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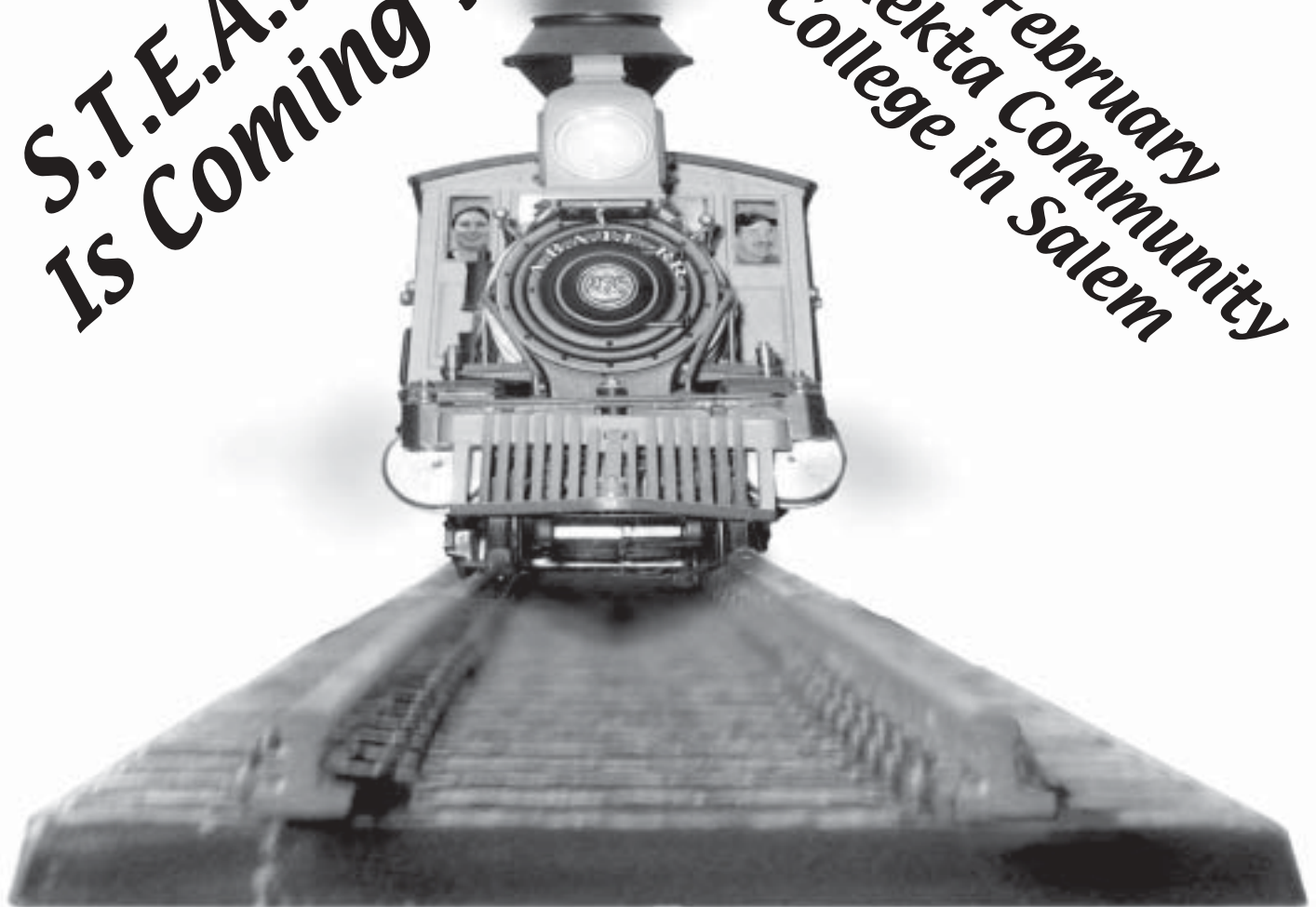


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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

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.

- *A.B.A.T.E.* is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as *BikePAC*.

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our 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 *National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the *National Custom Cycle Association*. But because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.)*.

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, 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

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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments



by Ed Vaughn

Do you just belong?

Are you an active member?

The kind who will be missed or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the crowd?

Do you take an active part to help the group along or are you satisfied to be the kind just to belong.

There is quite a schedule that means success if done and this can be achieved with the help of everyone. So attend the meeting regularly and help with hand and heart. Don't just be a member but take an active part.

Think this over.

Members are we, right or are we wrong.

Are you an active member or do you just belong?

I don't know the author of the little piece above so I can't give them the credit they deserve. I received it from the president of a well run organization when he found out I was interested in being part of the leadership of *A.B.A. T.E.* I don't think it will become classic literature but do not make light of the point. *A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon* needs every member in our organization to be as active as possible.

Last legislative session we hired a professional lobbyist to open doors so we could push our bills as hard as possible. The man did everything he was paid to do, but when he opened the doors there were too few

A.B.A. T.E. members to walk thru and take advantage of our lobbyists ground work. We need to learn from our mistake.

Do you want to be more active but don't know where to start?

Start by attending S.T.E.A.M.

S.T.E.A.M. stands for a Seminar To Educate And Motivate. It happens on February 18th at *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem. (See the flyer in the newsmagazine for more details.) S.T.E.A.M. is free, and an excellent place to meet *A.B.A. T.E.* members from all across the state.

I guarantee our guest speaker, Sputnik, will get your attention. Add to that the topics that will be covered in the seminars and the information you will take home with you, and it will be time well spent. This is especially true for new chapter officers. State board representatives, come and find out how critical your role is to the success of our organization and how best to play your part.

This year will see a lot of changes, some of them new for the organization and some of them just a matter of getting back to where we came from.

Remember, we are in this together.

Ed Vaughn

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

Central Oregon Chapter

Greetings from sunny Central Oregon,

Wow what a change in weather from last month. It has warmed up into the 40s and 50s and all the snow is gone. I have even seen a few bikes out, one of them being our legislative director "Sporty Mike" who rode to our January meeting last Sunday. It was a very good meeting and was well attended with 32 members in attendance and three visitors. Two were members from *Hub City Chapter* and the other was Lani who signed himself and his wife up. Welcome Lani and Deanna!

Our Christmas party was awesome. I would guess there were close to 80 people there with an unbelievable amount of food. If you went away hungry or did not have a good time it was your own fault.

Good food, good times, and good people. Thanks again Rico for having us in your home, and nice burnout!!

The Saturday after the Christmas party, the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition* held its toy run at the *Black Horse Saloon*. There was a *Texas Hold Em* tournament, in house poker run, live music by *Triple Shot*, many items raffled off by Chopper Dave throughout the night, really nice toy-runs T-shirts sold, and a boatload of

toys donated for the kids. Its great to see the motorcycle community pull together to help families during the holiday season. The toy run was well attended by our members as well as the local vets club, the *High Desert Eagles*, that was good to see.

At the December meeting we held elections. The list of our officers goes like this:

coordinator:

Kevin Anderson

vice-coordinator:

Marie Proffitt

treasurer:

Ellen Greene

secretary:

Renee Vaughan

legislative director:

Mike "Sporty" Durkee

state board representative:

Ed Miller

sgt-at-arms:

Richard Shurley

way mean lady:

Jackie Baumann

membership secretary:

John Baumann

public relations director:

John Baumann

road captain:

Steve Chalker

Now that's a fine line up if I have ever seen one!

That's about all I have for this month. Next month's report will be from Kevin or Renee.

"United we stand . . ." you know the rest

Later,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Donnie, new coordinator, called his first meeting to order. He welcomed our two guests.

The minutes were waived.

BJ, member secretary, reported we have 152 active member. She also reported that one member moved to Germany and another's phone was disconnected.

Kyle, treasurer reports that we have \$840.28 in the bank.

Bill, made good note that we have no history for this year as it's a new year. Yeah.

New business: There is a new law passed in California.

E.P.A. is worried that custom bikes are affecting our air quality there for they have passed a law that small business can only have 24 custom bikes at a time and only for show. If a shop owner owns their own they have to own it for five years before selling it or giving it away. *E.P.A.* is following up on this law. They impounded Arlen Ness and Ron Simms bikes right off the show room floor. They were also fined. Many people are worried that this could affect Oregon very soon which would tear our small shops apart.

Old business: We will have our *Sweetheart Dance* as planed on February 11th. We will have *Billy Hagen and the Trip* playing. The owners of the *Spare Room* our making

A.B.A.T.E members a special dinner. There will be tons of prizes. If you have any question please contact Joan McCarty at (503)-249-7125.

Upcoming events: Swap meet at 1685 Sherman Way, Woodland, Washington, 22 January 2006. (360)-414-0756 for information.

Summer run meetings taking placed every last Sunday of the month it will be held at the *Turtle Shell* at 117 and Division at 12:30 p.m.

50/50 went to Frankie it was a winning of \$20.

Meeting ended with ways and means drawing.

Columbia River Chapter sends our sincere gratitude to our host at the *Spare Room*, Vern and Virginia Loehner, for all they have done for our chapter.

holley coscia
a.k.a. frosty

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

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
The Spare Room
4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland

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

Douglas County Chapter

I was wrong!

And happy about it.

Last month I complained about attendance and participation and predicted a landslide avoidance of our election meeting.

I was very wrong!

Well over 30 members made it to the voting meeting just five days before Christmas, with a fair portion of them on two wheels. A huge thank you to Janie for calling membership with reminders.

We came away with a new team of officers who are likely to rejuvenate local participation. Your newly elected officers are:

coordinator:

Tom Burns

vice-coordinator:

Tom Bowden

treasurer:

Franklin Evans

secretary:

Becky Garino

membership secretary:

Janie Curtis

ways and means:

Smith

public relations:

Tonia Judd

legislative representative:

Denise Fleck

state representative:

D.J.

ride coordinator:

Tim Malone

chaplain:

Don Garino

historian:

Diane Smith

sgts-at-arms:

Rock-On Orth and D.J.

education:

Tom Bowden

And it wasn't just attendance that surprised me. Participation was also a big topic of discussion. Joe Laurance spoke to us about State level motions for *A.B.A.T.E.* planning in this new year. Each chapter needs to voice its preference about the level of financial commitment to lobbying and legislative attention (approximately \$12,500 next year); supporting *BikePAC* as a lobbying representative; and helmet amendment as a sole legislative focus.

