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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 newsmagazine. 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,

S.T.E.A.M.!

The Seminar To Educate and Motivate is the biggest thing on the A.B.A. T.E. calendar this month. If you've never been to S.T.E.A.M., I urge you to attend this year, especially if you are a newly elected chapter officer. I would describe it as about 18 informative lectures, three of which you will attend, covering everything from leadership skills to motorcycle awareness instructor training. The skills and knowledge needed to become more a more capable and confident freedom fighter will become yours if you will only attend and participate. Be at Chemeketa Community College in Salem by 9:00 am, February 19th!

I'd like to thank all of you who attended the convening of the 2005 state legislature, in Salem on January 10th. Our continued presence at the capitol will go a long way toward achieving our agenda in this biennium.

Make plans to be in Salem also for our first *Biker Day* on February 14th. With the help of our friends in *BikePAC*, you will have an opportunity to meet and speak with the Oregon state legislators who represent you in Salem. There is no feeling quite like being an active participant in preserving and promoting freedom. It's nothing less than your right to ride that you will be protecting.

Our newly elected vice-coordinators should become your first source to contact for information on state *A.B.A.T.E.* matters or for help with chapter issues unresolved at the

local level. Their willingness to undertake these tasks not only is of great help to me, but will ultimately prepare them for the position of state coordinator. An advantage to you is that they will be able to focus more attention to your situation than I would be able to as they have divided the state into smaller regions of responsibility. Your vice-coordinator and myself will work as a team to meet your needs. Contact vicecoordinator-north, Ed Vaughn, for chapters north of Lincoln City, on the coast, or north of Albany, inland. Get in touch with your vice-coordinatorsouth, Hal Fletcher, for Lincoln City and south on the coast, or Albany and south inland. Central Oregon is the area of responsibility of Ed Miller, vice-coordinator-east. Contact information for these officers as well as all other state officers can be found inside the last page of your newsmagazine.

Chapter secretaries, please make certain your chapter notebooks are complete and up to date. The information found there is vital to the proper operation of each chapter and will help your chapter to comply with those things required by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, as well as enabling each officer and member to become more far more effective in their various roles. If you have questions or comments regarding your notebook, contact your state secretary, Charlie Hill.

Take care all of those repair items on your bike this winter, because I've got a feeling we're going to ride the wheels off them come summer.

Show us the right road, Lord, and

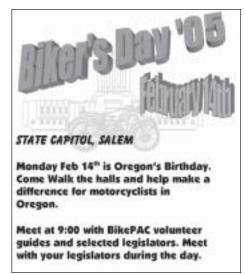


by Joe Laurance

help us travel it

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Central Oregon Chapter



Greetings from sunny central Oregon!

With the holidays over I would like to recap a couple of holiday happenings that went on, on this side of the hill.

The first being the Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition's Toy Run held at the Black Horse Saloon in Bend. This event was very well attended by many of the various motorcycle groups in the central Oregon area as well as many independents. A very large amount of food items, toys and donations were collected. There was an in house poker run, live music and Chopper Dave raffled off many donated items into the wee hours of the night. The Motorcycle Coalition does so much good for the central Oregon community!

The second being our chapter Christmas party. If you didn't make it you missed a good time. It was held at Jan and Dale's shop in Terrebone. Approximately 40 people attended and a good time was had by all. The chapter provided a ham and turkey and everyone brought their favorite

side dish or desert. Man, there was a lot of grub. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault!

The morning of the party I received a phone call about a single mom of three who could not afford any Christmas at all. I presented this to the chapter at the party and we voted to pass the hat and the chapter would match that amount to make this family's Christmas (Thanks for the hat Birddog). The hat netted \$273 which was matched from our account. Its good to be part of such a generous Chapter.

Later in the evening we had a \$10 limit gift exchange with a little different twist. Everyone had a number and when your number was up you could either take someone else's gift or take a new wrapped one from under the tree. A gift can only be taken three times. This made for a very good time. (Sorry about that bottle of rum Robbie!) I would like to thank Jan and Dale for hosting the party and Jan for cooking the ham and

turkey. (r was that Dale?)

Good food, good people, good fun. Our Christmas party was on a

Saturday night and the weather that weekend was so nice we decided to have a chapter ride that Sunday. We met at the BlackHorse Saloon that morning and had 20 bikes show up to squeak in one more ride for the year. We rode to Redmond, Prineville, Sisters, then back to Bend. Along the way we got into some wet de-icier the county had just put

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CENTRAL OREGON MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) Black Horse Saloon Bend, Oregon

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Douglas County Chapter

It seems I had to do this just one more time. Here at Douglas County we are having a great time! We have a bunch of new officers in the chapter and are really energized. Some of these folks have been officers in the past and are rested up and ready to roll, while others are just getting into the act. Regardless, we are looking to a great and productive legislative year, lots of runs and activities to bring us together, and an opportunity to get to know each other even better.

Our officers are as follows:
coordinator – Abe Zaffarano
vice-coordinator – Joe Brumbach
secretary – Bill Korpa
treasurer – Cindy Zaffarano
membership secretary – Janie Curtis
state legislative rep. – Rex Jamison
state board rep. – Gordon Morin
sgt-at-arms – Tom Bowden, Tim
Malone, Rocky Orth
ways and means – Diane Bowden
public relations – Pam Debs
education director – Diane Bowden
historian – Steve Watkins

honorary/volunteer offices chaplains – Don Garino, Roger Horton

first aid - Diane Bowden

Please take time to get to know the officers that are serving our chapter and support the chapter activities. Even though you may not be an officer, there is plenty to be done. Remember the old adage "Many hands make light work."

See ya down the road.... Becky Garino last year's secretary Douglas County Chapter







DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports **Hub City Chapter**



http://www.hubcityabate.com



Hope all had a good time at *Hub City A.B.A. T.E.*'s first *Texas Hold 'em Poker Tourney* on January 22. Thanks to *Hub City* member Mike Schliske for all his work on the tourney. Ron VonSild, run coordinator 2, also put in a lot of time and effort behind the scenes to make this a great *Hub City* event.

The run committee, headed by Richard Androes (run coordinator 1), is trying to hold more events for people to be involved in, so let's get out and support them! This brings in new members and raises funds to be used to help our cause in Salem and Washington D.C. Remember our cause?

Important upcoming dates:

February 14 - St. Valentine's Day-Okay big tough bikers, don't forget your sweetie or things may not be so sweet. Remember what grandpa said-"If mama's not happy, *no* one's happy!"

February 14 - Biker day- Show up at the capitol on Oregon's birthday! Wear all your leathers and show the legislators that we are active, involved voters. These are the things that get their attention. We are paying

over \$12,000 per year for a lobbyist. Wayne has started things off well but he has to have our support in person to drive home the point that we are not to be taken lightly.

Do we want change or not? The turnout will speak volumes.

For more info go to

wwwbikepac.com or call Ken Ray at (503)-351-8193.

February 19 is S.T.E.A.M. Seminar To Educate And Motivate. That just about says it. I've been twice and learned a lot both times. I'll be there with a contingent from *Hub City* again this year.

This is a great way to help new officers fulfill their positions. S.T.E.A.M. is open to anyone wanting to attend. (Free lunch always brings in bikers too! Thank you *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.) Thanks Geoff White and staff for making this happen in fine fashion.

March 18 *Hub City* is having a biker night at the *Albany Eagles*, located at 127 Broadalbin St. Dinner will start at 7 pm, followed by a great rock and roll band, *Elixxer*, at 9. \$2, two cans of food, or some good clean used clothing will get you in the door. This

has always been a fun night of food, dancing and brotherhood. Please come help us support F.I.S.H., a great enabling charity. Call Richard at (541)-619-4361 for more info.

April 2- Easyriders Custom Bike Show. This will be held at the convention center in Portland for the second year. Cool bikes, huge turnout! Just what we need to get our mission statement before the masses! Watch for more info. A.B.A.T.E. will once again have a booth there, so we'll need help signing up new members. Please come by and lend a hand to those who work so hard to promote our A.B.A.T.E. mission statement.

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





Here we are.

Another year gone and a new year begins with a lot of hopes for a better year to come!!

On the morning of 01 January 2005 we had our first polar bear ride. It was sponsored by our chapter and *Son of God MC*. We met at 11 am at *Full Throttle Custom Cycles* on Rogue River highway in Grants Pass. The *Son of God MC* put up a cover and hot coffee for every one to enjoy while we waited for the people to show up for the ride.

It was 37 degrees out and rainy too. There were 24 bikes and 30 people who gathered for the ride. We had members of *Son of God MC*, A.B.A.T.E., *Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club*, and Booze Fighters *Motorcycle Club* in attendance for the ride to the city of Rogue River, Oregon.

We had a great ride even though the wind chill factor made the temperature to be around 17 degrees. Brrrrrr!

We pulled into *Aunt Betty's Kitchen* in Rogue River and went in to warm up and have lunch.

I have to say all in all we had a great time and a lot of fun, even the people who lived locally there were really nice. The different clubs and *A.B.A.T.E.* members enjoyed each other's company. All in all we had a great time.

Now down to some chapter business.

There has been a mess up at *Abby's Pizza*. It seams that on our meeting date in February they messed up and gave our meeting night to a high school group. So we will be having our meeting at 7 am on the first Wednesday of February 2005 instead, but only for this one time. Then we will go back to our regular meeting days.

Our chapter toy run made the *Quick Throttle* magazine for January 2005 on page 10.

We also made it in Thunderpress

magazine in the January 2005 too on page 75.

I'd like to say that as a chapter we're doing very well and this year should be even better!

Ride safe my friends,

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Happy new year from lincoln county

We had a wonderful holiday and the delivery date was half and half for the weather.

We were able to provide christmas to quite a group of people. At the local homeless shelter we were able to get them a copier with the help of *Staples* here in Newport. Thanks once again to *Staples* for your help. We could not have done it without your donation. If any of you members go to *Staples*, please thank Mark Neff.

With money left over we were able to donate money to the tsunami victims through northwest medical teams and we were also able to donate money to *Operation Warm and Fuzzy*. (They help the soldiers who are in the hospitals overseas to get clothing that they need.)

We would like to put a challenge out there to the other *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters to donate what you can to help out.

Our elections are over and guess what? We all are in again for another busy year here at *Lincoln County*. No one stepped forward to accept any new offices and so you have all of us old ones again this year. Thanks to all of the old officers who accepted positions again this year.

Remember to get to the capitol on February 14 for the first biker day. Once again thanks to *American Legion Post 116*, Newport for allowing us to have our meetings at your wonderful facility. Thanks to all of the staff who serve us tacos and refreshments on our meeting nights. And on weekends when we do our



rides you so graciously make and serve breakfasts to us.

Lincoln County has adopted a prime piece of road on the north end of Newport from Agate Beach to

Safeway. We will be doing our first clean-up this month and then we will take over the reins from the westside crew that has worked this area for quite a few years. Thanks Kelly and family for allowing us to take this over from you. You are all welcome to come and pick up trash with us anytime you want to.

Let's all be careful out there. There are some scoots out there in this weather.

Until next month,

Wanda



LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

 1^{st} and $\,3^{\text{rd}}$ Tuesdays at 1930 ($7{:}30~\text{pm}$)

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Newport

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Northeast Portland Chapter

By the time you read this, we have had a successful *Cabin Fever Party* with a good time had by all. Further reporting on the adventures of the *Northeast Chapter* coming next time on this event.

Hopefully everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's holiday. I started the year out right riding 144 total miles on the Polar Bear Ride. Danni led ten of us from the Northeast and Southeast Portland Chapters through the twists and turns of this great ride put on by the Trinity Road Riders. We were all glad it was not snowing like it was last year. It was cold none-the-less with very little moisture. My hands were on their way to frostbite by the time we hit Estacada. While everyone gassed up and heading over to warm up at the Safari Club, I headed over to the local fishing bait and tackle store to see what they could do for me in the way of hand warmers. They gave these things that look like tea bags to stick in my mitts. They worked great keeping my hands toasty the entire rest of the ride. I was so impressed with how well they worked I am going to buy more of those things and load up my saddlebags with them. It was a great ride with good people with us ending up at Grace's (Southeast) place at the end of the ride. Thank you Grace for your hospitality!

We are in the beginning stages of making plans for our poker run in August. Very beginning plans are under way for the *Summer Run* in July. The Portland area chapter will participate in a group poker run in June. We have three new toy representatives for the chapter – Oopy, Ted Sanger, and Rex Danton. Mike



has moved on to coordinate the run leaving space open for new blood. We are going to have an awesome year for the toy run in December.

S.T.E.A.M. – the Seminar To Educate And Motivate is coming up in February. It is a good time to learn how to work within the *A.B.A.T.E.* organization. There will be all sorts of classes and seminars to help us all move forward as an organization. It is also a good time to meet those people from other chapters you have heard about and read about. Stay tuned for the date and class schedule.

Biker day is on February 14th. Be sure to call your representative and senator for an appointment before the 14th to make sure they are ready to see you. *BikePAC* will have information available as to the bills that are being sponsored, etc. Hopefully this will be a good year for us in the legislature. Nothing can be done without the help and support of the motorcycling community at large.

We have our chapter meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at *Round Table Pizza* on NE 122nd Street (near *K-Mart*). The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and soft drinks are free. Al works his magic with great door prizes and a membership drawing. *Round Table*

Pizza is a child friendly, non-smoking environment.

Hope to see you there!

Mike



N.E. PORTLAND MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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River City Chapter



December 21, 2004

We had a holiday party with a white elephant gift exchange and there were a lot of funny items, like the butt floss that Del got. We also elected officers for the year. All positions remain the same except that Cheryl Duquist will be the treasurer. We owe a big thanks to Lynne Kadlec for keeping our books in such great shape for many years.

Greg won the membership drawing for \$15 and Johnna got the 50/50 at \$6/\$7.

Del won the teddy bear figurine, as he predicted he would.

We took a new chapter photo which will appear here soon.

Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Cheryl at 7:02 pm. 15 people present, three arrived later, including the boss who then took over running the meeting.

Pledge of allegiance led by Cheryl. Guests: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Tim because they were presented in e-mail and written form; passed.

Correspondence: South Coast

newsletter; Christmas card from Southeast; *M.R.F.* membership notice. Treasury report: \$882.35

Bills submitted: Rick moved to pay the \$100 *M.R.F.* membership; passed. Brian \$25 for state board of director meeting travel.

Membership report: 58, and rising. Board report: Brian reported the meeting and the elections.

Legislative report: Talked about the *BikePAC* 48 hour list.

