H.W.A.'s office of the administrator.

Finally, we are pushing for the inclusion of motorcycle safety incentive grants that

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will assist and encourage states to expand motorcycle safety programs.

I appreciate your support for the motorcycle safety initiative. Thanks again for your message. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Peter DeFazio

Confederation of clubs representative: Ed Vaughn reported by e-mail that no meeting was held.

Confederation clubs of representative II: Michael Schneider was not present as he was attending the N.C.O.M. conference in Sacramento.

Education director: Geoff White said he has flyers for S.T.E.A.M. Please take them to all motorcycle shops.

Education director II: Nora Rohde was not present, excused.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy couldn't make it as she was at the Easyrider Bike Show working our A.B.A.T.E. booth. Ted read her report and noted 324 members in the last three months signed up. Welcome to the new year? As is the usual case, most chapters held elections last month, and most have taken the time to send me an updated list, or have made a report to the newsletter, from which I was able to update their officer list. Chapter representatives: I have included a copy of your chapter officer roster. Please verify names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses at your next meeting, then send me any corrections and additions. I would like to get more e-mail addresses if possible. It sure makes everyone's job easier to communicate via the internet.

Complete membership report is in the packets. We continue to grow, thanks to everyone who is out there talking about A.B.A.T.E. and getting others to sign up.

Cindy, Rot Path, and myself are down. hoping for a big turnout today at the Easyrider Bike Show. We hope to sign up lots of new folks. We look forward to seeing everyone in February at the checking went to the accountant, state board meeting and S.T.E.A.M.!

present, he is at the Easyrider Bike Show. Excused. He wanted to thank everyone for their timely submissions of reports.

Products: Michelle Hobbs not present, excused. Michelle will be offering a polo shirt embroidered with A.B.A.T.E. for \$20 at the next meeting.

Public relations: McCrossen no present, excused.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Duane Calkins was not present, excused.

State swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton reported moving along with Roger's excellent help. Flyers are ready for the representatives to take back and get them out.

State run coordinator II: Michelle FitzHenry reports it's January and time for Fossil [c.o.e.—t-shirt design]. Need camera ready art work by March board meeting. The winner will receive two shirts and two tickets. All chapters need to supply three door prizes, two five gallon cans of gas, a roll of caution tape and a box of garbage bags. Also, need a 3/4 ton truck to use by Wednesday before Fossil. Talk to sgt. at arms to do security at *Fossil*. Tickets

will be available at the next board meeting. Need volunteers to help at the run. Need at least one person from each chapter to come up early to set up and need one to stay late to tear

Treasurer: Ted Tracy reported \$5,400 in checking; money market \$57,469.25 most of the money from at Kurt.

Chapter auditor: Nancy not Newsletter editor: Rot Path was not present, excused. Ted reported that Nancy and Tom Curran, Jill Tracy, and Cindy Henderson met with the accountant who prepared our taxes last year, in order to see what we could do now to prepare for next year, and to ease the preparation of next year's taxes. He suggested a new on-line program for Quicken. Nancy will investigate further and report back. Melinda Nancy's January report was included in the packets. There are still several chapters who are not in compliance with reporting.

> Historian: Iris Yeager reported we need all motorcyclists to be aware and work together. Please come join us in our efforts to know what needs to be done and the best way to do it. February 21, 2004 is a big day for us. S.T.E.A.M., please come and learn how you can be a part of a SuperTEAM. We need to be aware of what's going on to teach the public as these people have no idea about motorcycling.

> Webpage editor: Maddog was not in attendance-excused.

> Vice coordinator—north: Larry Brown reported he is going to do his best to get to all the chapters to see how he can coordinate between them

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and the state coordinator.

Vice coordinator—south: Tim Rohde was not present, excused.

Vice coordinator-east: Bob Hadley was not present, excused.

Sergeant-at-arms-north: Matt Hobbs has stepped down from this position. This position is now open. State representatives, please take this information back to your chapters as we will elect next moth.

Squires reported that he is willing to do what ever he needs to do as long as it doesn't put him jail. Geoff White noted that the third session at S.T.E.A.M. will help him with his questions about this position.

Sergeant-at-arms-east: Keith on the officer listing. Odoms was not present, excused.

Sanctioning officer: Ron Vonsild reported the insurance has been taken care of for S.T.E.A.M. and the spring swap meets. By May he needs events list for the year with sanctioning work sheets and flyers.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton. Steve reported he hasn't done the things from the planning session yet due to the snow.

Committee Reports

1. Run committee: Disburse Fossil flyers. Ted said they had a big meeting and spending a lot of time and working hard to get things done.

Unfinished Business

Planning session was deferred till next month.

Washington D.C. trip: Joe and Rex will be representing us, nothing done yet, want to talk to DeFazio first who has been stuck in Washington state due to plane flight cancellations. Will set calendar and agenda once we get to

speak to him.

New Business

congressman DeFazio, specific to his is efforts on behalf of the organization individually. known as A.B.A.T.E. in the state of Oregon and elsewhere. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Baton, state representative for Sergeant-at-arms—south: Doc Southeast Portland had a few question outside of classes. from his chapter:

> Update the business registry. They & Grill are two years past due and show the wrong officers.

Ted reported a check had been sent 25 July 2003 and that he would check Eugene.

Explain the S.O.S. filing and does [Dallas-c.o.e.]. this need to be brought up to the state board first. Charlie reported that the reason for this was to protect S.O.S. as an A.B.A.T.E. function. Pat from Southern Oregon had applied for that business name in an attempt to keep us from using it and since we (S.O.S. Coalition) had spent money for advertising under that name, the coalition wanted to make sure we were protected and the coalition paid for the business names.

Explain the money market account. Ted said this is a saving account and the accountant didn't say we couldn't have it. Spike clarified that as a nonprofit, you can use the profit as long as the money is used back in the organization. This is legal through the eyes of I.R.S.

Iris would like to see the names, addresses, phone numbers etc. printed for the membership to write letters to the legislatures. Roger said chapters

should send thank you letters to the ones [who] help us like DeFazio. The 1. Motion made by Doc Squires, chapters should buy a roll of stamps seconded by Steve Baton that a plaque and put together a letter for each with a letter of appreciation for person to sign. It has more weight if it hand written and signed

Announcements

Willamette Valley has a trailer with a vendor window available for use.

S.T.E.A.M.- M.A.P.S. class available

17 January: Cabin Fever at Rock's Bar

14 February:

Sweetheart Dance - Columbia River 28 February: Spring Casino Night in

29 February: Ice Breaker at noon in

Lee noted March 20, 7 pm to 1 am M&Ms

26 March: Biker night for Hub City

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Melinda McCrossen and Geoff White on a poker run. See Melinda does ride! (photo by Mike Friend)



Some days just ain't conducive to ridin'. (photo by Rot Path)

Education Directors

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

This is the time to get educated and motivated, people! The Seminar To Educate And Motivate is swiftly approaching. On Saturday, February 21st we invite you to our yearly conference for motorcyclists who have decided to become an active member of an organization or motorcycling interest group.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. has always held the belief that our power comes from the people in our organizations. There is a wealth of knowledge and inspiration throughout our ranks.

These people have come together to help you learn what it means to become involved, informed, empowered, and inspired. We must applaud you for your decision to join us in our attempt to preserve the rights and enthusiasm of motorcycling in the northwest. S.T.E.A.M. is designed with you in mind.

We'll help answer those questions of :

" Now that I've joined, what do I do?"

"What is the most efficient use of my talents?"

" How do I find the information that will help me to succeed in my goals and projects?"

"What can our organization achieve?" "What's in it for me?"

Come and visit with us on Saturday, February 21st. and find out.

Here is a brief description of what you'll find at the S.T.E.A.M. this year:

We are honored to have Karen Bolin, the president of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, as our guest speaker this year. Come meet and hear from a key player in the motorcyclists' rights movement. Karen has been and continues to be a dedicated, experienced, and inspirational influence in the arena of motorcyclists' rights and desires. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is continuously striving to ensure that our voices are heard on a federal level regarding matters that involve motorcyclists throughout the country. Karen Bolin will also facilitate a seminar on winning through networking in legislative action.

There will be a seminar to discuss leadership skills. If you wish to become a leader in a motorcycle organization, come and participate in this workshop. Learn from those who have held the positions.

We will have a seminar on how to promote your chapter or organization. Learn how to encourage and nurture an active membership, past, present, and future through activities and functions.

We offer a seminar on security in the organization. If you are interested in our events, see how we need a strong security system to ensure success and satisfaction for all who attend.

There will be a seminar regarding political involvement on a federal level. Hear from people who have spent time in the nation's capitol. See what works in political lobbying for motorcyclists' rights on a federal level.

Do you enjoy some of our events and functions? Come to a seminar and learn how you can be a part of the process to provide an entertaining and successful event.

We have a seminar to illustrate on the needs as well as the benefits from becoming a member in multiple motorcyclists' rights organizations. See what M.R.F., A.M.A., BikePAC, A.M.O., and other acronyms are and why you should get to know them. See what BikePAC of Oregon does and find out what's going on in your own state regarding motorcycling and riders interests politically. BikePAC is here to protect your interests on a state level.

Be a part of this valuable team. We'll show you how to work in "grassroots politics". Learn how you can be effective without spending money in the political process. (Pretty cool trick, huh?)

For all you money handlers, we'll have a class on accounting and financial control. Financial officers are encouraged to attend this session. Protect the assets of your organization and provide the financial security to help your team achieve success.