We had a strong discussion about these topics, which was highlighted by Gordon's comment that last year's lack of member support may have grown out of members believing that we were paying a lobbyist to take care of it for us.

A call for motion and vote concluded that our chapter would vote against the state motion to have *BikePAC* serve as the lobbyist group for next year; to support funding at a comparable level, and to not solely focus on helmet amendments with the legislature. Our new legislative representative, Denise, will carry this opinion to the next state meeting.

Not only am I pleased about the turnout and the election results, but also the participation and commitment on issues. I certainly lost my bet from last month about this last meeting. But I believe that motorcycle riders in *Douglas County* came up the big winners. Happily, it is what it is.

Enjoy the ride,

Bill Korpa

past-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>



Hello everyone : Hub City held elections for new officers at the last meeting and listed below are the new 2006 Officers.

coordinator:

Garry Hastie

vice coordinator:

Fred Tucker

secretary:

Mary Burnett

treasurer:

Sue Mills

membership secretary:

Donita Reitz

sergeant-at-arms I:

Bill Foss

sergeant-at-arms II:

Terry Moe

sergeant-at-arms III:

Don Nash

sergeant-at-arms IV:

Austin Wilson

sergeant-at-arms V:

Rick Wohlers

sergeant-at-arms VI:

Ray Kintner

sergeant-at-arms VII:

Barry Collom

quartermaster:

Gary Freeman

run coordinator I:

Steve Sorensen

state board representative:

Al Sims

public relations:

Monika Sims

historian:

Sara Androes

education director:

Carolyn Freeman

legislative representative

Fred Tucker

web administrator:

Polly Lenon

Reminder that *S.T.E.A.M.* is February 18th. *S.T.E.A.M.* is "Seminars To Educate And Motivate" *A.B.A.T.E.* members. Many of our members have attended in past years and highly recommend that *S.T.E.A.M.* is well worth attending. New officers will find it especially beneficial as many of the seminars provide pertinent information on various aspects of the organization.

Special thanks to Ken Simons and "Santa Tacey" for providing raffle prizes at the December meeting. Nancie Fulton won a whopping \$99 in the 50/50 and Wendy Mueller was

present to win the membership drawing.

As always, an open invitation is extended to everyone to attend our monthly meeting at *Ciddic's Pizza* located at 135 5th Avenue, Albany, Oregon on the third Thursday of each month.

Until next time, wishing everyone happy hearts !!

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE

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

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

Josephine County Chapter



Okay, here's another month's report. Things are going right along with our plans for this summer's events.

There's lot of time yet because it will be at least three months before we can get any kind of good weather to ride as much as we want to.

Remember our meetings are now at the *Fruitdale Grange* on Rogue River highway in Grant's Pass at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Bring your own drinks and snacks to the meetings. You can bring snacks to share with others. I think others will do the same too.

This coming year we will be setting up ride dates for the chapter and friends.

There's not a lot to report right now but that's normal this time of year.

Anybody interested in helping out with our different events or the planning of them please contact me or any other officer in our chapter.

Take care and ride safe,

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 1st Thursdays at 1900 (7 pm)
Abby's Pizza
 205 Beacon Drive
 Grants Pass
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Lincoln County Chapter

We had a very busy November and December and then came the elections of officers and we are well on our way with some new people at the helm.

In November we had a terrific senior citizens' Thanksgiving dinner and served a couple hundred people there and then took the leftovers down to the local *Bay Haven* so all of the fisherman could have some good hot food for the day. Thanks to all of the *A.B.A.T.E.* members and friends who came out and helped.

Thanks to Patty and her crew who wrapped all of the gifts so every senior who attended could go home with a small token from us.

Thanks also to the *Ladies Auxiliary* at *Samaritan Pacific Hospital* for donating the gifts for our seniors.

In December we had the largest shopping spree for the kids than we have ever had.

This year was the largest group of names that we have ever received from the *Department of Human Services* office and the community,

We had a great day of shopping. It was so nice having all of the help that we had and we appreciate each and every one of you who came out to help. I know that some of you were just overwhelmed at the amount of shopping that was done.

And thanks to our local *Walmart* for the discount at the end of line.

Then on Sunday we had some brave souls get their bikes out and help deliver toys to the children. Yes, Santa does ride a *Harley*. Thanks SGT for loaning the "ride" to Santa. The weather was bitter cold to begin and then turned into wind and rain but



they kept on course and delivered all of the goods.

It is so nice to see non-*A.B.A.T.E.* people take part in this and one of these days we will have to get Dr. John to sign up for *A.B.A.T.E.* Maybe member Jack can work on this.

Once again I would like to thank *American Legion Post 116* for letting us use the meeting room and letting us meet there.

One of our "families" is the local homeless shelter called the *Samaritan House* and the *American Legion* donated gifts for all of the kiddos there. They received a very nice Christmas. To see the look on the faces of those children as Santa came riding up on a *Harley* was just overwhelming.

With Bob Highfill filling the spot as coordinator; I am sure that we will have a lot of fun stuff planned as the new year progresses.

Let's all get in there and support the local chapter and get the things done that need to get done and have some fun while doing it.

Ruth has stepped down from treasurer and Millie has stepped up to take that position plus membership secretary and Ralph has taken over as vice-coordinator and sgt-at-arms and Wanda is still maintaining the recording secretary position with the

help of Millie when I need it. Norm is going to be our historian.

Come on down to the *America Legion Post* on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. and see what you can do to help out or just see what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about. Come early and get in on the great Tacos.

You do not have to own a bike to be a member. Just makes it more fun if you do.

Hope to see you all out and about if this rain ever quits.

Until next month,

Wanda

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Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E. has new officers:

coordinator:
Bob Highfill
LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE
vice coordinator:
Ralph Janes (541)-265-6850
1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30 pm)
secretary:
Wanda Olive
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treasurer:
Millie Highfill
Ralph Janes (541)-265-6850
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Millie Highfill
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staff representative:
Ralph Janes

publicity:

Ruth Trombetta

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

North Coast Chapter



Congratulations *North Coasters* – we're still a chapter!!!

Yep, for those of you who haven't as yet heard we had enough members in attendance at our December meeting to hold elections and your new chapter officers are as follows:

coordinator:

Alex Otis

vice-coordinator:

Howie Long

2nd vice-coordinator:

Tony White

secretary:

Holly Lane

treasurer:

Rachel Wynne

membership secretary:

Bet O'Shay

sergeant-at-arms:

Stuart Johnson

state representative:

Tony White

The office of legislative representative is still open and must be filled per state mandate. This is an important, nay, it is a vital position if we are to ever achieve the repeal or reform of the helmet law in Oregon. It doesn't take a law degree; it doesn't take a 300 I.Q. It takes someone who still believes that we can make a

difference.

I want to thank all of the *North Coast* members who were able to come to our last meeting; each and every one of you deserves a huge "*Huzzah*".

Now *all* of our chapter members are very fine people and many of you would have been there if you could. So, here's your chance to make our next meeting.

Our new coordinator, Alex, lives way down in Tillamook and as such has requested a change in meeting times to accommodate his 60 mile journey to our meetings. Beginning with the February 2006 chapter meeting we will meet on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria.

Right now mark every 4th Sunday on your calendars and be there!

We have a whole lot to discuss.

Now for the fun stuff we all need.

Since we are still a chapter, we still have our great runs to put on for the enjoyment of all who ride: *Around Saddle Mountain*, the *Fruit Loop*, our *Forth Sunday Runs* (after our chapter meeting?) and of course our chapter camp outs.

In order for us to put these events

on we need people to stand on the run committee. This group is not nominated, it made up of people who want to help organize equipment usage, run routes, make contacts, set up road guards, solicit donations, and share whatever other bits of grunt work need doing.

The more people we have helping to organize our events the less work and more fun it is for everyone. Let's make 2006 one of the best years in *North Coast* history for fun and membership participation.

Together we can do it.

Stay healthy, stay happy,

– Rachel

NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter



Well gang,

First, I would like to say that I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season and new year's. I know I did. The only complaint that I have is that, it went by way *too* fast.

Okay, now that I have said that, I would like to say that, since we have officially welcomed the new year, I am very hopeful that we, both as individuals and as an organization, can strive to continue living up to high standards. Once again I am talking about ourselves as individuals and as an organization.

As usual, we have a number of very important things coming up in the near future. I continue to hope to see all of you in attendance.

John M Betts - ("Wheels")
recording secretary
Northeast Portland Chapter

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

River City Chapter



Regular Meeting and Holiday Party
December 20, 2005

Elections: Norm withdrew. Teresa moved to accept the nominated candidates,

passed. Officers for the year are as follows:

coordinator:

Steve Boston

vice coordinator:

Bob Boynton

secretary,

state representative,

legislative officer:

Brian Stovall

alternate state representative:

Rick Prentice

membership secretary:

Ron Colegrove

ways and means:

Debra Lutje

treasurer:

Cheryl DuQuist

sgt-at-arms:

Scott Goad

public relations:

Rick Prentice

historians:

Cheryl DuQuist and Shelley Prentice

We had our holiday white elephant party tonight and after a short business

meeting, we got down to a great time with fun gifts. We had 18 members and a new member (another Turner), Dennis Turner. Welcome.

It is snowy and icy out so I think that held back some folks, especially those from our outer towns (Hood River, Dee, Goldendale, Fossil, Hermiston, Patterson, Dufur and others). Truth is, we cover a lot of area. That's just the way it is in greater eastern Oregon. We like our wide open spaces!

We are planning our annual new year's day ride, which will be history before this hits the newsmagazine. It can be like those polar bear events some years. Then sometimes it is fine weather. I am hoping for a good day and the start of a great year!

We are planning a great ride for our poker run in April, so stand by for more information.

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January 3, 2006

Our first meeting with new officers in place and it went very well. We made several important decisions tonight. Our chapter decided to vote to support the *BikePAC* agenda with a 62% margin of support. We also decided to change our weekly ride starting point to our new meeting

place at the *Roadstop Restaurant*. We decided to form a new committee, the ride committee to plan our seasonal ride guide and make a calendar. Look for it here, soon.