Ways and means report: Teeey Bear figurine raffle tonight.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: New pictures, as we speak.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Nothing new.

Planned rides: *Biker Day*, Salem–14 February 2005.

Elections: All current officers nominated except Lynne Kadlec (treasurer). Cheryl DuQuist nominated for treasurer. Motion by Steve to elect all as nominated; passed.

Klickitat County Fair parking project looks possible. Need exact dates and review again at the next meeting.

New Business

Del moved to buy entry level membership at \$150 to *BikePAC*; passed.

Membership drawing for \$15 was by Greg Kadlec.

Figurine won by Delbert. 50/50 was won by Johnna at \$6/\$7. Adjourned 8:03 pm

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RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Salem Chapter



The chapter's Christmas party was a hit with dinner bought for all the attendees, presents to be exchanged, and new officers stepping up to the call put out to take over positions offered not only in the *Salem Chapter* but at the state level.

Our new officers are: coordinator – Jeff Poulin vice coordinator - Perry Gunter recording secretary - Michelle J. **FitzHenry** membership secretary – Ann Garman treasurer – Michelle J. FitzHenry state representative - Murge Gunter legislative director - Murge Gunter ways & means – Linda Bullock sgt. at arms #1 - Ray DeMelo sgt. at arms #2 - Jeff Poulin sgt. at arms #3 – Jerry Bullock sgt. at arms #4 - Rick Ault road captain #1 – Rick Ault road captain #2 - Dad Doug historian - Michelle web master - Michelle

A great big *thank you* to Murge for taking the products position for the state. I am sure she will be able to follow Michelle Hobb's example of excellence.

Also considered during this meeting was a change of venue to possibly, another restaurant or a pizza parlor. The February meeting, though, will be at the same place, same time. The *Chalet Restaurant*, Market Street, Salem, 7:00 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month. February's meeting date is the 22nd.

On the 14th of February our state has its birthday. Come on by the capitol in Salem to visit with your legislators and join in the party. *BikePAC* will be there to help with the festivities as will members of the *Salem Chapter*.

March 26th, 2005 is the *Annual Ice Breaker* at the *Wayside Park* (Rogers Park) just south of the *Oregon Gardens*. Bring your favorite dish or just a bag of chips. Barbecue will be provided. Please see the flier in this newsmagazine.

As this year swings into spring remember to brush up on your riding skills by taking a *Team Oregon* class. The contact numbers for Salem area and *Linn-Benton* can be found on our web site at:

http://home.earthlink.net/ ~abateinfo Best to all, may you have joy!

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[crusty ol' editor's note — Last month c.o.e. overreacted to a single item in the November Salem Chapter report with an Uncle Mikelike reply. He has calmed down considerably since then and wishes to reassure people submitting reports that he will continue to edit them at least through 32 March. He further realizes that like the purity of some soap, 99.9% of the folks in Salem Chapter are good folks trying to work together for good causes. The 0.1% are also good folks who have valid concerns and bad days.]

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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South Coast Chapter



Howdy from the frosty South Coast,

Gee, it seems like only yesterday that it was New Year's and it's already February. They say time flies when you're having fun. I guess it's true, because your chapter has been having a lot of fun.

On December 19th we elected officers for 2005. Some of our officers are old and some of the new.

Our coordinator is Micheal Van Osdol. Mike Richards is the new vice coordinator. Carole Abshire is secretary/treasurer. Kris Iveans is the membership secretary/education director. Frank Wilson is legislative director. Tom Curran is state representive/chaplain. Bob Kudrna is the alternate state representive. Brian Bryan is public relations/sgt. at arms. Bill Shineflew is historian. And Michael Van Osdol is road captain..

We are looking forward to productive year and want to *thank* chapter members who stepped forward to take an office.

The Andy Proctor Toy Run was a huge success. We donated three truck loads of toys to the Salvation Army for children in our community. Representives who rode with us on the run were: Bikers in Christ, the A.M.A., the Free Souls, the Harley Owners Group, and Highway 101 Harley. The

Salvation Army had hot coffee and goodies for us after we unloaded the toys.

Donny Turner spoke during our December meeting about Andy Proctor. Andy was one of our original *South Coast* members who started the toy run years ago and was tragically killed in a logging accident. Andy believed that every child should have toys at Christmas. His surviving family members are so proud that we continue to hold the event every year in his memory.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind other chapter that our mailing address is;

P.O. Box 1

Lakeside, Oregon 97449.

We also enjoyed the Christmas cards we received from some of the other chapters.

I look forward to representing our chapter in the coming year, so until next month,

Ride safe and free

Carole





SOUTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1300 (1 pm) *Gino's Pizza* 1324 Virginia Street North Bend

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Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey freedom fighters!

February already? Where has all the time gone?

With the coming of the time new members arrive.

I would like to welcome our newest members Ed Vaughn (our state vice coordinator-north) and Mike Ronspiess. We hope that you will become an active part of our chapter.

Our chapter has decided to go ahead with the *Summer Run* this year. It is a family event that we don't want to see disappear. Matt Hobbs will be coordinating the run. We all ask that our brother chapters will make their involvement in this run an overwhelming one.

Some of our members rode in the *Polar Bear Run* on the first of January. Barry said, "we had a good turn out of *Southeast* members. Had a nice ride up into the mountains in the area." Killer said, "Had a lot of people, was fun, but very cold."

Run 21 is off and running. With our Run 21 coordinator Barry Skinner and the works of Maddog and many other volunteers I am sure that this year will be bigger and better than those previously. Run 21 meetings are every first meeting of the month preceding the regular meeting with a kickoff at 11:00. Be there and help make this year's run the best ever.

I regret to announce that one of our renowned leaders has decided to break from the chapter to relax and enjoy his retirement, as he should. Lee Austin has given us many years of his full and heart-filled attention and is now a little drained. He has asked the chapter for their help in bringing



Barry Skinner up through the ranks as our new chapter coordinator.

Mike Friend, our new chapter chaplain, offers his services to all of us. You may reach him at (503)-255-5415 or via e-mail at

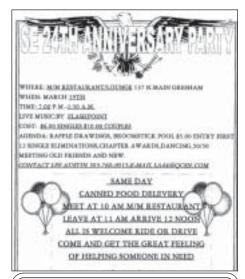
mailmikefriend@aol.com

This month our chapter recognizes public relation director Bill Cameron and coordinator Lee Austin for honorable mention.

Bill Cameron says that he is still in some kind of shock for being nominated for honorable mention. Bill says, "I joined A.B.A. T.E. because I kept finding myself going to a lot of their functions and getting to know a lot of the members. This was about in 1989 but I'd been going to the toy runs since 1986. I like the fact we stand up for biker's rights and strive towards education and safety for motorcyclists. The real deciding factor in joining was the Portland toy run. I like to see the kids being taken care. That's what got me into our awareness program and being an instructor. Our future depends on our children - they are our future. About the position of public relation director, I just like spreading the word about A.B.A. T.E. to all motorcyclists everywhere. It's a lot of fun and very interesting at times.

I also belong to several other motorcycle rights organizations. (A.M.A., BikePAC) I also seem to go to a lot of the local club events. After

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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

POINT of CONTACT

Barry Skinner (503)-665-5063 E-mail bigbear.1@netzero.net

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Washington County Chapter



Welcome to the new year.

I hope everyone had a good holiday season.

As promised, here are the 2005 *WaCo* officers:

coordinator – Roger Yarnell vice coordinator – John Borelli treasurer – Margo Virchow secretary – Linda Henderson legislative director – Chris Daley state board representative – Jordan Kelley

education director – Patricia Camer newsletter editor – Kay Sipple webpage editor – Trace Ceccacci public relations director – Rich Virchow

membership secretary – Cindy Henderson

chapter products – Dave Meeker ways and means – Luke Stocker quartermaster – Paul Hering historian – Lyn Combs run coordinator – Ted Tracy run coordinator II – Wild Bill Ballard sergeant at arms – Rick Stocker sergeant at arms II – Rex Rodriguez chaplain – Mark Pratt

Our events for 2005 include: March 5, 2005 – WaCo 21st birthday party at the Beaverton *Elks*. This is a 21-and-over evening event from 7 pm to 2 am.

June 12, 2005 – *Roll-n-Ride*. This traditional family picnic will end at the Stocker compound on 231st in Hillsboro. We are looking at starting it at *Beaverton Honda*.

July 30, 2005 – *Poker Run/Pig Roast*. This picnic will end at 700 South Heather street, Cornelius and will begin at *Paradise Harley-Davidson*. If you do not want to do the poker run. tickets are available for the pig roast only.

September 16-18, 2005 – End of Summer Run be held in Birkenfeld again this year, at the new site a couple of miles further west of town.

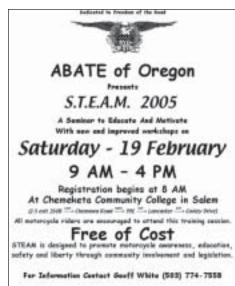
November 19, 2005: WaCo Toy Run

– The beginning and ending of the
event have not yet been determined,
however, the event will still be a
fundraiser for the Hillsboro Fire
Department 's Toy and Joy Program.

If you are out riding, please be warm, be visible, stay safe, end watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson

WaCo Secretary



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

POINT of CONTACT

Ted Tracy (503)-640-5766

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P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113



Yours truly has been designated reporter for our crew. Anyone who wants to add something should contact me the morning after our regular meeting as I don't figure on messing around with getting this thing done. E-mail me at Harleywmn@aol.com or call me at (541)-942-2971 with your input.

We've got some changes and some action coming up so here's a heads up about all this. First, if you are planning on eating at the Vet's during the meeting you must come early and get your order at the bar. No more room service so we have to pack our own and return the dirty dishes to the bar when we leave. Otherwise, bring your own. Take-outs surround the joint.

Our local *B.M.W.* dealer is a now a welcome advertiser in our chapter newsletter and has our local and state newsletter available at their dealership. If we can get just four more advertisers to sign up, we can have a larger newsletter to include run flyers.

It has been decided that the annual *S.O.S.* run will *always* be the weekend before *Labor Day.* This year that will be August 26-28. Mark that one on your calendars now. You don't want to miss out. We had great bands and good times last year and it's only going to get better.

There will be a group run, bikes or carpool depending on the weather, to

the capitol for the February 14th biker awareness day. Meet at Brownsville truck stop 8:30 am to leave there by 9 am. We were reminded to bring valentines and to make appointments with our legislators to speak with them.

Rick Maish has compiled a list with the names of our legislators and their contact numbers for our chapter web site. He reminded us that when we refer to the different bills we should use "legislative speak" as in HB 2432, *not* "that helmet bill thing".

Anne Cokeley told us how much she enjoyed our Christmas family and how appreciative they were. Bob Lowell said they've been chosen to receive a *Habitat for Humanity* home and the chapter discussed possibly doing some volunteer help in this effort. We seemed to have burned out on the mission run last year so would like to try something new. How about it folks? We should all be able to fit a hammer in our saddle bags.

It was voted that our chapter pay the \$100 fee to attend the *Best of the West* in Boise next June. I would like to encourage everyone to attend this event. I had the good fortune to go some years ago and it really was incredible. You can't imagine how much you will learn and how much fun you will have doing it. I came back so stoked it was pitiful. Probably

bugged the heck out of everyone else but they love me anyway.

It's time for our members to get on the ball and start attending our meetings. We have way too much going on to be writing it all down here. Besides the Salem scene we have a lot of rides and activities planned for this year. Don't put it off. Anyone with any years under their belt knows how fast the time passes us by. Ya don't want to be left sitting on the porch watching the rest of us ride by.

Another little incentive? The membership draw went unclaimed again this month when Tom Lowman missed out on \$120. Next month, \$130! Let see at 40 miles to the gallon and say \$1.63 a gallon . . . wow! I could make at least 3,190 miles. (Is that right?)

See ya there,

Rosie



WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

POINTS of CONTACT

Hal Fletcher (541)-688-4268 Rick Maish (541)-746-7837 Ruth Johnston (541)-935-6261

CHAPTER ADDRESS:

Wilamette Valley Chapter ABATE c/o 4618 Daisy Street Springfield, OR 97478

WEB SITE:

http://www.wvabateoforegon.com

Our Officers at Work

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

08 January 2005

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 12:15 with 9 of the 14 chapters represented. All present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and first time attendees: Carole – *South Coast*, Joan McCarty – *Columbia River*, Trace – *Washington County*.

Reading of the minutes from the December 11, 2004. Motion made by Rot Path, seconded by Tom Curran to adopt the minutes as printed in the newsmagazine. Motion carried.

Coordinators comments: This is to take the first meeting of the new year. This board is directed by you. Each of the state representatives lead this meeting.

The most important job is the state representative position as you are the liaison between the state and chapter. The meeting is conducted using be for Robert's Rules of Order as our guideline. So represented at the meeting by the state representatives. It is up to the state representatives to vote as they feel their chapter would want them to vote.

Joe said this is his last year as coordinator and hopes to leave his position in good order. Due to harsh weather conditions today, please try to make your reports brief except for our legislative report.

Correspondence: Joe read an e-mail from Lee Austin – *Southeast Portland Chapter*:

"This is to notify you that I have officially retired from A.B.A.T.E. I

resigned as coordinator for the Southeast Portland Chapter effective today. It's time to take care of myself. Joe, it's been a pleasure. The Southeast Portland Chapter's new coordinator is Barry Skinner. I trust he will do a good job for the chapter as he gets more comfortable with being in this position. I have confidence in him. He is dedicated, willing to learn, and above all he has some excellent ideas for the chapter. His e-mail is bigbear.1@netzero.net Welcome him aboard. He needs all the support you can give him. Good bye, its time to take care of me. I've given you all twelve years of it."

— Lee Austin

Joe read the e-mail he sent back to Lee:

"Thanks, Lee. The many years you have given this organization will not be forgotten, nor will the sacrifice of so much of your time. Few people have done as much to protect and preserve our freedom. Southeast Portland Chapter, our largest and strongest chapter as well as the famed Run 21 will be your legacy. Please accept the gratitude of A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon and mine as well."

— Joseph Laurance.

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Legislative director: Rick Maish included in the packets his legislative update on *BikePAC* and information from Wayne Schumacher and Ken Ray which included:

1. Elimination of discrimination of



by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

certain activities in health insurance policies. Assigned legislative council (LC) #1068 at the request of senator Frank Shields at Wayne's request. Will likely receive a bill number at the start of the 73rd legislative session next week. [10 January 2005] Strong possibility it will go to the senate health committee and have an early hearing.

