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Courage is not reserved only for those who take up arms to defend liberty, but for those as well who exercise their freedoms.



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

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.

by Bill Bish

(A.B.A.T.E. of California ; executive coordinator, *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*)

"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 Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet law mandate, Roloff helped convince California senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 *Federal Highway Act*, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by president Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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by Ed Vaughn

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Get the picture.

Saturday, February 17th
Chemeketa Community College
Salem, Oregon

Be there or be square.

Seriously folks, last legislative session, we as an organization failed miserably in our responsibility to show up in Salem when we were needed. Our lobbyist did everything he was paid to do and more and the failure to push any of our bills through lies solidly on our own shoulders.

Why didn't we show up?

Is it that we just don't care?

If that's the case, then we belong to the wrong organization.

But I think we do care and just aren't sure what we are supposed to do or how we are supposed to do it.

Well guess what?

We have among us, right here in our midsts, actual members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* who do know how and what we are supposed to do.

On top of that, not only are these people willing to do what's necessary their selves, but they are willing and able to teach the rest of us how to do the same and carry our share of the load.

Chapter legislative officers who didn't make it to Salem on January 10th missed an excellent learning

opportunity and a chance to acquire some great tools to help your chapters be as effective as possible in the upcoming legislative session.

It's not too late.

S.T.E.A.M. is just around the corner and the major focus will be on politics.

Remember that part in our mission statement that goes "liberty through community involvement and legislative action."

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon excels at the community involvement part of our mission statement and it's time to step up the legislative action part.

Come to S.T.E.A.M.

Learn how to do your part in the swell of grass roots politics that underlines our success.

Learn how to identify who the legislatures for your district are, how to set up appointments with them, and push the fence-sitters off the fence to support our causes. Even change the minds of those who oppose us.

It's all possible and S.T.E.A.M. is the place to learn how to make it a reality.

Be there.

Ed Vaughn
state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Central Oregon**

Hello from *Central Oregon Chapter*,

News is rather scarce around here. Haven't held the elections as of this time, so can't report on that. Will have to wait until next month for more information.

Our chapter did contribute 25 toys and games to the *Coalition* toy drive. Kevin and I had a fun time in picking them out. Lots of *Tonka* trucks (Kevin's favorite) and of course a few *Barbies*. Nice to know that there will be some happy little faces out there.

We are very lucky. All our members work so hard to make this possible. It takes a team and I feel we have a good one.

We haven't had the snow in Bend that everybody was expecting. Happily it all stayed in the mountains. Happily unless you happened to be traveling, in which case it stunk.

It does make for a good opportunity to get the bikes in for servicing. Nothing like preparing for that first great spring ride! It might be a bit on the chilly side, but that is what longjohns are for. You may look like the *Pillsbury* doughboy, but as long as you can get your leg over the seat, who cares?!

So much for now,
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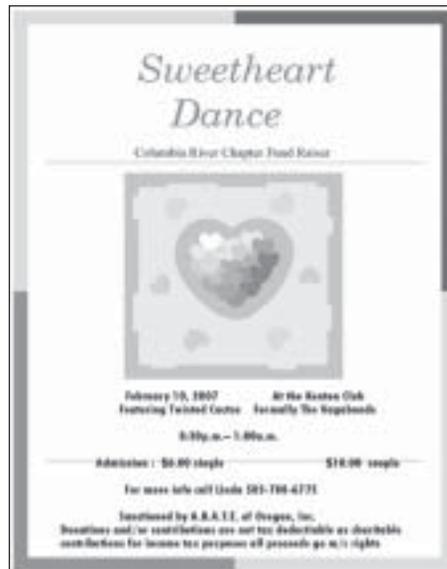
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**CENTRAL OREGON MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**
2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Black Horse Saloon
Bend, Oregon
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Columbia River



**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**

Greetings from a very white Douglas County,

It seems we have had a dump of snow here in the Umpqua valley. It's so snowy that our meeting for tonight has been canceled due to our meeting place, *Roundtable Pizza*, closing early. The roads are a mess.

Our chapter did a "first" and provided the membership with a great Christmas party. I have been a member of this chapter since 1990 and this was a biggie. Everyone in the chapter has worked for a long time supporting *A.B.A.T.E.* and our functions. We have never used chapter funds for anything other than supporting state, our local events, and charity. It was a wonderful and renewing evening. I think it will go far in revitalizing our membership.

We had a wonderful dinner at *D's Magnolia*, an establishment owned by the mom of LaRae, one of our very own members. The gift exchange was a hoot, and it was fun to get kind of dressed up if you wanted to, and go "out." (Actually, some of those guys look totally different without a black t-shirt and boots! Who would have guessed it?)

Thanks to the committee that put it together. It's an understatement to say, "a good time was had by all! And

if you're ever in Roseburg looking for some fine dining, try *D's Magnolia* on Jackson Street in old town.

Now for the business end of things.

We had our meeting at the party.

Very little meeting, lots of party.

Again, who would have guessed?

Our meeting consisted of election of officers for the 2007 year. The results are as follows:

Coordinator: Tom Bowden, (you may know him from *S.O.S.* among other things)

Vice-Coordinator:

Jim Waggoner (Type cast? No, not that kind of vice!)

Treasurer: Denise Fleck

Secretary: Becky Garino

Membership Secretary: Janie Curtis (One of our fashion queens and emcee at *S.O.S.*)

Ways and Means:

Diana Smith (Also first-aid extraordinaire.)

Historian:

Diana Smith

Public relations: LaRae

State representative: Jim Jones

Legislative Director: Denise Fleck

Sgt.-at-arms: Rocky Orth and Gary Vogelpohl

By the time this comes out, *S.T.E.A.M.* will be days away. I would encourage everyone who can to attend, especially if you have never been. Not only is this a great asset in

keeping your chapter alive and well, this is a legislative year and you can bet there will be a lot of conversation about how to make *A.B.A.T.E.* effective in being a voice for motorcyclists. Particularly for those who may be newer to the organization, whether you are an officer or not, this is a chance to meet some very experienced folks and glean some wisdom.

Joe Laurance, one of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s very own was sworn in on January 2nd as a Douglas county commissioner. Joe credits his involvement with *A.B.A.T.E.*, the opportunities afforded him by serving as coordinator for the state, in addition to working with our legislators on federal funding to aid motorcyclists as an integral part of his political career and being elected as a commissioner. Joe is one of

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING 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



Hub City held elections and here is a list of the new officers for 2007.

- Coordinator – Garry Hastie
- Vice-coordinator – Fred Tucker
- Secretary – Wendy Mueller
- Treasurer – Sue Mills
- Membership secretary – Mary Burnett
- Sergeant-of-arms – Ray Kintner
- Sergeant-of-arms – Don Nash
- Sergeant-of-arms – Terry Moe
- Sergeant-of-arms – Scott Nason
- Sergeant-of-arms – Red Ayers
- Sergeant-of-arms – Randy Mueller
- Quartermaster – Gary Freeman
- Run coordinator – Don Mason
- State board representative – Nick Oliver
- Public relations – Monika Sims
- Historian – Rhonda Tucker
- Legislative representative – Jack McCann
- Education director – Carolyn Freeman
- Web administrator – Don Mason



Wishing everyone a great 2007
Ride safe!

Congratulations to all. It is so nice to see some new folks stepping up to hold office.

All officers, especially new officers, are encouraged to attend S.T.E.A.M. in Salem on February 17th. This is a good venue to learn new and exciting information about motorcycle issues and meet new people from other A.B.A.T.E. chapters.

A special thanks go to our “santas”, the Littles and the Tuckers, for all the gifts at the last meeting.

Steve Lindsey was not present to collect the membership prize.

Congratulations to Fred Tucker for winning 50/50 of \$73.50. Then he donated it back to the chapter.

HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Ciddici's Pizza
133 Fifth Street
Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Josephine County

Happy new year to all our friends everywhere.

Even though we've already celebrated the new year in the good old U.S. of A.-fashion, we can still celebrate the new year again in February. It's the Chinese new year and their festivities start on the first of the month and continue for 15 days. Now you know why I brought you that info. A fifteen day party!

We can also raise a toast to and celebrate the newest officers elected for 2007. These are people who work hard to keep this organization in a position for others to gain knowledge about A.B.A.T.E., oversee funding to support it, and endeavor to bring issues of training and safety to our brothers/sisters on the road. 2007 Jo County A.B.A.T.E. officers are:

Coordinator: Pat "Spanky" Allen

Vice-coordinator: Tom Dessert

State representative: Cindy Hoover

Treasurer: Frankie Hartsfield

Assistant treasurer: Jeanne Alexander

Secretary: Gypsy Dessert

Membership secretary: Pat Wine

Sergeant-at-arms: Gregg Jones, Jim Alexander, Rick Mead

Chaplains: Gary Stacy, Ron Dague

Run coordinator: Jim Ziebarth

Ways and means: Darla Stacy

Historian: Becci Mead

Quartermaster: Mike Hoover

There's not a lot going on during this time of the year.

One of the new year celebrations in our cold neck of the woods consisted of the *Second Annual Polar Bear Ride* put on by the *United Bikers of Southern Oregon (U.B.S.O.)*. Everyone met on a sunny, brisk January 1st at *Full Throttle Custom Cycle* on Rogue River highway. The shop and parking lot were filled to capacity with approximately 80 bikes and a few cages.

They ran along the Rogue River

down to *Rhino's Bar and Grill* in Gold Hill where they met up with about 70 more bikers who began their trek from *D&S Harley* in Medford. Hot food and drinks were enjoyed and within a couple hours the roar of those bikes headed out for the warmth of their homes. The wind chill factor was in the teens, but according to those I spoke with, the camaraderie was well worth the chill.