We had a winner tonight in our membership drawing with Rhea Roofe taking the \$45 prize! It will start over at \$5 next meeting.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$11 and donated \$10 back to the chapter. Thank you, Rick.

We are off and rolling for a fine year!

— Brian

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

Roadstop Restaurant
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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

Salem Chapter



We tried to get Sheryl to dance on the table but she wouldn't go for it. Our members brought great gifts for the exchange and "thanks" to Kathie and Ray for opening their home to us for the potluck and Christmas party. I have pictures from the party if anyone would like me to send them some. Let me know.

The basic discussion during the meeting was who would be our next officers for 2006 and where to have our biker nights next time. For biker nights the front runners are *Tommy's Welcome Inn* in Jefferson, Oregon and *Poor John's Bottle Factory* in Stayton, Oregon.

Follows is our list of courageous volunteers for officers:

coordinator:

Michelle J. FitzHenry

vice coordinator:

Sheryl Forrest

recording secretary:

Michelle

membership secretary:

Ann Garman

treasurer:

Kathie DeMelo

mentor:

Michelle J. FitzHenry

state representative:

Murge Gunter

legislative director:

Murge Gunter

ways and means:

Kathie DeMelo

sgt-at -arms #1:

Ray DeMelo

sgt-at -arms #2:

Ric Ault

sgt-at -arms #3:

Doug Ault

road captain #1:

Ric Ault

road captain #2:

Dad Doug

historian:

Michelle

webmaster:

Michelle

You may notice that a lot of the same names are up again. I would like to suggest that the Salem membership start showing up at the meetings to make sure that the chapter is going the way you want it to go. We are going to be needing new

blood to help out at events. One of which is the *Ice Breaker* we have every year. This month, on the 25th of February, we will be at *Tony's Tavern* with all sorts of fun and food. For the flier with more info just refer to this trusty newsmagazine or go to our web page at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>

You may also call Michelle at (503)-390-4292 (yes, new phone number, again) for information.

Our meeting time for February is at 2:00 p.m. at *Papa's Pizza*, 4550 Commercial St. S.E., Salem, on the 26th (that is the fourth Sunday). This

just happens to be the day after *Ice Breaker* so this would be a good weekend to get out, dust off those pipes and look forward to *Papa's Pizza* at 4550 Commercial Street, Salem the following month.

Be careful riding on the streets as motorists may have gotten unused to seeing motorcyclists.

Also, in February, is S.T.E.A.M., the Seminar to Educate and Motivate. Just one day with free food and refreshments. Join me in partnership with others who want to learn their new jobs as officers or just pick up some pointers

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE
4th Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Papa's Pizza
4550 Commercial Street, Salem
POINT OF CONTACT
Michelle FitzHenry
(503)-787-4618
salemchapterabate@earthlink.net
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South Coast Chapter



(No report received for February.)

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



(No report received for February.)

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

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E-mail bigbear.1@netzero.net

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Portland, OR 97290

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

Washington County Chapter



At a recent event this new year, several members got to talking about changes over the years, people who had come and gone, and those that had stayed.

After some thought, it occurs to me that I have held this position for more than seven years. I have seen a lot of people pass through our chapter. They may have moved on to other parts of their lives, but they were once *WaCos* and may always be.

At the first meeting in January, someone brought in a vest that had been found on the side of a road. It had a *Washington County* rocker on it as well as a chapter coordinator rocker. Looking at the pins and patches, it appears to have been an old vest for someone who was active in the late 1980's and early 1990's. If you have lost a vest, please contact any *WaCo* officer to identify the vest.

It seems odd to think about how much a piece of clothing can tell about a person and their history. Each vest represents hours of riding, events that you have attended, messages that state who you are as a person and how you wish to live your life and be perceived by others.

What does your vest or jacket say about you?

While this will be a slow legislative year, this is a good time to get to know

your elected officials. What can you tell them about yourself besides the fact that you ride a motorcycle. What can you show them that will make them think of you when deciding on supporting or not supporting coming legislation? How can you make sure you have played an active role in making your voice heard?

By making sure you have spoken.

Not only by phoning and e-mailing, but also by old fashioned letter writing and visits with your elected officials wherever they may be. Now is the time that they will be holding town meetings on different issues. Even if the issue is of little interest to you, go to the town meeting and meet your elected officials, get to know them. You may find the issues raised at the town meetings are of interest to you and you can become more involved in the process that shapes your world. By becoming involved on a small level, you are building your pathway to your legislator and may eventually shape his vote.

As promised, here are the new officers for 2006:

coordinator: Roger Yarnell,
vice coordinator: Jerry Cruz
treasurer: Margo Virchow

membership secretary:

Cindy Henderson

sergeant-at-arms: Rick Stocker

sergeant-at-arms II:

Lance Hern

state board representative:

Ted Tracy

newsletter editor:

Shirley Christopherson

education director:

Patricia Carner

chapter products: Dave Meeker

legislative director: Chris Daley

public relations: Rich Virchow

web page editor: Trace Ceccacci

historian: Lyn Combs

ways and means: Luke Stocker

run coordinator: Paul Hering

run coordinator II: Rick Skaggs

chaplain: Mark Pratt

At the December meeting, we drew the ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY~~ until some ~~MEETING DATES and PLACES~~ Mark Pratt won the first draw. (7:30pm) Fortunately, his wife Judy was present to remind him of where the money would be going. Of the over \$400 purchase, ~~HOI of CONTACT~~ Ted Tracy (508) 640-5766 will have slowed, the trees will stop falling and we can get out on the road.

CHAPTER ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 202
Conestoga, OR 97113
Please remember that other drivers still are not expecting riders out in February, so please ride defensively.

Linda Henderson

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Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.

They say the New Year is a time of rejoicing and our chapter is certainly doing that. We've left the rank of the homeless and will be holding our meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Social time to start at 6:30 with meeting at 7 p.m. Meet at *Roaring Rapids Pizza Parlor* 4006 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene. Our officers meeting will be at the same location a week earlier.

I've been sitting here in my office this afternoon on the very last day of old, worn out 2005 just reflecting over the past year and all the weird, amusing, and just plain wonderful happenings we've experienced throughout the year.

What's that you say? You are asking yourself how the heck I can think that with all the troubles all over this fair earth of ours? I admit, it looks pretty bleak if you look at the floods, the thousands of homeless, the fires that are going on right now, the war in Iraq, famine, and countless other disasters.

But what else could I think of this year, after the cross country trip that Jim and I took on our motorcycles? Would you believe we met folks in RV's who actually offered us a bed for the night? We met a beautiful man who tried to help me find a pair of free glasses when mine were lost off

the back of my bike in Missouri. One Tennessee couple rode the Great Smokie Mountains with us for nearly a week just to show us what they loved about their part of the country. A waitress in Texas thought we were short on funds when we ordered one meal to split between us. She brought us two full orders and said "the kitchen made a mistake."

Everywhere we go we meet people who are so good hearted and generous. Wherever you see hardship, you will see kindness and spirit unbounded.

We've been impressed with this generosity of heart and spirit for many years now. From the time I lost everything I owned in a house fire and found more than I ever could have lost in the neighbors and total strangers who stepped in to help me out to all the wonderful people we've met over the years in the RV and motorcycle crowd.

People, in general, are good. Sure we've got the cruds of life. But if you add them all up, they are far out numbered by the truly fantastic people out there. Don't ever lose sight of that and you will have to agree with me.

2005 and every darn year has been a wonderful year and 2006 will be just as good or better. You can take that

to the bank. So, happy new year and happy memories of years past.

Let's all get our maps and calendars out and start planning for more great memories for 2006. This summers roster is filling up fast.

Rosie

**WILLAMETTE
VALLEY
A.B.A.T.E.**
Meeting Every 3rd Thursday
@ 7:00 PM
**ROARING RAPIDS
PIZZA
COMPANY**
4006 Franklin Boulevard,
Eugene

WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Roaring Rapids Pizza
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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***14 January 2006**by Deb Becker
state recording secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn at 12:10 p.m. with 12 of 13 chapters represented. One chapter, Southeast Portland absent.

All present were eligible to vote .

Pledge of allegiance

Guests and first time attendees were introduced and welcomed.

Reading/approval of minutes: state board of directors meeting minutes from, December 10, 2005. It was moved to wave the reading of the minutes, with no corrections. Ed added we accept the misprint in the newsmagazine.

Coordinator's comments: Welcome by Ed.

Apologized for lack of secretarial position. Please add your name and e-mail for electrical minutes.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

* * * **Officer Reports** * * *

Legislative director: Rick Maish – All information is available in your chapter state representative packets. The main thing coming up on February 6 is becoming a P.C.P. In the packet there's also a report on Washington state requiring motorcycle safety courses, signals and left turn issues. In California, different approaches for helmet law. A judge listening to them about the number of tickets motorcyclists are receiving. In Texas it seems it's illegal to have a poker run (it's gambling). Registration forms to become a voter. Oregon state elections information. Sign up form for P.C.P.

Roger spoke about the motorcycle caucus. Be a part of it if you're a democrat.

Randy sent information to Rot Path concerning the motorcycle caucus.

Brian suggested that more folks need to sign up to be a P.C.P., republican party as well. You must reregister and the form changes periodically. Be sure you have the updated voter's forms from your county clerk.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps – We have a meeting first Saturday in February, Salem central library at 12:00 p.m. Open to anyone who cares to attend.

Any information on governor's advisory committee next Friday night. 6:30 Union and 3rd street in Salem. RSVP meeting. At the end of the meeting they do accept comments. A spokesperson should be there. Randy has that agenda, and will send it out on computer. Iris Yeager is our member representative.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams – No report. New at this and will have a report next time. Saturday February 25th, *Brother Speed* club house. Portland. 92nd between Division and Powell streets.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: William Hunter – In January *Quick Throttle* magazine, a *U.S.A.P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act* article. Get a hold of your senator. They're going to extend it. Fight the act and kill the bill.

