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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



Let those who ride decide

February 2009

Happy Birthday Oregon



On this Valentine's day, our favorite state on the upper left edge of the U.S. map will celebrate a significant event in its history. One hundred and fifty orbits of the sun ago, european immigrants brought into the union of the United States the land we call Oregon. (With three syllables, thank you very much.) The bountiful land and waters that had been sustaining tribal peoples for thousands of years became a political and economic entity with geometrical townships and fields superimposed on the landscape.

Yet for all the changes wrought by civilization in the last century and a half, from near-space the continuing effects of man-made features remains insignificant compared to the natural wonder of deserts, mountains, valleys, forests, lakes, rivers, the coastline.

We are fortunate to be living in this land at this juncture of time. We have roads that allow us explore our state comfortably on two or three wheels. We have off-road areas that allow dirt bikes and ATVs access to places that cars and pickups can't reach. And there are wildernesses for times when we need to completely disconnect from our culture.

What will Oregon be like when it reaches its bicentennial?≠

Often the peoples of Oregon county have risen above mundane everyday concerns and initiated insightful and inspired action to protect the natural resources and beauty of this land.

How can we continue that legacy?

What shall we leave for our grandchildren's grandchildren of Oregon?
-- crusty ol' editor

It's that time of year again, when *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* puts together a free day of relaxed information and training for its membership and officers at the chapter and state levels.

We call it "S.T.E.A.M." and it stands for Seminars To Educate And Motivate.

There are numerous panels covering everything from how to handle responsibilities of secretaries or treasurers to setting up and teaching motorcycle awareness training (M.A.P.) in your community.

Not only that, but this year's featured speaker is Slider Gilmore giving his presentation on how we can save our riding sisters and brothers lives if a crash should occur.

But the most incredible experience is that we have *A.B.A.T.E.* members from the entire region, Oregon and southern Washington, together at one time in one place. It's a chance to meet and talk with people you've only heard or read about, to put faces and personalities to

names. If you ever feel isolated and that your chapter is out of the mainstream, then attending S.T.E.A.M. will reestablish the feeling that you truly belong to something bigger than your fine self.

It's all taking place at the Hillsboro Elks lodge between highways 8 and 26 just off of Cornelius Pass on Saturday, 21 February beginning at the unearthly hour of 8 a.m. (But there will be free coffee and goodies at that early hour.) There's even a free lunch between morning and afternoon sessions.

There are many motels, hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, and wonderful folks with crash space in the Hillsboro area if you want to arrive a day early. (And avoid a zero-dark-thirty drive on Saturday morning.) Members of *Washington County Chapter (WaCo)* of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* can provide information about places to stay.

See you there. (I'll have chocolate.)

— Rot Path, c.o.e.

Got S.T.E.A.M. ?



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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, crusty ol' editor

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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Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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State Coordinator's Comments

We Want You !

Once again we had an opportunity to be at the state capitol forcing our presence on our state legislators. Unfortunately it is very difficult to do so when we only have about 1.5% of our membership show up.

I know, I know.

You were working.

You were taking the kids to school.

You were helping grandma take the garbage out.

You were grocery shopping.

All these things are necessary and by themselves things that must be done. (I know, I was working.)

My questions are these:

Why are we members of A.B.A.T.E.?

Are we here solely for the fellowship and parties?

What is our purpose?

Remember what your mom used to say? (Or at least mine always did.) "Actions speak louder than words". If we don't show the legislators that we are serious and that we are many, they

will not believe us. We *must* show up to the capitol and make appointments and visits to their offices when they are in town or at the capitol.

We *must*.

It won't matter how much money we raise to throw at the problems we see if we don't back it up with action. We are no different than any other lobby. And we don't have the money to bribe them the way our opponents on these issues do.

I understand that life and taking care of our families is a priority, and it should be. However, we do usually find a way to be at *Fossil* or *Run 21* or *S.O.S.* runs or our favorite poker run. We even had several *thousand* show up for a toy run. So how about we make some time to take a day to go to the capitol?

Your next chance is not the *May Awareness Rally*. It's when you make an appointment to be there with your legislator. But if you can't be there

before the *May Awareness Rally*, at least plan to be there then. *BikePAC* has promised to make it a lot of fun, with food and music, and I'm sure the ever entertaining bike show.

Please also think about ways to encourage others to be there. Write these ideas down! Or call me. My number is on the back of this news mag.

Plan on being at the planning session in October (third weekend) with your ideas. We need them! Help us find ways to get as many people to the capitol as we can.

Why couldn't you go?

Is there something we can do to make it easier for you to be there?