- 2. Increased penalty for right of way violation. At the request of rep[representative Dan Doyle, legislative council has developed language that is far more detailed than last session language in HB3221. Draft expected out and will have an LC number this week. Plan is to send bill to elections rules committee, of which Darrick Kitts chairs. Anticipating a quick state.
- 3. Voluntary adult use of helmet. Still in legislative council. Have asked legislative council to recreate 2003 HB 2432 language. Bill will most likely go to the house transportation committee, of which we have little support in at this time. Need to work the people on this committee.

First *Biker Day* is February 14th, Valentine's Day and the state of Oregon's birthday.

February 5 is the *BikePAC* meeting. *M.R.F. Best of the West* June 24-26 in Boise, Idaho.

Included in the packets are some how to's such as how to contact your legislator by phone, mail and e-mail.

We need involvement and commitments from all bikers Have

you become a *BikePAC* member yet? If not, why?

Other items in the packet are copies of How A Bill Become Law, a very poor list of our legislators (they haven't updated any of the web sites as yet), a list of your districts as per counties and towns, visiting your legislator do's and don'ts. All taken from past idea and writings. Also available are other documents that will be making it to the chapter A.B.A. T.E. notebook that include an outline/contents document for the notebook, legislative committee appointments, legislator information details, address, phone numbers, e-mail, and room number, etc.

We need to have a good working email and phone tree for all of *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* members. Do any of the chapters have a communications tree pulled together?

Our governor is reviewing recommendations in changing Oregon's environment standards. Actually looking toward California. Seems Oregon produces more carbon dioxide than we should compared to Oregon per capita.

Honda hopes to have air bags on 2006 motorcycles.

U.S. department of justice has declared that the second amendment explicitly recognizes the right of individuals to own and carry firearms. (December 21, 2004)

A.B.A. T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Rick Maish) Included in the above.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Michael Schneider introduced himself and had nothing to report.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Cornfed (Not at the

meeting and did not contact Joe.)

Education director: Geoff White introduced himself and reminded all that S.T.E.A.M. is coming up soon. (February 19th.) If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Geoff. He has four classrooms and three sessions to fill. If you have any ideas or would like to instruct a class, please call him.

Education director II: Ricci Laurance introduced herself.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy introduced herself and reports we have 2,100 members. Josephine County Chapter had 40 new members. Jill also reminds the state representatives to let their secretaries know she needs the updated list of new officers names, phone numbers, e-mail, etc. She has received some but is missing Central Oregon, Columbia River, Josephine County, Douglas County, Lincoln County, River City. South Coast said they mailed theirs in, she just hasn't received it yet. (There was one more chapter I missed.—Charlie)

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path introduced himself and thanked all for the contributions and submission made to the magazine. Please send in your information in printed form to ensure [something]

Products: Murge Gunter (Murge) introduced herself and encouraged representatives to make orders at the board meetings. She spent 30 hours going through the inventory and proposed that we use the old *Fossil* shirts for door prizes. Today she has a special on sweatshirts: she has only two sizes but you can buy two for \$20. State representatives can take 50 business cards back to their chapter. She has plan to set up a table at the *A.M.O.* function and she will have a

table at S.T.E.A.M.

Public relations: Richard Androes introduced himself.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Duane Calkins introduced himself and said there will be a Fossil meeting following the board meeting. He said we need to maintain relationships with democrats. Those who can should attend the capitol on Monday the 10th for the swearing in. This is a great opportunity to lobby.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton introduced himself. Swapmeet date for Portland is April 24th. There will be no swapmeet in Roseburg but there may be one in Grants Pass.

State run coordinator II: Ted Tracy introduced himself.

Treasurer: Nancy Curran introduced herself and said Ted turned things over to her and he did the report for this month for her. Checking \$5,999; money market \$38,932 for a total of \$44,931. Nancy reports the 2003 taxes are done and her goal is to have 2004 taxes done by March 15.

State auditor: Nancy Curran said the only chapters report due at this time is *Lincoln County*.

Historian: Iris Yeager introduced herself and reminds all that she needs pictures to put in the history books. (Please put a description on the back of them and they can be mailed to Iris at 1921 NW 12th Avenue, Albany OR 97321)

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman introduced himself and reports there has been a dispute over the web sites. They pulled the plug on us but he is working to get things back. *A.B.A. T.E.*'s new domain is

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abateoforegon.net. Marty passed out information on the chapter sites he was aware of. If your chapter site is listed as down and it is not, please help him update this list. His e-mail address is on the flyer: marty@abateoforegon.net or webmaster@abatoeoforegon.net.

Vice coordinator-north: Ed Vaughn introduced himself and reported going to a *Southeast Portland Chapter* meeting. He will try to make it to more chapter meetings.

Vice coordinator—east: Ed Miller was excused because of bad weather over the mountain.

Vice Coordinator-south: Hal Fletcher introduced himself. He reports he has been meeting some of the coordinators and will try to attend chapter meetings and events.

Sergeant-at-arms—north: Randy Phipps introduced himself.

Sergeant-at-arms-south: Al Sims introduced himself and reported that *Hub City* has a web site: http://www.hubcity.com

Sergeant-at-arms-east: (This position is open.)

Sanctioning officer: Ron VonSild was excused. Richard reported that Ron is looking for dates of events and that Ron is now engaged.

Quartermaster: Stephan Baton reports if you have stuff to give him or need stuff, call him and give him a couple of weeks advance notice.

Committee reports

Run meeting following board meeting.

New business: Motion made by Al Sims, seconded by Tom Curran that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc., join

A. C. T.S. (Alliance for Community Traffic Safety) at the cost of \$500 for a life membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished business

Planning session deferred due to weather conditions.

Announcements

- *O.P.B.*—January 31st. Need five volunteers for one day. See Marty for more information.
- Democratic Caucus meeting Saturday 15th at *Portland State*.
- Duane Calkins got married to the girl he waited for all his life.
- Washington County turns 21. Celebration at Beaverton Elks March 12.
- Rich Maish needs information for contacts for legislative information.
- Murge needs a computer. Duane suggests the one Roger had that was set up for products.
- Rot Path reminds state representatives to take back 25 newsmagazines for bike shops, etc.
- Murge said she can put up four people for S.T.E.A.M.
- January 22 Hub City Poker Tournament.
 - February 15 *Columbia River*.

Next state board meeting: February 12, 2005 – Junction City

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill,

state recording secretary

Central Oregon

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down. If you were along make sure you rinse your bike off very well because that stuff is very corrosive.

We had a good meeting yesterday. We got a lot done in a short period of time. It was good to see 22 people present considering the weather conditions that weekend. We held nominations for chapter officers and will hold elections at Februarys meeting. Come on down in February and see who your new officers will be.

We also started working out the dates for our events this year. We need to get this done so Rebecca can work on the flyers and we can get them sanctioned by the state.

Three new members signed up at this meeting as well. Welcome Colleen, Dave, and Jay! There was a door prize donated for this meeting's raffle. It was a haircut or beard trim at the *Wild West Barber* shop in Bend. Thanks to Cher Bear for donating that door prize and it was won by Dave, one of our new members.

This holiday season our chapter also voted to spend \$200 to buy gifts for children off of the tree of joy. Kevin and Renee took the reins, bought and wrapped gifts for ten children. A big thanks to Kevin and Renee for making that happen.

Remember February 14th is *Biker Day* at the state capital. If you can, show up in your leathers and show the politicians we are a large block of voters and politely let them know where we stand on various issues.

We now have *Central Oregon* rockers to go with you *A.B.A.T.E.* patches. They are \$5 each and can be

purchased at a meeting or through myself at the *Bigfoot Powerlift* shop. We should all be proud to wear these patches.

That's it for now!

"United we stand . . ." and your know the rest of that one.

Later,

John

Hub City

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Besides, it's a cool show!

June 4 - Hub City Poker Run. This event is turning out to be one of the best in the valley. Please mark your calendar now and plan to be at Humpty's Dump in Albany on the morning of June 4. Again, call Richard at (541)-619-4361 for more info. We'll have a flyer in this fine magazine as soon as we have the last few details worked out.

October 21- Vietnam vets wall coming to Eugene. I know this is a long way out, but I want everyone to be able to plan to visit this rolling piece of tribute to those lost in the Vietnam War. We'll post more info as it becomes available. Thanks to *Hub City* member Richard Balloux for keeping us up-to-date on this memorial.

Check out www.hubcityabate.com. We're in the electronic age! Thanks to *Hub City* member Polly Lenon for volunteering to be webmistress for this young group. Polly also runs www.westernbiker.com, a great site for info and links. Polly will also list upcoming events on both of these sites if you get the pertinent info to her with plenty of lead time.

Iris Yeager, *Hub City* member and *A.B.A.T.E.* state historian, reminded everyone at our meeting to be friendly to our fellow man as this will help us at the polls. Friendly waves and smile go a long way in reducing the image many people carry of bikers.

I'd like to mention one of our local establishments that has been very supportive of motorcyclists. Just a couple miles south of Albany, in Tangent, is a little country tavern called the Dixie Creek Bar and Grill. It is the only bar in Oregon where the building spans a creek (Dixie Creek, hence the name). This watering hole sits on the west side of highway 99E in the tiny town of Tangent and is a perfect locale to have some excellent food. A large building and plenty of outside seating (weather permitting) await any traveler stopping by.

Randy Hilyer and his crew dish out some fine food with extras like all bread made fresh on site, hand selected meat and fixin's, and many cold drinks to enjoy. This is a full service bar so most will find just what they're looking for there.

You might have seen the Dixie on C.N.N. and many of the local TV stations. When the Iraqi war started (again), the owner of the Dixie hung a donation box in the tavern to help support the families left at home without the financial support of their spouses. Once a month Gene empties the box, matches the collection, and then donates all the money anonymously to one family of the *National Guard of Oregon*. Talk about grassroots support!

Hub City meets at Ciddici's Pizza (133 5th street in

downtown Albany). Tim, who owns the place, has been very supportive of *Hub City* and we want to thank him for that. Tim even went before the Albany city council to get a special waiver so that he could alter his historic *Oregon Electric Railway* station to make it better for our meetings. What a guy!

Secret password info - Just find Tim at *Ciddici's* and tell him you know Monika the biker (whomever she is). This will assure you get the special of the day!

Stop by at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month to check out our meetings. Everyone is welcome!

Call our coordinator, Garry Hastie,

(541)-967-7802 for more details. Knees in the Breeze!

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Legislative Report Rick's Ramblings On Stuff

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Receives Team Oregon Award

Yep, came Monday the 10th of January, the Oregon legislature was in session for another year of legislative activities. Every group in Oregon including the Oregon lawmakers themselves will be creating or at least attempting to get new laws passed to support their goals. We as bikers will be doing the same. In fact, it's already underway as *BikePAC* and our new lobbyist, Wayne Schumacher, have already started our agenda through the legislative process.

Update on Legislative Activities Wayne Schumacher–January 7, 2005

- 1. The elimination of discrimination of certain activities in health insurance policies language has been incorporated into LC-1068 at the request of senator Frank Shields. At my request, he introduced it as a committee bill during the December meeting of the senate general government committee, which he chairs. A bill number has not been assigned as yet, but that likely will have happened by the opening day of the 2005 session. (January 10th) Because of this action, it is likely that the bill will get assigned to the senate health committee and get an early hearing.
- 2. On the increased penalty for right-of- way violation issue, at the request of representative Dan Doyle, legislative counsel has developed language that is considerably more expansive that that of a similar bill introduced by *BikePAC* in the 2003

session, that being HB–3221. This draft was expected to be out the week of January 10th and I have discussed strategy with representative Doyle and representative Derrick Kitts who chairs the house elections rules committee. The plan is to get this draft introduced as an elections rules committee bill in the next couple of weeks, again, anticipating a quick start in the house for this bill.

- 3. The voluntary adult use of helmets issue is at this time still in legislative counsel, but we hope to have it out next week as well. Ken Ray and I spoke with house majority leader representative Wayne Scott's policy analyst in November and they have asked legislative counsel to recreate the language of HB-2432 that was introduced during the session. While we are not sure, this bill is likely to once again be assigned to the house transportation committee, not a particularly favorable set of representatives for this issue, so it's those members of the house that will require some intense work from their constituents.
- 4. Fact sheets are either developed or are in the process and are waiting for bill numbers before turning the information out for printing. Wayne will make this information available as soon as we have bill numbers.

With the kickoff of the legislative session on January 10th and our first *Biker Day at the Capitol* on February 14th, we need everyone to contact



Rick Maish legislative director lynandrick@msn.com

their legislators and make a commitment to meet with them on Valentine's day at the capitol. Also don't forget the February *BikePAC* meeting February 5th in Salem

How Do You Do That? Contacting a legislator, obtaining legislative information

While the legislature is in session, the following numbers are available to reach your legislator or for legislative information:

Outside Salem: 1-(800)-332-2313 Within Salem: (503)-986-1187 Outside of Oregon, the number is (503)-986-1187

T.D.D. access is (503)-986-1467

How can I reach a legislator by mail?

During a legislative session, it is usually best to contact a legislator at his/her capitol office, since that is where they spend most of their time. To address a letter to a legislator, simply find out their capitol room number from one of the contact listings on this site (links are included at the end of this section), and add "state capitol, Salem, Oregon 97301."

For example, to contact the fictitious senator Jones, address the letter to:

senator Josephine Jones S-639 state capitol Salem, Oregon 97301

Representatives: http://www.leg.state.or.us/house/

houseset.htm

Senators: http://www.leg.state.or.us/senate/senateset.htm

How can I reach a legislator by e-mail?

You may e-mail your legislator by using the "write your legislator" feature and by filing out the form. (www.leg.state.or.us/writelegsltr/writeset.htm) By giving your address and zip code you will be automatically matched to your district legislators. Once you have written your letter and completed the form, just click [submit].

Another spot is:

www.leg.state.or.us/

Then go to subject heading: Find Your Legislator. www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/findset.htm

By entering your mailing address, your message will be automatically forwarded to your legislator.

In all *Qwest Dex* phone books you can go to the blue government pages and find some information dealing with the Oregon state and federal legislature members in your area. It also has just about every office you could ever need for information.

Citizen's Guide to the Oregon Legislative Process

This web page will get you all of the information you need about the democratic process: www.leg.state.or.us/citizenguide/ home.htm

The *Oregon Blue Book* can be purchased at the capitol and some of your local book stores in the state. They can also be purchased on-line at the *Blue Book* web site:

http://bluebook.state.or.us/order.htm

You can reach the information through the internet at: http://bluebook.state.or.us/ as part of the secretary of state web site.

Note, the updated 2005 Blue Book is not available at this time. (08 January 2005) Keep checking for its availability.