Education director: Patricia Carner

– S.T.E.A.M. work is being done. 18 February at *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem. Finalizing speakers, will have flyers out in the mail on Monday. Trivia contest: Sputnik went into orbit in 1957. How much did Sputnik weigh? 183 pounds. 90 minutes to orbit, same altitude sun to moon. Sputnik has to have a legal name. Mr. Strain for plane reservation. Exited about S.T.E.A.M. Learning about your roles and expectation. What questions to ask. All will be addressed.

Education director II: Geoff White – read some of the workshop topics: leadership skills, treasurers (two sessions), membership/chapter secretaries, conflict resolutions, state representative seminar, insurance matters (two sessions), legal matters by Sam Hochberg, sanctioning seminar for *A.B.A.T.E.* functions. Also a public relations seminar by Joan.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy – Ted slipped on Jill's skirt, her report followed. Membership is dropping. If each should recruit one member we'd be in fine shape. Suggestion was a membership campaign. Total members are down to 2,230. The challenge is out. New officers lists for membership secretary are missing. *Josephine County* is lacking since 2002. Joan reported not getting newsmagazines with a number of others wondering where they are. Call Jill and let her know. Hotline call will do.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path –

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Absent but mailed a report. Chapter reports due by the 10th of the month.

Products director: Dave Meeker

He's transferring all products from Murge's place to his apartment. Has given out his calling card and has an answering machine. Will have 50/50 drawings at meetings and has rockers for new officers.

Public relations director: Joan McCarty – Promotion, promotion, promotion. What's she's all about. We've got 29 years at Fossil. If you have a long time event, get it on your fliers. Newspapers, magazines, radio announcements. Really need to get the word out, what *A.B.A.T.E.* is and what we do. Cross promotions. Get your chapter name out there. Joan will be visiting chapters. Shamelessly promote *A.B.A.T.E.*! Gathering contributions for promotions.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Ted Tracy – Joan came up with a great flyer. February newsmagazine will have a great report. He's given Nancy a budget. Appears to be \$2,600 less than last year. *Fossil Family Campout*. I have the report. Rich added that Mark Pratt will do the MC'ing. Avoiding dead air and have a lot of information at the *A.B.A.T.E.* information booth. Each chapter can give Mark your chapter information for promotion on stage at *Fossil*. State board representatives please ask who in your chapters can help tear down things on Monday and Tuesday after *Fossil*. It's a tough job for those who set up all week, to also stay and do the tear down faze of the run. We need a volunteer to tow the generator. Wheeler county asked us to move back to Bear Hollow 2007. There is a trip planned this next week for the

tour of the campground. Roger says *Fossil* attendance is down, some of that is promoting. Need to get more volunteers to put up flyers. Still a bit of confusion over which chapter will host the games.

State swap meet coordinator: William Sanders – Updated flyers, got all the paperwork together. Roger: flyers are at the printer. They'll be 15,000 fliers for this swap meet. Also the same for future swap meets. Postcards are being worked on for the future as well. He's working on a mailing list.

Treasurer: Nancy Curran provided a three-page report including a comparison from our bank balance now and at the beginning of the year. Comparisons also include 2004 income/expenses to 2005. Almost \$20,000 less than last year. We need more members which would help our income. She's working on the seminar with S.T.E.A.M. We received our federal tax refund. All chapter treasurers need to upgrade their computer program to *Quicken 2006*. Require chapter reports to be submitted to Nancy. It costs only about \$29 for the program. Bank accounts are asking lots of personal information to open/or to update, due to the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* at the chapter level. There are good banks, so shop around. Bi-laws require that the state treasurer sign on all accounts.

State auditor: Margo Virchow – A lot's going to happen at S.T.E.A.M. She will be contacting all the chapter treasurers to please attend the S.T.E.A.M conference. She'll also have business cards.

Historian: Open stuff is being

stored at the Tracey's house.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman – Officer forms need to be filled out for e-mail addresses. We could use them for chapters too. Please let him know if there are any errors. Shameless self-promotions: making use of all the tools available to us, of which the internet is one. 60% of Oregonians have access to the internet. Checking on the hits he found the following have visited our abateoforegon.net web site: Canada, Japan, Germany, Peru, Poland, U.K., Russia, Netherlands, Israel, Greece, and so on. All checked in during December to our web site. He used the I.P. address to see where they came from. Need help getting the basic stuff. Salem *Ice Breaker* he had no information on. Lacking input from chapters on their events. If there is a need for old news-magazines Marty can put them on-line if you want.

Joan and Marty will work together to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* On the front page there is a link now for "need to know information" current information. This can be added to chapter web sites too. Information needs to come to the web site in a useable format.

Questions came up about what should be on our web site, as well as newsmagazine. Airing our dirty laundry. Brian replied that we should never sensor our information. The road list was questioned and maybe it should not be published for everyone to use, just *A.B.A.T.E.* members. Roger mentioned *Goldwingers* published a members-only information sheet/-book and

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sent it out. Marty mentioned it is possible to have a password only link on our web site for internal information to be posted. This is a possibility in the future.

Vice coordinator–north: Al Sims – Mission statement was read. All members should know it by heart and know what *A.B.A.T.E.* is about. Step back and take a look. Focus on education, awareness, political action, etc. Read your mission statement at your chapter meetings. Focus on our mission and accomplishing that, not our differences. Rich noted you can blow it up and have it framed at your meeting place.

Vice coordinator–south: Hal Fletcher (Absent.)

Vice coordinator–east: Ed Miller's report. Sorry for missing the last two meetings. Snow, etc. He agrees with Al. Also how to keep the financials going somehow. Grants are a possibility. Ted says there are grants for safety and education. Also it was mentioned that we can put the mission statement on the back of business cards. Also put the mission statement on the back of *Fossil* t-shirts. A comment from *Columbia River*: notice was taken that there were no persons under 30 in the room! Young riders want to ride with us, but there aren't flyers out there. We're not contacting them. Advertise, take a chance. *Will-amette Weekly* was an example of where to advertise. More discussion followed.

Sergeant-at-arms–north: Randy Phipps – The swap meet is coming up. He's got a link on the web site. They're short of help, need more volunteers for security. He would like the sgt-at-arms in each chapter to

assist with events, chapter officers visit other meetings, get on the same page. Officers e-mail list was suggested.

Sergeant-at-arms–south: Richard Andros – No report, move on. (With rousing applause.)

Sergeant-at-arms–east: James Brummond – Thanks for keeping the meeting in order

Sanctioning officer: Al Sims – Tentative calendar for next year is done but nothing is written in stone. There doesn't seem to be any conflicts. No *Douglas County* swap meet. Insurance with our current policy is quite expensive for swap meets. Upcoming insurance thoughts include much stricter laws to comply with during your event. If you want to take advantage of free advertising you must have your event organized four months in advance. We'll meet elsewhere next month for state boards.

sanctioning@abateoforegon.net and

abatesanctioning@comcast.net

both will reach him. Please don't leave phone messages unless necessary. Switching to

A.M.A. insurance was discussed. Currently everything is covered up until *Fossil*. We're trying to change the renewal date for February. Insurance is getting tougher and tougher. We're about ready to get a rude awakening. Alcohol usage is a problem – bottom line.

Quartermaster: Robert Hale – Will start inventory but needs information on how to do this. Haven't seen an inventory list. Was told to get a hold of Steve. There were questions about maintenance on equipment. Robert will report back. Nancy asked about

computers, etc., as maintenance possibilities. Roger says no maintenance has been done recently. It's all state property, even at the chapter level. Purchased items that the state bought will be inventoried 1st.

Unfinished Business

Secretary office was filled by Debbie Becker .

Rhonda Kindy will accept the historian position.

1. Legislative funding = \$12,000 per year. (Tabled from December meeting in order to take back to the chapters.)

Brian Stovall spoke: Modification of the helmet law is in the works for the next two years. As far as entering legislation, the plan is to only work one piece of legislation. Absolute support for the lobbyist. He reported the severe lack of support in the past. *BikePAC* is the response for what *A.B.A.T.E.* wants. We can't commit a few people to do tons of work and we can't solve the problem by throwing money at it. This is a grassroots organization. You must get out and do the work. Show up at Salem for legislative work. Also lawn signs and phone banks. What's being asked for here is the support of this board, 25 hours or more from each of us here and take this message back to your chapters. Really bring back the commitment of participation. Brian will have at least 400-500 hours of work on his part.

Much discussion: including a timeline for voter's pamphlets. *A.B.A.T.E.* can't get politically involved. We must have *BikePAC* to represent us.

This motion is not about the

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money. It's commitment. Are we?
(from November newsmagazine)
"Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* endorses and fully supports the *BikePAC of Oregon* legislative plan, which includes funding, campaign and legislative session work by the board of directors and all chapters." (Funding for *BikePAC* continue like it has in the past). The motion passed with a majority.

New Business

Conference with only four people showed up. (Brian and Teresa were two.) Summit had four people. Randy Phipps. He's working on a new procedure for the 10 who were going but only four showed up.

The planning session will be in the agenda next month. Extremely shorten our officer reports.

Announcements

South Coast announced that Dennis McCarthy died of cancer They're having a run this next weekend.

Joan: Annual sweetheart dance, *Columbia River*.

Northeast Portland Chapter: Next January 18th coming to visit to their chapter meeting. February 15 Kevin Manix will come for a talk. *N.R.A.* is also scheduled for the *Northeast Portland Chapter*. You can find a link on their web site.

Ted said there are *M.R.F. Reports* on the table, take with you.

Randy says Jim Roverson, motorcycle caucus *Noise Off* flyer should be read and taken seriously.

Wake up and get your chapters busy working with *BikePAC*.

Salem Chapter: Ice Breaker on February 25th at noon.

Next meeting: February 11th. Will let us know where the next meeting is.

50/50 drawing: \$20. Margo won for the first time.

Meeting was adjourned 3:35 p.m.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by:

Deb Becker
state recording secretary

Moving?

Don't forget to call or contact the state membership secretary with your updated mailing address in order to keep receiving renewal notices and these fine newsmagazines.

There's even a handy change-of-address form on the inside of the rear cover.

Legislative Report

Rick's Ramblings On Stuff



Rick Maish
legislative director
lynandrick@msn.com

And it's another new year gone bye-bye and another new one is well on its way!