Let us know. Be a *real* volunteer and help us put your ideas to work.

Okay, 'nough preaching.

Watch out for the gravel on the roads and the other guy and always remember the rubber side goes on the road!



Jordan Kelley
state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of
Oregon, Inc.

"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual."

— Thomas Jefferson



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

Central Oregon

Greetings from the east side of the mountain,

Hope all had a good and safe new year.

In our December meeting the group elected its new officers.

Coordinator – Animal

Vice coordinator – Michele

Secretary – Kelly

Road captain – Special Ed

State board representative – Sporty Mike

Legislative director – Sporty Mike

Sergeant at arms – Kevin

Membership secretary – Big John

I would like to thank all those who stepped up to take their new positions.

Please step forward and help these people out anyway you can. It will be a big help to them and the chapter if everyone could do a little this year in making the functions run smoothly and taking the pressure off of them. I know from my side of the fence it really made my job as



coordinator easier when people stepped up to help out and I was glad that they did. If it were not for all the help, who knows how well the events would have gone?

I would like to thank all who made my short lived life as coordinator a successful one. I really had a fun time doing it. It was stressful at times, but well worth the experience. Thanks for letting me give it a try.

As I stated before, it will take all of the chapter to help out. Since this is a chapter-run origination, I believe that everyone in the chapter needs to help out any way that they can to see that the chapter grows and becomes stronger and closer together in order to have the great chapter that we have and to keep it alive for as long as we can.

In closing, (yes, that's right, almost

done) I would like to thank the chapter for having me as there coordinator and giving me all the help. With all that help, I believe the chapter grew and we made it stronger?

Now if we can step up and do it again, I believe that Animal's term as coordinator will be a successful one and that is what I wish for. I believe that Animal will be a great coordinator and take this chapter to the next level with the help of the new officers and the help of everyone else in the chapter.

I would like to say thanks again for all the help. And with that I pass the torch on.

One more thing: Thanks for letting me write the newspaper reports. It has been a blast and I will be looking forward to reading Kelly's reports to A.B.A.T.E.

And with that I am done.

Wishing the new officers a good successful year,

Jay Bird

past coordinator

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Douglas County

Greetings from *Douglas County*,

Here we go for 2009!

We had a predictably wonderful Christmas party at *Willie D's*. And thanks to Willie, Chris, and all your crew for a great time.

Election of officers was held at the party and we are excited to see what's ahead in the coming months.

- Coordinator – Jim Waggoner
- Vice-coordinator – Willie Schull
- Treasurer – Linda Mooney
- Membership secretary – Janie Waggoner
- Secretary – Becky Garino
- Ways and means – Linda Mooney
- Education – Annette Murray
- State representative – DJ Jaspers
- Legislative – Janie Waggoner
- Historian – Chris Mooney
- Public relations –
Chris Schull and Tonia Jud
- Sgt. at arms – Ken Murray and DJ Jaspers
- Chaplain – Don Garino

Thank you everyone for stepping up and committing to make *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* a continuing success.



Just a reminder to everyone from the Douglas county area who reads this, we meet the third Thursday of each month at *Willie D's* in Roseburg town center on Jackson street. Come early and have a bite to eat and a beverage. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. We have great prizes and a good time while taking care of business. Don't be content with just reading about what we're doing, help with the planning and participate in the activities. We really have a lot of fun.

Looking forward to all the new year brings and hope to see you all at the meetings,

Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Willie D's

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City



Bringing in the new year here at *Hub City Chapter*, we are breaking in our new crop of officers and planning our activities for 2009. We are going to continue as high, or higher, a level of community-involvement and legislative activities as we did last year. In addition, we are renewing efforts to bring new members into our chapter and the organization.

Our January meeting revolved around increasing our efforts to keep a good mixture of what we love: riding and camaraderie, with our focus on the mission to improve rider

rights and education.

With our last-year's legislative officer taking the helm at *BikePAC* for 2009, we hope to enjoy an even better relationship with the congress and upcoming legislation affecting all Oregon motorcyclists.

Though the report this month is short in words, our chapter is long in ideas for this riding season. Look to our web site

(<http://www.hubcityabate.com>)

as our plans evolve.

We want to welcome all of the new members and officers who have

stepped up for 2009 throughout the state and thank you for your involvement.