By the way, the new location of *Full*

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**JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange

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Grants Pass

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Lincoln County



I do hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas season.

Lincoln County adopts families and shops for them. That is one of our favorite times. It brings so much joy to the families and to us also. Those of us who have no small children with us during Christmas it gives us a chance to share the season with others' children.

With all the hubbub going on in *Lincoln County* we even managed to have elections. The officers didn't change much but maybe this year we will get it right and can move on.

Our officers are as follows:

- Coordinator: Bob Highfill
- Vice-coordinator: Ralph Jane
- Secretary: Wanda Jane
- Treasurer: Millie Highfill
- Membership secretary: Millie Highfill
- Sgt-at-Arms: Ralph Jane
- State representative: Hilda Head
- Public relations: Ruth Trombetta
- Ways and means: Joe Huff
- Legislative director: Ruth Trombetta
- Historian: Norm Oswald

It is so wonderful of the state officers to come to you when things aren't working well and you are in need of council. I've always figured

that the state officers are overworked and under appreciated. I enjoy the chapter level and definitely admire those who choose to move up and help on the state level. It's a thankless job sometimes but always know that you are thought of and appreciated.

Not much happening here, just waiting to see what the weather decides to do. It's been cold too long and we are in need of warmth.

Take care, stay warm, and keep the rubber side down,

Millie
membership secretary
Lincoln County Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

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LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
at 1930 (7:30 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**North Coast**

Howdy friends and neighbors,

So now the holidays are past and a new year is upon us, it's time to focus on the S.T.E.A.M. seminar on February 17th in Albany. The whole story on how to get there is on the flyer in this issue. This is the best way for anyone (but especially new chapter officers) to learn more about what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is and what it does for each and everyone of us who ride on two motorized wheels. Meet your state officers face-to-face, tell them what you think, find out how you can do more to promote the mission of *A.B.A.T.E.* Find out what the most recent scoop is in the Oregon state legislature and what you can do to make your voice heard.

Yes, I said make your voice heard. This year is a legislative year and now is the time to contact your respective representatives, state senators and even our governor and tell them that you want to remain a free American biker. Those numbers and addresses may be found in this issue of the newsletter. The helmet law is ripe for revision and now is the time to pound the sidewalks, put pen to paper, shoot off an e-mail, and pick

up a telephone. The more we band together on this issue, the better the results will be. We must force our lawmakers to listen to us, "we the people".

North Coast Chapter has begun to plan for our run. Anyone interested in being on the run committee would be most welcome. There are lots of things to do and we can always use an extra hand in doing them. You don't have to be a chapter officer to be on the run committee – any chapter member can do this.

The big payoff for all our hard work is seeing the event go smoothly and watching all those people have a great time. I love listening to folks laugh and joke with each other. It's the glue that binds us all together. Come to our next chapter meeting and find out more about working with us on our runs.

As I write this report it is January 8th and the forecast for the next week is for below freezing temperatures. Please be careful out there during the cold weather of winter. Wear the proper winter clothing, good gloves, and good thermal socks and face protection. Keeping your extremities doing the jobs they are supposed to be doing, like braking or clutching,

is of utmost importance when riding in cold weather.

I can remember many times out riding in winter that I had to find a bathroom somewhere and run my stone cold hands under the hot water facet to thaw them out so they would work again. Not good, but ya gotta do what ya gotta do.

I encourage all *North Coast A.B.A.T.E. Chapter* members to come to our meetings. The good things we do as a chapter and the dedication to the mission of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* are very important to all of us and we need to see more meat in the seat at our meetings. The time has

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Sunday at 1030 (10:30 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Northeast Portland



We called it the *Cabin Fever Party*. It happened at the *Spare Room* on Saturday, January 20 and y'all showed up in force. You've done your job! We all are ready to face what's left of winter and nothing will ruin our spirit now. (Well, at least not much.)

Well, maybe something does affect our spirit and it cannot be forgotten.

It happened just after Christmas when our *Northeast* brother, Bob Pfeifer and his family, suffered the loss of their son Robby who was trying to be the peacemaker while attempting to break up a bar room fight. His thank you was a bullet.

You may have heard about it in the newspaper and several television stations.

We're working to find ways to ease the financial burden that sometimes results from these unexpected blows. You can see more on:

<http://news.abateoforegon.net/info80.htm>

We offer our condolences to Bob and his family.

We will talk about Robby and, on the other hand, we will talk about some more positive things during Sunday breakfast at the *Spare Room* that will usually be held on the last

Sunday of the month about 9 a.m.

We're thinking that in the future as the snow stops we might even start a last Sunday of the month ride after breakfast. Other chapters have done this sort of thing and we think it's a darned good idea. Give it a little while. New traditions sometimes take a little time to get started. In the mean time, show up!

Mark into your new 2007 calendar for the *All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet* on Sunday, April 29. Soon after that it'll be about time to hear the first robin of spring and winter will be just a nasty memory. We're sure you've already built up some old junk that will can be somebody else's treasure.

That's about it for now. Read our newsmagazine, check in at the web sites,

<http://www.abateoforegon.net> and <http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com>, and come to the meetings. Tell us what *A.B.A.T.E.* can do for you and what you can do for your brothers and sisters of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Marty Soehrman
public relations officer
Northeast Portland Chapter

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N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

River City



January 2, 2007

We caught up with business from last meeting (we just partied then), including state board of director's report and new officer list. It is a rainy night here.

Yesterday was just cold and nine people came out on bikes for New Year's Day.

We rode out to the Deschutes to check up on our highway cleanup area.

The membership drawing for \$45 would have been won by Pat McCall if he had been present. It will be \$50 next meeting.

50/50 was won by the Mariah at \$8/\$7 and donated \$3 back to the chapter. Thanks, Mariah.

The feature bike on the agenda was a 1936 *Ariel* 248 cc *Red Hunter*. Bob won.

— Brian

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January 16, 2007

It's cold out!! Not much riding going on. But nine people came out for our meeting. We talked about the state board of director's meeting and our bills in the legislature.

We have work to do.

The 50/50 was won by Mariah, for

the second time in a row.

Kitty Million would have won the \$50 membership drawing if she had been present. It will be \$55 next meeting.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:06 p.m. Seven people present, two arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance led by Rick.

Rick read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Shelley because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: *St. Vincent De Paul* thank you, *M.R.F. Reports*, and a bank statement

Treasury report: \$218.48 in checking and \$1893.35 savings.

Bills submitted: Brian for state board of director travel.

Membership report: 78

State board report: Brian reported on the meeting last Saturday, including officer reports, elections, and motions.

Legislative report: Legislative session has started and we now need to get busy and confirm 31 votes in

the house to get the bill (HB-2399) to move. Our health care bill is SB-356.

Ways and means report: *Mystery Run* is coming. You figure it out. Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on 06 March 2007.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Planned rides – we want better weather.

New Business

Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

The feature bike on the agenda was a 1903 *H-D* Single.

Upcoming meetings

February 06, 2007

February 20, 2007

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**

From this meeting we have a new state representative and vice-coordinator, Heidi Disrud and Rick Disrud, respectively. Thanks for stepping up and taking part. Not like you, as a couple and individually, don't already put in hours with *Mid-Vally Cycles* in Hubbard and as members of the *Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association*.

Our other officers are hanging in with the chapter and I send a great big *thank you!!!!* to them all for helping with the running of the chapter.

This month, February, is our biggest fundraiser for the *Salem Chapter*. On February 24, 2007 there will be the *Annual Ice Breaker* where you can join in the raffle of door prizes, bring your favorite dish (or just show up) for the huge potluck and visit with everyone from throughout the valley who you may not have seen over the winter. Jenny, the owner of *Tony's Place* in Dallas, is jazzed about us being there this year and, as with last year, anticipates wall-to-wall people and lots of motorcycles parked out front. Some of the groups from last year were *Hub City Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* along with *Salem Chapter* (of course), *In-*

Country Vets, *Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association*, *Christian Motorcycle Association*, *Bikers for Christ*, and a huge contingent of independents. You all come back now you hear?

At the December meeting there were about 40 people. (They kept moving on me.) We now have 163 members. That is up from 116 in one year. Give yourself a pat on the back.

Our guests were Whiplash (the *Confederation of Clubs* representative), Katarina, Stacey along with Robert, Margie and Paul who belong to the *Willamette Valley Riders Group*. Welcome and please return again.

Hey, be at the capitol on February 14, 2007 (that's a Wednesday) for biker day. Learn about the bills going through the legislature that affect you as a motorcyclist. There will be a room in the lower part of the capitol reserved for us to use as we group to learn about how to speak with your representative and/or senator about matters important to you.

And we have a new chaplain in Larry Owens who is a member of *Bikers for Christ*. He just showed up one day and keeps coming back so we decided to keep him. He is all ours

but we might share. Fantastic guy but seems to have an aversion to crab snares. (Hee, hee.)

May have forgot something. If I did, call me and let me know. Number and e-mail in the corner. Web site is <http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>

If you stop for just one moment, look up, look down, look all around, breath deep and remember you are blessed by the gods just because you exist.

Love and peace to you all.

Kindest regards,

Michelle J. FitzHenry

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SALEM MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)

J.C.'s Pizzeria

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

South Coast



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TIME and PLACE
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Fisherman's Grotto
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Southeast Portland



Hello everyone!

Hope all had a great new year. I am happy to be writing this newsmagazine report.

We held our chapter elections and I want to wish all new and returning officers a great year.

We have been busy already with the *Run 21* meetings. We have formed several committees but we can always use more help. We want input on what you would like to have this year. It's not too late. Your involvement is needed to make this the best *Run 21* possible. In order to put on this event we need people for the various run committees. If you want input on the bands, games, or any aspect of the run, be sure to stay for the run meeting.