A reminder note from Mel Yeager of *BikePAC of Oregon*:

"Anyone wishing to become or to reregister as a precinct committee person (P.C.P.) in any county, the registration period is from February 6th to March 7th, 2006. It is important that anyone wishing their name to be printed on the ballot for the primary election in May, take this opportunity to register.

Last primary election, most P.C.P.s did not know that they were required to register and a lot of previous P.C.P.s were lost. Let's not let that happen again.

I will send out another reminder just prior to the start of the filing period and another about a week before the filing deadline. Pass this info on to anyone on your mailing list. We need all the P.C.P.s we can get. That's where the real grassroots decisions are made in any political party."

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer
BikePAC of Oregon

Thanks Mel for reminding all of us to do this! Now for some information on how to accomplish the task at hand: becoming a precinct committee person (P.C.P.) for your party of choice in your area. Included as part of this report is a copy of *So You're Interested In Becoming More Involved In The Grass Roots Political*

Process By Becoming A Precinct Committee Person (P.C.P.)?

Special note: If you're already a P.C.P., you still need to reregister every two years to maintain your P.C.P. status. It doesn't happen automatically. Get another form and resign up.

Oregon state elections information:
<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/elechp.htm>

To find your local county election office go to the web site above or check your phone book under the government pages, county. These sources will have what you need to register as a voter and/or P.C.P. This must be done in your county area with the proper forms from your county. On the web site you can find out how to register to vote or how to register to become a P.C.P., find out who's running for what offices, etc.

2006 primary election candidate list will give you a list of who's who in the running so far, updated often. County elections offices will give you all of the county elections offices, where you can sign up to become a P.C.P. Remember, you must sign up at your local county election office with the forms they supply.

Democratic Party of Oregon (D.P.O.)

<http://www.dpo.org/>

Oregon Republican Party (O.R.P.)

<http://www.orgop.org/>

To become a full voting P.C.P. you must register during the dates below and be elected in the May primary election.

Precinct committee people:

First day to file:

February 1, 2006

Last day to file:

March 07, 2006

County candidate filing deadline:

March 07, 2006, 5 p.m.

Measure and local body filing deadline:

March 16, 2006, 5 p.m.

Final day to register to vote in May 16th Election:

April 25th, 2006

(Your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than the 21st day before the election at which you intend to vote.)

Election day:

May 16, 2006

For more information check out our state *A.B.A.T.E.* web site, contact either myself, or any of the senior *A.B.A.T.E.* officers, or *BikePAC* officers. Office information will be found in our *A.B.A.T.E.* state newsmagazine.

Okay, you've heard about it or maybe you haven't heard about Brian Stovall's political cycle – a two year grass roots political process. It's the backbone of the grassroots political process. It all starts with this year (an even year) 2006 where we should be selecting, supporting, working for and getting the legislators who

support us as motorcyclists elected and in offices for the 2007 legislative bill.

You do remember what the purpose of *A.B.A.T.E.* is, don't you?

Well on the second page of our

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newsmagazine, you will find what that is. It took some 30 *A.B.A.T.E.* members about eight hours to come up with it and we're damn proud of it.

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

While you're at it, have you signed up for the following? If you haven't already, shame on you, because you need to support all of these organizations in the fight for freedom both here in Oregon and on a national level.

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc membership form is in our newsmagazine or you can contact any of the

BikePAC officers for more information. <http://www.bikepac.com/index.html>

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.; membership secretary; PO Box 5612; Salem, OR 97304

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) <http://www.mrf.org/> membership form is in our newsmagazine or you can catch up to either Brian Stovall or Ted Tracy.

Join the *M.R.F.* and help protect your rights in Washington, D.C. <http://www.mrf.org/join.php>

Oregon Democratic Motorcycle Caucus (O.D.M.C.) "Oregon Democrat Bikers Get Political". That was a headline back in December of

2001. At the democratic party of Oregon's state central meeting on December 9, 2001, the *Oregon Democratic Motorcyclists Caucus* was born, due primarily to the efforts and planning of "Diesel" Dave Ganslein,.

"This gives members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc., Bike-PAC of Oregon,* and the *Concerned Motorcyclists Coalition* a seat on the state central committee, thus ensuring motorcyclists a far greater voice in the future of motorcycling in Oregon." reported Ganslein. Dave also added, "We strongly urge all motorcyclists to become active in the political system, as our relative degree of success has been attributable to activism at a grass-roots level."

To get involved, contact Diesel Dave at the democratic motorcyclists at:

democraticmotorcyclists@hotmail.com

American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.) *A.M.A.*'s main page:

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/index.asp>

A.M.A. on rights/legislative information:

<http://www.ama-cycle.org/legisltn/index.asp>

A.M.A. membership services center at membership@ama-cycle.org or call at 1-(800)-AMA-JOIN.

Across The Country

Washington – (from the *Washington Road Riders Association*) The Washington state legislature went into session on January 9th with two bill of the *W.R.R.A.*'s bill,s left over from last year.

SB-5280: Requiring motorcycle safety courses to be approved by the director of licensing. If this measure

is not passed, the Washington state motorcycle safety program remains at risk from or possibly beholden to an out of state corporate interest.

HB-1466: Motorcycles/traffic signals. The *Left Turn Bill* that allows a rider to treat a left turn signal that does not sense the presence of a motorcycle as if it were a stop sign, proceeding to turn left when conditions will safely permit. This bill would actually enhance safety for motorcyclists and enjoys the support of not only the motorcycling community but also the Washington traffic safety commission.

California – Now this is definitely a different approach in attempting to change a helmet law. Got to give them credit for thinking outside the box. Might be interesting to see what happens with it. Anyway, here's what their doing down California way.

Asking for help in modifying its lid law from fellow California bikers and even out of state bikers on a couple of online petitions. They can be found on the following web sites:

1. The

California Residents Petition is specifically geared for folks who live in California.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/SB969CA/petition.html>

2. The *California Tourists Petition* is specifically geared for folks who live in other states that might one day wish to visit the golden state, helmet free if they choose.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/SB969US/petition.html>

Please feel free to use the following banner ads on web sites and in your

e-mails. Simply hyperlink these ads to the on-line petition that fits your viewers. And please let us know if we can return the favor in the future.

Thanks for all your help and your dedication to our cause,

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Ride To Sacramento With No Helmet, If You Dare!

And then there's also a helmetless ride to the California state capitol (Sacramento). Yep, you heard me and *A.B.A.T.E. #32* from San Jose is the sponsoring group doing it. Sounds like a vote was to take place on January 10th with the senate transportation committee and they felt they had 7 of the 8 votes needed to get it out of committee. More information on our bill at: www.abate.org

Then there's

B.O.L.T. of California. A California biker, Richard Quigley (state director *B.O.L.T. of California*), gets a superior court judge in Santa Cruz county to agree to hear a motion to dismiss all of his helmet citations against him on the basis that the pervasive myth in "approved helmets" has rendered California's helmet law unenforceable, unconstitutional, and otherwise void! Quigley has convinced the judge to consider that and rule on the effect of the *C.H.P.*'s constant use of the term "approved helmets" and occasional use of "*D.O.T.* approved helmets" has created a misconception on the part

of all police.

If Quigley can prove to the judge that the helmet law requires us to wear something that does not, and never has, existed he will find enforcement of the statute unconstitutional, or at the very least find the law itself unenforceable.

Problems with *Hollister Independence Rally*. After nine years organizing the city's signature motorcycle event, the city council voted last month to terminate the *Hollister Independence Rally* committee's contract after the group stuck the city with a \$360,000 public safety bill in 2005. Now two different groups (*Hollister Rally Commission* and *Ghostrider Promotions*) are trying to persuade the Hollister city council to rethink the event and allow it to take place.

Well that's enough for now!

Keep the rubberside down and the leatherside up,

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

Historian

by ?



rights.

News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Former U.S. representative and governor, and current convicted felon, Bill Janklow's law license will be reinstated on February 15, 2006 the South Dakota supreme court ruled recently. Janklow, who resigned from congress in the wake of a deadly traffic crash that killed a motorcyclist, was automatically suspended as a lawyer.

A jury found him guilty in December 2003 of second-degree manslaughter for killing Randy Scott of Hardwick, Minnesota. Scott was on a motorcycle that smashed into the side of a car Janklow drove past a Moody County stop sign in August 2003. Janklow spent 100 days in jail, was put on probation, and cannot drive for three years.

The court's decision agrees with a recommendation by the state bar's disciplinary board. Circuit judge Rodney Steele, who sentenced Janklow after his manslaughter trial, had recommended that Janklow's law license not be returned until his probation is finished in January of 2007.

Virginia governor Mark R. Warner, through executive order 104, has created the governor's motorcycle advisory council.

There are over a quarter million licensed motorcyclists in Virginia, and over nine million motorcyclists nationwide, many of whom travel to Virginia to enjoy riding in the commonwealth. Over 9,000 Virginians enroll in motorcycle safety training classes each year.

In 2004 the commonwealth's

secretaries of commerce and trade, public safety, and transportation initiated the *Motorcycle Virginia!* initiative to explore ways to promote motorcycle related tourism, business development, and safety in the commonwealth. The working group leading this effort has been composed of representatives of relevant state agencies from those secretariats and stake holders in the tourism, business, and motorcycle communities. The working group has produced and distributed over 50,000 *Watch for Motorcycles* awareness bumper stickers and has launched a web site, <http://www.motorcycleva.com>, to promote the program.

The governor's motorcycle advisory council is created to perpetuate and expand upon the success of the working group.

The council will include a representative from several state agencies, as well as representatives from among Virginia's sheriffs, police chiefs, and one member representing the *Board of Transportation Safety*. There will be sixteen citizen members, reflecting the hospitality and tourism industry, motorcycle related business, motorcycle safety training organizations, and motorcycling advocacy groups including the states rights organizations and the *A.M.A.* community councils. The secretaries of commerce and trade, public safety, and transportation will serve as ex officio members.

The coming of tougher emissions

standards on vehicles sold in Pennsylvania has ignited a battle between republican lawmakers and governor Ed Rendell's administration.