Need to Talk This Up at Every Chapter Meeting

*Involvement * Involvement *
Involvement *

Make appointments as soon as possible with your legislators

Be at the capitol on Monday, February 14th at 9:00 a.m. with *BikePAC*.

It's not only our first *Biker Day* for the year, it's also Oregon's birthday. Come join the fun and the moment. Walk the halls of the capitol, meet with *BikePAC* and your legislators and make a difference for motorcyclists in Oregon. One person sometimes can't do much, but think what we could do if every biker in Oregon got involved in some way to support *BikePAC*. Even the little things help! Need more information:

BikePAC web site:

www.bikepac.com or call Ken at (503)-351-8193. Give me a call. If I don't have the answer I most likely can point you in the right direction or find it for you.

Become an active/supporting member of *BikePAC*

The form is in your *Oregon A.B.A. T.E.* state newsmagazine. [page 26] An associate membership is only \$15 or \$30 for a full membership. And if you're a couple or family you

can it all for just \$40.

Thanks to those chapters that have stepped up to the plate in support of biker freedom in Oregon by giving the best they can to *BikePAC of Oregon*.

Again, I want to challenge all chapters to help *BikePAC* with both building membership and updating their chapter *BikePAC* memberships.

Rick Maish

Oregon A.B.A.T.E.
legislative director

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(541)-521-6451 (cell phone)





Capitol Tips

A Few Pointers for Getting Around the Capitol

Parking is usually at a premium, so get there early. On the *BikePAC Biker Days at the Capitol*, we will usually have the front entrance of the capitol for motorcycle parking

When you first enter the capitol, (first floor) you'll walk into the rotunda and find the large bronze replica of the Oregon state seal embedded into the floor. The capitol dome rises 106 feet above the state seal and features a design of thirty-three stars symbolizing Oregon as the thirty-third state in the union. A good place to regroup when needed.

The visitor's information center provides information about the capitol, the legislative assembly, and Oregon to the public. Here you can find directions to just about anything.

Be prepared to be greeted by the capitol security, especially on special days. During the opening of the Oregon legislature they will usually do some simple searches of bags as you enter the capitol.

Capitol security wear earphones and watch just about everything. They are state police officers, and have been very friendly to us in the past. introduce yourself and chat a bit. It promotes comfort and good feelings about us at the capitol and keeps up our already excellent reputation as good citizens. It also helps educate the state police about us and creates good will.

The bill room is downstairs from the first floor, in the general area under the information center. Here you can get information on schedules, readings, bills, etc. They also will have the *Blue Book* which you can purchase. It contains the following:

- Information about the capitol building, with some mapping.
- Information about politicians from the governor on down.
- Schedules, information on current bills, meeting schedules and locations.

Parking

- Parking meters give you about 20 minutes for a quarter, with a maximum time of three hours.
- You can also purchase an all day parking permit from the bill room for \$6. You can even buy these parking passes in advance when you're at the capitol.

At the secretary of state office, voter's district maps, and voter registration information are available.

Food and drink

Vending machines and a small coffee shop is in the basement along with a large cafeteria.

For more information about the capitol and the workings of it:

state of Oregon

http://www.oregon.gov/

Oregon's governor: http://governor.oregon.gov/

Oregon's 109th national / congressional legislators: http://www.sos.state.or.us/bbook/national/senators/senators.htm

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(Information gathered from both *BikePAC* past documents and the Oregon capitol information web pages.)

-- Rick Maish

The 73rd Legislative Assembly Convened On January 10, 2005

The state of Oregon has a citizen legislature consisting of the senate, whose 30 members are elected to serve four-year terms, and the house of representatives, which has 60 members elected for two-year terms. The assembly convenes every two years in regular session on the second Monday in January during oddnumbered years, a date set by statute. Oregon constitution does not specify a limitation on session length, however most sessions last approximately six months. During the interim, legislators serve on interim committees and task forces that study issues likely to be faced during the next legislative session.

Oregon's representative form of government is governed by rules, laws, and procedures. Although the process is long, complex and dominated by committees, all laws begin as someone's idea.

How an Idea Becomes a Law

The legislative process is governed by rules, laws and procedures, making it somewhat mechanical in nature. Although the legislative process is long and complex, all laws begin as ideas.

An idea for a law can come from anyone; an individual or group of citizens, a legislator or legislative committee, the executive or judicial branch, or a lobbyist. By statute state agencies must pre-session file bills. Legislators or legislative committees may file an unlimited number of measures within established timelines set by rule.

If deadlines are missed, the senate rules committee must approve requests for drafting and/or introduction to the senate. Appropriation or fiscal measures sponsored by the joint committee on ways and means are exempt from filing deadlines and may be introduced at any time.

Types of Measures

The legislative assembly can accomplish tasks in addition to creating, amending or repealing laws. It can honor a distinguished Oregonian, propose an amendment to the Oregon constitution, or send a message on behalf of the Oregon legislature to the president of the United States. In these instances, a bill is not the appropriate form of measure.

There are six types of measures:.

Bill: A measure that creates new law, amends or repeals existing law, appropriates money, prescribes fees, transfers functions from one agency to another, provides penalties, or takes other action.

Joint resolution: A measure used for proposing constitutional amendments, creating interim committees, giving direction to a state agency, expressing legislative approval of action taken by someone else, or authorizing a kind of temporary action to be taken. A joint resolution may also authorize expenditures out of the legislative expense appropriations.

Concurrent resolution: A measure affecting actions or procedures of both houses of the legislature. A concurrent resolution is used to express sympathy, commendation, or to commemorate the

dead

Resolution: A measure used by the house or the senate (a measure used by both would be a *joint resolution*) to take an action that would affect only its own members, such as appointing a committee of its members, or expressing an opinion or sentiment on a matter of public interest.

Joint memorial: A measure adopted by both houses and used to make a request of or to express an opinion to congress, the president of the United States, or both. It is not used to commemorate the dead.

Memorial: A measure adopted by either the house or the senate (a measure adopted by both is a *joint memorial*) to make a request of or express an opinion to congress or the president of the United States, or both. It is not used to commemorate the dead. (See *concurrent resolution*)

A bill, the most common type of measure, is a proposal for a law. All statutes, except those initiated by the people or referred to the people by the legislative assembly, must be enacted through a bill.

The path of a bill, from the time it is just an idea to the time it arrives at the governor's desk for approval, is paved with many detours. In order for a bill to become law, it must be passed by both houses in the identical form. A bill may be introduced in either the senate or the house with the exception of revenue bills which must originate in the house. This is achieved through the following step-by-step process, using the house of representatives, for example, as the

house of origin.

An idea to change, amend or create a new law is presented to a representative.

The Representative decides to sponsor the bill and introduce it to the house of representatives, and requests that the attorneys in the legislative counsels office draft the bill in the proper legal language.

The bill is then presented to the chief clerk of the house, who assigns the bill a number and sends it back to the legislative counsel's office to verify it is in proper legal form and style.

The bill is then sent to the state printing division, where it is printed and returned to house of representatives for its first reading.

After the bill's first reading, the speaker refers it to a committee. The bill is also forwarded to the legislative fiscal officer and legislative revenue officer for determination of fiscal or revenue impact the measure might have.

The committee reviews the bill, holds public hearings and work sessions.

In order for the bill to go to the house floor for a final vote, or be reported out of committee, a committee report is signed by the committee chair and delivered back to the chief clerk.

Any amendments to the bill are printed and the bill may be reprinted to include the amendments (engrossed bill).

The bill, now back in the house of origin (house), has its second reading.

The measure then has its third reading, which is its final recitation

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Idea Becomes Law

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before the vote. This is the time the body debates the measure. To pass, the bill must receive aye votes of a majority of members (31 in the house, 16 in the senate).

If the bill is passed by a majority of the house members, it is sent to the senate.

The bill is read for the first time and the senate president assigns it to committee. the committee reports the bill back to the senate where the bill is given the second and third readings.

If the bill is passed in the senate without changes, it is sent back to the house for enrolling.

If the bill is amended in the senate by even one word, it must be sent back to the house for concurrence. If the house does not concur with the amendments, the presiding officers of each body appoint a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two versions of the bill.

After the bill has passed both houses in the identical form, it is signed by three officers: the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the chief clerk of the house or secretary of the senate, depending on where the bill originated.

The enrolled bill is then sent to the governor who has five days to take action. If the legislative assembly is adjourned the governor has 30 days to consider it.

If the governor chooses to sign the bill, it will become law on the prescribed effective date. The governor may allow a bill to become law without his/her signature, or the governor may decide to veto the bill. The governor's veto may be

overridden by a two-thirds vote of both houses.

The signed enrolled bill, or act, is then filed with the secretary of state, who assigns it an Oregon laws chapter number.

Staff in the legislative counsel's office insert the text of the new laws into the existing Oregon revised statutes in the appropriate locations and make any other necessary code changes.

Effective date of legislation

In 1999, the legislative assembly adopted ORS 171.022, which reads, "Except as otherwise provided in the act, an act of the legislative assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the act."

Some bills contain a clause which specify a particular effective date. Still others may have emergency, sunset, or referendum clauses attached.

Visiting Your State Legislator at the Capitol

First, make an appointment

- Provide as much advance notice as possible.
- Call or write the legislator's district or capitol office to setup your appointment.
- Be flexible with your schedule. Legislators are busy people.
- State the subject to be discussed and the time needed, and if possible, send information ahead of the meeting.
- Identify those who will attend with you. Keep your group small.
- Request that the staff member who handles the issue be in

attendance as well.

Be prepared, do your home work

- Know what you want to say. Try not to generalize.
- Emphasize how the issue affects you, your community, and the state.
- Know the facts, including the bill number, title, and status.
- Present the facts in an orderly, concise, and positive manner. Use relevant facts and research to support your views.
- Prepare a one-page fact sheet to leave with the legislator outlining your views on the issue and the impact it will have.
- Present your views politely, concisely but persuasively with commitment.
- Relate the pros and cons of the proposed legislation you support or oppose and what the impacts could be. Suggest an alternative approach
- If you disagree with the legislator, do not lecture or be argumentative.

Your demeanor

- Never take a self-righteous attitude with your legislator or any of their staff.
 - Don't be intimidated by legislators
- Never embarrass a legislator. Do not surprise them with something.
- Do not be, threatening, demanding or get angry if they don't agree with you.
- Do have a sense of humor. A smile really helps
- Helps to break the ice if you find something you have in common.
- Always introduce those who are with you.
- Listen to exactly what the legislator is saying, not what you think they are saying.

Some important tips

- 1. Be on time and keep appointment to agreed period.
- Make certain you reach your appointment on time. Best to be a little early rather than a little late.
- Keep appointment as short as possible. Legislators have extremely busy schedules.
- Plan to get your message across in 5 to 10 minutes or less.
- Do not get sidetracked into small talk. Make your time really count. Stay on the subject at hand.

2. Be honest and respectful

- Do not exaggerate the merits or problems of the bill. Be realistic.
- Be sincere. If you make a mistake, admit it.
- Do nothing that could lose the legislator's trust

3. Be confident and also be firm.

- Focus on the issue.
- Let your enthusiasm and concern win out over any shyness.
- Know your legislator's current stand on issues.
- Do not get caught by surprise or assume anything.
- Find out exactly where your legislator stands on the issue. Ask what action he or she intends to take and do not hesitate to request specifics.
 - Don't mix issues.

4. Listen carefully.

- Be ready to answer questions clearly and if you do not know the answer to a question, admit it and send the answer later.
- Listen carefully to the legislator's viewpoint, even if you disagree.
- If you do not have an answer to a question, admit It and commit to getting the answer for them.
 - Respect the legislators views.

Avoid distain for legislators or the legislative system.

5. Lastly

- Thank the legislator and the staff for their time.
- Remember, when you are talking to staff people, you are also talking to the legislator.

Follow up

- Send a thank you letter to the legislator and to the staff members who helped arrange your visit.
- Include a summary of your position along with any other new information that supports your views.
- Follow up with *BikePAC* on outcome of meeting.
- Forward to *BikePAC* any information that the legislator has asked for.

River City

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January 4, 2005

We had a very quick first meeting of the year with our vice chair, Steve, in the driver's seat. Not much business since the state board of directors meeting is this next weekend. It is cold and getting colder here. We had new pictures of our Christmas party in the book.

The irony of the evening was when Lee's name was drawn for the chapter membership drawing and he wasn't here! It'll be \$10 net meeting.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$8/\$8 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thank you, Rick.

I'm home now and we just fed the fire.

Cozy up. Brian Regular Meeting

Called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm. 15 people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Steve.

Guests: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Teresa because they were presented in e-mail and written form; passed.

Correspondence: None.

Treasury report is \$654.35

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 60

Board report: None.

Legislative report: None.

Ways and means report: Teddy bear figurine raffle raised \$41

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: New pictures.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Brian showed up for New Year's Day ride.

Planned rides: *Biker Day*, Salem-14 February 2005; S.T.E.A.M.-19 February 2005 at *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem.

Klickitat County Fair parking project looks possible. Need exact dates and review again at the next meeting.

New Business

Need computer for our new treasurer.

Coordinator's comments: Happy New Year to all.

Membership drawing for \$15 would have been won by Lee Eikanas if he had been present at the meeting. It will be \$10 next meeting.

50/50 was won by Rick at \$8/\$8. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

Adjourned 7:20 pm

Upcoming Meetings February 1, 2005 7 pm



BikePAC Update



BikePAC bills are moving!!

All three *BikePAC* bills are progressing through the system nicely according to lobbyist Wayne Schumacher.

In the senate, SB 195 would prevent group health insurance companies from denying benefits from motorcycling. This bill was introduced as a committee bill, which does add to its weight. There are some corrections coming to the language. *BikePAC*, not the *A.M.A.*, requested this bill. Also motorcycles are transportation, not recreation. This will be corrected soon.

In the house the helmet bill is in legislative council for initial language

and the bill enhancing right-of-way violation penalties is being rewritten. These two do not have house bill numbers yet as they are not yet in final form. We expect both of them to be out soon.

As soon as we have bill numbers on the house bills we will get that info out and start asking people to work on the committee members. In the meantime, start contacting your senator and begin the education process about why health insurance benefits need protection. Remember, under the current federal law insurance companies may not deny coverage, but they can deny benefits for injuries from prohibited activities.

It is important to check your health insurance policies to see if this applies to you. If your benefits are at risk from participating in the legal activity of motorcycling, we need to know about it

For more information, contact: Ken Ray executive director *BikePAC of Oregon* (503)-351-8193 www.bikepac.com

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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$_____ of my contribution into a dedicated

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(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy

Historian

by Iris Yeager



Happy New Year, happy month and happy day.