Come and support your chapter and let your voice be heard.

The run meetings are held directly after the first chapter meeting of the month.

We are also busy with the canned food drive and the anniversary party. These will be held March 17th.

We need everyone's involvement. The more people we have helping to organize our events the more fun it

is for everyone. Let's make 2007 one of the best years for fun and member participation.

Our membership drawing was for \$165 and Rob Keeling would have won if he were there. The next drawing will be for \$170. (This is progressive and builds until won.) You must be present to win.

So all of you out there reading this newsletter, get out your calendars and mark the first and third Sunday of the month.

Noon is the time.

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See ya at the meetings!

Deb "Honey Buns" Ross

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S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M/M Restaurant & Lounge
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Washington County

We have successfully made the move back to *Prime Time Sports Bar*, but on the 2nd and 4th **Monday** nights. This is taking some adjustment on our parts, but we will get through it.

We are still looking for a more permanent home that can accommodate our group with the requirement that children be welcome. Keep an eye on the web site for updates. Or attend a meeting or contact a member for the latest news.

New officers are now in place and the change that goes along with the new jobs is under way. By the time this hits the streets, we should be well settled into the new routine. We will have had an officer meeting in January.

The most important news right now is the change of our chapter birthday party. It is now scheduled for April 7 at the *Hillsboro Elks Lodge*. This corrects a scheduling conflict that came up with another chapter. Please mark your calendars to attend. There will be live and silent auctions,

Sinner's Club will play, and there will be a buffet dinner. There are a couple of hotels close to the site and one will offer a free shuttle service. Please come and spend the evening with us.

Get well wishes go out to Dorothy Johnston, who should be well recovered by the time this goes to print.

I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing people at S.T.E.A.M. on February 17. There is always a lot of good information available, not only for the attendees, but also for the chapters who are lucky enough to have people spread the information.

Once the roads clear, get out there and get the wind in your face.

Be safe, be aware.

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Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

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



Our chapter sure knows how to celebrate Christmas!

We had 56 people show up for our annual Christmas dinner, six of which were the family our chapter chose to help out this year. The family's little 18 month-old girl did a great job of entertaining us and the family was very appreciative.

After our usual pledge of allegiance and the mission statement, our chaplain Bob Lowell said a prayer to bless the evening and talked to us about the real meaning of Christmas. Then our coordinator Jeff Schauer introduced our special dinner guests. We had discussion about all the chapter has done over the last year. One member asked if S.O.S. coalition was going to take place this year. Jeff told him we would know more after the coalition held it's January meeting. Jeff did keep the business end short so all could enjoy the dinner and socialize.

All of last year's officers were presented with appreciation certificates.

All of those 2006 officers individually wished all a Merry Christmas and kept business details short.

Jeff later announced who the 2007 chapter officers will be and thanked all for volunteering.

Rick Maish informed all of us of the January 10th legislative training session that *BikePAC* is putting on at the state capitol building.

Anne Cokeley said we have a little over \$2,600 in checking, and over \$700 in our downed rider fund.

Lonny Cokeley said our membership count is currently at 137 members.

Hal said the newsletter will be coming out soon. Hal also had us all take a fun motorcycle quiz to test if any of us were real "bikers" or not. No one got flying colors, but a few of us got to grab shirts and hats as we got most right.

Rod Hatter said that the events listing on our web site shows all currently known 2007 events and encouraged feedback.

Chapter's chaplain Bob Lowell encouraged everyone to carry on the Christmas spirit even after the holidays are over.

Mike Boggs won the 50/50 drawing.

The \$100 membership drawing was lost out by Dave Morgan as he wasn't there to receive it. We did put out a collection jar and raised \$151 dollars for the adopted family. This was in addition to the drier, foods, and many gifts given.

The next meeting will be back at *Roaring Rapids Pizza* on January 18th so come and stay warm with us.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter
Willamette Valley Chapter
 web site editor
<http://www.wvabateoforegon.org>

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Our Officers at Work

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

13 January 2007 – Eagles – Albany, Oregon

Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn at 12:15 p.m. with 12 of 14 chapters represented. All chapters were eligible to vote.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Heidi Disford of the *Salem Chapter* was welcomed. She is their new state board representative as well as their legislative director.

Motion made by Mel Yeager and seconded by Cindy of *Josephine County*, that reading of the minutes be waived.

Coordinator's Comments

Ed reminded everyone that we are coming up on a legislative session and we are all ready to go. We need to show up in the right place at the right time with enough people to back our demands. He encouraged chapter representatives to take this message back to their chapters with intent.

The helmet bill (HB-2399) has already been read and is waiting for assignment to a committee. Dates and times will be announced. Ed suggests that chapters have e-mail lists available for quick contact. See Brian Stovall to be add to his list. Mel and Brian will manage their list, which will give at least 72 hour notice of the need for action.

Be active within your chapter. The lobbyist represents us. We need to be in the gallery when necessary. Also, chapter representatives are officers. Each representative needs to be at the state board meeting, rather than having one person covering several different chapters.

Correspondence: A thank you card

from the Pfeiffer family and information on *Rolling Thunder*.

Officer Reports

Legislative director: Mel thanked Ed for allowing him to make his report then leave the meeting to attend the memorial service for his son.

On January 10, twelve people showed up for the legislative training. They were expecting 20. Brian went through the handbook and gleaned information to be taught. There was also some duplicated information. Mel applauded Brian for his work. The handbook is very helpful. The training stressed the importance of being ready, able, and willing to testify if called upon. Not all members of the gallery will be called to testify. Legislators have commented that they had been looking for motorcyclists at the capital. We are well known for doing business well. Bob Avery is working his way through the legislative ranks. Twelve people dared to come to Salem in the cold, slippery weather, including people traveling from The Dalles and Astoria. Meeting was a snapshot of how the legislative session will be. An attendee commented that the tour of the capital was worth the price of admission.

Howie Long attended the meeting and urges people to get on the ball about the legislative process. He is ready to get involved and very enthusiastic.

BikePAC representative: Mel covered a lot of information. Terry Barr, who is a long time supporter, is

the chair of the transportation committee. Wording of SB-356 (health insurance) is available via the web site. The wording of HB-2399 (helmet) is not yet available. *BikePAC* has 113 members. The *May Awareness Rally* is coming up. S.T.E.A.M. will be February 17. The *Governor's Advisory Committee* will meet January 19 at 6:30 p.m. They need a candidate for the committee. Nic Oliver is the interim development director. As far as the helmet matter is concerned, we need to quit arguing over statistics and concentrate on freedom of choice.

Brian spoke about the transportation committee: there are seven people on the committee and most of them are not friendly to our cause. He urges members to contact their representatives on the committee. Be prepared to speak on personal experience: speak clearly, quickly, and logically. Fact sheets are available. Peter Buckley, Terry Byer, Tobias Reed (district 27-Salem area), Carolyn Tomei, George Gilman (district 55 - eastern Oregon), Greg Smith (district 57 -eastern Oregon), Tom Butler (district 60) are members of the committee.

Confederation of Clubs: There was no meeting in December. The January meeting will be on the 14th at *Sophia's Rest*, 980 Cruse Way, Springfield. There will be an officer's meeting at 12, general meeting at 1 p.m. Pat will pay A.B.A.T.E.'s dues at the meeting.

Education directors: S.T.E.A.M.

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fliers are available. Patricia will send a copy to the web master and e-mail to chapter contacts. *Chemeketa College* has agreed to the same rooms as years past. The focus will be on the legislative session. Please encourage everyone to attend. Also, statistics show that older riders are being involved in more crashes. Please encourage each chapter to put together a group of 12 or more people for a rider skills practice class. Contact her if your chapter can arrange it.

Geoff reports that everything on legislative policy and procedures will be covered at S.T.E.A.M. He has also received a call from a local high school for motorcycle awareness classes.

Membership secretary: There are currently 2,219 members.

Products director: There are *BikePAC 50/50* tickets available. Dave brought pins, rockers, and baseball hats to the meeting. He is working on a color catalog for each chapter. If a chapter needs chapter rockers, contact him. They are ordered in quantities of 50.

Public relations: Joan was not present but requested chapters contact her if they need any publicity or assistance. The run coordinator needs to contact her for advertising as she has media contacts. She needs 90 days lead time. There are two new radio stations geared toward a younger audience that will do announcements, as well as KGON and KOIN. Start thinking of *Rose Festival Starlight Parade* float designs.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Ted spoke with Joan yesterday, trying to get *Fossil* flier into Washington, Idaho, Montana, and California state newsletters. Ted will make 10,000

fliers, 100 posters. Need a volunteer with a reliable 3/4 ton truck to haul the stage. They will receive two comp tickets and two t-shirts. Salem Chapter has volunteered to do the bike games. Ted is working on getting a generator donated for use at *Fossil*. Robert Hale and Ted are working on the chapter signs. There will be no admittance to the grounds before Thursday and everyone must leave on Monday. This is due to insurance liability issues. The vendor coordinator has resigned and Ted is looking for a new volunteer. There will be no adult beverage vendor.

State swap meet coordinator: The corrected date for the *Spring Swap Meet* is April 29. The *Fall Swap Meet* is September 30. Robert has vendor forms on the web page. When mailing in vendor forms, please make certain that it says "Swap Meet" on the outside of the envelope. Security and set up crews should show up between 5 and 6 a.m. on Sunday, gates open at 9 a.m. for general admission.

Treasurer: Margo reported that Nancy had intended to be present but had to work. Financial statements are in the packets. We spent \$6,000 more than we took in last year. Questions can be answered at break or by contacting Nancy by e-mail. They are both working on getting taxes to the accountant by mid-February. Nancy will be doing a class at S.T.E.A.M. All treasurers are encouraged to attend. Cindy gave a \$500 donation from *Josephine County Chapter*. Nancy is still handling expense reports, however, Margo can handle any emergency requests today.