The state's independent *Environmental Quality Board* in October set a 2008 deadline for all new vehicles in Pennsylvania to meet emissions standards set by California - which are more stringent than the more widely used federal standards.

Republican lawmakers, concerned about the potential higher cost of low-emission vehicles and angry about essentially ceding authority to another state, quickly drafted bills to revoke the Pennsylvania board's authority to adopt the standards.

Transportation secretary Allen Biehler told senate environmental resources and energy committee members that the state could face federal sanctions, specifically the reduction of highway funds, if it does not meet clean-air regulations.

In 2004, New Jersey adopted the California standards. Six other states, including New York, have either adopted the California standards or are considering them.

Texas motorcycle enthusiasts might violate Texas gambling laws with charity poker runs after a ruling that the events are illegal when participants must make a charitable donation to ride and have a chance to win cash prizes at the end.

Attorney general Greg Abbott said in an opinion in a Galveston county case the *Blue Knights*, a nonprofit



rights.

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group of active and retired law enforcement officers, planned a poker run to raise money for a deputy who had been injured in an on-the-job car accident.

Events would be legal if they offered no prizes, only an "attaboy" to the winner. Dropping requirements for a charitable donation as an entry fee also could comply with the law. Otherwise the legislature would need to change state law to allow charitable poker runs to continue.

The California state parks *Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (O.H.M.V.R.) Commission* voted to eliminate funding for many conservation, safety and law enforcement programs at their December 2005 meeting. California regulations mandate that funds collected from O.H.V. registrations go for conservation, education, law enforcement, public safety, trail maintenance, and land acquisition programs operated by the *U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management*, and local sheriff departments.

The O.H.V. groups claim that the failure to fund important safety, education and law enforcement programs demonstrates that the commission no longer functions in accordance to the California law establishing the statewide O.H.V. program.

Earlier this year, a coalition of local, state, and national recreation groups sent a letter to senator Bill Morrow (R-Oceanside) asking for legislative hearings by the joint legislative audit

committee based on a recent report by the *Bureau of State Audits* critical of the *O.H.M.V.R.* program. That audit cited irregularities within the grants program that were again evident during the recent commission hearing.

The groups signing the September 8 letter to senator Morrow include; *American Sand Association, Off-Road Business Association, San Diego Off-Road Coalition, American Motorcyclist Association, American Motorcyclist Association—district 36, American Motorcyclist Association—district 37, BlueRibbon Coalition, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, Californial/Nevada Snowmobile Association, California Off-Road Vehicle Association, Desert Vipers Motorcycle Club, Duners, American Motorcyclist Association District 37 Dual Sport, and United Four Wheel Drive Associations.*

The Malaysian government has been urged to ban motorcycle use in city centers including Kuala Lumpur to reduce crashes. *Malaysian Association for Community Development Volunteers (M.A.C.O.M.)* president, Norizan Sharif said current actions against errant motorcyclists had not been effective. She said tougher measures needed to be taken as crashes involving motorcycles continued to be the highest in the country.

Norizan added that such a ban would help reduce the number of vehicles going into city centers, crashes, illegal racing, and related

problems. The ban could also help reduce crimes such as snatch thefts and also air and noise pollution, she added. *(Bernama)*

The *European Union Transport Council of Ministers* failed to agree on a common position on the third driving licenses directive. This proposal contains provisions, which will change the way citizens access motorcycles in the member states, five years after the directive is agreed by the European institutions and published in the official journal.

Recognizing the objectives and the implications of the proposal, The *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.)* has been seeking to contribute to the process, in order to achieve an appropriate proposal for motorcycle access, balancing safety with mobility and accessibility.

A compromise proposal covered administrative points such as the issue and renewal of licenses, the replacement of old national licenses with one European model, as well as the access schemes for caravans and motorcycles. Had the council accepted the compromise proposal,

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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M.R.F. LEADERS' REPORT
January 9, 2006

Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council To Be formed

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) is proud to report the *United States Department of Transportation* (*U.S.D.O.T.*) has announced the *Motorcyclist Advisory Council* to the *Federal Highway Administrator* (*F.H.W.A.*) will be formed pursuant to the language in the most recent highway bill (public law 109-59).

The purpose of the council is to serve in an advisory role to the *F.H.W.A.* of the importance of considering the small signature of motorcycles when designing roads, bridges and barriers. We know motorcycles behave differently than four-wheeled vehicles and often that fact is not taken into consideration when engineering our nation's road and highway system. The *M.R.F.* plans to change that and will through the *Motorcycle Advisory Council*.

The council is a result of a two-fold legislative initiative spearheaded by the *M.R.F.* and its members alone. It will be comprised of no more than ten members, each representing a different

facet of the motorcycle safety community.

The other item of the *M.R.F.* legislative agenda for the highway bill is also included. A \$25 million dollar grant program for motorcycle safety and only motorcycle safety. For more information on this facet of the official legislative plan, point your browser at:

<http://www.mrf.org>

The qualifiers for each specific member of the *Motorcycle Advisory Council* are:

1. One representative of a national motorcycle riders' foundation.
2. One representative of a national motorcycle association.
3. One representative of the state motorcycle safety administrators.
4. Two representatives of a state motorcycle rights organization.
5. One representative of a highway builder organization.
6. One representative from the national traffic safety system industry.
7. One representative of a national highway safety organization.
8. One or two traffic system engineers or state transportation department officials who ride motorcycles.

The *U.S.D.O.T.* has declared January 23rd, 2006 was the official

cutoff for the submission of nominations and comments related to this important council.

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 *M.R.F.* is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The *M.R.F.* provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The M.R.F. Reports*.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Headline

Virginia Helmet Law Declared Unconstitutionally Vague

Portions of Virginia's motorcycle helmet law were declared unconstitutional on Friday, December 9, 2005 by a judge of the Newport News circuit court. In a ten page memorandum order, honorable H. Vincent Conway, Jr. held that the portions of Virginia code subsection 46.2-910 which defined the standards that a protective helmet must meet or exceed were unconstitutionally vague, denied due process, and were unenforceable. The decision marked another victory in the battle by the law offices of Tom McGrath to challenge Virginia's helmet law.

McGrath, who is the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney for Virginia, and his Newport News associate Matt Danielson concentrate their practice on representing injured motorcyclists. In addition, they provide legislative lobbying services and traffic citation defense for the motorcycling community.

In the past five years they have successfully defended over fifty bikers charged with violation of Virginia's helmet statute. Although the constitutional arguments have been raised many times before, the courts have previously ruled that the commonwealth could not prove a violation of the statute and thereby avoided a ruling on the constitutional issues. Judge Conway did not follow

this course and instead found at least some of McGrath's arguments to be persuasive.

"The impact of judge Conway's decision is that any helmet selected by a motorcyclist in Newport News now complies with the statute since the standards previously used have been invalidated," explained McGrath.

Bikers Protest Discrimination Against "Colors"

Almost all southern California motorcycle clubs put their differences aside to band together to fight outright discrimination on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at the *Veterans Stadium* during a monthly motorcycle swap meet that bars patch holders from attending.

Popeye, a board member of the *Confederation of Clubs* of southern California and member of the

Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club, attended to help organize the rally with Gill Mellen, *A.B.A.T.E. of California* public relations officer.

Everyone took turns at the entrance with picket signs that said, "Stop Discrimination Against Patch Holders," "Together We Stand," and other such slogans.

"As people and vendors rolled up they were told not to go in if they wanted to stand up for equal rights and that the same people they were banning were the ones who made the

swap meet great," wrote Karyn Chassman in *Quick Throttle* magazine. "A few vendors and lots of patrons turned around and left, which we applauded and cheered as they did."

The protesters hoped to resolve the problems between the patch holders and the swap meet and to make bikers aware of the injustice and prejudice going on around them that they may one day face.

All in all, the protest accomplished it's goals, as all parties involved, from the swap meet management to the *Confederation of Clubs*, are in communication and hope to resolve this matter positively and for the good of the entire motorcycling community.

Poker Runs Ruled Illegal In Texas

While some nonprofit organizations raise money by hosting games of bingo and selling raffle tickets, motorcycle riders have had their own strategy to make giving fun - the poker run.

Although they can be organized differently, poker runs typically involve motorcycle riders paying a fee to participate and then they draw their cards at stops along a designated route. When they reach their destination, cash prizes are awarded for the best hands and sometimes the worst hand.

It's a traditional way among bikers to have fun while raising money for a good cause, according to Sputnik, the state chairman of the *Texas Motorcycle*

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

Rights Association, but Texas attorney general Greg Abbott recently ruled that poker runs are illegal when participants must make a charitable donation to ride and have a chance to win cash prizes at the end.

"It's just a way of life for us," said Sputnik, who also serves on the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* legislative task force. "It's a way to get together, have fun and compete against each other. It's not so much about the money."

Abbott, however, has frustrated the bikers by recently declaring that poker runs constitute illegal gambling. "Even if the contribution goes to a charitable cause and the nonprofit organization will pay prizes from other money, a participant pays money for the chance to win a prize," Abbott said in the opinion. "Thus we conclude ... the nonprofit organization would become a custodian of a bet in violation of Texas law."

Such a violation is a class A misdemeanor and punishable by either fine of up to \$4,000, up to a year in jail, or both.

The motorcycle community will appeal to legislators for a statute to allow poker runs and challenge the attorney general's opinion in court, if necessary, Sputnik said. In the meantime, the motorcycle rights association will consult its attorneys to find ways around the ruling, he said.

"We're going to look at getting around it on the basis of not being a game of chance, but a game of skill," Sputnik said. "If that doesn't work, we'll look at doing something legislatively in the next session. It is

really going to affect who we support in the election this time."

Governator Injured In Motorcycle Mishap

California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his 12 year old son, Patrick, received minor injuries in a recent motorcycle crash near their Brentwood home when a neighbor backed into the street in front of the governor's *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle equipped with sidecar.

Schwarzenegger received 15 stitches to repair a cut lip, but may have skidded into more trouble when it was discovered that the big screen action hero has been riding motorcycles for years without a proper license endorsement.