Keep the rubbery parts down,

— Hub City coordinator

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21 February 2009
Willbros Elk Lodge
22865 NW Quatana Road
Naselle, Oregon
guest speaker:
--> **Dick "Slider" Gilmore**
"Accident Scene Management"
--> Also a 2008 update from O.D.O.T.
Join us at **8 a.m.** for
registration, coffee and meeting
--> Lunch will be provided free <--
The afternoon sessions will include breakfasts on:
• Officer training
• Leadership
• Legislative Issues
• Rims
• Education
• Membership
For more information,
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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 Fifth Street
Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Josephine County**



Election of officers for 2009 has taken place. No surprises. Same as last year.

Coordinator – Spanky Allen
Vice-coordinator – Lance Tolle
Secretary-treasurer – Karen Tolle
Membership – Pat Wine
Historian – Jackie Kilpatrick
Quartermasters – Larry, Donna
Stocking
Sgt at arms – James Ziebarth
State representative – Mike Flaherty

A reminder to all members and visitors: Chapter meetings have been changed to 6 p.m. They are still on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Fruitdale grange on Rogue River highway in Grants Pass.

There were two very nice thank you ads in the local newspaper, one from each of the organizations we supported with our toy run during the holidays. Mostly they were thanking all the sponsors and the supporters who attended and helped make our toy run successful.

As a chapter, we also want to thank everyone who came out in support of these two wonderful organizations: the Siskiyou community health center serving Grants Pass and Cave Junction, and the *Parenting Center of Wolf Creek* covering northern Josephine county.

The 2009 calendar for *Josephine County* has been proposed. We will be sending in sanction forms to the state in the next week or so.



We plan to open the season with a gathering at the county court house in Grants Pass on May 2nd to kick-off *Motorcycle Awareness Month* in local support for the ride to the capitol on the same day.

The following day, on Sunday May 3rd, will be our May poker run.

May 15-17 will be the *11th Annual Southern Oregon Swap Meet*.

Saturday, August 1st will be the *Run To The Coast*. Working with the county fair in Crescent City, we are hoping to end at the fair, possibly with some kind of bike show.

August 21-23 will be *S.O.S.* in conjunction with *Douglas County Chapter*.

Sunday, September 6th will be *Last Chance Ride and BBQ*, possibly a fundraiser for *Wolf Creek Parenting Center*.

Ending out the year will be our big toy run on Sunday, October 4th back at the Fruitdale grange.

There will be potluck meetings in March, June, September, and

December.

Regular chapter meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

The membership chairman, Pat Wine, and coordinator, Spanky Allen, will be working very hard this year to bring back members who have not renewed this year. And all members are encouraged to carry *A.B.A.T.E.* membership applications with them to spread the word

Thanks everyone for a great 2008 and we will be gearing up for an even greater 2009. See you all at the next meeting.

Keep your powder dry and the rubber on the road,

— Karen

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and

PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1800 (6 pm)
Fruitdale Grange
 1440 Parkdale Drive
 Grants Pass

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Due to inclement weather conditions in December our chapter elections were postponed until our first meeting in January. The results are as follows:

Coordinator – Ralph Janes
Vice coordinator – Vince Schweiger
Secretary – Shirley Huff
Treasurer – Ruth Trombetta
Membership secretary – Millie Highfill
Public relations – Laura Castaldo
Ways and means – Froggie and Mona
Sgt at arms – Kurt Speas, Ian Aylward
Legislative director – Ruth Trombetta
Historian – Bob Highfill
State representative – Bob Highfill
Road captain – Randy Becker

Good luck to the new and retread officers. We should be having a great year.

The weather in Lincoln county was a bit brisk in December and so many things were postponed or canceled. I realize that we were not as affected as many areas of the state but snow on the beach is not a common occurrence even though it was beautiful.

We are looking forward to a year with our legislature in session and

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Lincoln County**

keeping an eye on what is happening. I do hope that the chapter is active with keeping things moving forward until what we are asking for comes to fruition.

The first of the year for *Lincoln County* is quiet on the local front. We are looking forward to our anniversary party on March 28th at the *American Legion* hall. Our *American Legion Riders* furnish a breakfast for those that want a bite to eat beforehand. Hot coffee is also good. This is always a fun time.

Our *Long John Poker Run* is fun also. There are so many scenic areas here to ride to. We see members who we don't see often at the anniversary parties.

Shirley will be in contact with you next month and so my final report comes to a conclusion. See you at the local meetings or at state board.

Have a good year *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* and *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.*



Keep the rubber side down,
 -- Millie
 membership secretary
Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

Greetings from *Lincoln County!*

Not quite sure of the date when I corresponded last, but I'm back!

It's actually been years since I've been able to attend any chapter meetings because of my work schedule, but with an adjustment to that, it brings me to here. Anyone who has been chapter secretary should know that this is the funnest part to that job.

Congratulations to all 2009 officers, new and used.