State auditor: Margo is still collecting year end information. She thanks chapter treasurers for sending reports early. Any outstanding information should be sent to Margo for now. *Quicken* software will continue to be used. Treasurers need to use this program. Nancy is working on the cost to hire an independent auditor if a volunteer is not found. The cost estimate is \$75 per hour. It is important that we find someone within the organization who is willing to do this job.

Web page editor: Marty has not received updated e-mail information from new officers. It has been suggested that the *A.B.A.T.E.* server is on a black list and needs to be fixed. Each user is responsible to contact their own internet provider to be certain they can receive *A.B.A.T.E.* e-mails. It is not the responsibility of the web master to do this. It is your e-mail, your property, so defend your property. *A.O.L.* is the worst offender. The consensus of other attendees is that Marty is doing a good job. There are few pictures of *Fossil* because only a few were received. Lee commented that Marty takes his job seriously and can get upset by apathy.

Vice coordinator—south: Last year was party, party, party.

Sergeant at arms—north: Randy will have the sign up for swap meet security as well as for *Fossil*, working in four hour shifts.

Sergeant at arms—east: Ron will work with Randy on *Fossil*.

Sanctioning officer: Run list needs some corrections. Everything in the January newsmagazine is wrong.

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Washington County fliers were printed before they were sanctioned, not following proper procedure. Lee has been in contact with the insurance company, coverage for S.T.E.A.M., *Sweetheart Dance*, *Casino Night* is all in place. There should be no problem with renewal of insurance. He will update the run list each month in the newsmagazine. *Beaver Creek* is pending sanctioning. \$485 sanctioning fees have been turned in. Fees must accompany the sanctioning request. If fees are not paid, the form will be held pending payment. Liquor sales vendors need to have their certificate to him 30 days in advance of the event. Salem *Ice Breaker* is on hold pending payment of the sanctioning fee. Margo interjected that chapters can pay for their events in advance for the year. Marty said the information will be on the web page.

No two campouts will be allowed on the same weekend unless each run coordinator submits in writing their agreement to each of the runs. The 100 mile rule was voted out. *S.O.S.* will be changing their date. A new date has not yet been confirmed.

Quartermaster: The storage unit is up for renewal, Robert has checked on prices. The current rate of \$150 will increase slightly for the 10'x20' space. A 10'x15' space would be \$138, but would have a height restriction that would require changing the existing shelving. Robert suggested that chapter representatives take the issue back to their chapters.

Planning Session Issues

Corporate memberships: Ed spoke

on the issue, reviewing it. A motion was submitted and read under new business.

Sanctioning guidelines: Ted and Lee talked about changes. Lee objects to "cops and robbers". He and Ted will work it out today, but agree to adopt the changes from the planning session. A print out of the details will appear in the February meeting minutes.

Unfinished Business

Unfilled officer positions: There were no nominations for vice coordinator—east, chapter auditor, historian, or sergeant at arms—south. Sue Mills was nominated and accepted the position of treasurer. Robert spoke about the need for a chapter auditor. This will be expensive to farm out. Jordan asked where officer job descriptions could be located. They are available in each chapter notebook and Margo offered to e-mail them to anyone who requests them.

Bylaws change: Lee provided information to Ed that he felt showed a requirement that the change to the executive board required publishing 30 days in advance of the change taking effect. Ed disagreed that the information provided did not state the requirement as Lee had interpreted it, but agreed to talk with him about the issue after the meeting.

New Business

- Jordan Kelley made a motion, seconded by Randy Phipps, that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* adopt as printed in the newsmagazine under the planning session minutes of money matters #9, corporate members/sponsors a three-tiered corporate

sponsorship to our current [advertising] fee structure:

Gold level corporate sponsorship would provide a [?] page ad for the year, and six comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$350 fee.

Silver level corporate sponsorship would provide a 1/4 page ad for the year and four comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$225.

Bronze level corporate sponsorship would provide a business card ad for the year, and two comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$150 fee.

Additional feature of the corporate sponsorship would be: A link (to) the corporation web page from the *A.B.A.T.E.* web page; a corporate sponsor page in a prominent location in the [state] newsmagazine; a framed corporate sponsor certificate.

Motion was voted on: 10 in favor, motion carries.

There were concerns that the advertising needed to be kept up-to-date. There may be some businesses advertising in the newsmagazine that are out of business.

Announcements

January 13: *Wookie's Benefit*, *Turtle Shell Tavern*, 1 p.m.-2 a.m.

January 19: *Governor's Advisory Board* meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 235 Union St NE, Salem.

February 14: Oregon's birthday at the capital. (Good time to arrange meetings with legislators. Be on time, be concise, thank them for their time.)

February 24: Salem *Ice Breaker*, *Tony's Tavern*, Dallas

March 4: *Monroe Swap Meet*.

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- Lee is working on L.L.C. information.
- Dave needs *Fossil* t-shirt designs by the March state board meeting.
- Patricia acknowledge that the old *Team Oregon* bikes that are for sale are salvage only. Not only do they not run, they are not street legal.
- The next state board meeting will be February 10. There will be a run committee meeting before the general meeting.
- *BikePAC 50/50*: Randy Phipps won \$17.
- Mel and Iris Yeager: A hat was passed for them in honor of their son. \$90 was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Henderson

Douglas County

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several members of this fine organization involved in the political arena. You just never know where joining *A.B.A.T.E.* may take you! So, step out on the really wild side and get involved.

I'm back as secretary here in *Douglas County* for another year. I look forward to the promise of spring, black not white pavement, and seeing everyone out on the roads again. Until then, I will continue to bore you with whatever I think is worth reporting, recording, and/or editorializing on.

Meanwhile, have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

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

North Coast

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changed to 10 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month. We meet at the Astoria *Moose Lodge* on 17th Street. Jim at the *Moose* makes us a great *huge* breakfast for \$5. So bring your appetites when you come

Stay warm and safe.
Run 'em through.

Josephine County

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Throttle Custom Cycle shop at 849 Rogue River highway is very nice. Great shop/mechanic area and a lot of new goodies to peruse while you wait for work or are just in to visit. If you're traveling in the area, stop on in and say 'hi' to the guys. Remember, there's a 10% discount for *A.B.A.T.E.* members.

The chapter is in planning stages for the upcoming rides starting in May. There's been discussion about a motorcycle parts/clothes swap meet and a garage sale to benefit the chapter. More about those will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

- The runs planned at this time are:
- May 27th: *50/50 Run* to benefit

BikePAC

- August 4/5th: *Coast Run* to Crescent City in coordination with the *Sons of God* campout.
- Sept 14-16: *Third Annual Last Chance Run*. More discussion will be forthcoming on this.
- Oct 7th: Toy run

The officers will be contacting people to help support these events ahead of time. Also, don't forget our pot lucks every three months. I never forget about those.

Stay warm, ride smart, and I wish each of you health, peace and laughter in the coming year,

Gypsy

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ICE BREAKER

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FEBRUARY 24, 2007
12:00 P.M. TO ?

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The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* is hosting a Washington, D.C. *Ride Into Political Action* seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in congress or in their local communities.

The seminar, to be held February 24-27, 2007 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, D.C., allows participants to meet and learn from the *A.M.A.*'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. Besides learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and on lobbying elected officials. The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegations.

A registration form is available in the *American Motorcyclist* magazine or by contacting Sharon Smolinka at the address below. Mail the completed form to

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The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has now posted the comprehensive state highway safety management documents on their web site. All fifty states' documents can be found at:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/whatsup/SAFETEAWeb/pages/SafetyPlans.htm>

The *A.M.A.* encourages all motorcyclists to review these documents to make sure their respective state agencies are taking motorcycling into account in their highway safety plans.

The *2007 Arizona State Trails Conference: Opportunities, Issues and Strategies for the Future* is now scheduled for October 4-6, 2007 in Prescott, Arizona. The conference will bring together all trail users (off-highway vehicles, hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, etc) and land managers to understand current trail opportunities and issues and start planning for the future.

Arizona State Parks Trails coordinator Annie McVay is now calling for proposed presentations for the conference. Send your ideas in an e-mail that includes: description of the topic to be covered, description of what participants will learn and take away from the session, names and brief credential of speakers for the sessions, and the length of time needed for your presentation. These proposals are due Friday, February 2, 2007. The proposals can be brief; they will follow up with more specifics with chosen presentations. Send proposals to trails@azstateparks.gov

Saudi Arabian officials are increasing security vigilance in the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah

for the annual Hajj by banning motorcycles.

Officials almost immediately impounded 350 motorbikes since heightened security operations began. An official who wished not to be named told *Arabnews.com* that the motorcycle ban was a response to problems related to hit-and-run accidents as well as thefts where criminals used motorcycles to navigate crowds and escape quickly. Motorcycles have also been banned because riders in past years have used them as unsafe, unlicensed, one-passenger taxis. Transportation services are in high demand during the Hajj, causing a problem with taxis and buses.

Noise and pollution caused by motorcycles and scooters was also cited as a concern. Mopeds are particularly polluting because they use two-stroke engines that burn a mixture of oil and gas.

New York city council proposals under consideration to curb loud motorcycle noise weren't exactly welcomed by the Bloomberg administration recently. Some council members want to make it illegal to park certain motorcycles that don't have sound-dampening equipment. Also they are attempting to make it illegal for riders to engage in "exhibitionist behavior" including riding with one wheel off the ground, racing and creating unreasonable noise by accelerating whether or not the bike is moving. Motorcycles could be seized from owners. The



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council promises to revisit the issue throughout the year.