Learn how to spot when your organization is spending too much energy on inner conflicts. See how to avoid the conflicts that tend to sap our energy. Remember that we can win the battles, but still lose the war.

We have a seminar on how to use the internet to research your political agendas. "Get wired and connected" for success in your organization.

If there is interest, we will hold a certification class for motorcycle awareness instructors.

See how much there will be going on Saturday, February 21st.

Come to Salem, Oregon and the

Chemeketa Community College campus to be a part of our event.

Remember that we need your input on these topics for us all to learn, become strong and successful in the years to come. We hope to see you this year at S. T.E.A.M. and....spread the awareness, y'all.

Take care, ride. <grin> Geoff White, Nora Rohde

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Historian

by Iris Yeager



Here we are, citizens and residents in the land of choices and rights.

Each adult with the right to choose and pursue his or her way of lifewithin the laws of the land, of course.

We have chosen, as a transportation and recreation, to use motorcycles. We know what makes sense to us, as users of motorcycles, as to what rules are best. Some have been riding for many years and in many different situations so are aware of needs.

The problems we have about laws concerning motorcycling are due to the non-riding fear and lack of knowledge. Much of their information gained through movies and other entertainment meant to excite not inform. There are also some riders who like to show off, which gives a false impression, to others, about motorcyclists in general.

There are many groups of motorcyclist throughout our U.S.A.

All wanting to enjoy the rides and gatherings with friends with like interests.

Many motorcyclists are also very concerned that the laws concerning our motorcycling be user-friendly and fair -to all- including the riders.

Much effort has been and is now being made to help law makers (government) aware of problems and rights. We have organized BikePAC here in Oregon and M.R.F. up in Washington D.C. to help our legislators make correct decisions concerning motorcycling rules by keeping them informed properly.

A.B.A.T.E. is a big contributor to the efforts to keep our state government

properly informed and get fair laws enacted in our behalf.

We need all motorcyclists to be aware and work together. Please come join us in our efforts to know what be a part of a SuperTEAM. needs to be done and the best way to do it.

February 21, 2004 is a big day for us.

S.T.E.A.M.

Please come and learn how you can



From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

Well folks, here we are again.

Of course I'm writing in January for the February issue of the sack.

Right now, it's snowing to beat the band and I'm in Portland, Oregon, for God's sake! It's not supposed to snow *this* much here. There are around seven inches on the ground right now and doesn't look like its gonna stop. On top of that we have this freezing rain and sleet.

Folks who live in Portland have no idea how to drive in this stuff. You can see 'em on the news, playing bumper cars on the roadways.

Your Sackmaster here lives in central Oregon, in the Crooked River Ranch country, between Redmond, and Madras and not too far from Bend.

When I left home to come to Portland, there was two feet of snow in my driveway. Coming over Mount Hood on highway 26 was no problem with my studded tires and four-wheel drive. Now there's a thick layer of ice on the pavement in Portland. I guess I'll leave the scoot in the garage . . . at least for today!

Newsbit's-N-Pieces

Jakarta — Looks like the local companies who manufacture motorcycles in Indonesia aren't looking for new investment, even though the demand is rising there, according to this story I saw online from the Jakarta Post. What's the reason? Well, they don't need new investors because they're selling damn near three million bikes a year over there!

Again I say, why not here? Why is

the rest of the world building and riding more and more bikes and all we get is more S.U.V.'s? Not to mention *N.H.T.S.A.* doing their level best to get bikes off the roads altogether.

Los Angeles, California — The 2003 BMW R 1150 R Rockster is one of B.M.W.'s most stylish and agile scooters. In a new film called Paycheck, this bike will join a cast that includes Ben Affleck and Uma Thurman. The \$10,790 B.M.W. moves real fast when things get sticky. Might be a movie to go see. This bike was recently introduced in the U.S.A. from Europe and I'm told the thing is quick as scat.

Flandreau, South Dakota — A few weeks before this writing, representative Bill Janklow filed a motion asking that he either be acquitted of second-degree manslaughter or granted a new trial, claiming prosecutors didn't present enough evidence to convict him of manslaughter when he killed a biker because he was speeding and had run through a stop sign. I guess Janklow doesn't have a lot of faith in the integrity of the people on the jury. Turned out that the jury sure did have integrity, since he was convicted. Next [there] is liable to be an appeal.

Come on senator, quit playing games and for once in your life take responsibility for your own actions.

North Carolina — Lying on the ground with his motorcycle handle bar jammed six inches into his abdomen, Brian Shipwash reached into his pocket and pulled out a small box, that was broken and bloody, and asked his sweetie if she would marry him. He'd meant to surprise her at her home but



the accident changed things for him. By the way she said *yes*.

A Doctored Quote

My boss Sam Hochberg showed me this quote recently. It's the original dedication from Arthur Kinoy's *Disorientation Handbook* for the *N.L.G. (National Lawyers Guild)*, and it reads like this:

"The test for a people's lawyer is not always the technical winning or losing of the formal proceedings. The real test is the impact of the legal activities on the morale and understanding of the people involved in the struggle."

If you paraphrase that quote to honor our A.I.M. attorneys, it reads: "The test for an A.I.M. lawyer (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) is not always the technical winning or losing of the formal proceedings. The real test is the impact of the legal activities on the morale and understanding of the people involved in the struggle."

This sure does apply to our *A.I.M*. lawyer guys.

Every time I read a press release about what any *one* of them did for biker's rights or hear about a good settlement for an injured biker, *my* morale really *is* lifted, and my understanding *is* improved.

Along with all the other bikers rights warriors out there, *these* folks inspire us all. Now if I wasn't such an *old* fart, I'd be thinking real seriously about going to law school, just because *these* **A.I.M.** *lawyers make a difference* in our world. The least I can do is spread the word. For more information or for a free consult on any rights issue or injury claims, call the main A.I.M. number, and they'll put you in touch with the A.I.M. lawyer for your state. Call 1-800-On-A-Bike, or check 'em out on the web at www.On-A-Bike.com. or

www.AIMNCOM.com.

New York — The New York Times. that is. That's in New York. So a few months back, our story-scavenger, my boss, Oregon A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg, ran into a good one.

The Times ran a Living section cover piece about some of us over-the-hill bikers, or at least over-50 bikers, and our bad backs from years of riding, lifting, trucking, or what-not.

The picture showed a biker with his hardtail, and he said he *had* to ride it, as a matter of pride, but he couldn't ride it very *long* anymore. Some guys I know can hardly walk after a good ride! What *I'd like to know* is what we can *do* about it!

Maybe, we swallow our pride a little and get a softer ride. I finally realized some years ago that I didn't have to prove to anybody that I was an old time rider so that's what I did.

Any Sack readers out there who've found a better way to ride with a lousy back, can e-mail me and Sam at AIMGunny@aol.com and SamBikeLaw@aol.com, or if you don't have a computer, FAX it to Sam at (503)-224-3869, and we'll put together a special Back-Sack edition if we get some responses! We'll give you credit for it, and we'll even give away an A.I.M. t-shirt to the best solution. The funny part is the name of the Times' story: Not So Easy Riders.

Pennsylvania — In February 1999 a child was asphyxiated while wearing a bicycle helmet and playing on playground equipment. Evidently he

was caught between two over lapping horizontal platforms when his helmet would not fit through the gap between them where his body had already gone. Pressure on his chest as his lower body dangled prevented him from breathing.

bothers me. Our kids are our heritage and we need to be sure they are reasonably safe when they play. Why in the world would any child need a helmet when playing on playground equipment?

It was later found that the gap between the bars on the play equipment was too close together and the helmet would not pass through the opening. There are guidelines about that sort of thing that manufacturers are required to follow now. Nevertheless, I can't say it any stronger, parents are responsible for their kid's safety. I think my kids would have to go without helmets unless the toys they were playing with had wheels.

Bikers Roar Over Insurance Issues And File Suit Seeking Return Of \$100 Million In Excessive Premiums And Cover Overcharging

Massachusetts — Bikers in Boston are suing the Division of Insurance and Automobile Insurers Bureau saying they've been overcharged more than \$100,000,000 in premiums. "For two years at public rate hearings we've brought these issues of coverage not available to motorcycle consumers to the commissioner and the Auto Insurers Bureau (A.I.B.)," said Betsy Lister of Medford, a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.) and

owner of a Medford insurance agency. "And for two years we've been put off."

Now they will be heard I'll betcha. And I'm thinkin' maybe some of the rest of us in other states need to take a look at what those insurers are doing.

By the way, besides sitting on the Parents, this sort of thing really M.M.A. board, Betsy puts out a great biker newsletter! If you're interested, send an e-mail to my boss, Sam Hochberg, and he can get you in touch with Betsy to get the free newsletter. Sam checks his e-mail all the time, so drop him а line at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom

Gunny Oregon A.I.M. chief of staff

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American Motorcyclist Association

The A.M.A. is hosting а Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in congress or their local councils.

The seminar is March 6-9 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, DC. Participants will meet and learn from the A.M.A.'s Washington staff, as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and lobbying elected officials.

Participants will also prepare to meet face-to-face with members of their congressional delegation. But the seminar isn't all work; there will be a welcome reception, as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the seminar.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. The registration deadline is February 11.

A.M.A. membership is required. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at

(614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by email at: stitus@ama-cycle.org

The Environmental Protection Agency will require motorcycles nationwide to meet new strict emissions standards beginning with the 2006 models, under new rules issued December 23. But the new rules give small-volume motorcycle manufacturers a break in meeting the new standards, and provide for exemptions for certain motorcycles. The E.P.A. rules set new emissions

standards that are the same as those adopted by the state of California, but will go into effect two years after California's standards. The first tier of the new national standards will go into 2010.