Each day is a new beginning opportunity.

Again, I will ask your chapter historians to gather pictures (4 to 6) of your chapter special events and members as a group and somehow get

them to me for the state history books. I really need these for the past two years. 2003 and 2004.

When I say four to six I mean for each event. Please make a note on the back of the picture the name of the event and date of event along with names of people if you want. Event and date are very important.

I have received very few and due to family needs (elderly mother) have not been able to attend most events. That means I have attended almost none. Not much fun, but sometimes a necessity.

This is an important need. Please help me get these history books current!

If you need to spend extra dollars mailing please let me know so you can be reimbursed.

Thank you very much. Again, this is very important.

Iris E. Yeager

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.

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A.M.A. is hosting a 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, 2005 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 e-mail at stitus@ama-cycle.org

A Pennsylvania general assembly bill to increase penalties for careless driving when someone is injured or killed has cleared and been signed into law by the governor Edward Rendell. The measure, HB-873, received final approval in the house by a 192-2 vote on November 21. A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania was the driving force in getting the bill passed, backed by the

A.M.A., as part of the A.M.A.'s national *Justice for All* campaign that seeks increased penalties for those who kill or injure vulnerable road users, including motorcyclists and bicyclists.

Under the new law, drivers convicted of careless driving when the offender unintentionally causes the death of another person face increased fines of \$500 and a six-month drivers license suspension. A careless driving offense that results in serious bodily injury to another person carries a \$250 fine and three-month license suspension.

Under current law, a careless-driving conviction results in a \$25 fine plus costs and fees, as well as three points off a person's license. No further penalties currently exist if a death or serious injury results from a careless-driving violation.

The bill is the latest victory for motorcyclists in efforts nationwide to increase penalties for drivers who injure or kill vulnerable road users, and to educate drivers to share the road. Similar laws have been passed in New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Washington, and Massachusetts.

The A.M.A.'s national Justice for All campaign focuses on the inadequate sentencing of drivers who kill or seriously injure others on the road. The campaign seeks to get three measures passed in all 50 states. Those measures will: increase penalties, including jail time, for those who commit manslaughter with a motor vehicle; impose fines and drivers license suspensions on drivers who commit traffic offenses that injure or

kill others; and get motorcyclist-awareness instruction included in each state's driver-education program. To learn more about the A.M.A. Justice for All program, go to the http://www.amadirectlink.com/justice/index.asp Justice for All page. Or contact A.M.A. grassroots manager Terry Lee Cook at (614)-856-1900. ext. 1288; or by e-mail at tcook@ama-cycle.org

The Bureau of Land Management's (B.L.M.) Amarillo field office is issuing a supplementary recreational permit rule on approximately 12,000 acres of B.L.M. lands known as the Cross Bar from damage through over use by the public in Potter County, Texas.

The Cross Bar property was completely closed to all public use from its 1931 acquisition until 1997 by the *B.L.M.* In spite of there being no legal physical access to the property, approximately 10,000 visitor-days use occur there each year. The Cross Bar is the only *B.L.M.*-managed land in the state of Texas.

The Cross Bar is adjacent to a highly utilized off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) area on the Canadian River. The public utilizing the Canadian riverbed for O.H.V. purposes frequently cuts fences and drives their O.H.V.'s onto the Cross Bar lands. Large numbers of people walk onto the property from the river during a variety of hunting seasons. In order to control numbers and prevent over use of this unique area, *B.L.M.* proposes to allow public access only



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under a closely controlled and monitored permit system.

For further information or to obtain a permit contact Paul Tanner; natural resource specialist; *B.L.M.*; Amarillo field office; 801 S. Fillmore Street, Suite 500; Amarillo, Texas 79101-3545, (806)-356-1008 from Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m(central time). The permits will be for day use only, but use can be for any day of the week.

Australian off-highway motorcycle riders could have their bikes confiscated when Queensland's reckless driving laws are extended should the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act* be amended. The measure is intended to help officers more effectively deal with people who use their vehicles in an irresponsible and dangerous manner in public places.

The new laws, to be drafted and introduced into parliament this year, will give police the power to: act immediately on complaints without having to first visit the complainant; enter private properties in order to properly investigate complaints; issue a 48-hour noise abatement direction for a first complaint; seize the bike for 48 hours if the noise direction is breached (second complaint) and within 48 hours of the direction being made police could apply to the magistrates court to place restrictions on the bike's use - including the time, place and manner in which it can be used; impound the trail bike for another 48 hours if the court order is breached (the third complaint) and apply for a three-month impoundment order; and impound the bike again after another breach of the court order (fourth complaint) following the three-month impoundment, and make an application for a permanent confiscation and forfeiture order.

Nuisance riders also face a range of tough fines, from \$750 for breaching a police noise abatement direction to \$3,000 for a court noise abatement order. (*The Age*)

A Tennessee drunk driver whose vehicle killed a woman has been sentenced to 15 years in prison and ordered to hang her photo in his jail cell. Forty-six-year-old Jimmy Nall was sentenced in Franklin under a plea bargain agreement. Nall will get a folder full of photos and stories about Sherri Glover.

The 33-year-old Glover was riding a motorcycle in June 2003 when Nall crashed into her on a rural road. His blood alcohol level was 0.36, more than triple the legal limit at the time. Nall had two prior D.U.I.'s before the crash. Since he has been in jail since the crash, he's eligible for parole in three years. (Associated Press)

The Illinois Departments of Transportation (I.D.O.T.) and Illinois Departments of Public Health (I.D.P.H.) are in the process of developing a new database that will assist in highway safety decision-making. The Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System or C.O.D.E.S.

database is being funded by a \$281,000 federal grant from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. (N.H.T.S.A.)

The C.O.D.E.S. system will allow I.D.O.T. and I.D.P.H. staff to match traffic crash reports with health care data from a variety of sources, including emergency medical service records, hospital discharges and death certificates. I.D.O.T.'s division of traffic safety will use the C.O.D.E.S. information to support their decisions to improve traffic safety on Illinois highways. Eventually, the C.O.D.E.S. system will be able to better identify the full extent of injuries suffered as a result of impaired driving, not wearing safety belts and not wearing a helmet on a motorcycle.

All individual medical and crash information will remain strictly confidential in compliance with state and federal regulations.

I.D.O.T. and *I.D.P.H.* are currently in the process of beginning to develop the database and hope to have the full *C.O.D.E.S.* system up and running by the middle of 2005. (*Associated Press*)

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists





N.C.O.M. Convention Coming In May

Make Your Reservations Now

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the upcoming N.C.O.M. convention, May 5-7 at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, located at 777 McGavock Pike in Nashville, Tennessee. Reserve your room by April 3rd for the special N.C.O.M. rate of \$79 single/double by calling (615)-885-2200. Registration fees for the 20th annual convention are \$75 including the Silver Spoke awards banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 for the convention only. To preregister, call the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists at (800)-525-5355 or go to http://www.on-a-bike.com/

Tsunami Relief

Tonight Show host Jay Leno will team up with Harley-Davidson Motor Company to auction off a motorcycle signed by celebrities to benefit victims of the December 26th Asian tsunami that killed over 168,000 around the Indian Ocean, reported ABC's Entertainment Tonight on January 4, 2005.

Health Insurance Measure Introduced In Oregon

Although federal legislation to prohibit health care providers from discriminating against insureds who are injured while riding a motorcycle, A.T.V., or while participating in so-called "risky activities", was the last bill passed by the U.S. senate on November 21st, S.423 died just days later when the house adjourned for

the session without taking action.

Not content to wait for congress to act, *BikePAC of Oregon* has requested state senator Frank Shields to introduce legislative concepts draft 1068. LC 1068 would close the loophole that allows health insurers to deny medical coverage to motorcycle accident victims.

A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado successfully amended state law in 1997 to make it illegal to deny medical benefits to employees based on their participation in such activities, effectively overriding federal H.I.P.P.A. regulations.

Gang Bill Filed In South Carolina

State senators Jake Knotts (R-West Columbia) and Dick Elliott (D-North Myrtle Beach) have pre-filed a bill that would make it illegal to intimidate someone into joining or leaving a gang. A similar bill has been filed in the house.

The legislation defines a criminal gang as five or more people who organize to commit criminal activity, which could include hate groups, motorcycle gangs, and terrorist groups.

Steve Nawojczyk, a gang expert from Little Rock, Arkansas, said the measure is similar to what other states have enacted.

Richland county assistant prosecutor David Pascoe said the bill could help better prove a defendant is a gang member. Sometimes such information is not presented to a jury because the information could be prejudicial, he said.

Knotts has tried unsuccessfully for several years to pass a bill making intimidation of prospective members illegal. Last year, a bill made it to the senate floor but died without a vote.

New Hampshire Bill Would Muffle Motorcycles

The noise generated by motorcyclists touring the coastline has motivated a group of seacoast-area lawmakers to file a bill request with the legislature asking the state to revise the standards for testing motorcycle noise and limiting exhaust systems.

"The communities that have a lot of motorcycle (traffic) on Sunday afternoons are the ones who have an interest here," said Portsmouth city attorney Robert Sullivan, who helped draft the bill request after being approached by the police chiefs of Portsmouth and Rye.

It would ban "straight-pipe" exhaust systems, referring to those that don't have mufflers with noise-reducing baffles. The proposal would prohibit motorcyclists from modifying a bike's exhaust system to make it louder than the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.

The law also would prohibit motorcycles from generating a noise level measured at greater than 110 decibels. Riders found to be not in

compliance with the new standards would be guilty of a traffic violation.

New Motorcycles Sales Could Top One Million

The motorcycle industry has experienced 12 years of consecutive growth, and 24 percent more units have been sold in the last four years than in the entire preceding decade (1990-1999).

According to *Motorcycle Industry Council* estimates, year-to-date sales are up 4.4 percent through fall 2004, marking the 12th consecutive year of growth for the United States motorcycle market.

"Motorcycling today is more mainstream than ever — and the numbers prove it," notes the *M.I.C.* "The new *M.I.C.* owner survey shows that since 1998, there has been a 34 percent increase in the number of motorcycles in use in the United States. Motorcycles are everywhere — in advertising, editorial layouts, movies, television. They're an iconic representation of freedom and individualism in our American culture."

In 2003, strong demand generated new unit motorcycle sales of more than 996,000 units, up from 936,000 in 2002. If the current growth rate continues, *M.I.C.* estimates that 2004 sales of new motorcycles could top 1 million units.

Honda Sales Increase By A Third

Japan's *Honda Motor Company*, the world's largest motorcycle maker, reports both its motorcycle production and sales in China are on track to grow by one-third this year, up 38 percent to 1.15 million motorcycles.

Honda predicted its global motorcycle sales will grow by 23 per cent to 10.7 million units this year.

Other Japanese motorcycle groups, such as *Yamaha* and *Suzuki*, have also built a strong presence in China which ranks number one in both motorcycle production and demand.

Yamaha aims to produce 1 million motorcycles in China by 2005 and increase output to 4 million units by 2010 through collaborations with local partners.

At present, there are more than 120 motorcycle manufacturers in China.

Former Basketball Star Sponsors Motorcycle Racer

Retired *N.B.A.* star Michael Jordon has turned his focus from hoops to the racetrack as his latest business venture is motorcycle racing, a pursuit that dates to his childhood in Wilmington, South Carolina, he recently told *Speed Channel's Two Wheel Tuesday*.

Jordan is sponsoring Montez Stewart, a riding buddy in Chicago, and the color scheme for the bikes and leather are classic Carolina blue.

"I want to win," said Jordon in an interview. "I really want to make a statement about my support of this sport."

His father was a *N.A.S.C.A.R.* fan and Jordan says he and his brother talked their parents into getting them a mini-bike. "I almost killed myself, but I had a good time. My brother and I shared it. I was primarily the driver because I was the more aggressive one and he rode on the back."

"When I was 12, we were racing some of the guys in our neighborhood and we took a tumble and got scraped up. And my parents always said that if we got scraped up, we were going to get rid of it, so we got long-sleeve shirts and tried to cover everything up."

"At dinner, blood started seeping through our shirts and they got rid of the bike a week later. So, that was the end of my motorcycle career until now."

Jordan says he's in the motorcycle racing business for the long run. "Every time I go to the race, I have a ball, so I look to be around for a while."

Quotable Quote

"I love riding my motorcycle along the Pacific Coast Highway - the freedom of the road and the smell of the sea. That is the California spirit."

> California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger state of the state address 05 January 2005

Quotable Quote Too

"They're not going to make me give up my motorcycle, too?"

Newly elected Indiana governor Mitch Daniels when asked by the *Indianapolis Star* about riding his motorcycle now that he's the new governor.

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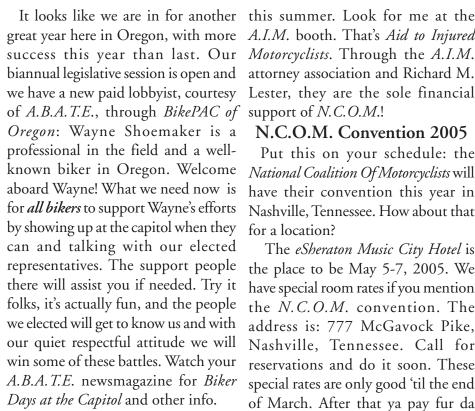
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From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK



Watch also for some terrific activity at the capitol from one proud individual biker with some great ideas, Clark Brooker! More on that next Sack!!

We are the most welcome people that visit that special place. It's not what we wear, it's our conduct while we are there. We're welcome because we play by the rules and we take our hats off in the house. Even if we are unhappy with some things in this country we as a people have the right to change them. So few people in other parts of the world can say that. Freedom is so precious.

And back on the road, your Gunny here is getting the run schedule put together. I'm looking forward to a real busy 2005 and sharing the road and a horn of corn or two with all you folks

A.I.M. booth. That's Aid to Injured Motorcyclists. Through the A.I.M. attorney association and Richard M. Lester, they are the sole financial support of N.C.O.M.!

N.C.O.M. Convention 2005

Put this on your schedule: the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists will have their convention this year in Nashville, Tennessee. How about that brother, huh? for a location?

The eSheraton Music City Hotel is the place to be May 5-7, 2005. We have special room rates if you mention the N.C.O.M. convention. The address is: 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tennessee. Call for reservations and do it soon. These special rates are only good 'til the end of March. After that ya pay fur da whole hog. The special rates are \$75 per night single or double, plus tax. The number to call is: (615)-885-2200. I will see you there won't I? The plans are super and there will be a lot of work for us all, learning how to talk to our legislators and how bills are put together.