I hope by the time you read this someone has stepped up to be *Fossil* coordinator. Last year we camped

with *Washington County*. We love the fact that each camp site could have campfires. Oh hell, we've always loved *Fossil!*

Anyhow, just wanted to say "hey!" Talk at you later.
 Ride safe,

-- Shirley

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116
 424 W. Olive Street
 Newport

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Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



1st Annual Crab Feed
Fund Raiser

February 14th 2009 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Clatskanie American Legion Hall
\$15.00 now or \$20.00 at the door
Check for more info on our website at <http://www.abateoforegon.net> or call 503-308-2059 for more info.
Door Prizes



Menu includes – one whole crab, six of corn, cole slaw and green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee.

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MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Saturdays at 1430 (2:30 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast



Things are pretty quiet at *North Coast Chapter*.

A run committee meeting is planned to schedule our run dates for 2009. We might throw in a spring get together. Besides that, dates should stay about the same.

Our new officers will be thrown into the fire. I hope the best for them.

There has been talk of attending S.T.E.A.M. to add to our officer skills and I am looking forward to listening to Slider Gilmore.

Well, I hope everybody made a resolution to make *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* a better and more productive organization.

— Howie

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NORTH COAST MEETING
TIME and PLACE
4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *River City*

January 6, 2009

We had a rowdy meeting tonight. We do have a fun group!

We are up to 87 members.

Tonight, we had our first run committee meeting of the season and got things rolling for our poker run.

Jim Middleton won the membership drawing tonight at \$80. Wow!

There was no 50/50.

We decided to hold our first July meeting in Fossil (Bear Hollow) on July 4 at noon.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:03 p.m. Twelve people present.

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

Correspondence: Chamber letter and invite, bank statement, holiday card, bill, *St. Vincent* card, and membership list

Treasury report: \$172.67 in checking and \$1335.29 savings.

Membership report: 87 earthlings.

State board report: Not today.

Legislative report: State legislature begins on 12 January.

Ways and means report: Run committee meeting on 6 January at 6 p.m. Glass egg raffle won by Rick. Had first poker run meeting tonight. Next meeting 17 February at 6 p.m. Avon bear selling program in process.

Public relations: No report.

Historian report: No report.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Rod rode last Saturday. Some of us drove to the *Roadstop* for breakfast together on January 1.

Planned rides: May Rally, Fourth of July meeting.

New Business

Highway cleanup: 1 p.m. on 22 February. Meet at 12:30 p.m. at the *Roadstop*.

Better biking program: Rod and Steve are busy. They presented at Lyle and will go there again and are going to Sherman county high school.



Motion by Rod to have our first July meeting to Bear Hollow on July 4, at noon. Passed.

No 50/50.

The membership drawing for \$80 was won by Jim Middleton. It will restart at \$5 next meeting

Adjourned: 8:07 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

February 3, 2009

February 17, 2009

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

Roadstop Restaurant

2nd Street -- The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Salem*



No meeting was held due to the snow.

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

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Join us at **8 a.m.** for
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• Legislative Issues
• Rims
• Education
• Membership
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Patricia at (503)-475-8765

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)

Almost Home Restaurant

3310 Market Street, Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Southeast Portland

Hey there,

It's been awhile since I have sat down and "penned" a letter to you good folks.

After a few years I have again taken the office of recording secretary for *Southeast Portland Chapter*. It is good to be back.

I would first like to say welcome and thank you to all the volunteer officers and representatives who are assuming and reassuming positions on the state and chapter levels.

I also need to apologize to you all for not having a complete list of our new chapter officers and representatives. With the weather the past few weeks I haven't been able to connect with our dear Honey Buns to get the vitals. Look for it next time.

I hope that every one has made it through the last few weeks without much stress. It hasn't been that great for us. My Turtle's beloved '56 *Pan Head* was swamped with over a foot of mud where he has it housed in Estacada. To top that off, a very large fir branch fell on his *V.W. Beetle* and did a good amount of damage.



Our chapter is starting work on the *Tenth Annual Run 21*. Check the chapter web site and run web site (<http://www.run21.biz>) for information on run events and advanced tickets.

Our chapter web master, Jim Niece, would like everyone to know that the *Southeast Portland Chapter* web page has been updated to include the following information: Stop reports, M.A.P. request, M.A.P. feedback, and M.A.P. volunteer forms. All can be directly accessed at <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/education.html>

Thank you Jim, for all your hard work.