The new national emissions standards are expected to result in an increased use of fuel injection and catalytic converters on new motorcycles. Some motorcycles sold in the United States already meet California's strict 2008 standards, which are the same as the planned federal E.P.A. 2010 standard.

The California standard that begins with the current model year, 2004, and the federal standard that will take effect for the 2006 model year, require new motorcycles to emit no more than 1.4 grams per kilometer traveled of Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, and 12 grams per kilometer of carbon monoxide.

Under the new rule, manufacturers who build fewer than 3,000 motorcycles a year, and who have fewer than 500 employees, don't need to meet the first-tier emissions standards until 2008. They also aren't required to meet the second-tier standards.

The E.P.A. also provides certain exemptions for "kit" and custom motorcycles. Nothing in the new rules changes what owners may do legally to customize their motorcycles.

Missouri state representative John Cauthorn (R- Mexico) has pre-filed senate bill 744 for the 2004 session. SB744 revises section 302.020 of the Missouri revised standards to allow persons 21 and older the choice whether or not to wear a helmet while effect in 2006 and a second tier in riding a motorcycle with a helmet. This bill is similar to house bill 770 pre-filed by state representative Dan Ward (D- St. Francois County) and supported by the Show-Me State's M.R.O. (Motorcyclist's Rights Organization) Freedom Of Road Riders of Missouri, Inc.

> Kentucky representative Don Pasley (D - Winchester) has introduced BR1012 to enable the issuance of special military-related license plates for motorcycles. This requires proof that the person is associated (active, retired or veteran) with the U.S. Army, Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Kentucky National Guard, Merchant Marine (with service between December 7, 1941, and August 15, 1945), or Civil Air Patrol.

Disabled veterans, purple heart recipients, and recipients of the congressional medal of honor licensed under this will not be charged any registration fees.

Bluegrass State riders in favor of this legislation need to contact their elected officials now to express their support. To locate and/or e-mail your representative go to A.M.A. State Watch at: http://capwiz.com/amacycle/ officials/state/?lvl=L&state=ky



The U.S. congress, in the next few weeks, will be considering legislation called the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003, S.A.F.E. T.E.A.*. There is a provision in this legislation of particular interest and that is the *Recreational Trails Program (R.T.P.)*.

The R.T.P. was established in 1991 as a part of I.S. T.E.A. and improved through T.E.A.-21. This program utilizes a portion of the federal tax receipts attributable to off-highway recreational activities including A.T.V. riding, motorcycling, snowmobiling and 4x4s for purposes of maintaining and improving recreational trails throughout the country. Since its inception, literally millions of Americans have benefited from the recreational trails that have been developed and maintained in every state of the union with monies from this program. And, it is important to note that these trails are both motorized and non-motorized trails.

The *Federal Highway Administration*'s most recent estimate of the amount of tax revenue generated by off-highway recreational activities is \$286 million annually. The *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.* legislation has proposed that just 21% of this revenue contributed by off-highway recreationists be devoted to the *R.T.P.* program.

Because of the importance of this program and the fact that every year more and more Americans seek to use recreational trails for a variety of activities, the *A.M.A.* believes that a more appropriate figure should be 50% of the \$286 million annual revenue figure. Investing more revenue from off-highway generated taxes to improve the safety of such activities by constructing and maintaining recreational trails is an appropriate use of these monies.

The bill and a sample letter of support can be found on the *Rights* page of: www.AMADirectLink.com

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

You Can't Believe Everything You See

by yer crusty ol' editor, Rot Path

The photo at the upper right shows this month's cover with one of our education directors, Geoff White, at the throttle of an 0-4-0 steam powered switch engine pushing a snow plow to clear the tracks for S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate) later this month.

The lower right photo shows what was really going on: a pair of 1/24th scale models perched on boards and track straddling the bed of Rot Path's farm pickup. *PhotoShop* was used to add Geoff's image in the cab, steam to the smoke stack, a light beam to the plow's lamp, and to relabel the plow and engine. The snow is real.



A Massive Snow Job? ... Yes!



Because the original photographic was modified and no longer presents a truthful image, it has been labeled as a "photo illustration".

Publications with journalistic integrity will label modified photos as such. Those who seek to deceive readers will try to present their illusions as reality.

Keep this lesson in mind so that you can be an informed reader, getting your information from reliable sources.

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American Motorcyclist Association

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.S.F. Supports Murkowski *Motorcycle Safety Amendment*

In response to the outcry from motorcyclists nationwide regarding remarks that *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* (M.S.F.) president Tim Buche made before key U.S. senate staff December 10, 2003, the M.S.F. has apparently reversed its position and has now announced its support for the majority of the initiatives contained in the Motorcycle Safety Amendment sponsored by U.S. senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). Announcing its new position in a January 2, 2004 posting on its web site (www.msfusa.org), the M.S.F. has all but withdrawn and disassociated itself from the host of concerns that Buche expressed at that December 10 meeting.

Built on the principle of crash prevention, the Murkowski Motorcycle Safety Amendment satisfies numerous action recommendations by the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (N.A.M.S.), including three of the four highest priority N.A.M.S. recommendations. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (S.M.R.O.s) nationwide have been publicly fine-tuning and promoting the initiatives that form the framework of senator Murkowski's amendment for almost two years. Input was welcomed throughout that time period from all affected and/or interested parties.

Until December 10, the *M.S.F.* had never expressed any concerns regarding the motorcycle safety initiatives being crafted by the *M.R.F.* and S.M.R.O.s. Therefore, it was alarming to the numerous *M.R.F.* and S.M.R.O. representatives to hear Mr. Buche express his concerns for the first time at such an important meeting and in front of such a key audience. For more details

regarding Mr. Buche's statements, see *M.R.F. E-Mail Alert 03NR44* at http://www.mrf.org/newsarchive.php.

Remarks posted on the M.S.F. web site on January 2 now assert not only that the M.S.F. did not attack the proposed Murkowski amendment, but that the *M.S.F.* is now very supportive of the bulk of the amendment. The portion of the amendment that deals with the administrative structure of rider training programs is the only remaining concern expressed by the M.S.F. However, according to M.R.F. president Karen Bolin, "Based on the existing financial and administrative structure for rider training in most states, the Murkowski amendment is right on target, and the M.R.F. does not plan to seek any changes to the current language at this time."

M.R.F. Developing In-depth Analysis of E.P.A. Motorcycle Emissions Regulation

Led by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (S.M.R.O.s), motorcycle riders saw the results of a three-year effort to influence the rule making process when the *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) released its final rule on street motorcycle emissions December 23. The final rule is complex, the results are mixed, and with the promise of still another rule making in 2006 the battle is far from over.

Major Accomplishments

1. Postponement of small-volumemaker compliance with Tier 1 (not 2006 as required of major manufacturers, but 2008) and exemption from Tier II (required of major manufacturers in



2010);

2. A measure of compliance flexibility for some impacted businesses;

3. Additional restrictions (e.g., retrofitting, anti-tampering devices) avoided; and

4. Definition of small-volume makers (as those making less than 3000 units annually) maintained.

Concerns

Regulating Engine Makers?

In the final rule, the *E.P.A.* stated its intention to "pursue development of a program that would apply emission standards to motorcycle engine manufacturers." This is a major regulatory development we are continuing to evaluate. Certainly, it will increase costs to engine makers and their customers. It may drive down the number of engines available or engine makers in business, causing a chilling effect on the rider/consumer marketplace.

One Dream Bike . . . In A Lifetime?

The *E.P.A.* issued "two special exemptions" which adversely impact independent shops and the after market:

First, the agency exempts from emissions certification "elaborate custom motorcycles...created for display by collectors." The exemption, however, does not address "elaborate custom motorcycles...created" for riding by riders.

Second, the agency exempts bikes produced "by any person building a motorcycle from a kit for individual use...This provision is limited to one motorcycle per individual over the life of the provision." The exemption applies to the owner of the kit, not an independent shop: "Parties or businesses who purchase kit motorcycles for assembly and retail sale are not covered by this exemption."

2006: The All-Important Year

The *M.R.F.* is preparing for a separate and equally important rule making on highway motorcycles slated for 2006. The small-volume maker exemption and other provisions in the "final" rule will be on the table in 2006 when the *E.P.A.* participates in the *California Air Resources Board*'s "technology progress review."

The Future

In the future, S.M.R.O.s will play a key role when the *M.R.F.*-SMRO team up:

• Advocates on behalf of motorcycling small businesses as well as rider freedom.

• Continues to advocate for creation of a new category of special construction custom motorcycle makers to protect independent shops that manufacture less than 100 motorcycles per year.

• Continues to advocate for an annual production figure more than 3,000 as the definition of small-volume makers.

• Continues to advocate for greater compliance flexibility for after market makers of "kit bikes" and those who assemble them.

• Advocates for the strengthening of the *Small Business Regulatory Enhancement Fairness Act* of 1996 (*S.B.R.E.F.A.*) and better *S.B.R.E.F.A.* compliance by federal agencies.

The *M.R.F.* will continue to solicit and review comments from S.M.R.O.s, small businesses and individual riders with respect to this *E.P.A.* rule. We will continue in our efforts work with S.M.R.O.s and the after market industry through the 2006 review and fight on behalf of motorcycling small businesses

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 bimonthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.

and custom motorcycle consumers. The *M.R.F.* is developing a lengthy in-depth technical analysis of this *E.P.A.* ruling, which will be posted on our web site in the near future. The *M.R.F.*'s strategic plan for the continued battle to protect rider and consumer freedom, small businesses, and the after market industry will be based on that analysis.