There will be a national meeting of all the Confederations of Clubs meeting and all interested parties are invited to attend. Don't miss it. Motorcycle associations, such as A.B.A.T.E.s are now associate members of many confederations around the country and members of all biker groups are generally encouraged to attend C.O.C. meetings.

At the national meeting we will find out what is going on judicially in our world. Yes, we're hitting them with a



double edged sword now, with our work in the lawmaking end of this via state legislatures all over the country and we're going after them in the courts. We aren't winning all the battles but we're dishing out plenty of spankings. Like I said, we are learning the rules and using them to our advantage. Kind of a surprise for big

There is work in progress to bring the sport-bike riders into the mix to further strengthen our legislative clout. For some time now we've been working to gather the dirt bikers in too. They suffer riding trail losses almost daily. We need to pull with them to stop the nonsense. That's where these N.C.O.M. conventions help us all. We are able to network our expertise and share our knowledge with each other and take the message home to our folks. It is effective and we do it ourselves. Come and see! For registration information, go to http:/ /www.On-A-Bike.com, or http:// www.aimncom.com, or call N.C.O.M. at 1-(800)-On-A-Bike.

Newsbits-N-Pieces

England – These good folks have the novel idea of using lottery funds to help fund their rider training courses. Thames Vale Advanced Motorcyclists have been awarded a grant of five thousand pounds to purchase twenty five sets of bike-tobike radios used in their riding courses. That's a good idea!

India – Sponsorship in a charity run here will cost you 2,675 pounds, whatever that is in dollars. However,

this entitles you the privilege of riding an *Enfield Bullet* on a 750 mile, nine day adventure across India with such sights as the mighty Himalayas, old colonial Simia, the banks of the Ganges river and breathtaking mountain passes. The money goes to *Children Today* that provides grants to buy special needs devices for disabled kids. A big plus: You get to see how others on this planet live.

Evel Kneivel – Way back in 2001 Evel was photographed at an awards shindig with his arms around his wife and an other lady. A U.S. web site published the pic with the caption, "You're never too old to be a pimp." Kneivel sued and the judge ruled against him. Evel is taking it to the U.S. supreme court on appeal. I would too. Nasty slander is *not* a joke

New York, New York – Bikers in this area are losing their bikes to thieves who are selling the engines on the internet to the dwarf racing people. The engines are power for the tiny race cars that have started and are becoming the rage in this country. New York police have arrested a group of sixteen people alleged to be involved. A New York firefighter is among the group. They are all facing trial. Details when we know more!

United Kingdom – Newspapers in the U.K. tell of a stolen bike scam: The thieves steal a bike and grind the frame and engine numbers off and stamp crashed bike numbers in their place and sell the hot bikes as reregistered imported bikes. Authorities apparently are diligent when it comes to checking safety features but very lax about V.I.N. numbers. Whoops! Sounds like they need a wake-up call. In the meantime be very careful yourself if you plan to buy an

imported scooter. It might be the very bike you had stolen from your garage last winter.

Japan – It's well known that Honda is developing an airbag for motorcycles. Several manufacturers have been researching the idea for years. Guess they are close to a solution. B.M. W. offered a similar idea but it was too costly and most folks declined the system. I'm no genius but I'm tellin' ya if I have to have an airbag on my scoot, the day has come when I sell the ride and take the bus. If I find myself in a crash situation, I want to be able to abandon the wreck and not be trapped by an airbag! How dumb can ya get?

India – As part of India's hydrogen energy program they have come up with a hydrogen-powered motorcycle that will soon be in testing. Now that interests me, especially with the current cost of gas. There are already electric bikes. Why not hydrogen bikes?

Texas – State representative Norma Chavez finally got her special license plate. All other officials may have the special plate bearing the words "Texas state official" for their cars. Her plate goes on her 1994 midnight blue Harley-Davidson Sportster. She is the only woman legislator in Texas who rides. I think that's neat.

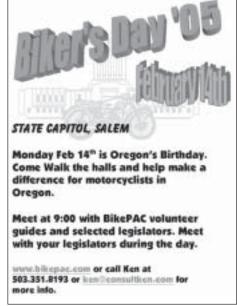
Gunny Again

These words come to you because we have lawyer people on our side of the fence and that's the message I try and convey each month. The *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* attorneys all over this country are available to all of us in our time of need. That goes for those of us in deep doo-doo with the law, for whatever reason. All of our attorneys ride and they are here for us.

Use them. It's to your advantage. If you have a legal question call on the *A.I.M.* attorney network. They will help. The national number is 1-(800)-531-2424 (1-800-On-A-Bike) Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is available at (503)-224-1106, or toll free at 1-(800)-347-1106. His e-mail: SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Mine is AIMGUNNY@aol.com Until next time, keep the round side on the bottom,

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



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Joe Laurance's Bonneville Experience

So *this* is Bonneville!

I can easily see the exact spot where Craig Breedlove nosed his wingless jet fighter Spirit of America into the canal following a new land speed record run in 1964. Right here, a little outside of Wendover, in southwestern Utah is where Rollie Free pushed his Vincent Black Lightning to 150 miles an hour in 1948, clad in only swim trunks, shower cap and tennis shoes setting both a new fashion standard and land speed record for the class. This featureless plain of blindingly white salt has long been the natural habitat of two wheel streamliners capable of well over 300 miles per hour driven by the likes of Don Vesco and Dave Campos. Here on this 30,000 acre salt flat is where Larry Forrstall and Rick Yaccuci taught us all to say *Hayabusa*. Now it's my turn!

I'm here during the second week of September, 2004, for the International Motorcycle Speed Trials by Bub. This is the first motorcycle only event ever staged on the salt flats, and the show will include all kinds of bikes and streamliners attempting land speed records in various A.M., S.C.T.A., and F.I.M. categories, as well as a Run Whatcha Brung class for amateurs like myself.

My bike is warming at a fast idle as I focus on Jim our starter, perched on the tailgate of an old *Ford* pickup, several yards away.

Sound carries so well here on the salt that I can easily overhear Jim telling his partner about "a couple of crazy old guys who have ridden their *Hayabusa*s all the way down from Oregon to run the salt". I guess he's talking about my cousin Brian and



myself, even though "cuz" is only fifty seven, while I am a mere youth of fifty four. "Crazy", like "fast", is a relative term and in the woods where Brian falls timber and I haul logs, we're considered entirely reasonable. I have, however, heard dark mumbling from my biker brothers. They feel that, as state coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, I really should be riding a Harley, always and everywhere. Jim pushes off the tailgate and walks my way, skirting the supports for the blue canopy, under which many already hide from the heat. "'Ya ready Joe?" Jim asks with a grin, ear cocked toward a chattering hand-held radio. Less anxious than impatient, I smile back "You bet!"

I ease away at a diagonal toward the pair of yellow vertical flags that mark the start of the five mile short course which includes a two mile runup, the measured mile, then two miles to slow down. I tip toe around to the left and line up, thinking with gratitude of all the suggestions and advice so freely given over the last three days by some of the biggest names in this motor sport. The salt can be like concrete, but this morning the high moisture content offers traction a lot like cold snow. Larry Forrstall, seven time winner of land speed records, offers: "It's a little slick so short shift through fourth gear,

then throttle up. You'll have plenty of time to make speed". I spin a little in third, not yet used to the T.R.E. which has eliminated factory imposed speed, torque, and rpm limitations, work the bike into sixth and then come on the power. A few seconds later, the booming roar of the wind and the thundering howl of the bike is a new experience as the speedometer needle reaches the peg at 185 a little over a mile into the run. Man, this is so cool! Everything seems smooth and stable as I glance at the tach needle continuing to climb past redline. At about 190 mph my helmet begins to shake from side to side. I'm just a little too big to fit comfortably behind the windshield. I cover the next mile in nineteen seconds as she gives me all she's got, and force my narrowing vision past the set of black markers that mark both ends of the measured kilometer and mile and toward the last markers downrange.

This is a one shot deal, and as I've never been here before, it's important that I take advantage of the knowledge gained by Bud Cook on his last record run. The fellow Oregonian and one time log hauler has put it into words I can understand: "It's slick in the measured mile and she'll spin up and pull from side to side so just let her go, hold what you've got for rpm and don't fight her. It's best a little left of center and the wind will move you to the left, but not too much so just let her drift". As I pass the first set of black banners, I'm into the measured mile. A couple of seconds later, and sure enough, I feel the 190 Avon on the rear spin. I hold what throttle I've got and a heartbeat later the 'Busa finds

traction. The bike's rear end saws back and forth gently then stabilizes. At the speed my wheels are rotating, I tell myself there is no possible way I can go down. With my vision blurred by helmet shake of four or five cycles per second, I hold my breath and the throttle tight as I mouth the words to myself "Just a little longer". The start of the kilometer flashes by, followed almost immediately by the end of the kilometer. "Just a little longer". I catch a glimpse of the speedo reading 170 something and falling as my helmet steadies and clear vision returns. The available traction is obviously less than the resistance of the wind in this spot. Many bikes will lose as much as 30 mph through the mile, as do I. "Just a little longer". How can it be taking so long to get to the end of the mile?..... Finally!





Southeast Portland

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all they're the ones who got *A.B.A.T.E.* started. We just carry it on. Thank you."

When it comes to Lee Austin many had wonderful things to say. Bill says, "Lee was very unselfishly loyal, dedicated, and his involvement was always productive. He made positive things happen with unheard of leadership. His absence will be missed tremendously by all who worked and associated with him. Like they say 'all good things don't last forever.' The person taking his place has got some big shoes to fill."

Mike Friend says "Although I am new to the Southeast Chapter, as a member I have been acquainted with Lee for a few years now. Lee can sure get things done. Lee always speaks his mind - his yes is always a yes and his no is a no (that's scriptural you know). You always know where you stand with Lee. That is a mark of a good leader. I remember Lee coming to our Northeast meeting once and lighting into us for not taking care of some type of run business. I don't exactly recall what the problem was. I do know that we as a chapter dropped the ball on something. As you can guess, Lee told us what he thought about it in no uncertain terms. Although there was some colorful expressions and words used by Lee he was respectful to us at the same time. Another mark of a good leader is the ability to hold people accountable at the same time maintaining their self-respect. Although we squirmed in our seats a bit, no feelings were hurt. Lee made his point and all was well after that. Lee has came back for several

meetings just to show up and support us. Bottom line for me is that I admire his ability to get things done and I admire his leadership abilities. We can all learn from Lee. I hope (and pray) to see Lee back in circulation with us very soon. Lee, you deserve a good rest for a while. (Just a while.) Thank you for all you have done! You have done a ton of great work for *ABATE*." Mike Friend, chaplain.

Richard tips his hat to Lee for service above and beyond.

Craig said "When we needed a coordinator Lee stepped up and did the job. He's given a lot of complements and a heck of a lot of criticisms but he did the job and did it well. Thank you, Lee."

Pee Wee writes, "He's the honoree old bum but he's good also and will be missed even if I do yell and cuss him out. He supported me."

Lauren writes, "Lee you may call yourself an asshole but it takes love and devotion to become a respected asshole."

All of our love goes out to you and we wish the very best for you no matter what shits before your step. We'll miss you.

I hope to see many of us at S.T.E.A.M. and at biker day at the capital this month.

You all take good care of yourselves and keep your noses clean.

Let's not forget about our chapter goals of brotherhood and public relations. Get out there and make a new brother today!

Love,

Nicoluscious

Letters

Dear newsmagazine editor,

Recently, the state coordinator closed his message to *A.B.A.T.E.* members in the newsmagazine with the apparent invocation of "heavenly" assistance. I have attended state board meetings also and listened to him expressing his religious views. I think that is a misuse of the office.

Let me be upfront about it: I am an atheist. Unlike many so-called religious types, I don't push my views on others. I have objected to the recitation of the pledge of allegiance in part because I don't believe that this country is a nation under "god." I also happen to think that true patriots don't have to reaffirm their patriotism by the rote recitation of the pledge, but that is another rant.

I also have objected to having a chapter chaplain. If chapter members want religious guidance, they can go to their mullah, priest, pastor, or witch doctor.

I think that religions are simple expressions of superstition, are patently silly and open the door to bigotry and hatred as witnessed in this state by the recent measure 36 campaign. But I also believe that anyone can believe whatever they choose to believe in, no matter how foolish I think those beliefs are. Just don't push that nonsense on me or I'll push back.

Spike

Dear Spike,

Crusty ol' editor suspects your views will not be popular with many people. He would remind those folks

who might be offended by your comments that the test of any nation's constitutional free speech guarantees is the ability of its citizens to speak about unpopular viewpoints without fear of reprisals. The strength of liberty is not the popularity of what is said but rather the respect for each other's freedom of expression.

Where an organization is attempting to represent a cross section of people, it is important for the leadership of that association to be as neutral as possible. This includes the temptation to foist one's beliefs onto others from an official capacity.

For some folks, their religious views are so deeply ingrained into the core of their being that it's difficult for them recognize that there are other ways of thinking.

Full marks to those who try.

It's like changing from kick start to

electric start.

Dear Editor -

This is my first letter to the editor of our newsletter (officially at least) and it would be better named a letter of thanks to our editor.

As a fellow *A.B.A. T.E.* member and a fellow *Hub City* chapter member, I'd like to express my thanks and compliments for the great job you do on the state's monthly newsletter. I've come to realize in my years as an *A.B.A. T.E.* member, the last three of which I have been a chapter officer in one capacity or another, that in this volunteer organization we are terribly quick to criticize and not nearly quick enough or generous enough with our thanks and compliments. Personally I try to be careful not to be critical

unless I'm prepared to step into the other person's shoes and do their job! And usually I know I'm not.

The officers' positions in the chapters and at the state level take varying amounts of time and energy for each person who has generously donated their time. Some folks are putting in way more time and energy than others and deserve a pat on the back and an encouraging "atta boy" more often than others. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on how much time and energy our editor puts into this newsletter. I can't imagine trying to find that kind of time in my own busy schedule, so I'd just like to say thanks! And job well done!!

Personally, I appreciate that from time to time you inject your own sense of humor into a newsletter that can get a bit dry. Anything that makes me smile is a good addition to my day.

I also wanted to compliment you on your article in the January newsletter about "walking away". I found it to be thought-provoking without pointing fingers or being accusatory at all. It made me think and reflect about several incidents our chapter has been through in this last year or so and realize that although we sometimes find our personal differences interfering with our bond as a chapter, I still believe that A.B.A.T.E. is a cause worth sticking with and fighting for.