The governor has the class C license, which technically covers the operation of a sidecar under state motor vehicle law; but Schwarzenegger said he "never thought about" getting his motorcycle license. He said that he had a motorcycle license when he lived in Europe, but never considered obtaining another one after he immigrated to the United States in 1968.

But now after all the brouhaha over his most recent crash, he has promised to get his license and vowed to continue to ride. In December 2001, Schwarzenegger broke six ribs and was hospitalized for four days after a motorcycle crash in Los Angeles when a car stopped in front of him and he was unable to change lanes to avoid the vehicle.

Janklow Gets Law License

Back

The South Dakota supreme court ruled on January 5th to reinstate the law license of former congressman Bill Janklow, who was convicted of felony manslaughter in the traffic death of a motorcyclist in 2003.

The former four-term governor was forced to resign from congress and lost his license and right to practice law when he was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55. who was killed in August 2003 when Janklow blew through a stop sign and into the path of Scott's motorcycle.

After a jury found him guilty, Janklow was sentenced to only 100 days in jail, was placed on probation until January 2007 and cannot drive for three years.

Bike Thefts Surge

It's no secret that in the last five years, the motorcycle market has experienced phenomenal growth. Sales have doubled since 1999 and reached their highest levels in three decades. Unfortunately, going hand in hand with that has been an alarming increase in the instances of bike theft.

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I read Teresa's report on the democratic summit with interest. [December 2005] However, she sounds so supportive of the democratic party that I'm concerned.

The reason that I am concerned is that the very people who were presenters and speakers at the summit are the very same people who were in office voting against motorcycle rights issues in the mid-90's.

Then-governor Kitzhaber vetoed legislation presented to him and stated publicly that he would veto any helmet law revisions. Bill Bradbury is one of the worst politicians (in my opinion) that the state of Oregon has ever had, bending and shaping rules to benefit his personal beliefs and the beliefs of the democratic party. And Barbara Roberts – I don't even care to elaborate about.

I have photos of myself, with Teresa right next to me, standing on the steps of the capitol building rallying against these very politicians that she now seems to regard so highly.

I take particular dislike to the paragraph in Teresa's column, where she states that "former governor John Kitzhaber spoke on the challenge of rebuilding the Oregon community in the face of relentless attacks from the ultraconservative right wing."

Excuse me?

Have Brian and Teresa turned their backs on the *A.B.A.T.E.* people of the mid-90's? (See the historian report in the same issue listing the *A.B.A.T.E.* officers of 1996, which included Brian Stovall.) Are we all now ultraconservative right wingers?

I hope that I don't need to start

supporting the ideologies of the democratic party and the Cindy Sheehan's of the world to remain an

A.B.A.T.E. member. I'll take the tile of ultraconservative right winger (leaders) over cool-aid drinker (followers) any day. I sincerely hope that Teresa was just reporting and that her enthusiasm for the democratic party and the speakers at the summit that comes through in this report was unintentional.

Sincerely,

Nanette Hall

A.B.A.T.E. member #6557

Bend, Oregon

A.B.A.T.E. = Politics

A.B.A.T.E. taught me (almost) everything I know about politics.

In 1977, the helmet law was *the* issue for motorcyclists in Oregon and in many other states. It was *the* issue for me and it was the reason I started to learn about state government, voting, and electing the people who make government tick. It was a bipartisan issue then and it is now.

It doesn't belong to the right or the left, democrats or republicans.

I was one of several bikers who started sleeping on the capitol steps near the end of one legislative session, and spending our days there holding signs. A couple of more knowledgeable and courageous of us went inside to talk to the legislators about why we wanted freedom of choice. The tactic was crude but effective. We embarrassed the legislators into talking with our lobbyists.

My passion about this one issue led

me, along with other *A.B.A.T.E.* activists, down a road that had a lot more forks in it that we ever imagined. One of those roads led to the formation of

BikePAC – a political action committee focused on motorcyclist issues. We recognized that other things affected our chosen lifestyle/transportation and most of time government has a hand in the rules.

We took another turn when realized that maybe, if we got involved in election campaigns, we would be able to educate a candidate before they even got elected. Quite a few of us (*BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* members) started dabbling in party politics, both democrat and republican. Several of us have become officers in our county-level republican and democratic central committees, worked as staff for a legislator in Salem, managed election campaigns, and chaired platform committees, fund raising committees, and so on.

I'm 28 years older now than when I got my first *A.B.A.T.E.* membership card. Because of *A.B.A.T.E.*, my world view expanded a lot.

I find that I have deep beliefs about how we human beings regard each other. I believe every person ought to have access to education, shelter, food and health care. I believe our government exists only with our consent, and when it fails to address the needs of its citizens, it is our responsibility as Americans to make it change. I believe that people are more important than corporate profits.

I got active in the democratic party because I want to use what skills I have to force change in the "politics

From yer . . .



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Rot Path

For many people, it's all they can do to work enough to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table. Any free time left over is devoted to just getting out and riding, trying to pursue some happiness. They are just plain too busy and too tired to undertake more ambitious action in defense of their liberties.

Which means that often the protection of freedom is left to a few who make time to look further down the road than their front wheel.

This has often been the way of societies whose citizens lived free: they are reluctant to undertake their own defense until pressed by events that have gained overwhelming momentum. By then, if it is not quite too late to halt or deflect developments, the outcome is often uncertain and even eventual success is unsatisfying, incomplete, and unnecessarily costly in terms of time, health, happiness, and money.

Is freedom unnatural?

Is that why it requires extra vigilance and work?

In yer crusty ol' editor's opinion, the answer is "No. Freedom is a natural state of being."

Look at the natural world around you. Creatures and plants are not naturally born into bondage. Survival often demands group cooperation but there is still a good deal of personal freedom. It is only in this human culture and our particular societies that individual liberties are routinely threatened or diminished.

And most people are kept too

damned tired or distracted to do anything about it.

That can change and *you* can help it happen.

Start paying attention to what is happening. Think about events and their possible effects on our lives. Decide to take positive action. Get involved and act on your decision.

We
can make a difference.

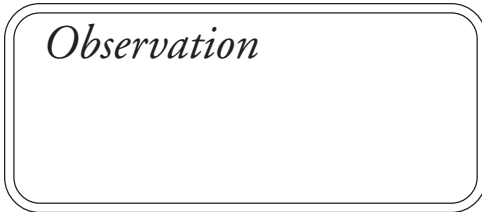
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Think.

Decide.

Get involved.

Act.



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I who create have a great deal of trouble accepting destruction for whatever reason.

Sitting here in this hotel room writing this, it's difficult knowing some time next month heavy machinery will come crashing through this wall in front of me, leveling and destroying a site that helped give birth to northwest science fiction conventions. (It hosted a WorldCon in 1961.)

In the future, a light rail line will course through this location.

Yes, intellectually I know that the wheel turns and that things change. It's the too human large-scale unnatural changes that bother me.

To everything we touch we impart a tiny bit of ourselves, our spirits.

The laughter and conversations of this con are a memory now. Even though the last science fiction con here has ended, I can still sense the cumulative spiritual touches of forty-five years. And that is what I'll take with me as I leave here tomorrow for the last time.

At least I got to meet Xena.

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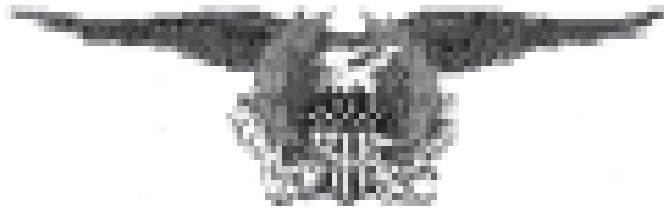
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)		Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)		Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)				STATE BOARD MEETING Eagles-Albany 1200 (12:00 pm) Run committee 1100 (11 am)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
South Coast 1300 (1 pm) ----- Southeast Portland noon		Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)		
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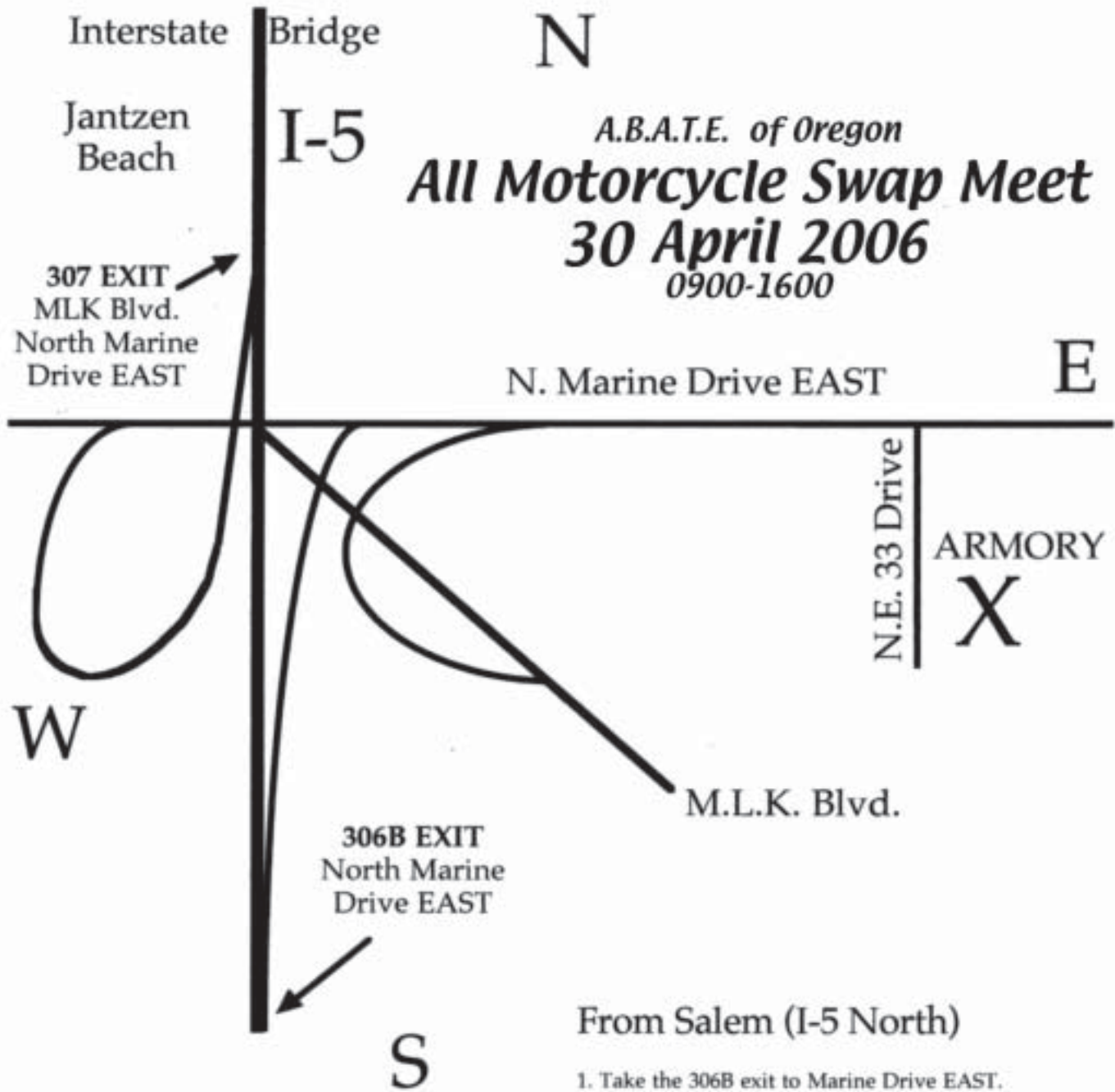
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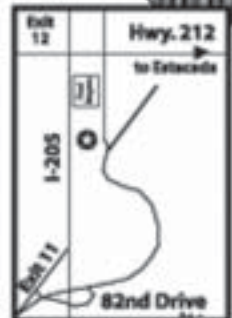