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

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E.P.A. Sets Emissions Standards For Street Bikes

On December 23, 2003 the *Environmental Protection Agency* announced the first new emission standards for highway motorcycles in 25 years, but certain concessions from the federal regulatory agency indicate that three years of opposition and resistance from America's motorcycle rights network has succeeded in producing a more palatable ruling.

By 2010, motorcycle manufacturers will be required to slash tailpipe emissions by more than 80 percent by using improved technologies such as secondary air injection, electronic fuel injection systems, liquid cooling and catalytic converters, though none of those technologies are mandated in the new regulations.

These reductions will be phased in over a two-tier implementation plan that will require manufacturers of onhighway motorcycles, small scooters and mopeds to meet strict new emissions limits by 2006, and even more stringent levels set for 2010.

New motorcycles over 280 cc's sold in the United States beginning in 2006 must emit no more than 1.4 grams per kilometer of hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), and levels of those pollutants must be cut to .8 g/km by 2010. Previously, motorcycles were allowed up to 5.0 grams per kilometer traveled of HC, and NOx was unregulated. Allowable carbon monoxide levels will remain unchanged 12 g/km. at Manufacturers will be allowed to "average" the emissions levels of the bikes they produce, so cleaner running

models can make up for more pollutant counterparts.

Sections of the rule dealing with customization were most impacted by riders' efforts, and the *E.P.A.* contends that the new regulations will not have any adverse affect on the after market industry. Nothing in the new regulations will change what owners may do legally to customize their motorcycles, they claim, though it's important to note that it is already a violation of the *Clean Air Act* to tamper with pollution control equipment.

Also, small volume manufacturers who build fewer than 3,000 motorcycles a year, and who have fewer than 500 employees, are exempted from the first-tier pollution limits until 2008, and will not be required to meet the second-tier standards at all. There is also a onetime exemption for the owner/builder of a kit bike.

The new federal regulations are based largely on emissions standards already taking effect in California for the 2004 model year, except on a twoyear delay basis, though California's regulations do not allow for these exemptions.

All in all, motorcycling activists can be proud of their efforts to protect their rights as consumers and the liberties of our lifestyle. But rest assured that the fight ain't over, and the *E.P.A.* intends to revisit the street bike regulations in 2006.—

Organ Donor Bill Amended, Killed In Committee

AB 1200 started out as a nice, "clean" helmet modification bill, allowing motorcyclists 18 and older the option of wearing a helmet in California. Then, just one week before the measure was to be heard in the assembly transportation committee, the bill was amended to include mandatory organ donation as a requirement to ride free.

The bill's author, assemblyman John Longville (D-San Bernardino) amended the bill without consulting the bill's sponsor, *A.B.A.T.E. of California*, in a misguided effort to find a "creative solution" to help the bill gain the votes needed to pass.

Obviously, this was one solution that didn't sit well with the riding community, and when the bill was heard in committee on January 12, in front of a room packed with motorcyclists from all over the Golden State, AB 1200 was further amended to remove the offensive amendment and any reference to organ donation. The original bill language was then voted on and the bill lost by 9 aye votes to 11 no votes.

Hundreds of riders who rallied at the capitol that day had hoped that a motorcycle-riding governor would aid their cause, and some carried signs asking governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to "Terminate the Helmet Law."

Despite the setback, Jean Hughes, legislative director of *A.B.A.T.E.*, told

the *Sacramento Bee* newspaper, "We'll be back."

Helmet Laws Deter Tourism

When concerned out-of-state riders began writing to the *Nebraska Tourism Division* seeking their support in shelving the state's mandatory helmet law (LB303), the director agreed that more riders would travel through their state if helmets were optional.

"You are not alone," wrote Dan Curran, director of the *Nebraska Division of Travel and Tourism*, in response to a letter from Richard Hall from *A.B.A.T.E. of California.* "There are a number of people that want the law modified or removed. In my job, I can't lobby for or against the issue. But, you are correct, we would see a positive economic impact during the annual *Sturgis* migration with a more liberal helmet law."

Bikers Want To Parade Topless

On December 15, the Massachusetts house of representatives engrossed H 206, a bill to exempt motorcyclists participating in public parades from the helmet law.

"House, No. 206 now goes over to the senate for its action," said Paul Cote, legislative director for the *M.M.A.* of Massachusetts. "Maybe when the *M.M.A.* storms the state house on Thursday, May 20, 2004 we'll have a 'parade!' I like that idea!"

"Get Your Rocks Off"? Our Roads!

A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania has sponsored a bill to require trucks to cover their loads to prevent spills and road hazards. Representative Stan Saylor introduced HB 880 to increase the fines for violations and further defines what the violations are.

"Those from the trucking industry still maintain that enforcement is the problem and that the current law is sufficient," said John Mullendore, legislative coordinator for A.B.A. T.E. and a member of the N.C.O.M. board of directors. However, as A.B.A. T.E.'s lobbyist Charles Umbenhauer points out, enforcement wasn't a problem when it came to helmets so he isn't buying that argument.

"We're not looking to drive a wedge between bikers and truckers," said Mullendore, adding that they hope to come to an agreement between the two groups. "Some of the biggest violators are weekend movers in pickups and people hauling mulch and the like. These too are included in the law."

Quotable Quote

"In the rush to cure all the ills to which humans are heir, liberty is too often an innocent bystander, and an accidental casualty."

> -- Barry Goldwater former Arizona senator, presidential candidate (1909-1998)

N.C.O.M. Convention Reminder

The National Coalition of otorcyclists will hold their 19th annual N.C.O.M. Convention from May 6 to 8, 2004, at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 South Meridian Avenue, in Oklahoma City, OKlahoma, hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. For room reservations, call (800)-522-6620 and mention N.C.O.M. for the special room rate of \$70.64, including tax, for up to four folks per room. Convention registration is \$75 and includes the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 without the banquet. For additional information, or to pre-register, contact *N.C.O.M.* at (800)-525-5355.

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What I did on my Summer Vacation

The Southwest Geology Tour

by Jill Tracy



There wasn't anyplace to pull over, and the rain/snow/sleet was still coming down, so I continued on, until I saw the sign for a rest area.

I pulled to the shoulder, and after about ten minutes, Ted pulled up, motioned me to follow him into the rest area. After grabbing some more dry stuff to put on, we ran up to the rest area building. Fortunately, there was a large, dry enclosed area to sit and watch the nasty weather outside.

Ted told me that Becky had some bike problems but Rick had it figured out, and they were going to meet us along the road. Just a few more minutes, and there they were, some very soaking wet, cold bikers!

You would think that after all the years of riding, we would have learned that very important lesson of putting on all the rain gear before the rain hits. But none of us expected quite that heavy of a rainfall, along with the snow/sleet and the chilly temps, especially after leaving Moab at 95-100 degrees!

Ted and I elected to press on, since we were only 100 miles from a nice, warm hotel room in Denver, but the others chose to stay and wait out the worst of the rain.

I'm sure glad I had my electric gloves! My hands were wet, but warm! We got checked in, and showered, warmed up and clean clothes on, just in time to meet the other four soggy bikers in the hotel lobby and help get them settled into their rooms.

The next several days were spent visiting with friends from all over the

U.S., including a presentation by evening, finding a nice campground, Slider Gilmore about motorcycle first then off to town to look for a nice spot aid. I've heard Slider's presentation before, but it is always dramatic, and since I've had the unpleasant opportunity to put his instruction to use, I was glad to "brush up" on the trinkets to take home to the kids, then "golden hour" thinking.

We also included a trip to Golden, to tour the Coors factory. I'm not much of a beer drinker, but the fresh stuff was pretty good! We also visited the local Harley-Davidson dealer for an oil change for the long trip home.

Sunday morning brought warm temps and sunshine. Ted, Jill, Becky and Julian headed out, bidding goodbye to all our friends, including Rick and Mary who had to rush home.

We headed southwest on highway 285 to Poncha Springs, turning onto highway 50 towards Montrose.

We passed through Gunnison, and I was wondering what the big fuss about the "Black Canyon of the Gunnison" was all about. It was scenic, but it sure didn't beat anything else we had seen already. It was only after we were home that I was told to turn off the main highway and head up to Crested Butte if you wanted great, twisty motorcycle roads and scenery.

Oh, well, maybe next time!

We turned south at Montrose towards Durango, along highway 550. Wow, that is one of the most amazing highways I have ever taken. And this was my third time riding it from Ouray to Durango.

for dinner. We found it at the Scoot's and Blues Café and Bar. Lots of old motorcycles and pictures on the wall, with great food. We found a couple back to camp for a relaxing evening.

We left Durango, heading to Cortez, then onto the Four Corners. Ya gotta take a picture with everyone standing in a different state! I missed touring Mesa Verde again, this time because of time constraints. At least it wasn't forest fire issues like a few years ago.

We headed out onto highway 160 towards Page. The whole length of highway 160 was hot, windy and very dusty. Sometimes the dust was blowing so much; it was hard to see the road! We finally rode past it, finding a little roadside stop to each lunch and admire more native jewelry work.

We continued on through Page and admired the Vermillion cliffs, followed by the White cliffs, then up into the Kaibab National Forest for some cooler temperatures, spending the night near the Jacob Lake Inn.

The inn was our dinner choice (yep, again the only place within miles), and the food was very good. More gifts from their gift shop then back to camp. Several older couples stopped by to visit, and then Ted and I walked down to the horse corral to admire the young filly and colt who were busy annoying their mothers.