Pakistan's home secretary has in exercise of powers prohibited the use of motorcycles or two-wheelers without silencers or mufflers for a period of four days around the 2007 New Year.

In a notification issued just prior to Christmas, the home secretary said certain groups of youngsters are likely to create a public nuisance and noise pollution on the New Year's eve by driving around in motorcycles and other two-wheelers without silencers, which creates unrest and disrupts public peace.

The Arizona *Game and Fish Department* has installed the nation's first wildlife crossing designed to warn motorists of large animals approaching the busy highway. As the animal-detection system goes into operation, infrared cameras and military-grade software will set off large signs and warning lights so that drivers will know to slow down and be ready for a possible encounter with a 600-pound elk, a mule deer, or some other creature of significant size.

This is an example of real-time I.T.S. (information technology system) communication with drivers that the *A.M.A.* has been involved in enhancing since our inclusion in I.T.S. America over 10 years ago.

The high-tech crossing is part of an extensive system of wildlife underpasses and electrified fencing along a three-mile stretch of Arizona

260 about seven miles east of Payson that is designed to guide animals across the highway with less danger. It allows the wildlife to maintain migration and foraging patterns while minimizing the danger to motorists and the animals.

Europe's third driving license directive was recently adopted without any advantageous changes for motorcycling. The new driving license scheme will restrict access to motorcycles without any obvious safety reasons. The *Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (F.E.M.A.)* is concerned by the E.U. institutions and member states' lack of knowledge and understanding over motorcycling issues.

The European parliament adopted the directive on driving licenses without modifying the compromise reached between the member states. The endorsement of the compromise by the European parliament was followed by the Council of Ministers second reading which failed to bring about any changes.

Despite *F.E.M.A.* lobbying and the support of many decision makers, the outcome of the vote was no real surprise as motorcycling took a back seat to other issues. *F.E.M.A.* is totally unsatisfied by the motorcycle provisions included in the directive as they are discriminatory to new and young riders and unjustifiably complex. Instead of improving safety, they will make access to motorcycles more difficult to enforce with an adverse effect on safety.

New Jersey, and surrounding states, riders are urged to contact your state representative and tell them that you want them to support keeping the only legal O.H.V. (off-highway vehicle) park open in the state of New Jersey.

The *New Jersey Pinelands Commission* has mandated that the *New Jersey Off-Road Vehicle Park* must close their operation by September of 2008 because the commission is under pressure from the *Pinelands Preservation Alliance* and the *Egg Harbor Water Shed* who are both opposed to O.H.V. recreation in New Jersey.

The commission has a responsibility to honor an agreement that they made with the O.H.V. park and that they promised not to close the *Woodland Township O.H.V. Park* until they agreed to a new location for the park to move to within the boundaries of the Pinelands. The agreement was to have both the Monroe and the Woodland parks operating simultaneously by the end of 2005 and then phase out the Woodland operation over the next three years, ultimately closing it in September of 2008. For further information or to find your representative, go to:

<http://www.njohva.org>

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H.I.P.A.A. – Urban Legend? Or Did It Just Get Worse?



The *Department of Health and Human Services (H.H.S.)* recently printed the final rule concerning *Nondiscrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market*, also known as the loophole that allows health insurance providers to refuse benefits on a claim that was the result of a motorcycle crash. The final rule is the result of a process that began almost ten years ago when the interim rules were published in 1997 as a direct result to the original *H.I.P.A.A.* (PL-104-191) legislation passed by congress in 1996.

The idea of not delivering on health insurance coverage has its roots in a much different arena than motorcycles: domestic violence.

Back in the early 1970's in California, health insurance providers began exploiting a loophole that would become known as the "wife beater clause," which essentially allowed insurance companies to not provide repeat coverage for damage done as a result of a heavy-handed husband. The insurance companies claimed that they would provide coverage for the initial incident of domestic violence, but after that they shouldn't have to because the woman should have left the abusive husband, thus making the subsequent beatings her fault and uninsurable. Being 1970 and being California, that loophole did not last very long, but nevertheless began a troubling trend of insurance providers using every loophole to excuse themselves from

paying on claims.

This final rule clarifies who exactly can be refused benefits and how many Americans are affected. The answer in both cases is a lot more than was previously thought. 135 million Americans are in the group insurance market, and every one of them can be refused any health insurance funds under what is called the "sources of injury rule." The group market makes up the bulk of the insurance market when compared to the 2.5 million who participate in individual plans.

Basically, if you have insurance through your job, even if you work for the government, you can be refused coverage of an injury based simply on the source of that injury and nothing else.

Can my employer do that?

The answer is absolutely, if they tell you.

Employers and insurance providers must provide with a full written or virtual explanation of your insurance plan, and each year after that they must provide you with an update that tallies any additions or reductions in material benefits. So if they are going to exploit this loophole, they simply have to tell you either in the initial book or in the yearly changes. It may be the fine print, but legally that's okay.

Now for the real question: Is it happening?

Are insurance companies really denying benefits for hospital bills because the injured party was on a motorcycle instead of in a car?

It would seem so, given that the insurance companies' inherent greed and the practice of making a profit would encourage them to refuse claims whenever they had the legal authority to do so.

Just ask any beach house owner in the gulf coast right now and all you will hear about is the outrageous behavior of the insurance companies and how nobody is getting a fair market price for property or belongings lost.

Well, it seems that the insurance companies aren't too preoccupied with motorcyclists or snowmobilers or any other group of Americans potentially affected by this glaring loophole. For the past six months I have been asking for actual examples of individuals who can attest that they have been singled out for riding and have had to pay hospital bills out of pocket because they were hurt while doing some riding on a properly licensed bike. To date, I have heard from no one. I thought it was me, so I inquired around some of other folks working on this issue, including the *A.M.A.* [*American Motorcycle Association*], and none of the organizations I contacted have heard of any cases either.

So what's going on?

Do the insurance companies not know of this loophole?

That's doubtful given the hundreds of lawyers, accountants, and actuaries they employ, many of whose sole mission is to uncover these exact types of loopholes to save their middle managers a few hundred thousand a year.

Could it be that the insurance companies have some scruples and are not choosing to exploit bikers?

That's not likely either.

In a closed door meeting I had with some of the original authors of this rule, they confessed that they think of this loophole as sort of an urban legend. Very little is known about why the original *H.I.P.A.A.* bill included the source of injury rule, and very little is known about any actual examples of the rule being used by insurance companies, yet there is a lot of talk about it around the country.

Undeniable is the fact that the loophole does exist and could one day be used, and if so it would spell the end of motorcycling as we know it.

One thing this final rule does carve in stone is the need for a legislative fix. In fact, in that closed door

meeting with the folks at the *Department of Labor* and *H.H.S.* they revealed that they, as an agency, don't have the legal authority to close this loophole. In fact, if they did close it they feel that the insurance companies would sue and win, therefore making any chance at passing a legislative fix all that much more difficult. This sentiment was originally express by long time biker turned politico Tommy Thompson when he held the top spot at *H.H.S.* a few years back. So I have every reason to believe the rank and file agency paper pushers are telling the truth.

So we have some work cut out for us in order to close this loophole before it does become a widespread problem. Legislation is being redrafted and will soon be reintroduced in both bodies of

congress. When that happens, the push will once again resume toward fixing this loophole. However, congress is going to want actual examples before they legislate the insurance industry. Without those examples, we have an uphill battle. Congress isn't likely to waste valuable time and resources on something that may not be a problem right now, as that's just the shortsighted nature of our congress.

So to answer my own question, it just got worse.

You can read the final rule in the federal register volume 71, number 239.

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

—J.H.

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

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Helmet Laws Threatened

At least three state legislatures are already proposing to enact helmet laws in the early stages of their 2007 sessions: Arkansas, Montana, and Pennsylvania.

Spurred by a renewed federal enthusiasm in promoting helmet laws and due to the increased popularity of motorcycle riding, state governments are seeking ways to curb the rise in motorcycle crashes and fatalities.

Currently, 20 states and the District of Columbia require all motorcyclists to wear helmets, while the other 30 states allow freedom of choice for adult riders. Nationwide, *N.H.T.S.A.* reports that approximately half of all motorcycle riders wear helmets, either by choice or by existing state helmet laws, and that approximately half of all rider fatalities were wearing helmets.

Salt Lake City Withdraws Helmet Proposal

Through the combined efforts of bikers across the country who took time to write, call and e-mail mayor Rocky Anderson to oppose a Salt Lake City, Utah city ordinance requiring helmet use by all motorcyclists and bicyclists within the city, the proposed law has been withdrawn and the mayor's office has responded that they have "Abandoned the proposal, due to the immense amount of calls and e-mails both from local motorcyclists and

motorcyclists nationwide. We are now looking into ways to better enforce the helmet law already in existence, (for riders 18 years old and under) and require the same for bicyclists and scooters."

S&S First To Obtain E.P.A. Engine Certification

S&S Cycle, Inc. has successfully procured *E.P.A.* certification on all three of its V-Series engine families, becoming the first motorcycle engine manufacturer to produce pre-certified *E.P.A.* compliant engines for use by individuals and custom bike builders.

By using motors that are pre-certified to meet emissions regulations, individuals and builders can now build *E.P.A.* compliant motorcycles without having to go through the complicated and costly emissions testing procedures themselves, thus allowing small volume manufacturers to build and sell as many custom motorcycles as they want to, and individuals can now own, ride and sell them without prior restrictions as long as the engine package is not altered in any way that increases exhaust emissions.