One last thing: I would like to say thank you to our dear friends Lee,

Philip, Jacquelyn, and Josh at *Renegades Classics*. They have closed the doors for good in Portland. Their support and friendship will be dearly missed. They have done awesome things for *A.B.A.T.E.* since they opened. Their donations of time, products, and dedication will be a great loss to our community. They were not just a business contact or just members of *A.B.A.T.E.*, they belonged to our family. Philip even has taken my grandson Tylor fishing! We will miss them and wish them well.



Love and respect,

Mammy Tami

P.S. Melinda McCrossen, my dear, you lost out on the membership drawing at the January 4th meeting. It was for \$85. Next meeting on January 18th we will draw for \$90!

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Twin Rivers

Hi everybody!

It is a new year with new officers for *Twin Rivers Chapter*.

The event that we have coming up in February is the *Sweetheart Dance* on the 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the *Kenton Club*. Hope to see ya'll there.

That's all I can think of to say right now, so I'll talk to ya some more next month.

K.J. Brewer
recording secretary
Twin Rivers Chapter



Twin Rivers Chapter of ABATE of Oregon invites you to:

Sweethearts Dance

Saturday February 14th 2009 starting @ 7:00PM (11777)
World Famous Kenton Club 2025 N. Kilpatrick
Portland, Oregon 97217
7:30-11:00pm
\$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple @ the door
Gambie Dinner available for \$8.50

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For more information contact
James Rhoden AEA YEKOR (503) 839-3288

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TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

Spare Room

NE 42 nd street -- Portland
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Washington County**

Washington County Chapter is ready to hit the ground running in 2009!

We have a great group of officers ready to serve. I want to thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered to help make the chapter successful.

2009 Washington County Chapter Officers

Coordinator – Roger Yarnell
Vice coordinator – Jim Henderson
Treasurer – Sharon Yarnell
Membership secretary –
 Cindy Henderson
Recording secretary – Margo Virchow
Legislative director – Ed Vaughn
State board representative –
 Allen Nichols
State board representative II –
 Ed Vaughn
Public relations director – Rich Virchow
Education director – Ted Tracy
Newsletter editor – < OPEN >
Web page editor – Robert Beadle
Quartermaster – Paul Hering
Historian – Trace Ceccacci
Chapter products – Dave Meeker
Ways and means – Luke Stocker
Chaplain – Len Punzel
Sergeant-at-arms – Rick Stocker

Sergeant-at-arms II – Luke Stocker
Run coordinator – Len Punzel
Run coordinator I – John Kittson

Planning for the year's chapter events is underway, with the first being our birthday party on April 4th at the Hillsboro *Elks* lodge. We will have live and silent auctions, lots of prizes to be won, and a rockin' good time on the dance floor! Please mark this date on your calendar and come out and join the fun.

We have a lot of fun events planned for 2009. Be sure to check out our awesome web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

to keep up to date on what's coming up next.

While we always have a lot of fun events as a chapter, we also have a great tradition of participating at state events and supporting *A.B.A.T.E.*'s legislative efforts.

Sometimes it is hard to find the time to do everything you want to do.

The coming year may be a tough one for many of our brothers and sisters. I know plenty of folks who are



really concerned about the economy and how they are going to get by.

I recently got the news that the company I have worked at for twenty years is shutting down. We will probably have to make hard choices about where we spend our money and what events we attend.

I hope that every member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* will look for an opportunity to do as much as you are able to do to support *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission statement. No one person can do all that needs to be done. But if we all individually do one more thing than we did last year, then together we can accomplish many things.

Ride straight!
Ride hard!

Roger Yarnell

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm)

Prime Time Restaurant

4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

First off: we came, we had fun, we had our *15th Annual Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. Christmas Dinner Party*.

Our chapter got started back in November of 1994.

We had better than forty people in attendance. It was great to see all of our old riding buddies. We had a "white elephant" gift exchange that, as usual, came up with some great surprises. Everyone had a great time.

December Meeting

We started the evening with our pledge of allegiance.

The first order of business was to finish nominations of officers and then on to the election of the 2009 officers.

2009 officer list

Coordinator – Michael Taylor;
Vice-coordinator – Jeff Schauer
Secretary – Rick Maish
Treasurer – Wendy Taylor
Membership – Lonny Cokeley
State representative – Rod Hatter
Alternate representative – Rick Maish
Legislative – (Open)
Web site – Rod Hatter
Chaplain – Bob Lowell
Casino coordinator – Wendy Taylor
Rhody Run coordinator – Wendy Taylor
Activities/promotions – Sunny Hatter
Sergeant-at-arms – Matt Swartz

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



Road captain – Matt Swartz
Newsletter editor – (Open)
Historian – Rod Hatter
Photographer – Losten Schauer
Ways and means – Lyn Maish

Jeff and Michael both thanked the past and new officers as well as all of the members for their participation and support. Michael welcomed the new 2009 officers and looking forward to making 2009 a better year for the chapter, getting our chapter back on track and back to the basics.