Today is Grand Canyon Day! Ted We pulled into Durango in the early and Julian have never seen the Grand



Canyon, and I saw it from the south to get off the freeway, when Ted saw lunch at Safeway in town, then rim, back when I was a young teenager.

The north rim was very dramatic. You couldn't see much until you it was!

The north rim lodge reminds me of Timberline and the Crater Lake lodges. I imagine they were all built around the same time by the parks hills, and watched some Navy pilots forgot to stop in Azalea and get the department.

After a couple short hikes, we headed on, towards Las Vegas, via Zion National Park. Zion is another beautiful, amazing geological land feature. The tunnel through the June Lake and pulled in. mountain gave glimpses of the soaring cliffs just outside. We didn't take time to do the shuttle up the valley, but maybe next time.

We pulled into Las Vegas around 4:00 pm, giving everyone time to clean up before heading for the strip. We walked through the Venetian and parts of the Bellagio, watched the volcano show at the Mirage, then spent a few dollars in Bally's Parisian Casino before heading back to the hotel for bed.

I wanted to get an early start out of Las Vegas, because I knew we were going through Death Valley, not something you want to do in the afternoon, especially on air-cooled motorcycles.

We started out good, finishing breakfast by 6:15, and on the freeway by 6:45. Traffic started stacking up almost immediately, but I thought it was just normal rush hour and should break up soon.

We kept crawling along, further and further and still no relief in sight. I was beginning to freak out, because my bike was starting to overheat. The oil pressure was dropping and things were starting to smoke. I was about to try

so we went for it.

walked through the lodge, then there to Death Valley at 11:30. Death Valley Hungry Moose in Weed was pretty was scenic, but I didn't dare stop without someplace shady to let Marge [her bike] rest.

play *Top Gun* games with their planes.

We finally turned onto highway 395 towards Mammoth Lakes, and the Oregon. mountains.

Marge's oil light went on and she died immediately. I parked her for the Marge's oil level. It was down about a night, checked her oil.

Oohh, it was really black and had a 'cooked' smell to it.

and then went to dinner in town.

Boy, those guys made some great fish tacos, with pico de gallo and guacamole! We talked about the next pulled some stuff off his bike to make couple days.

Our original plans were to spend the next night in Reno, but I was very he gave me a ride home to retrieve the worried about Marge making it home, since her lifters were starting to clatter. her and the trailer, then brought her

Ted and I decided we were gonna just home. head on home, and try to make it as far as we could.

west, and visit some family members road by mid-August. that live down that way.

Ted and I got an early start.

We stopped in Carson City at the Harley shop and I talked to the service manager. I asked for an oil change and explained what had occurred the day before, so we gave it a try. He moved Marge right to the head of the line and we were out of there in just about an hour.

We picked up a few supplies and

the accident just another mile ahead, continued north through Susanville.

We made it as far as Weed, before I pushed on, reaching the entrance decided to call it a day. Dinner at the good!

Next morning, we headed out pretty early, to try to take advantage of the We crossed the flats and some low cool morning temperatures. Totally checkpoint at Heaven on Earth.

Now I'll have to get back to southern

We did stop at the *Pioneer Truck Stop* We found a nice campground by in Halsey for lunch and the checkpoint.

> When we went to leave, I checked quart, so topped it off and set out.

I had barely got on the freeway when the oil pressure gauge showed zero, so I added a quart to fill it to the top, pulled off to the shoulder. Ted made me continue on to the next exit.

Boy, sometimes they are too far apart! I pulled into a gas station, while Ted room for me.

We left her parked at the garage while pickup. Ted and Bill went back to get

Marge is now over at Destination Harley-Davidson getting a heart Julian and Becky decided to head transplant, and should be back on the

> So that's what I did on my summer vacation!

Jill Tracy

Happy New Year From The Walls

Coming up to get-out time. I wanted to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for its continued support through the last several years as I've done this federal down time.

Receiving the monthly newsletter has helped keep these walls from closing in. Now I'll get a chance to contribute as my release to Oregon has finally been approved and I'll be heading to C.C.R.C. in Milwaukie for the halfway house portion of my sentence at the end of February.

Lots of reflections as this down time winds down and the future looks bright, even starting over at 49! Six years gone for having firearms in the house seemed pretty harsh but it was on me and I've learned to take responsibility for my actions.

Being responsible for your choices is the theme i speak on as I try to give back something to the kids in the *Y.A.R.D.* (Youth At Risk Diversion) program I've gotten involved in here. This is through the Peer Court system that deals with kids running afoul of the authorities for the first time. A small select group of us spend time each month with these kids, some oneon-one time, and different guys give their talks each month.

According to the statistics, we do some good work helping these kids get back on track. Kinda wish this had been around thirty years ago! Definitely something I'll keep on doing in some way out there.

Another thing I've been doing lately that some of you may interested in is a free independent study program from *F.E.M.A.* (*Federal Emergency Management Agency*). There are a bunch of courses on emergency management topics anyone can take. Some are even good for transferable college credits. You sign up, they send a course. Read it, do the test, and mail it back, receive your certificate and the next course. Check this out at: www.fema.gov/emi/shome.htm or write for an application to

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Looking forward to the years ahead now that I've come home to Oregon after spending many years back east. Getting to work, feeling the wind as soon as I can recover my *Panheads* from back in Detroit, spending more time around my family, and hopefully meeting a like-minded lady to share this life with. (You ladies are definitely invited to write!)

I grew up around Sherwood and Lincoln City but don't have many friends left from those days. One of my best memories is the *A.B.A.T.E.* August party I was at here in '95.

Once again, thank you *A.B.A.T.E.* for helping keep the wind blowing and reminding me that there are lots of good folks out there. I'll be seeing ya soon!

Bird Schwarz F.C.I. Sheridan P.O. Box 5000 Sheridan, OR 97378

[crusty ol' editor's note -- One thing yer c.o.e. tries to keep in mind when assembling the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon newsletter each month is that not all our readers enjoy the same freedoms that most of us largely take for granted. Articles, stories, and activities like the cryptogram are often selected with an eye toward helping imprisoned sisters, brothers, and even those guarding them get through their time inside.]



Hub City Chapter

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be held at the *Eagles Club*, 127 N. Broadalbin Street in Albany. Food will be served at 7 pm and *Elixxer*, a butt kickin' rock and roll dance band, will start at 9. Admission will be two cans of food per person, new or good used clothing donation, or two bucks. Cheap cover charge for such a good band and a good cause. Come help us support a great non-enabling charity, *F.I.S.H.*

The *Eagles* are always great hosts and known for pouring a "stiffy" at the bar. Come on down and have a good time. Thanks Ron!

At our last meeting Mel Yeager won the membership drawing which netted him an assortment of goods. Included in the pile of booty were a pair of those aforementioned earrings which Mel proudly modeled for us. As one of the "old guard" he's a hell of an asset to our chapter as well as state *A.B.A.T.E.*

Ron Vonsild, chapter state board representative as well as state A.B.A.T.E. sanctioning officer, won the 50/50. He donated half of his \$65 back to the chapter. What a great member! Thanks for all your time. (and the money!)

Be sure to be at our next meeting. We have started a membership drawing for cash money, but you must be present to win. Be there or the kitty continues to grow!

Our next meeting is at *Ciddici's Pizza*, 133 5th Street, in downtown Albany. Tim always cuts us great deals on dinner and they have an excellent room for us to congregate in. The meeting starts at 7 pm on February 19. Please call if you need directions or have any questions.

Al Sims *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* coordinator (541)-926-2161

[crusty ol' editor's note: actually S.T.E.A.M. won't have happened by the time y'all receive this issue. It occurs on 21 February so you still have time to attend. (Shameless plug.)]



Of Pirates and Aliens and SSN's (Oh My!) c.o.e. - 25

This month's editorial is being written on the last day of *RustyCon-*21, a science fiction convention held at the *Radisson Hotel* in SeaTac, Washington.

Just as *Biker Day* rallies at our state capitol inspire and reenergize us to motorcyclist's causes, sci-fi cons like this give yer crusty ol' editor a lot of social and technological information to digest and disseminate. (And there are an increasing number of pirates and wenches to be seen and lots of free movie posters that get brought back to the state board meetings. There were even quite a few biker-themed art pieces.)

It was at one such science fiction convention in Oregon (*OryCon*) a couple of years ago that yer c.o.e. first learned of the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) and what a serious threat to liberty that it posed to we people of the United States.

Yesterday there was a panel entitled *Ministry of Homeland Security* who's members and audience discussed how constitutional freedoms and processes were being gutted. Many folks reading this may be too young to remember the era of Joseph McCarthy and his rabid hunts for alleged communists of the 1950's.

One idea that came to yer crusty ol' editor while listening to the debate within this panel is that once freedoms are given away, they are very difficult to regain.

By the same token, once personal

information is extracted by governments, businesses, or individuals it is virtually impossible to put one's life back together the way it was. (Try crumpling aluminum foil, then straightening it back out so it's as smooth as it originally was.)

How many Oregonians are aware that our legislature quietly passed legislation in 2003 that requires applicants for Oregon driver licenses or renewals to supply their social security numbers to the department of motor vehicles? (This occurred while we were distracted with our own motorcycle bills last session.)

"No one is rich enough to buy back a secret."

Anyone refusing to supply their S.S.N. will be denied a driver's license. For those who live in cities with good public transportation, it would be an inconvenience. For those of us who live in the country or commute to work, lack of transportation can be deadly to living free. We need to be able to ride or drive to work and stores.