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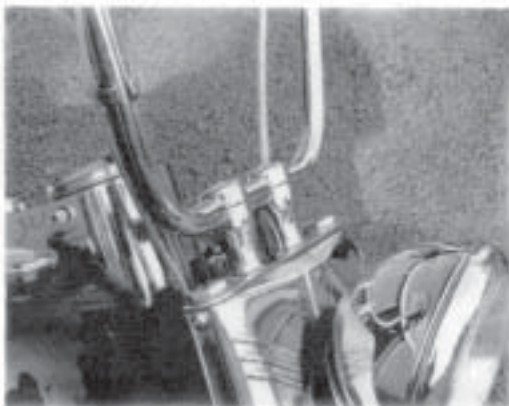
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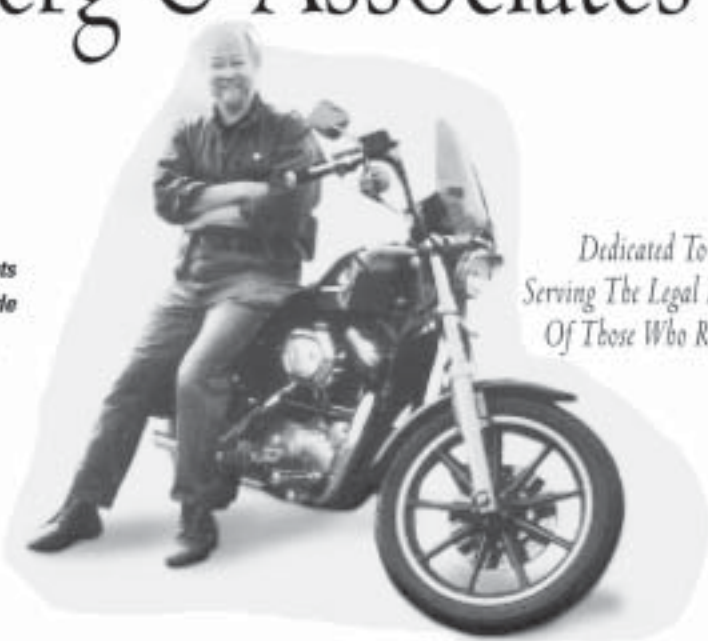
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Central Oregon area

John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Bigfoot Powerlift	(541)-617-1691	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X					X	
Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond		X	X	X	X	X		X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				

Lincoln County area

Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X			
Dan the Wizard	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Brenden Kane	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	X

North Coast area

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Waterbury	(503)738-5475	Seaside	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Salem area

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X			X
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence					X	X		
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton						X		

South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point							X	
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay							X	
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X	X	
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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South Coast area (continued)

Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X

Portland area

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X		X
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X		X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Debbie and Brian Done	(503)-357-5620		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 toll-free		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X					X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X			X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X			X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X			X
Ted & Sandy Hudgins	(541)-513-6216(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X					X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X				X
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X				X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X					X		X
Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	Albany	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

other areas

Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-836-7548	Highway 38	X	X	X			X		X
Ray & Kathy DeMelo	(503)-393-2201	Keizer		X	X			X		X

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QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Hats	15.00	_____
_____	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
_____	Long sleeve T-shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	ABATE Sweatshirts	25.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	Polo shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies V-neck shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies crew neck shirts	20.00	_____



YEAR PIN



New!
Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.E. logo -- \$40

ABATE PINS



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ABATE T-SHIRTS

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00
(One time charge)



NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00			
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00			
	(out of stock)	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00			
		ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00		STICKERS	
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00			
		Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50			
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00			
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	free			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	free			
		UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00			
		Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00			SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		Eagle Pin	5.00			
		Chapter Coordinator	5.00		OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)	
		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	5.00			
		Chapter Secretary	5.00			
		Chapter Membership Secretary	5.00			
		Chapter Treasurer	5.00			
		Chapter Historian	5.00			
		Chapter Legislator	5.00			
		Chapter Educational Director	5.00			
		Chapter Ways & Means Director	5.00			
		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	5.00			
		Chapter Public Relations Director	5.00			
		Chapter State Representative	5.00			
		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)				



Sub Total _____

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$6.50**
 \$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$8.50**

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

TOTAL _____

Thank you for your order ;:-)



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 att. **Products Director**
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PHONE: (503)-362-9136

E-MAIL: _____

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm
LOCATION: _____
OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**
If no explain: _____
Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**
If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH
If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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2003 *Aspen Classic* by *Trailmaster Inc.* Excellent Condition, king size bed, pulls great, tons of space and lightweight. Light gray tent fabric is 400x400 denier. Check out the web site: <http://www.trailmasterinc.com> or call them at 1-(800)-398-9090 for additional information. Want to see it? Call Randy or Deb (541)-563-7191 \$3,200 cash :-)

(Feb2006)

Langlitz Columbia jacket. Size 44, worn three times. \$500 (Over \$800 new.) Call John for information. (503)-774-8993.

(Feb2006)

Two studded snow tires mounted on 14 inch *Ford* passenger car wheels (early Mustang or Cougar). Real good rubber with all the studs still in place. Excellent in snow and ice. These will get you home. \$50 or best offer. Call Bill (503)-257-7390. Located in N.E. Portland.

(Feb2006)

1973 *Sportster* motor \$700.
1979 *GMC Jimmy 4x4*, 35,000 miles on 350 ci, rebuilt transmission, runs like a top, light rust, overall good condition. Asking \$1,350. Call Bird (503)-750-9726

(April 2006)

Two studded snow tires, size P225/75R15. Real good rubber, nice tires, they like to go in the ice and snow \$50 or best offer. Call Bill (503)-257-7390, leave message.

(April 2006)

1990 *Heritage Softail*. Two-tone red with lots of chrome, S&S carburetor, *Pythone* exhaust pipes, *Andrews* Ev27 cam, *Craine* HI4 ignition, new detachable windsheild, huge *H-D* saddlebags in good condition. Outstanding motorcycle for its age. Runs great, a real classi. Good tires and brakes. A steal at \$9,250 or best offer. Call for details. Bill at (503)-257-7390, please leave message.

(April 2006)

1993 *Sportster* 883. 8,700 miles. \$5,000 Hugger, Kings tank. Just serviced.

1993 *Heritage Softail*. New, 20 miles. \$16,000. Red and black, bags, windshield. (503)-285-4329 Rotten Roger

(April 2006)

2000 *V-Star 1100 Classic*, custom painted by Mark Pratt of XXX. Twisted ghost flames, two helmets, saddle bags, windshield, backrest, new front and rear tires, new brakes. 28,000 miles. \$6,500 Debbie (971)-409-6744

(April 2006)

Wanted

Dawg died. Biker, 51, and Hawg looking for new location. Good handyman skills (and tools), stable job and personal life. Anywhere within one hour ride of Hawthorne Bridge. (Job.) Must have garage access. Will consider any of following, or garage or basement apartment fixer-up rental or land contract with a five year ballon. Call Bird at (503)-750-9726

(April 2006)

Nine passenger Chevy wagon. Fifteen passenger Chevy van. Motors and transmissions not important. Cheap.

Rotten Roger (503)-285-4329

(Mar 2006)

Answer to January CRYPTOGRAM may be found on page nn

February Cryptogram

<TEXT>

<TEXT>

<TEXT>

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— <AUTHOR>

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

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

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
COORDINATOR	1-(800)-xxx-xxxx (state-wide)		
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Al Sims	(541)-926-2161	hdalandmo@comcast.net	(541) 926-1312
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Hal Fletcher	(541) 688-4268	hlfletcher@esassigns.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Ed Miller	(541) 923-5503		
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	fourtracys@msn.com	(503)-615-0550
SECRETARY			
(position open)			
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SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Willie Sanders			
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
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BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
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 NEW ADDRESS: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

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

Total number of members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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As you welcome in another new year,
On the roadways you have one thing to fear,
The amateurs are out,
So don't have any doubts,
That they've had too many spirits and beers.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 11 February 2006 at noon
(location: T.B.A.)

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon; Bend</i>
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland</i>
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza; Roseburg</i>
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany</i>
Josephine County	1 st Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Abby's Pizza; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass</i>
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport</i>
North Coast	4 th Sunday 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria</i>
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122nd; Portland</i>
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles</i>
Salem	4 th Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Papa's Pizza; 4550 Commercial Street, Salem</i>
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend</i>
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham</i>
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove</i>
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene</i>