Matt chimed in as the new road captain and said we will be planning some rides for the summer and looking forward to getting back to the old times, when we rode more.

The Christmas family had four children this year. We not only supplied them with a Christmas turkey dinner, and presents for the kids, we also took a collection to restock their pantry. Bob Lowell, our chaplain, found the family for us and Jeff, Losten, Lonny, Rick, and Lyn made the delivery.

Since our newsletter is now history, we will be making heavy use of our chapter web site and e-mails.

The plan is to keep our web site as up-to-date as possible. If you have something for our web site, contact Rod our web site master or you can contact me, Rick Maish, chapter secretary.

Rod's e-mail:

panheadrod@hotmail.com

Rick's e-mail:

LynandRick@msn.com

Rod Hatter has been in the process of selling and moving out of his business and hasn't had much time for the web page. His plan is to have the web site back up to par starting the first of the year.

We need your e-mail addresses for you to receive up-to-date information.

Please send them to Rick Maish.

Wendy announced the dates for our annual spring and fall casino night.

• *Spring Casino Night* is April 11th. Wendy's looking for a different location. Got any good ideas?

• *Fall Casino Night* is October 10th and most likely will be at *Yukon Jack's* again in Veneta.

• *Annual Rhody Poker Run* to Florence is May 17th. Wendy volunteered to do this also. Is there anyone else who might be interested?

Well that's enough for now. Hope all had a great holiday season. Here's to a new year ahead.

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up,

Rick Maish – chapter secretary

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WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way; Springfield

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Rod Hatter

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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***10 January 2009 – Eagles' Lodge; Albany, Oregon*

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, coordinator, at 12:16 p.m. with 11 of 13 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote. Most of the chapters are out of compliance with the treasurer, leaving only four chapters in compliance. Jordan made an exception at this meeting to extend needed compliance until the February meeting so that *A.B.A.T.E.* can conduct business with a full quorum.

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence for downed brothers/sisters and service men/women.

Guests and first time attendees: Doug Houde (legislative representative for *Hub City Chapter*)

Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) to accept minutes from December 13th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: (Jordan Kelley) 2009 is a new year and it is a fresh start. Kay is working hard to get the treasury into compliance with the I.R.S. but we have to pay some fees and we need to get every chapter into compliance if we are to continue. We will need to work together and let the past go. It is a new year and a legislative year and we need to let the legislature know that we are here.

Secretary report and correspondence: (Nic Oliver) There are some periodicals for anyone who wants to see what the rest of the country is up to.

There were some handouts in each packet for each chapter. These are forms to report the officer contacts in each chapter. These need to be filled out and sent back as soon as possible. The forms are made so that each chapter can adapt them for their use.

Every member is a volunteer and every volunteer is needed but the officers have volunteered to take the lead and their direct supervisors in the state board need to know who they can contact in each chapter if the need arises.

Also included in each packet is a

paper that Nic found on-line that tells how to invite the governor to your events. This would be a good thing to do. We are sure that he won't come but if we flooded his office with requests then he might realize that we are not going away and are active in protecting our rights as motorcyclists.

Vice coordinator–north:

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Vice coordinator–south: Annette Murray reported that she has been sick and that her computer has died, so until she is able to get it repaired/replaced she will not be available electronically. She will be getting started on things for the new year and will be more ready at the next board of directors meeting.

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore reported that he got the contract for Bear Hollow and it is not the five-year contract he was expecting. Instead it is a two-year contract for \$500 a year. He believes that this is due to the problems we had with getting our bills paid on time last year. He also stated that he is scheduled to meet with the Fossil city council on Tuesday, January 13th, and that he is hoping that the pledge from *Hub City Chapter* arrives in time so that he can present the check for the outside toilet to them at that time. This would give us more clout with them and put us in a better standing.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple reported that we currently have \$15,366.40 in checking, \$12,479.32 in savings and a \$3,000 eight-month certificate of deposit.

Kay also reported that she has paid a lot of bills.

She then referred to the handout that shows how badly we are in arrears. She said she still needs 31 December 2007 bank statements and if not in very soon there will be major problems.

She stated that the C.P.A. needs the profit/loss or receipts/disbursement statements. There have been some problems with her ability to open some of the

Quicken program statements sent to her. If there is a password, then she needs that to complete the work. If there is a problem then the needed



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

reports could be sent in a hard copy (paper) but electronic is preferred and faster.