Under *E.P.A.* regulations issued in 2003, custom bike builders are limited to building only 24 non-compliant motorcycles per model year, and individuals are allowed to own only one *E.P.A.* exempt kit bike in their lifetime. But following a year

of successful efforts between the *E.P.A.* and industry and consumer groups, the *Certification Procedure for Highway Motorcycle Engines E.P.A.* letter of guidance dated July 25, 2006 CISC-06-15 (MC), now allows builders of after market engines to provide *E.P.A.*-compliant engine packages to individuals, dealers and small volume motorcycle manufacturers (less than 3,000 annual units, excluding California), thus circumventing the strict regulations applied to non-*E.P.A.* compliant motorcycles.

Elude Police, Forfeit Your Bike

The *Florida Highway Patrol* has developed a plan to fight fleeing cyclists without engaging in high speed pursuit or even taking them to trial.

But all the law requires is that police get the tag number and then they can go pick up the bike later. Police seized 344 motorcycles last year, some valued at more than \$10,000, by accusing their owners of running from police, a felony, initiate the seizure proceeding, then drop the charges. This allows police to keep the bike without the effort of a court battle or the danger of a not guilty verdict.

National I.D. On The Way

Some state officials are giving the national I.D. system a cool reception

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and hope congress will reassess, and perhaps repeal, legislation it passed that establishes a national I.D. system by 2008.

The *Real I.D. Act of 2005* is intended to deter terrorism and illegal immigration, but many deem the program unnecessary, costly, and annoying. The legislation would establish national standards for state-issued driver's licenses and non-driver's identification cards and you'll need one of these new cards to board an airplane, open a bank account, or enter a federal building.

The *Real I.D. Act* originated as a standalone house bill in January 2005. It passed 261 to 161, but became inactive. It was then tacked onto a military spending bill by its author, representative Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and passed unanimously. It became a law in May 2005.

The new I.D. cards will contain the same information as current driver's licenses: a person's name, date of birth, sex, I.D. number, address, and signature. But the cards might come in black-and-white, instead of color, and be printed on expensive poly carbonate material, requiring D.M.V. offices to install new machines to produce the cards.

Idaho M.R.O. Formed

BikePAC of Idaho, Inc., a new statewide grassroots motorcyclist rights organization (M.R.O.), has been recently formed to address the concerns of motorcycle riders in Idaho at both the state and federal level.

For more information on *BikePAC*

of Idaho and the "new" *Red Light Bill* (S-1367) that its members initiated, please visit our web site

<http://www.bikepacofidaho.org>

BikePAC of Idaho was recently approved as an *N.C.O.M.* member group by unanimous vote of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

N.C.O.M. CONVENTION

The 22nd annual *N.C.O.M.* convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2007, at the *Hilton Charlotte University Place*, located at 8629 JM Keynes Drive in Charlotte, North Carolina. Reserve your room now for the special *N.C.O.M.* rate by calling (704)-547-7444 or 1-(800)-HILTONS.

Registration fees for the convention are \$75 including the *Silver Spoke Awards* banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 for the convention only. All motorcyclists welcome. To pre-register, call the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at 1-(800)-525-5355 or visit

<http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com>

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* is requesting that M.R.O.'s, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2006, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "ringing of the bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be e-mailed to NCOMBish@aol.com

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item for the freedom fund auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists rights movement

nationwide through *Getting Our People Elected* donations, speaker program, lobbying activities, and other projects as determined by the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

Weird News Of The Month Not So Easy Rider

Bikers are more likely to have problems in bed, new research shows. A Japanese medical research team says motorcycle riders in Britain are likely to share the problem.

They say it is because pressure and vibration from the saddle reduces the blood supply to their genitals.

Doctors in Osaka, Japan, found 69 percent of riders had erectile dysfunction (E.D.) compared with 35 percent in the control group. The older the biker, the worse the problem was. More than nine out of 10 over-50s had signs of impotence.

Quotable Quote

"Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it! If you do not, I shall repent it in heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it!"

John Adams

April 26, 1777

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

It's the second month of a brand new year, 2007.

What are we going to accomplish this year?

In Oregon, we've reelected governor Kulongoski, which means we may have to wait another four years to get the helmet law off our backs. He's said that he will not sign any bill that would abolish the law. We have people here who have ridden for more than twenty years and never known the freedom of choice in that regard. To my mind that is absolutely sad.

In Louisiana, they slapped the helmet back on their heads, and the governor bragged about the savings of lives because of the helmets. They didn't take into account that motorcycle sales dropped about the same as the crash rate.

We need to get our people educated. We are part of the traffic and car drivers need to be educated about that.

One thing we can do is to get our riders to take riding courses and retake the classes regularly. Education saves lives. I started riding in 1948 and a helmet was not a regular part of my attire until 1988. My God! According to the safety-crats I should have died long ago!

The new year brings other concerns as well. The Iraq situation has deteriorated even more and we have a democratic congress and senate in this country now. It's not hard to guess what they want us to do about that. I won't take sides but I will address my elected officials as to how I personally feel about the whole

thing. I hope the rest of you will as well. We proved the voice of the people has force, now lets put it to good use.

There are people we have elected who would like nothing better than to outlaw motorcycles altogether. Insurance companies that are spending *mucho* dollars to get laws passed that restrict riding even more than it is now. I'd rather they spend *my* insurance dollar on motorcycle awareness for car drivers!

Many new highway designs won't properly consider motorcycles if we aren't vigilant. We are already pretty much invisible without the added burden of roads that are designed without us in mind. All motorcycle organizations need more than ever to put your heads together for the welfare of us all. Our enemies won't go away any more than we will. Anti-tinkering laws and manufacturing restrictions are getting tougher all the time and we need to keep a weather eye wide open there.

Who would have ever dreamed that a person would ever be allowed only one assembled bike in a lifetime, especially in the country called the land of the free? Yeah, check your *E.P.A.* regs. Free enterprise in this country is being curtailed so tightly that many small businesses will close their doors because they cannot do the work they need to do and make the money needed to stay in business. We need to remember that small business is what this country in built upon.

Those are a few of the challenges we face as bikers in the new year.



Gunny
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Oregon A.I.M.

More than ever, it's time for us to stick together, and stand up for what's right.

Newsbits–N–Pieces

Kids Motorized Scooter – Looks like a little *Vespa* from the fifties. It has a two-speed gearbox (2.5 and 5 mph) powered by a rechargeable battery, along with automatic brakes, working headlight, horn, and hazard-warning lights. Aimed at children aged from three to seven, it sells for £195, whatever that is in American money. [About \$400 – c.o.e.] I haven't seen one in this country yet but keep your eyes peeled. What kid wouldn't love one of these critters.

Holbrook, New York – Harley hearse? Yeah, from the internet comes this little jewel, courtesy of *Newsday*.

Outside the *Moloney Funeral Home* here is a *Harley-Davidson* that has been that has been converted to a hearse. What better way for a biker to go to his rest? Riding in style in a *Harley* hearse. The conversion was demonstrated here and we are told it will be used on request from families of whomever wants the service. It's actually a modified trike that can haul as much as 900 pounds. Very modified, at over \$80k. It's the custom creation of *Tombstone Hearse* of Alum Bank, Pennsylvania.

This is a road-worthy machine that, *Moloney* acknowledges, brings much-needed smiles to an otherwise somber procession between funeral home and final resting place. "We wanted the opportunity to offer

something unique," says Moloney, 42, who, with his uncle and two older brothers, runs five funeral homes.

"And this is a very unique specialty item," he says. "When we use it, people are overwhelmed with it."

Switzerland – Now, take that *IRS* bike a step further, and you're riding the inside of a long, bubble-shaped two-wheeled beast, powered by a *B.M.W.* K-series motor, the *Eco-mobile*, with other bikes offered by the Swiss firm, *Peraves*. Y'gotta see these things to believe 'em. Go to <http://eco.peraves.ch/ndexe.htm> Oh, and this bubble-boy will do 155 mph, and you can get air conditioning, heat, and even leather seats.

Now, when you're inside this bubble-bodied two-wheeler, you may be wondering what happens when you stop for a light? Can't pop your leg out so quickly when you have to open a door, so these two little side-wheels come out by pressing a button! They look like a couple of training wheels, but I could get past that.

This critter runs a 4-speed unit with an electric reverse, and an automatic version is available for those who want to go the whole car route.

Car pedals sit below the handlebars that still have a twist-grip throttle. Buttons operate the little stabilizer wheels when coming to rest. The makers claim it's still like riding a bike, since it banks to corner, but you have the creature comforts of a car. The price looks a little steep at \$55,599, unless you consider the cost of a custom bike. I've seen some \$60,000 *Harleys* in dealerships here in Oregon.

Honolulu – During president Bush's visit to Hawaii last year, Steve Favela, 30, and two other motor

officers crashed their bikes as the motorcade traveled across *Hickam Air Force Base*. Bush was there to meet the troops for breakfast. Light rain had been falling and some roads on the base were slick. Favela suffered internal injuries and died. The president sent his condolences to the family. It's unfortunate, but it goes to show that even the highly-well trained police can die on bikes. Our condolences also to his family.

The Ever-Lovin' Need For Speed

Speeding is not necessarily reckless, even at 128 mph, a judge ruled. A motorcyclist had tried to flee from state troopers. Judge John Steinheider ruled that Jacob H. Carman, 20, was not guilty of reckless driving, when he was spotted by a trooper who then chased him at the top speed of his cruiser's odometer: 128 mph. He said "As much as it pains me to do it, speed and speed alone is not sufficient to establish reckless driving". He did say that if he had a passenger, he'd have thrown the book at him. Nevertheless, Carman was fined \$300 for trying to elude the cop and expired tags.

I'm sorry folks, but running away from the police just because your tags are out of date is just foolish, any way ya look at it! Plus, our Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg, tells me that you might well be convicted of reckless driving with speed that high, depending of course on the circumstances.

Gunny Again

Have you got your *A.I.M.* card?