This *D.M.V.* requirement strikes at the very heart of our society's sense of personal freedom — freedom of movement. It certainly threatens the essence of what we are. How can someone be a motorcyclists if they are prevented from riding?

Given the life-ruining practice of identity theft and the government's inability to effective squash the problem so far, giving up your S.S.N. to a state *D.M.V.* that can't even prevent its own files from being posted



by Rot Path (c.o.e.)

on the internet would seem to be dangerously foolish. The social security number was never meant to used as a personal identification number. To do so is a breach of government promises and regulations. (Of course that hasn't stopped the military services from using it as such or from keeping unscrupulous or lazy institutions from asking for it.)

We need resist this state government attempt to extort personal information from our people. We already have unique driver's license numbers. The Oregon department of motor vehicles doesn't need our social security numbers.

I'm going to resist. (Part of my Navy S.E.R.E. training — Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape.) I'm going to write and phone the *D.M.V.* and my legislative representatives to let them know just how disappointed I am with their efforts to make we people even more vulnerable to identity thieves.

Want to ride with me on this one?

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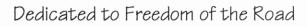
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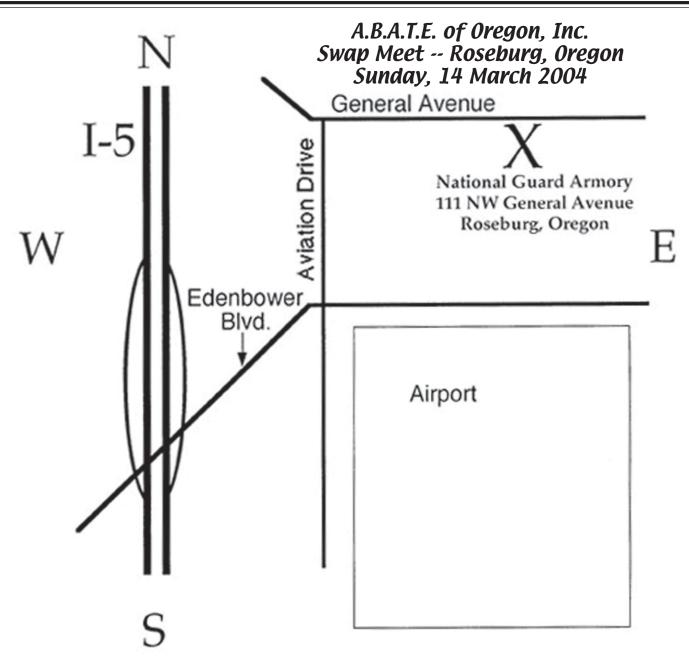
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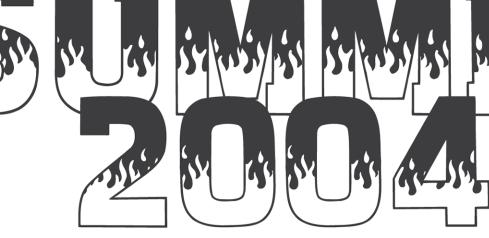
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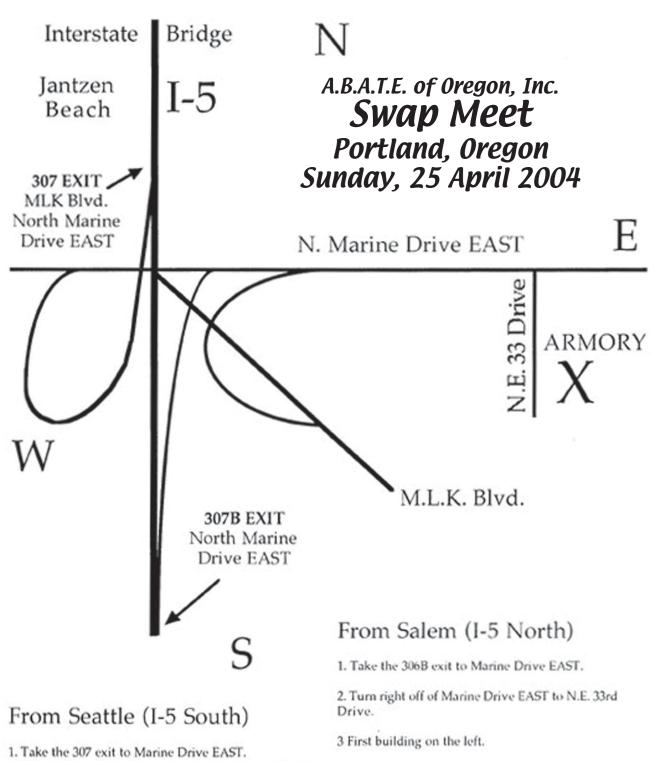
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Millenium Ride

Seasons greetings to you all from one day's ride north of the end of the world!

I'm e-mailing from Punta Arenas, Chile's southernmost main town of population (120,000) near the tip of South America mainland facing the Straits of Magellan, at equal distance between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It is a centre for local sheep farming and fishing industries and exports wool, skins and frozen meat. It is the home of La Polar, the world's most southerly brewery. It feels quite nice here, though I'm only spending tonight because I want to be in Ushuaia (on Argentina's part of the island of Terra del Fuego) for Christmas. It is 11 pm on the 23rd of December now. It has only just got dark.

Today's 500 km ride from Calafate was windy, wet, and chilly. Before I crossed the border to Chile's good roads, I encountered a great deal of very sticky but very slippery mud which clogged up the wheels and had me off, but only once.

The last few days I spent in Calafate, Argentina, primarily to see the famous Moreno glacier. It was one of the most amazing sights I've seen on my ride. The glacial ice cracks like a shotgun as it advances 2 meters [-6 feet] per day. Great slabs break off and smash into the water and ice in Lago Argentino.

Argentina's dirt Ruta 40 road finally killed my rear wheel cush drive plate, which has endured four years of abuse, so I made it into a thank you plaque for Pablo who remade it in steel for free. Another local moto quiero, Jose

had me over for dinner with his big family (seven daughters and two sons) a few nights too.

So where were we last time?

Yes, Buenos Aires.

My presentation went well. We had about 80 people, mainly motorcyclists, and raised a little cash.

Money is tight for Argentinians. The government pillaged everyone's bank savings and gave no right of recourse.

It was great at last to meet my friend of eight or more years, Carlos A. Pereyra Iraola who gave me a helping hand with the media.

I have to write quick because they will close this cafe. La Posta is run by Pollo, a biker in the town of Azul, who puts up bikers at his workshop and cooks up a mean asado (B-B-Q). I am trying to help him visit the Falklands Island.

I attended a Horizons Unlimited motorcycle travelers meetings at Viedma in central east Argentina. Eighteen other world or continental riders together for a knees up, boat Pipo campsite west of the town of ride, and yarn telling time. Mika Kuhn was there. It was good to see him again after we rode together into the front lines of a civil war in Laos a few years ago.

I took a train 1,000 km west to Bariloche. Attended the Wind Riders motorcycle rally to promote my causes, and headed south. I hopped over to Chile for a few days to ride on the Carraterra Austral (since an anticlockwise direction around the tip of South America is best in view of the strong south westerly winds). Very beautiful.



Simon Milward

are 9,000 year old painted hands in caves. The indians uses gypsum in the paint to make it last.

I threw my bike down the track and off it into a boulder and bent a fork and got a headache. Good them Arrow helmets. My jacket zip is broken and the battery is 70% dead.

But life is wonderful. Enjoy it.

Simon

Ushuaia, Argentina 2 January 2004

Ten adventure motorcyclists celebrated the new year with a motorcycle race on Tierra del Fuego in Argentina last week. The first Fin del Mundo Cross took place at the Rio Ushuaia on 31 December 2003. The two part competition, consisting of a trial course in the forest and grass track circuit next to a river, was the first of its kind at the end of the world, probably the first worldwide.

Six Germans, two British, one Dutch and a Swiss unloaded the luggage from their heavy bikes to accept the challenge which separated the men from the boys. The event was won by Karsten from Germany on his cut down B.M.W. who was presented with a bottle of schnapps to make him feel at home. Local television showed Back in Argentina I picked up Ruta up and caught some spectacular 40, visited the cuevas de Manos, which crashing on film. The course was laid

out by Dutchman Maarten Munik (www.maartensworld.com), riding round the world on his Africa Twin, who honorably stepped out of the prizes after winning.

"We hope it will mark the start of a new tradition among the riders who venture down the Ushuaia each summer. Needless to say it was my idea and needless to say who did most of the crashing," said Simon Milward.

Hello everyone

Happy New Year from the end of the world in Ushuaia, Argentina.

It is nice here. The town of population 50,000 looks out onto the Beagle Channel to the south.

Several cruise liners are moored at the quay and yachts from Australia, Belgium, Italy are getting ready for the next leg of their trips.

To the north are countless snow covered mountain peaks. It is one of the most beautiful areas I have been for a long time.

Charles Darwin sailed in the Beagle from England when he was 23 years old and here developed his theories of evolution.

The weather is very changeable. You feel it camping because some nights are cold enough to demand full thermals and a jumper in my sleeping bag, whilst others are warm enough for nakedness! Some days are sunny, others are wet.

The campsite, where Ruben and Marie have been looking after us all and letting us use their warm kitchen, has been a lot of fun. In total there have been 18 motorcycles at New Year, though quite a few Brazilians and Germans left already to head back north. It has been really nice to meet and travel with like minded people for a while.