There then ensued a discussion amongst the board regarding the past due taxes to the I.R.S. and the potential problems that would arise from this. It could result in penalties and fines that could be assessed over and above any taxes that may be due.

We currently have \$1,200 due in past due penalties and it is growing by \$20 per day, every day that this is late to the I.R.S.

If these needed statements/paperwork are not forthcoming very soon then the I.R.S. will separate the chapters not in compliance from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* and this will result in the non-compliant chapters having to deal with the I.R.S. on their own and that would result in the dissolution of the chapter from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

This would also result in the non-compliant chapter losing their tax status with the I.R.S. This means that the chapter will have to stand alone in the I.R.S.'s eyes and will be treated as another entity not associated with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* We all want to avoid that kind of penalty to any chapter.

Jordan and Kay stated that they will be contacting the chapters that are out of compliance to assist in getting the information needed and prevent any further problems with the I.R.S., etc.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson reported that we currently have 1,682 members.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price reported that all runs received so far have been sanctioned, including *Run 21* and *Fossil*. He is currently working on a run calendar for 2009.

When asked about the cost for this year's insurance he stated that the cost was \$3,000 for a projected attendance of 12,000 to the various events. That is about 25 cents per person.

He was also questioned about getting the run calendar out in October so that other groups and periodicals that post our events could work with those so that there are

fewer conflicts. He stated that he will work on that and get it out as soon as possible.

State auditor: (Richard Misener) No report at this time but hopefully he will have something next month.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for being here.

He asked about how people liked the legislative pullout he put in the newspaper and was told that it was excellent but not entirely correct. Some of the legislators had changed and he stated that he took it directly off the Oregon state web site.

It was also brought out at that time that Oregon had not updated their list yet and that it would be done this week, so his information was correct as far as he was able to obtain.

Rot Path stated that he still needed reports from *Douglas County, Hub City, Josephine County, Lower Columbia, and North Coast Chapters.*

Rot Path spoke on the costs of printing and how increasing the size by four pages, which is the standard increase, results in an increase of \$230 per month for printing. That is quite a bit of money per month. If we can keep the paper at 32 pages we would then save about \$2,760 a year. The cost for the paper was \$1,593.31 for 1,027 copies this last month, so we can see how much of a difference just four pages per edition makes.

Legislative director: (Justin Handk) Excused. Report via e-mail:

"I apologize for not being there today due to a previous obligation I have. I wanted to go over a few bills that relate to motorcycle rights.

First is HB-3314, the Vulnerable Road User bill. We want to include motorcycles in where it goes over who is a vulnerable road user.

Second is HB-2399, the Adult Helmet Choice Restoration. This bill will allow motorcyclists of Oregon the "freedom of choice". The way it should be!

There are a couple of other bills that will directly affect A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

*SB-1959 will target groups like A.B.A.T.E. as ideological terrorists or homegrown terrorism. This bill is extremely disturbing due to very vague language and definitions. **

Another bill I found that has everything to do with a totalitarian enactment is HR-1022 which will ban firearms at will. This bill is proposed

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by Mrs. McCarthy of New York. If this bill is passed it will be the abolishment of our second amendment. When the people fear the government, there is only tyranny. When the government fear the people, there is only liberty. Thank you for your time and I will see you on the front steps of the capitol building.”

Randy reported on HB-3314, which is the *Vulnerable User* bill, and that this was our major focus this year.

Also the helmet modification bill is HB-2399.

On the federal level, SB-1959 has been dubbed the *Thought Police* bill. It is in regards to someone judging what you are thinking to be wrong, therefore you are breaking the law. The discussion about this showed just how stupid this bill really is. There is also a possible bill coming up that would allow the government to look into your home computer to see what you are doing on line. This is a privacy issue that is causing a lot of groups to band together to stop it. *

Gunny spoke on the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* conference, May 7-11 in Reno, Nevada. There will be more information on the feds versus the *Mongols* and how this will affect all of us and anyone else who belongs to any group.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps reported that there is nothing going on right now for him to report on.

Sergeant at arms-south: Bill Foster reported that his e-mail address has changed to:

billstp@epud.net

Sergeant at arms-east: (Jim Middleton) No report at this time.

Products director: (Dave Meeker) Absent. Bill Foster reported that the *Fossil* t-shirt artwork is due by the March board of directors meeting.