If not and you go to motorcycle runs or swap-meets here in Oregon, there is no excuse. This Gunny sets up at most of them during the

summer and is happy to get ya signed up. I'll give you your card on the spot and it doesn't cost you one cent.

The idea is to let medical folks know we have some small bits of medical information particular to you and it might just help in an emergency. Not only that but it will help us to notify your people that you have a problem.

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BikePAC Meeting Report – Wednesday, 10 Jan 2007

Today we met in the Oregon capitol building and discussed the many changes in the *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative handbook that was put together by Rick Maish. He had no sooner finished the book and it was time to put it to use. Brian Stovall, legislative director of *BikePAC*, and Mel Yeager, the new *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative director studied the book and all of the information contained therein. We found that there was some duplication of information and some items no longer pertinent to the legislative efforts. These pages were removed to make the book smaller and more concise. It is now about 52 pages long. Brian copied the pages and bound up twenty copies. There is one for each *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter legislative officer and one for representatives of other motorcycle rights organizations associated with *BikePAC*.

Brian explained the changes to the twelve members attending the meeting and we will go over the information briefly at the *A.B.A.T.E.* state board meeting in Albany on the 13th of January. Mel will explain the layout of the handbook at the *A.M.O.* meeting and the *United Freedom Riders* meetings at their January meeting.

During the meeting representative Bruce Hanna and his staff person, Bob Avery, stopped by to tell us that

representative Hanna was happy to sponsor our bill since he is an avid biker and understands our desires. He gave us a quick pep talk and laid out the plan of progression of our bill on the helmet law amendment. The bill number is HB-2399, and it was being introduced to the floor while representative Hanna was talking to us. Our other bill S-356 the insurance bill, is being sponsored by senator Merkley who is also a longtime supporter of our efforts.

The sponsors of our bills were selected based on their past willingness to support us. Political party affiliation is not considered.

There was a learning session by Wayne Schumacher who explained the proper protocol for approaching a legislator or a senator, as well as what to say in behalf of our issues. He taught us how to testify at a committee hearing. He stressed that the number of bikers filling up a hearing room when our issues are being discussed is very impressive to the committee members. He stated the importance of a huge response to a call to the capitol when needed. Some people will be asked to testify and they will need to be properly prepared so as to give the best impression to the committee. Wayne told us of the strategy concerning when certain people should testify so they could answer the questions from

the committee in a proper manner. This is all important to having a successful outcome of our bills.

Our action team information was updated so that when the time comes for a call to respond, we can expect the word to go out over a network throughout each chapter and organization.

You may have to take time off work one day in two years to uphold your freedoms.

Is that too much to ask?

As a wise man said "The worst day fishing is better than the best day at work". Coming to the capitol will be a super experience, if you have never been there before. Someone will be there to guide you. If you have been there, be ready to guide those newbies. *BikePAC* officers will be there to help in any way needed. It may be even better than fishing.

Thanks to the twelve members who dared the horrible weather to drive to Salem to attend this meeting. Brian Stovall drove from The Dalles and Howie Long drove from Astoria, the two longest trips.

Christina Wojcik said "The tour of the capitol was worth every bit of the effort to come to the meeting today".

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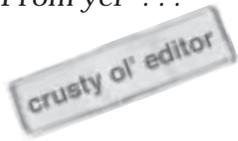
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Books and movies.

Yer crusty ol' editor divides them into two types: those that are interesting enough to read/see once and those that are worth reading/seeing repeatedly.

One such multi-read book that is unlikely to be made into a movie is *My Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn, who always has intriguing ways of presenting his novels. In this case, the first part of the book is a learning experience for both the reader and one of the main characters. The second part of the book is a more practical and worldly application of knowledge gained in the first part.

What yer c.o.e. always remembers most from the second part of the novel is a situation where one of the main characters is trying to persuade a person in political power to act on something the character wants done. But the person in power can't or won't act until the character demonstrates how accepting the action would be in the person's interest.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. and *BikePAC* members are approaching Oregon legislators again during the current political session requesting consideration and action on issues we feel are very important to Oregon bikers.

But are we giving any justification that many legislators need in order to help us?

How can we demonstrate that acting on our bills will be in their own best interests?

These are the questions that each one of us needs to reason out ourselves. Then we need to apply the answers to our own elected officials in Salem.

We need to give them reasons to help us.

And they are more likely to act on hundreds of small reasons than on a few major reasons.

That is where you come in.

You may feel that an elected official would never give your opinion consideration.

That's as may be.

But if your individual opinion is just one of many from other concerned citizens, suddenly you begin to have power. You'll find that officials *do* listen to what you have to say and value your individual concerns and contribution.

You have to find the courage to take that first step, to voice your reasoned opinion to your elected representative.

Courage is not left only to those who take up arms to defend liberty, but to those as well who exercise their freedoms.

Be courageous, be free.

*Come to S.T.E.A.M.
(Even the title makes ya feel warm.)*

Yer crusty ol' editor still recalls what it was like when he first joined *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and became secretary of the *Salem Chapter*. Even though there was awareness of a larger organization, his world was his chapter.

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After several months of toiling over chapter reports in obscurity, suddenly all the members, movers and shakers of the Oregon motorcyclist rights movement were gathered together in one place, freely exchanging ideas and bear hugs with crusty young secretary.

The light came on.

This is what we are about. The person

who would go on to become yer crusty ol' editor no longer felt small and insignificant. He realized that he and everyone else were part of something much bigger, something worthwhile. And he learned so much at that and subsequent S.T.E.A.M.s.

If you haven't been to S.T.E.A.M. yet, do yerself a favor and brave the early year roads to make yer way to Salem on Saturday, 17 February. You don't have to be an officer at the chapter or sate level to attend and participate. All *A.B.A.T.E.* members are welcomed.

It's worth the effort to get there.

Yer c.o.e. has seen folks from the east and south sides of the state come to S.T.E.A.M. for the first time and just be gushin' and grinnin' by the end of the day because they've gotten so much out of the experience. They no longer feel alone and cut off from the rest of the state.

There will be even be a segment called *Meet Yer Crusty Ol' Editor*. (Rumors that chocolate will be involved are probably true, unless yer too late getting in the door.)

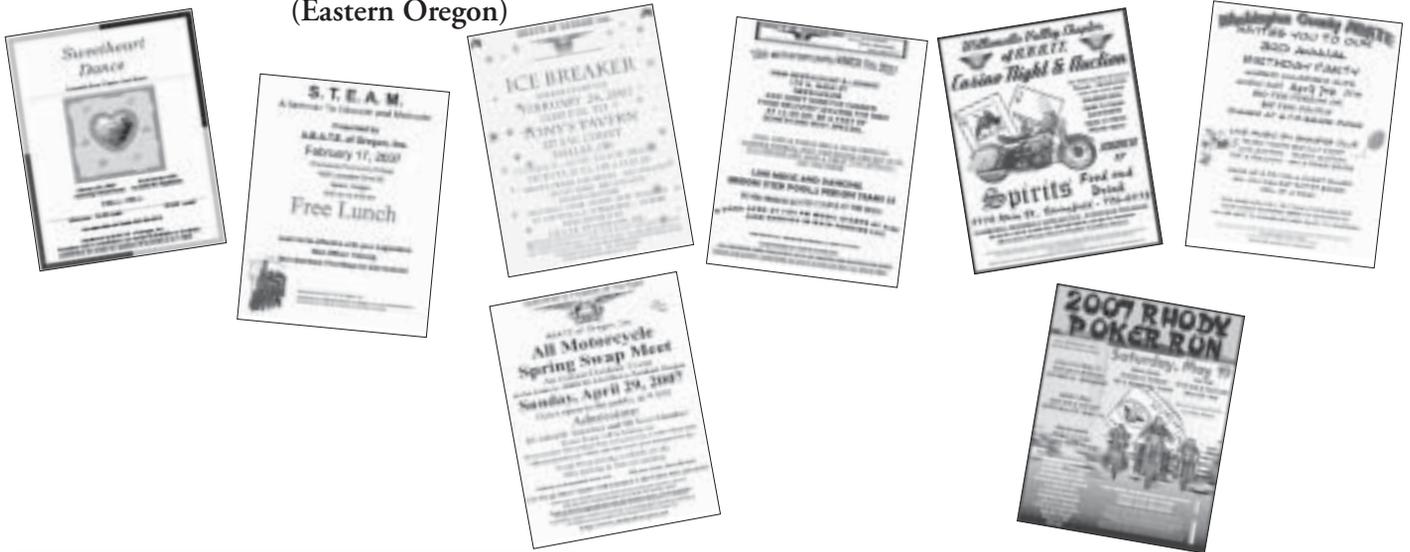
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events

February 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  full moon (quickenning moon) ground hog day (look for the critter, watch the movie)	3
4 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	5	6 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	7 Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm)	8	9	10  4th quarter moon STATE BOARD MEETING Albany <i>Eagles</i> 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.) Columbia River Sweetheart Dance Portland
11 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	12 Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> - 1859 - Oregon admitted to the union ----- - somewhat later - c.o.e. born	15 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	16	17  new moon ABATE/BikePAC S.T.E.A.M. Salem
18 South Coast 1100 (11 am) ----- Southeast Portland noon Chinese new year begins (year of the boar*) *not to be confused with legislative year of the boar ash tree of the month begins	19 president's day	20 Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm) Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday")	21 Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm)	22	23	24  2nd quarter moon Salem Chapter Ice Breaker Dallas
25 North Coast 1030 (10:30 am)	26 Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	27 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm)	28			

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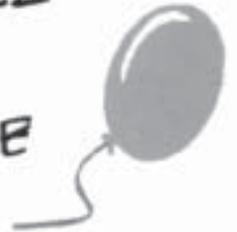