Bob Morley from the U.K. (www.worldtour.overpro.co.uk) has just started his round the world tour by 650 Funduro. He and Maarten Munnik have volunteered to train health workers in Latin America in I am going to stay a few more days. basic maintenance on motorcycles they use for their job, as they pass through over the coming year.

Together we have all been discussing the meaning of life - whether we know what we are doing and where we are going. The turn of this year gives me the feeling that I am going in the right I plan to get to South Africa in March direction and doing what I am supposed to be doing which also happens to be the easiest thing for me. Gracias a Dios.

bent after all and I have been doing odd bits and pieces to my bike. It was great to go racing with it without all the weight.

I've been treating all my leather gear with dubbin.

I visited the national park near here, and today I was helping Daniel from Germany. A taxi driver knocked him off and broke his spleen - quite painful though the hospital seems to be treating him okay. I found him a lawyer. Pain has no value in Argentina - no compensation unless you can show a receipt.

I met a special lady, Esther Fadul, a former political party boss and member of parliament (a Diputada) who was a great friend of Evita Peron. Her house is like a museum, sitting on the street named after her family. She said that at the end of my ride she would propose me for an award!

I have been trying to raise a little money (\$2500) to pay for Ricardo Rocco's training in Africa, because

there is oil money here. I nearly forgot how hard it is to fundraise! Ushuaia is one of the few places in Argentina that is free from official corruption, so I am told.

It took me fours years to get here so

I asked a few companies about taking me free to antarctica by ship so I have to wait on that.

Perhaps it is the thought of having just one more continent to go, which is slowing me down.

So here's to another year on the road. and head north towards Morocco or Egypt.

On the other hand I might go quicker in Africa because I'm getting My front forks do not seem to be impatient about getting our hands on some of the wasted billions that we will use for motorcycle and health projects. There is a limit to what you can do on the road.

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Right, that's it. See you

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It's never too late to have a happy childhood.

G.T. "Duffy" Sweeny

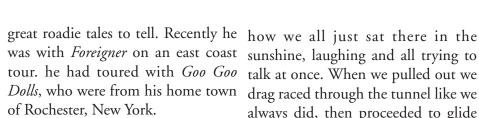
If you look at the revived road list in this past issues, the first name on the list is Duffy Sweeny.

On the morning of 12 September 2003, Duffy was on highway 20 west of Bend, when, for unknown reasons, his truck left the road. It hit an embankment, went airborne, then rolled end-over-end several times. Duffy was ejected from the truck and was found on the highway.

He was flown by AirLife to St. Charles Medical Center. He died of his injuries later that day.

Duffy was what A.B.A. T.E., or what I think A.B.A.T.E. is all about. He was a brother in a brotherhood. It said "Central Oregon area" above his name, but you could have been anywhere in the state and called Duffy for help.

Duffy was the owner of Brighton Sound and Lights since the early 1970's. He and his road crew toured with such bands as Bob Marley and Areosmith. You could mention any rock band from the '70's and Duffy would have



who's motto he took from Steven Tyler: "Anything worth doing is worth overdoing".

A.B.A.T.E. members may not realize it now, but his presence will be missed at upcoming runs. Whether it be lending a hand with a sound problem hugged him a few seconds longer. on stage, selling merchandise from his "Bad To The Bone" trailer, watching miss him a lot. But whether or not you him Kneivel his *Sportster* into the back of his

Dodge pickup at the end of a run, or passing around a bottle of Homemade Apple Pie. Oh yeah!

The last time our tents were parked together was at Iron Horse. We got up Saturday morning and rode to Crescent City for lunch. What a great ride. On the way back we wheeled into the rest area for a break. I remember

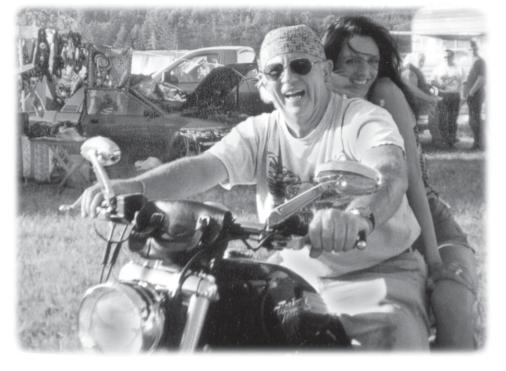
sunshine, laughing and all trying to talk at once. When we pulled out we always did, then proceeded to glide Duffy was a true rock and roller back through those mountains back to Cave Junction.

> On Sunday when we split up, Duffy living in Redmond and me in Salem, we said our "so longs" and headed for home. That was the last time I saw my friend. I wish now I would have

> He was my good friend and i will knew him, he was your friend too. It would be nice, if just for this issue, it could be called Duffy's Revived Road *List* because he was what it's all about.

Mike West Salem, Oregon

P.S. For information about Duffy, see: http://www.roadie.net/duffy.htm





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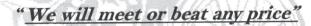
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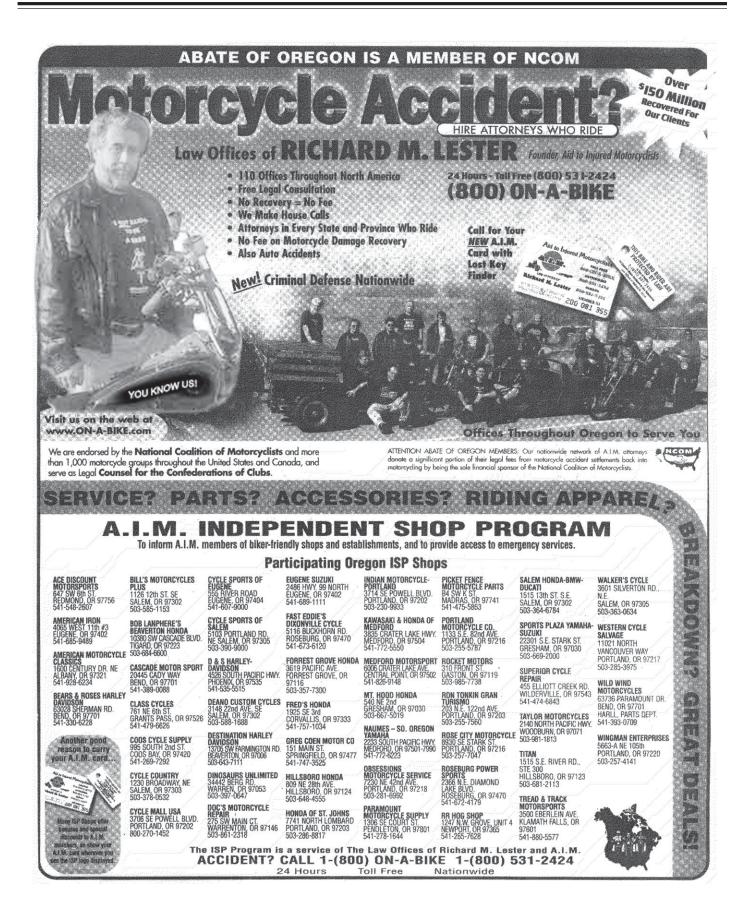
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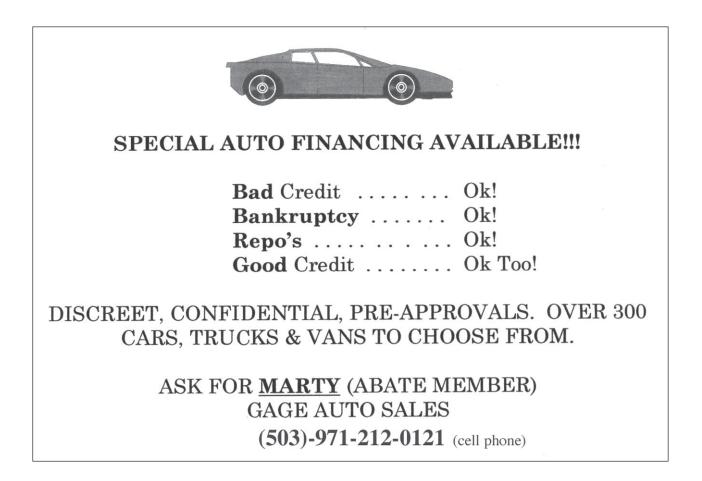
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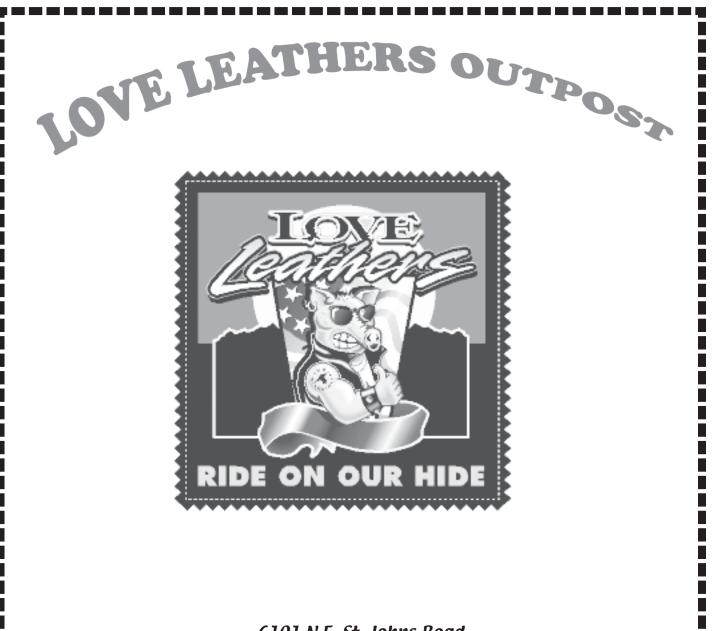
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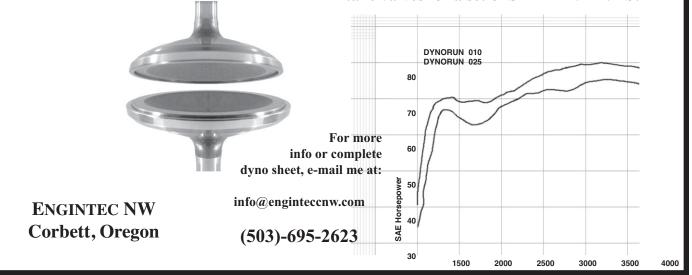
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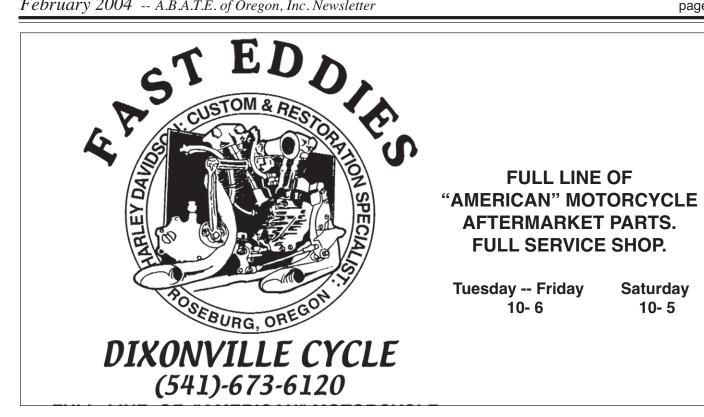
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Michael&PeggySchneide	er (541)-349-9864	Eugene	Х		Х		Х
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	Х		Х		Х
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	Х	X X	X X		Х

Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)

Region 1 (Portland and metro area)	(503)-731-8200				
Region 2 (Salem and northwest Oregon)	(503)-986-2600				
Region 3 (Roseburg and southwest Oregon)	(541)-957-3500				
Region 4 (Bend and central Oregon)	(541)-388-6180				
Region 5 (LaGrande and eastern Oregon)	(541)-963-3177				
(Clackamas County)	(503)-655-8521				
(Multnomah County)	(503)-248-5050				
(Washington County)	(503)-629-0111				
(Clark County, Washington)	(360)-699-2446				
Road and weather information:					

1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

(For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate infromation about the safety problem.)

Revised: May 2002

A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

TY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue			
	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white			
	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black			
	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black			
	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange			official office
	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black			Lee There we
	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue			ARATT
	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow			• Oregon
	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/bl			
		Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black			
		Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red			
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		Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black			
		Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red			
		Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black			
		Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black			1. ALL
		Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/blac			D'Tall
		Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/go			Oregon
		Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold			
		Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/bl			Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.E. logo
		ABATE Anniversary Pin			-
		ABATE Logo Pin - gold			, th
		ABATE Logo Pin - silver			The sea
		ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver			a agaington
		ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold			*2/32
	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver			-
	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00		-
	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00		ABATE PINS
	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00		5. mart
	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold			
	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color			distance of the second s
	AFP	Fossil Pin			
	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white			
	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold			
	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)			
		Bandanas			-
					MISCELLANEOUS
	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats			
	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00		
	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00		_
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	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	22.50		Chapter Logo setup fee
•					with each order = \$15.00
	Mod	Lg X-Lg			(One time charge)

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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

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QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION			PRICE		
	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/	red (left side)		3.00		Interne
	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/	LET THOSE WHO DISC				
	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Roa	·DECIDE·				
	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Stick					
	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Stick					STICKERS
	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DE					
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	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bump	per Stickers		3 00		DIDES
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	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDE	•				
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		Cards					
		Plate Frames — Cars with					SPECIAL
					7.00		ORDER
		Those Who Ride Decide					
		Plate Frames – Motorcycles	with		7.00		ITEMS
		Those Who Ride Decide"					ABATE
	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives					2 2
	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin					
	FAP	Free America Patch					LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE
	FAB	Free America Pin					ALL HOST AND KIT OF OR ALL
	EAP	Eagle Pin					
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	-	Membership Secretary					Construction and the second seco
	-	Treasurer					OFFICED
	•	Historian					
	•	Legislator					
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	Chapter	Ways & Means Director			5.00		order
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		Public Relations Director					
	•	State Representative					PRODUCTS DIRECTOR
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	dress (for	UPS shipping)					
City			State	ZIP	code _		

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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:	CI	'Y:	
ADDRESS:	PHONE: work		_ home
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR L	EGISLATIVE PURPOSES? AT HAPPENED WHEN YOU	(YES) (NO)	
DATE STOPPED:			
LOCATION:			
OFFICER NAME:	ID NO:	POLIC	E AGENCY
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: H	ELMET / OTHER (specify) _		
CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO F	OR: HELMET / OTHER (spe		
CITE # 1st appea	arance date:	TIME:	am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _			
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED A	T THE SAME TIME? LIST: _		
IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL O	CHARGES (not infractions), S		
Did officer follow normal traffic laws If no explain: Did officer treat you fairly and respe Was your helmet confiscated? YES	ectfully? (YES) (NO) If no	explain:	
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Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale	For Sale	Wanted	Wanted
Three incomplete 16-speed 3/4 HP floor-style heavy duty industrial drill presses. Many extra parts. Must sell to make room. Come one, take all. \$65 or best offer. Sacrifice. Call (503)-257-7390 They won't last long. (Feb 2004) 	1965 <i>Chev</i> 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. \$3,250 . 1951 <i>Chevy</i> 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. \$2,500 or some trade. Portable dishwasher \$30 . Phone (503)- 285-4329 Rotten Roger (April 2004)	Electric treadmill. DANA 70 rear end, 411 ratio. Call Rotten Roger at (503)-285- 4329 (Dec 2003)	Wanted Your ad here. Reach over 2,000 people each month for free. It's one of your perks as an <i>A.B.A.T.E.</i> member. (No commercial ads please.)
with two-tone gray interior, 351 Dart Windstar, C6 transmission, Saginaw power steering, 9inch rear end, Blaupunkt CD player with six CD deck, tonneau cover, new headliner. \$13,500 or offer. Contact Lynn Patterson at (503)-861-9815 or lynnpatterson@charter.net (Feb 2004) 2000 Suzuki Intruder 1400, 5K, windshield, "copper" brown/black, always garaged and maintained; Sharp! \$4,850. Call Sheryl, (541)- 327-2192 (Feb 2004)	1960 Ford 22' van, converted to a motorhome. 292 US Ind. \$1,500 or equal trade. Ralph J. McClain PO Box 634 Christmas Valley, OR 97641 (April 2004)	Due to snowstorm-cau January, some classified newsletter answering ma If you phoned in a class of the new year and it do mail, e-mail, or phone i	prevent future information
Tired of being shiftless? Now available through special arrangements, you can can be the	belt, sproket. \$500. 1978 <i>Corvette</i> 25th silver anniversary collector's edition. Mahogony interior. \$15,000 . Jerry		Cryptogram
first on your block to own your own custom-built and tested solid	or Laurie Detterman. (541)-592- 0128 (April 2004)	RPWG RPPTY UPV	/ LOVE VEG GIGY,
polished stainless steel shifter lnkage. Better than show chrome	Joe Rocket ballistic black jacket,	CAV LOVE VEG Z	O U N,
finish. Three or four styles available now. See at bike events throughout	size 3XL, worn three times, like- new condition, water/wind-proof.	SUN VEGFGMPFG	OY LOUQGN
the state. Call for appointment only to <i>Cracker Jac Welding</i> . (503)-257-7390	\$150 or best offer. (541)-269-7065 Tim. (April 2004)	JABON BSOUVGN	I CROUN.
FAX (503)-262-9110 (Mar 2004)	2001 <i>Harley-Davidson Dynaglide</i> . Factory 1550 stroker, killer pipes, black with red and gold trim, 4,700 miles. \$15,999 . Jerry (541)- 389 -		— Y E S T G Y B G S F G
ANSWER TO JANUARY CRYPTOGRAM	5647 (April 2004)	ABCDEFGHIJKLM	NOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE

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PORTLAND, OREGON PERMIT No. 638

TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED DATED MATERIAL

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

Years of drinking hard and tempting fate, Didn't lead to a lasting life mate, Now I've found a sober creed: Love is all the drug I need. (Though I'll still accept dark chocolate.) ©2004-Rot Path

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 14 February 2004 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})	Old Redmond Hotel; Redmond		
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	Jubitz Truck Stop; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Port-		
land					
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm}))	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg		
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany		
Josephine County	1 st Thursday	1800 (6 ^{pm})	Pizza Hut; 1465 6th; Grants Pass		
Lincoln County	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Tues	1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport		
North Coast	4 th Thusday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria		
Northeast Portland	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Wed	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland		
River City	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles		
			(I-84 & US-197)		
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Chalet Restaurant, Market Street, Salem		
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1100 (11 ^{am})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend		
Southeast Portland	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Sun	1200 (noon)	M/M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham		
Southern Oregon	2 nd Wed	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Abby's Pizza; 2550 Crater Lake Hwy; Medford		
Washington County	2^{nd} & 4^{th} Tues	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bar; 4202 Pacific Ave;		
			Forest Grove		
Willamette Valley	2 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building		
			1626 Willamette Street; Eugene		