I'm proud to have you be part of our chapter and very grateful that you continue to do such a great job each month putting all our thoughts and input together in such a successful way. Thanks, Rot!!

From your fellow *Hub City* chapter

More Letters

member and chapter treasurer,

Kathleen Gerke

Dear wonderfully perceptive person,

If crusty ol' editor has any cockles left in his heart, your kind words would certainly warm them.

He is always glad to hear about people thinking and encourages them to do so with any activity that adds texture to their grey matter.

You make a very good point about criticism that only points out faults. Critical thinking requires that problems be noted *and* that solutions be formulated for consideration.

Perfection is a fallacy of imagination that entertains our minds with its possibility. Since no one and nothing is perfect in this world, the well-adjusted mind views perfection as a desirable goal, not an obtainable destination. Expecting perfection in others hides our own embarrassment of less than stellar actions. People are all too human and *will* make mistakes.

Yer crusty ol' editor has a goal of some day publishing a newsmagazine without any mistakes in it. Since the likelihood of that happening is slightly less than the chances of a rice rocker rider being welcomed into a *H.O.G.* chapter, c.o.e. rides the road less horrible.

It would be well for us all to remember during this legislative session that people tend to respond more favorably to praise than to negative criticism.

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To whom it may concern,

We joined the *Willamette Valley Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* this year. After going to meetings and on some rides with this chapter, we brought a total of nine new members to the chapter.

Unfortunately after the honeymoon stage wore off, we have found that several of the members drink and ride while on *A.B.A. T.E.*-sanctioned rides.

When we had addressed this issue at a chapter meeting the consensus of the *Willamette Valley Chapter* was that the members were free, white, and 21 years of age, so it was their choice. The other defense was that "for my body weight, I can have x amount of drinks within a certain amount of time and still be legal."

A.B.A. T.E. encourages all of its members to either take a *Team Oregon* class or be involved in some way with *Team Oregon*. According to *Team Oregon*'s book most people become impaired at 0.05 % B.A.C.

A.A. of Oregon states that we loose the ability to [do] two (2) things at once (such as braking and steering) at only 0.02% B.A.C., which as we all know is just a few of the things that we are required to do on a bike.

In Oregon for 2002, there were a total of 436 deaths. 179 of those deaths were alcohol related. Impairment can result from any B.A.C. above 0.00 and increases with the amount of alcohol consumed. As the B.A.C. increases, the degree of impairment also increases dramatically.

According our membership agreement with the *Harley Owner's Group*, on any *H.O.G.*-sanctioned

function or ride, the minute any alcohol appears, it is over.

It is our understanding that A.B.A. T.E. has it's own insurance for sanctioned rides and functions. Our question to A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon, is does A.B.A. T.E. realize that it's members and guests, drink and ride while on an A.B.A. T.E.-sanctioned ride or function? If A.B.A. T.E. does realize this and does not want to enforce Oregon state law and wants to take responsibility for their members actions that is fine, but we do not feel like that we want to continue to support A.B.A. T.E.

I am the owner of a towing company here in Eugene and I have seen the results of drinking and driving. I don't want to be part of a group that supports, or encourages drinking and driving, because I don't want to be the one that has to pick tip the results of that choice.

Sincerely,

Sam Dannevik and Christi Duke September 9, 2004

Dear tea totalers,

Crusty ol' editor congratulates you on your membership accomplishments and hopes you feel better soon. He would also point out that it is a rare honeymoon that doesn't end with the toilet seat position becoming a point of contention. He wonders at people being surprised by it.

Yes, despite evidence and statistics proving how even thinking about drinking can cause the moon to come crashing down on our heads, c.o.e has also observed folks on runs having a

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Even More Letters (continued from previous page)

nip or so. Lacking direct evidence of each individual's ability to function with impairment, he tends to ride well away from them in the pack.

Crusty ol' editor would remind you both that statistics are frequently compiled unscientifically to support predetermined positions. What they tend to leave out is reality. The fact is that the human body is wonderfully adaptable. Very few other animals can eat meat and vegetables. When faced with a consistent level of change, the body can alter itself to continue operating satisfactorily with that change. People who have their daily charge of caffeine or other drug of choice learn to live and work with their bodies in that condition. Despite what numbers may say, the reality is that they may not be impaired.

Clubs that are an extension of a profit-based business tend to be very financially conservative, particularly where reassurance is concerned. The question riders who claim to advocate freedom must ask themselves is how far they are going to let insurance companies dictate their lives and lawful activities.

There is an innate human curiosity to know where the track goes and to test our limits. If a person is going to push their personal envelope of cause and effect, there are normally two methods of learning, should they survive the experience: Approaching and slightly exceeding a danger point, then backing off with the observation that "Okay, that was a bit much. I'll only go this far in the future." Or wildly exceeding their limits, then picking up the pieces and trying to patch things back together while

reminding oneself "I'll never do that again!"

If anyone feels that reponses from a chapter are not satisfactory, their next step is to approach the appropriate state level sergant-at-arms for their area. Should that person be unable to help the concerned party, matters may be taken to the state board of directors. By short-circuiting the chain of leadership and going directly to the newsmagazine with your concerns, you deny people who could help an opportunity to do so. And you allow everyone else to marvel at the condition of your particularly laundry, your undergarments.

We're Moving On Up!

To all our friends and fellow freedom fighters from the great state of Oregon, we wish to say thank you for all the wonderful memories and support I have accumulated over the years being associated with *A.B.A. T.E.* and *BikePAC*.

Mere words cannot express the gratitude I have for all of you who entrusted me with your support as I represented Oregon at a state and national level. The knowledge learned could not be achieved in any higher education environment and has helped me personally since the very first day I attended an *A.B.A. T.E.* meeting way back in the early '80's.

With your support, Oregon has established it's self as a leader in the pursuit of liberty. Victory is just around the corner.

We have moved to Old Town, Idaho, population 191: one stop light and we are surrounded by unsurpassed beauty around every bend, 40 miles from the Canadian border, 40 miles from Spokane, 40 miles from Montana and no mandatory helmet law for adults.

I have already began to become associated with *A.B.A.T.E.* of *Northern Idaho*, and look forward to helping where I can.

Our dream of a bakery/deli is closer each day and you are always welcome at *Pioneer Bakery and Delicatessen* over looking the Priest River. We have lots of room and if your travels bring you to our neighborhood, we hope you'll stop by and warm our hearts with your presence. Our bikes are gassed and pointing out the driveway.

To Rotten Roger, Brian and Teresa, Ken Ray and way too many others to mention, you have inspired me and I shall be forever grateful.

Our new e-mail address is:

butch.harbaugh@steedconst.com

Stay safe, never give up the *pursuit of liberty* and we'll keep the light on for ya!

Butch and Laura Harbaugh and Alexis too

Dear Butch and company,

Crusty ol' editor is sadden by the departure of such fine folks from our state while being gladdened for their new opportunities.

Long before c.o.e. was editor or even crusty, he and Butch rode together in a Fourth of July parade. Butch's panhead didn't appreciate the warm weather and required frequent fast trips up side roads to cool down. And Laura made some of the best pioneer cookies ever experienced at *Hemingway's* in Independence.

Thank you both for all you've given to Oregon bikers.

From yer ...

Trek Biker



The closing ceremonies have just concluded. The hotel seems strangely, almost unnaturally, quiet after the thumping stereos and excited voices in the halls over the last three days and two nights. There is an absence of atmosphere, of like-minded people with differing views. Something that can't be missed until it is no longer available.

And so ends yer crusty ol' editor's first science fiction convention of the year.

But it just as well could have been a motorcyclist convention. Consider:

- Motorcyclists have runs; sci-fi fans hold conventions. ("cons')
 - Both rely on volunteers.
 - Both raise money for charity.
 - Both are minorities.
- Both are subjected to mass media stereotyping that serves to marginalize them from mainstream society.

When we associate with others who have similar concerns, there is a blending and strengthening of vision, of purpose. You can sense it in the air. We become greater together than we could be individually.

That's why it is so important for each of us to try to be where other riders gather to promote biker's concerns. Each person is important, adding to the whole of us and receiving encouragement in turn from the group.

This is why it is so important for each of us to try to make it to the biker days at the state capitol, to activities such as S.T.E.A.M., to national and regional conventions, to planning sessions, to state board meetings, to chapter meetings.

Without realizing it, you will be absorbing strength from your brother and sister riders while your presence is strengthening them. We hold each other up. You are important to us all.

With this issue of the *Oregon A.B.A. T.E.* news'zine yer crusty ol' editor enters into his fourth year of stewardship, assembling each month a publication that keeps you informed of what is occurring locally, regionally, statewide, nationally, and internationally that affects those who routinely ride on less than four wheels. The information comes from individuals, chapters, national organizations, and other countries.

To paraphrase a favorite con expression, "We can only succeed with blood, sweat, and volunteers."

On the surface it could be questioned why we should care what happens on the other side of the globe. It matters because what we do here ripples out and affects them just as their activities in turn rock our boat, however slightly.

Surprisingly, several other states and organizations have their eyes turned toward Oregon, especially during our legislative cycle. Other states use our successes as models for their own legislative efforts.

Just showing up at a rally on the capitol steps may seem more fun than political, but it makes a huge difference. For each person who shows up, there are several who couldn't or didn't make the trip. So each individual you see at a state capitol rally represents many. Imagine how huge the spiritual crowd is at each rally. And we're feeding off of each other's enthusiasm and creativity. Imagine what we can accomplish. Each added individual makes us many times stronger.

Valentine's day is also Oregon's birthday which it shares with yer crusty ol' editor. The state is coming up on 145 years of



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existence while c.o.e. is approaching the double nickel trip around ol' sol.

To make the event personally memorable, Rot Path is considering after the capitol rally to putt on out to Mollawa and take a skydive. Yep, jump out of a perfectly good airplane. (Of course as Heather Alexander points out, the craft has no seats and no door, so it is *not* a perfectly good airplane.)

Over the course of a career in Navy aircraft, yer c.o.e. has put on and taken off 28 foot flat canopy parachute packs several hundred times, so it seems only fair to use the ripcord at least once.

If the jump is successful, yer c.o.e. will be exhilarated by living through it. If it fails, well . . . what could be more symetrical than leaving this experience on the same day that one arrived? At least the view will be incredible up until the splat.

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05 March 2005	Casino night-Willamette Valley	Springfield	(541)-988-5779
18 March 2005	Biker night-Hub City	Albany	(541)-967-7802
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26 March 2005	Ice Breaker – Salem	Silverton	(503)-831-0459
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February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	7	new moon Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	9	Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	11	12 STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm) River City Sweetheart Dance Portland
Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	Biker Day at the Capitol Salem 0900 Oregon born-1859 (Rot Path born somewhat later)	2nd quarter moon Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	17 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	18	19 Cemeketa Community College S.T.E.A.M. Salem 0900
South Coast 1300 (1 pm) Souteast Portland noon	21 President's Day	Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	full moon (quickening moon)	24 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	25	26
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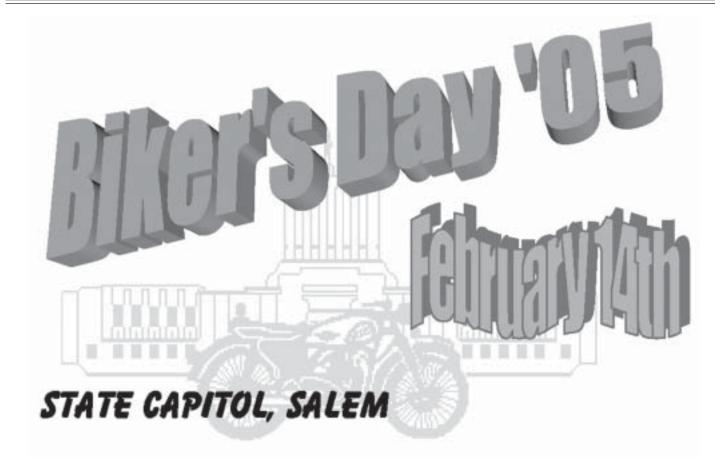
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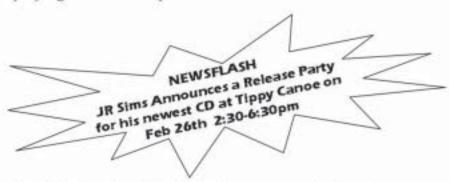
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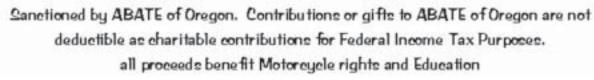
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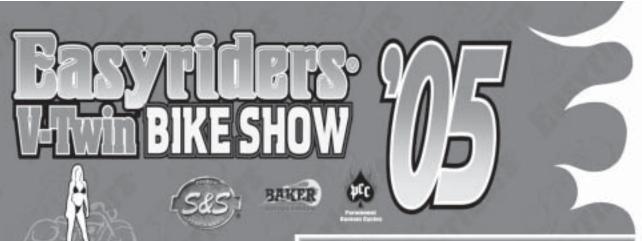
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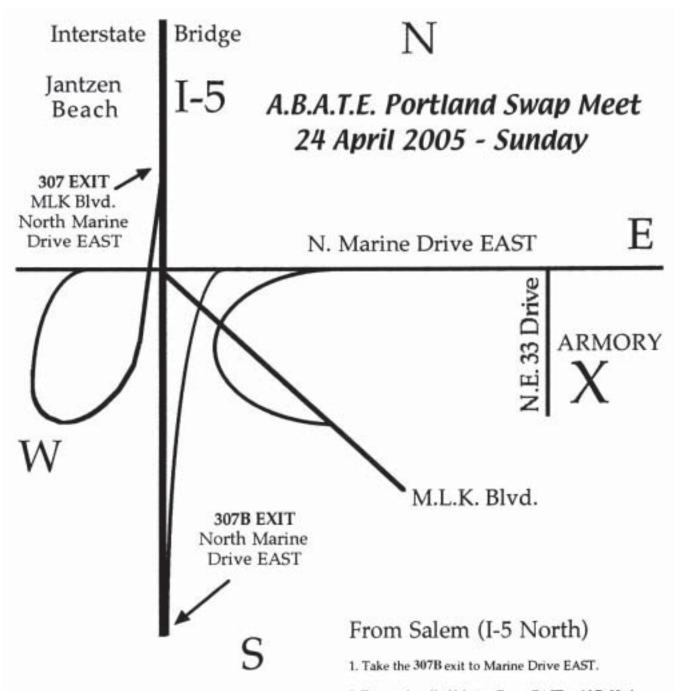
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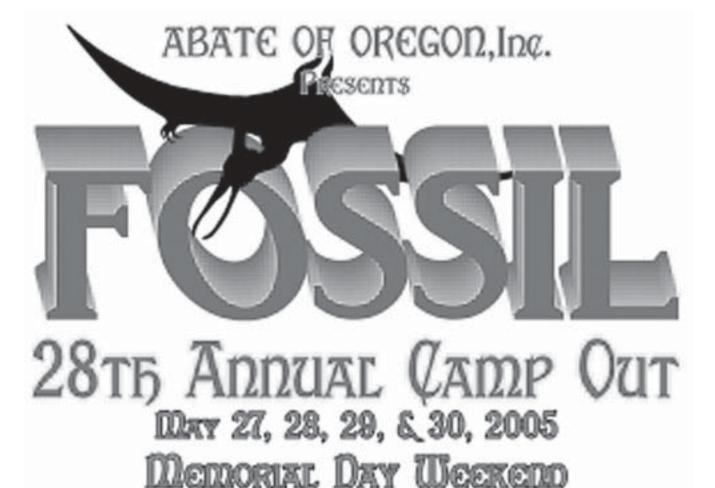
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Millenium Ride

Seasons greetings to one and all. I had a beachy Christmas at a place called Grand Popo in Benin. I'm emailing from the beach here in Lome the capitol of Togo, the 67th country. It will be a beachy New Year at 100 km or two west along the beach in Ghana. In this update we go through Cameroon (where I visited the beach), Nigeria, and Benin. Togo here is a French speaking 50 km wide sliver of west Africa on the Gulf of Guinea and the Togolese are very friendly.