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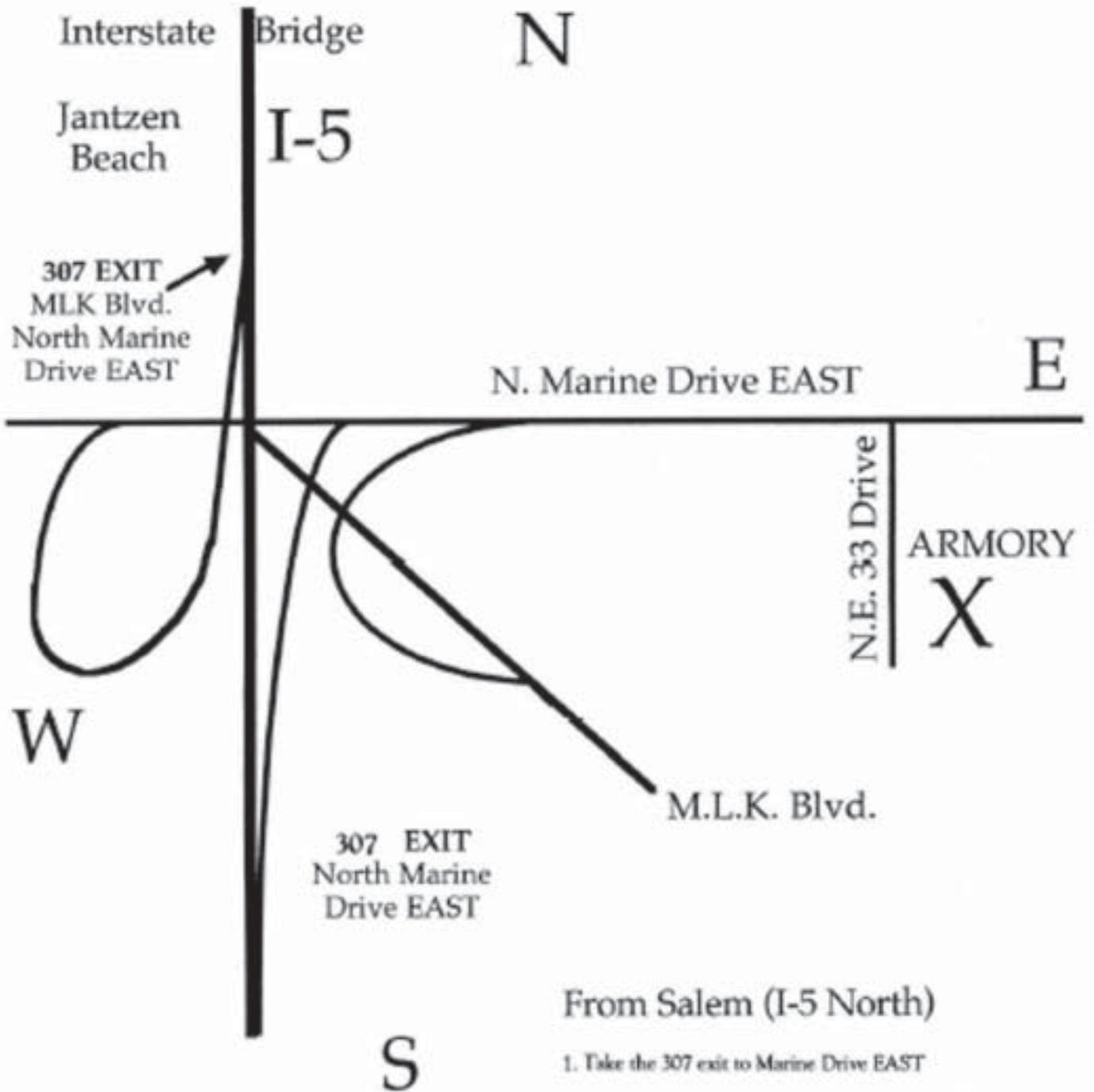
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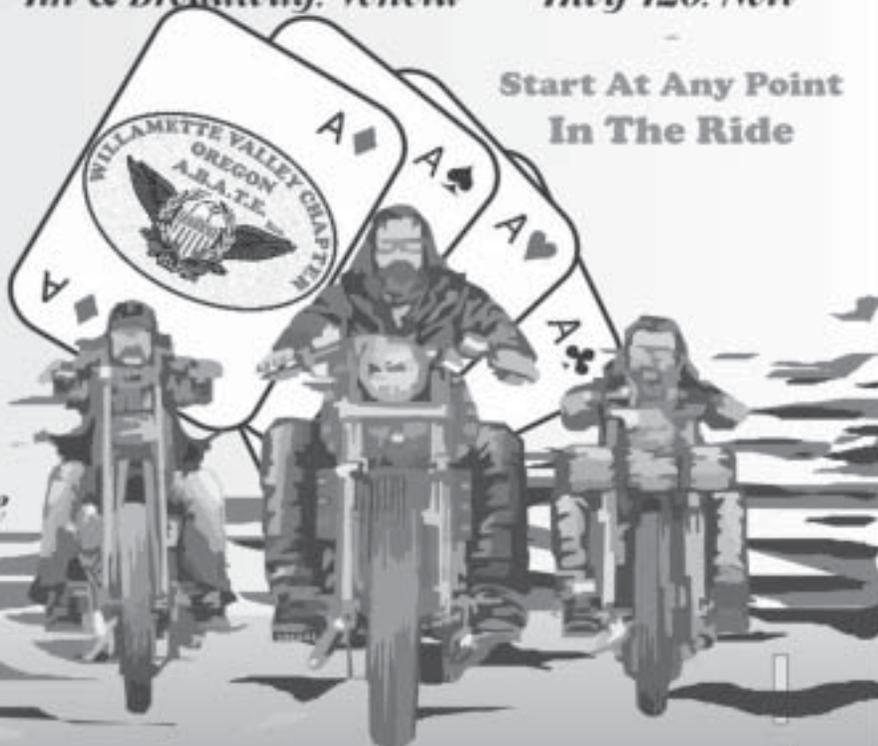
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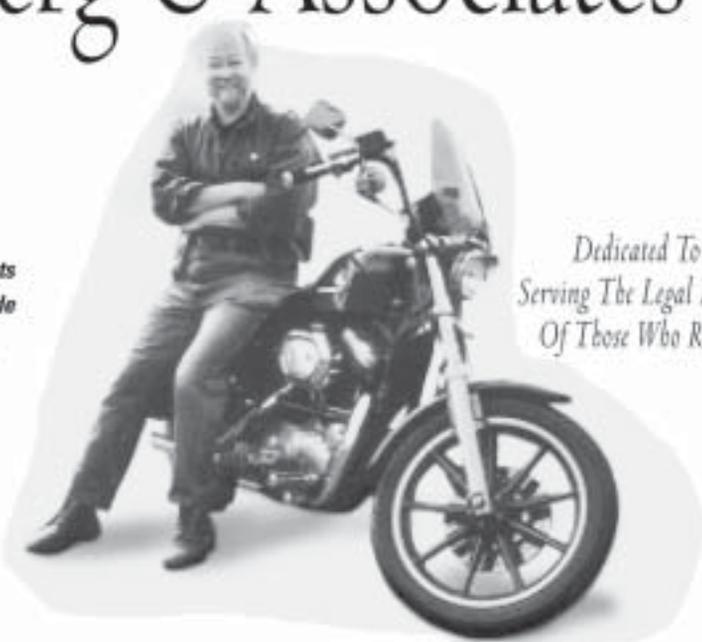
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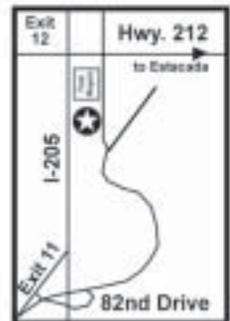
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		HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00			
		Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50			
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00			
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper 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			
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		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					Thank you for your order ;-)	
			Under \$25.00 = \$6.50			
			\$25.01-\$100.00 = \$8.50			
T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping				\$8.00		
			TOTAL			



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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

PHONE: (503)-985-0233

E-MAIL:

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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

Chapter orders require chapter check or state representative purchase at state board meeting.

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

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Wanted

1994 Harley-Davidson 1200 Sportster trike, black, Lehmen conversion. One owner. Excellent mechanical condition, always garaged, won numerous awards. **\$20,000** or best offer. All offers considered. **(541)-382-2275** (Bend)

(April 2007)

1982 Yamaha 650 Special, 1984 Yamaha XJ550. **\$500** each or **\$900** for both. Rick **(541)-673-4371**

(April 2007)

Four Cooper Discover studded tires, 265R16. Good shape. **\$40** takes all. Robert. **(503)-788-6411**

(April 2007)

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Reach over 2,000 folks with their own little personal treasure troves who may be willing to part with them if you cross their palms with silver. (Or paper or plastic.) Wanted ads are another one of your perks as a member of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Aren't you glad you joined us? (No business ads, please. This is personal.)

February Cryptogram

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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 skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

Answer to January CRYPTOGRAM

Ain't got nothing for this month

— crusty ol' editor

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Rich Colwell			
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Jim Jones			
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY			
Linda Henderson			
SECRETARY			
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Portland, OREGON
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ (tape bottom edge)

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

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And chocolate is quite the fashion,
But we must remember,
Babes born in November,
Are often from Valentine's passions.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 February 2007 at noon

Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42 nd .; Portland	(503)-807-1606
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-6850
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1030 (10:30 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd .; Portland	(503)-777-5121
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2 nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>C.C.'s Pizzeria</i> , 4200 River Road north, Keizer	(503)-390-4292
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Fisherman's Grotto</i> ; Cape Arago Highway; Charleston	(541)-888-9003
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene	(541)-688-4268