The government sponsored banditry in the Central African Republic continues after leaving Bangui the capitol for the two day ride west to Cameroon. At one place the whole town comes out to watch the spectacle of me arguing (shouting) with five gendarmerie. They had leapt on me with glee after I ride the wrong way round a roundabout. I always try to attract as big a crowd as possible. I feel like they always take my side. Ten minutes of breakfast time shouting and stomping around, five minutes speaking more calmly, and I leave for free. Later a roadblock is staffed by drunk soldiers firing guns for fun and I am scared. Two sober officials come to my rescue. Later still two stoned soldiers sit aside a mounted machine gun stuffing snuff (or black cocaine) up their noses, they wobble wide eyed as they stand, and giggle. The town at the border brings the final showdown. Four of them were onto to me even threatening to take my passport away unless I pay the fictitious fee for standing right there. Make my day punks, get out of my face. I later tell locals about how terrible the

corruption is in C.A.R. I turn from my fried chicken and avocado to find a police chief lurking within earshot. Next morning I get up and leave before light, out of reach into no man's land and wait for immigration to open.

C.A.R. is ripe for revolution. I stop in one town for a drink and to do a few bike checks. Fifty people gather after after ten minutes. The town public security police had already checked my passport thoroughly. Now they return to tell me to pack up and leave, there are too many people in one place, it is a security risk. The people are nearly all children! Imagine how bad things must be. C.A.R. is a police state and the intimidation and repression is everywhere. People will not take this. They will break free of the chains.

Before we leave C.A.R., thanks to the catholic cathedral who put me up for free and also to *Hotel Levy* (atniel@intnet.cf), both in Bangui.

Cameroon is a relief and a recovery. A welding rod or two. I spend a lot of time washing and rewashing things. Bathtubs at the *Yaounde Hilton* (info_yaounde@hilton.com) and *Djuega Palace Hotel* (www.djeuga-palace.com) turn the colour of mud. I get the Nigeria visa. Thanks to *Riders for Health* for the invitation, and pay a quick visit to the beach:) Yaounde has some of the best street food yet with delicious spicy sauces. I get the runs.

Soon I arrive in Cameroon's Anglophone north west. I am unprepared for the Anglo police. At the first barrier I play my usual trick of not stopping unless I have to,



Simon Milward

looking the other way or pretending to be deaf. The feeble hesitant blow on the whistle somehow made me stop and turn around. I arrive at the kiosk, out comes the burley gentleman in impeccable elaborate uniform. He appears to be about to burst into tears then he salutes. I am puzzled, then figure he probably isn't used to people according him so much authority. All the Anglo cops salute me.

I pull up at the royal palace in the town of Bali. I am greeted by seven royal advisors in the outer court and warned not to cross my legs as I sit. I explain my case and accept a glass of the local distilled produce. His majesty Dr Ganyonga III, Paramount Fon of Bali, received me at his throne on a large terrace overlooking a green inner court. Wooden carved elephants and lions sit at each side, a huge leopard was pictured behind the throne and cushions and skins of leopard abound. His majesty is well in touch with the needs of his 40,000 subjects and we discussed motorcycle maintenance in health work. He bids me return in the morning for a breakfast discussion. I do, and make a note to send him something.

Terrible roads see me out of Cameroon and into Nigeria. If Cameroon was a relief after C.A.R., Nigeria is a relief after Cameroon. Nigeria feels almost first world. The

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Millenium Ride

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police are amazing. Incredible, in fact. I was expecting central Africa type confrontations, but they turn out to be among the best cops in the world! They nearly never ask for anything. When one did start and caught my already mounting protest he immediately switched to a happy christmas song with a genuine smile and wave onwards. It was overwhelming. Nigerian people fall into a special category of genuineness and many talk of revolution. But they are afraid to protest because they fear for their lives. The government is said to be the world's most corrupt and the oil companies attract a lot of criticism. I wish I had stayed longer to get to know Nigerians better. They rank very high in my estimation. I completely overlook going to the oil companies for donations.

Riders for Health Nigeria (www.riders.org) are generous hosts in both Abuja the capitol and Lagos on the coast. They manage nearly three hundred vehicles for the United Nations and the World Health Organisation. It is a very professional operation and seems to be expanding rapidly. Whatever can be done to get African countries to take transport management seriously is positive. I will write more on this soon.

Escape from LKago traffic brings me to Benin. It is argument time again with both customs and immigration over their failed attempts at extortion. I wait two nights in the capitol Cotonou for a visa extension. Here the beach is used as a toilet. Beware of mines! Many thanks to the *Hotel de la Plage*. I check out a village called Ganvie built on

stilts in a lake and a 400 year long dynasty of twelve kings at a place called Abomey. I go to a town where voodoo religion is strong but find little to be educated with. It was then Christmas eve and time for the beach.

The beach time is an opportunity to reflect on life and what I am to do with the rest of mine. I must say it is all quite exciting!

Happy new year,

Simon

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Education Directors



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Ricci

Greetings from Ricci Laurance and Geoff White,

I would like to start out with a hearty thank you to Nora Rohde, who was our education director in the southern area. Nora, your enthusiasm and dedicated attitude has contributed towards the success of our education program in Oregon.

You have led the way for future instructors and directors in our chapters. As a representative of the

A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon education team at functions such as the Community Traffic Safety Conference, you have been instrumental in our efforts to reach out to the public with our message of motorcycle awareness and cooperation among all people who travel on our roadways. I know that we will be hearing from you and I expect you to keep in touch with the program that you have helped to build.

Again, thank you very much, Nora, for you wonderful contribution.

Nora has stepped out of the position of education director but she has said that she is still dedicated to the motorcycle awareness goals.

I would like to thank and welcome Ricci Laurance to our new education director position. I am so happy to see that she is interested in the program and I know that she is a perfect candidate for this position. I

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BikePAC of Oregon Crash Report

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The purpose of this form is to allow BikePAC to track your motorcycle crash and to follow what legal action may be taken, if any, by the police or district attorney, against the party at fault. We would also like to follow the case with you, and let us know what the outcome was, either as to any criminal charge against the other party, or whether you settled any civil claim or had to go to trial or arbitration to get it handled. Ultimately, BikePAC may use this information, anonymously of course, to show the legislature the actual problems Oregon motorcyclists face every day in our legal system, and which laws may need changing. We are specifically interested in tracking what criminal punishment is meted out to drivers who are hurting and killing Oregon motorcyclists.

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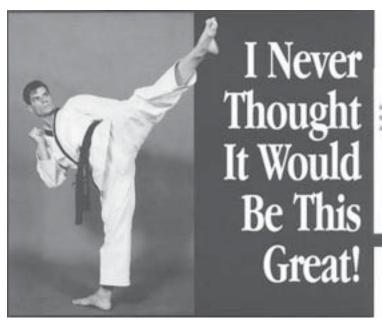
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Education Directors

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am looking forward to a very successful future for the motorcycle awareness program with Ricci's involvement. We have much to do and I know that Ricci will definitely strive to help lead us into the next level of our program's evolution.

Welcome Ricci.

This is the month people! On February 19th. I hope to see many of you at our Seminar To Educate And Motivate. (S.T.E.A.M.) This is where you can find out about *A.B.A. T.E.* and our business. If you are a new officer, this is the perfect opportunity to learn about your role with the organization.

There will be sessions involving legislative work, leadership skills, event planning and coordination, administrative functions, event sanctioning, financial matters, education programs, motorcyclists' rights, and more. This is a great place to see what A.B.A. T.E. does, what you can do in A.B.A. T.E., and what the benefits of belonging to this great organization are awaiting you. Come join us in Salem at Chemeketa Community College on the third Saturday in February to build up S.T.E.A.M. for our trip into motorcycling. If you information about directions or details on the event please contact me (Geoff White) at (503)-774-7558 or e-mail

gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net

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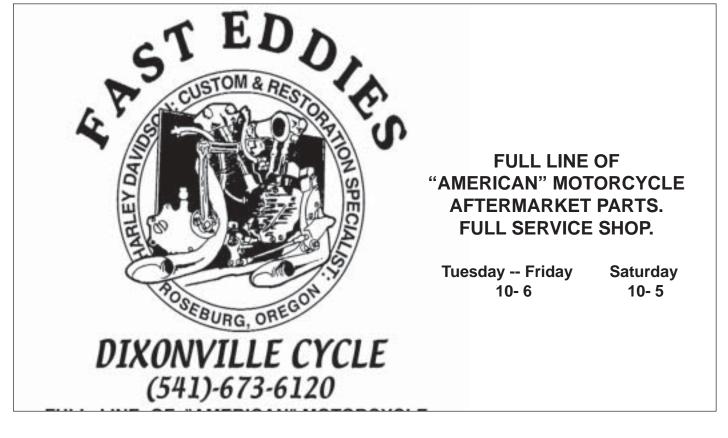
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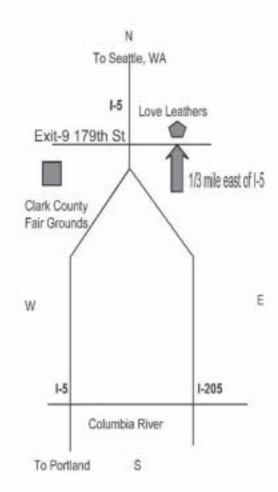


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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO) WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERÉ STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ a m / pm LOCATION: OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____ PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) CITE #_____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: ____ am/pm COURT LOCATION: city / county: ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _______ IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime. Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? (YES) (NO) Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____ Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH If verbal, describe: WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT? Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES: How did you plead? If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date? YES: What was the verdict? GUILTY NOT GUILTY If quilty, what was the sentence? FINE:\$ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____ Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING ____ MODEL: __ When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO) Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe:

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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Wanted

1979 *Yamaha 650 Special*. Black and chrome. **\$500** firm. James at **(503)-313-6923** or **(503)-667-3312** (Feb 2005)

Two studded snow tires mounted on *Ford*, 14 inch five hole wheels. (Off of an early *Cougar* or *Mustang*.) Real nice tires, lots of rubber and plenty of studs in place for excellent traction in snow and ice. When the snow flies you're sure do need these babies to get you through. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390 \$50 or best offer. And yes the Lawnmower Man does sell tires also. Thank you. He's hurting for money. (Feb 2005)

1983 *FLHT* full dress, 80 cubic inch motor, *S&S* carb, 5 speed. Looks and runs good, made to travel. 38,000 miles. **\$8,000** (**503**)-**873-5748** ask for Bob.

(April 2005)

Lawn Mower Man still has several valuable mowers available. One 21 inch 4 H.P. rear bagger and one 21 inch 4 H.P. rear bagger that's self propelled. Call now before the spring rush. They won't last long. (503)-257-7390 (April 2005)

One of a kind custom built all stainless steel shifter linkages for softails. They look better than chrome, show quanlity, must see, several styles and several prices. Just like the big boys have only better. Makes a wonderful new year's gift for some lucky person. Call for information (503)-257-7390

(April 2005)

1984 Ford pickup (F150), S/W, 4x4, 300 cubic inch 6cyl., 3-speed., rebuilt front and rear ends. \$3,500 or best offer. 1959 45 trike. 2/3rds complete. New powder coated frame. \$3,500 or best offer. 1963 Chrysler 300 Newport, 361 wedge 6 cylinder, factory 3-speed on the floor. \$2,000 or best offer.

Contact Tim at (541)-679-6674 (Douglas County)

(April 2005)

2002 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster. 350 original miles, Screaming Eagle pipes, custom seat, luggage rack. \$6,900 or best offer. (503)-969-4345 or bulmstf@comcast.net

(April 2005)

New state products director needs computer with current operating system to run MicroSoft Office and Quicken so she can bring you delightful geedunks. Phone Murge at (503)-362-9136 if you're a rider in shiny leathers with a PC.

(April 2005)

Wanted

You and your bike in front of the state capitol on 14 February.

Wanted

Your ad here. Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.

It's one of your perks as an *A.B.A.T.E.* member.

(No commercial or business ads please.)

Answer to January CRYPTOGRAM

Now the new year Reviving old desires, The thoughtful soul to solitude retires.

— Edward FitzGerald

February Cryptogram

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ZXCNX CQ UGK JUPX CQ QOXCF EHG,
HOXG QOX LEFGXF-ZQEGX CZ SUCK,
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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. (
"Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A";
"the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery.

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P.O. box 4504

Portland, Oregon 97208

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VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH		, 1	
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VICE-COORDINATOR EAST	() 11) 000 1200		
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Portland, ORegon

Individual membership

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NEW ADDRESS:

NAME:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: ZIP CODE: STATE:

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

Total number of members: ___

Date paid:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

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There was a biker of short attention,
Whose love disappeared to a convention,
He started to panic,
Then became empathic,
Discovering romantic devotion.
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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 12 February 2005 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})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend		
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	Jubitz Truck Stop; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.;		
			Portland		
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	1st Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Abby's Pizza; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass		
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport		
North Coast	4th 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	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Chalet Restaurant, Market Street, Salem		
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	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		
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		