Education director: Patricia Carner presented to the board of directors a sample of a poster that she is having made. The poster will be approximately 24 x 30 inches, but can be made larger, and they will be made on corrugated plastic. These posters/signs are made to draw attention to safety and awareness issues. She already has commitments for these signs to be placed on some business properties. She would like each chapter to agree to “sponsor” five to

ten signs at a cost of \$5 each. (Total of \$25-\$50) There were two samples included in each chapter’s packet to take to the chapters for review. The total cost for 250 signs is approximately \$812 and they are being produced by one of our membership for cost. (Thank you to our member for doing this).

The S.T.E.A.M. flyers will be out tomorrow and need to be passed out as soon as possible.

(After the board of directors, it came out that there is another change in the scheduling for S.T.E.A.M. The February board of directors and S.T.E.A.M. will not be presented on the previously announced dates. They are now back to the original dates.

February board of directors is February 14th at the Albany Eagles Lodge and S.T.E.A.M. is now February 21st at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge.

A map for the S.T.E.A.M. conference will be included in the flyer.)

It was also pointed out that travel pay for chapter members need to come from the chapter’s and not presented to the state board, unless they are state officers on official business or a presenter at an event. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact our state treasurer for more information.

Education director II: (Geoff White) Absent.

Public relations director: (Debra Lutje) Excused. Report via e-mail read:

“I have to work today so I cannot make the meeting. Here is my report:

206 hits on the web site since the new free ads have been posted. Excellent return on our investment! Posters and flyers are in the works for various events, S.T.E.A.M., Fossil, etc. Awaiting the budget committee’s final approval before starting any new projects. That’s all folks!”

State run coordinator (Fossil):

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State run coordinator II: (Howie Long) Absent. Report given by Patricia Carner that every chapter needs to step up and help out at *Fossil*. There are many areas where help is needed, including set-up, clean-up, and security. There will be a sign-up

sheet at the next board of directors meeting. Maybe each chapter could start their own sign up sheet and send it to the board of directors next month.

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner reported that she is turning in the sanctioning paperwork to Matt today. The postcard advertising will be going out the end of the month and she also reported that vendors have already been inquiring about the swap meet, which is great news.

Historian: (Linda Marteney)

Absent.

Web page editor: (Trace Ceccacci) Not much to report now.

He is trying to get the officer list updated.

He has made some changes that now allow a person to contact the entire executive board at one time.

Trace did ask that each chapter representative tell their chapter to get flyers to him as soon as possible for their upcoming runs and, once they are sanctioned, the run will be posted.

Quartermaster:

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Report given by Patricia Carner.

The *A.B.A.T.E.* container has not yet been moved due to the unexpected harsh weather recently. We now have access and the locks have been changed. If someone needs access, let Patricia know and arrangements will be made. The security at the new site is very tight, which is a good thing.

Also reported that the new banners authorized have been ordered at a cost of about \$75 each with a small additional cost for the changeable direction signs added into the banners.

A.B.A.T.E.’s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps reported that he spaced the *BikePAC* meeting accidentally and so he read from the minutes.

Reported that Joe Maffei has resigned as the executive director due to personal problems and Nic Oliver has been named as the interim executive director. Anyone who is interested in the position should send a letter of interest, with a resume, to Mel Yeager as soon as possible. The election for the new executive director

will take place at the March *BikePAC* meeting.

The focus this year in the legislature will be the inclusion of the motorcycles into the *Vulnerable User* bill.

The helmet modification bill will continue to be on the docket until it is achieved but it is not the main focus.

Also reported on everyone meeting for *Black Monday* (January 12th) and for *Meet Your Legislator* day (January 29th). We need to make a real showing this year as it is a legislative session year and it needs to be much, much better than the last time. (Only 23 in attendance.)

It was pointed out that the agreement for support from *A.B.A.T.E.* is now two years behind. That leaves *BikePAC* without the necessary funding to continue to pay the lobbyist for the entire year. The amount behind is \$12,000 but Nic Oliver pointed out that no one expects *A.B.A.T.E.* to come up with the full amount right now and that *BikePAC* would be more than satisfied with part of it now and the rest later in the year.

It was decided to give *BikePAC* \$6,000 now with the rest to follow later.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat Williams) No report as the meeting is tomorrow at *Brother Speed’s* clubhouse.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: (Kay Sipple) Nothing to add at this time.

Unfinished Business

- Operations manual committee report given by Nic and Brian. Reported that work is still moving and we are trying to get it done as quickly as possible. We will be getting a copy of the original corporation paperwork filed back in the 1970’s and working from there.

- Budget committee report given by Bob Highfill. Reported that the budget is now handed in to the board of directors and Bob explained how it was reached. He explained that this is the first year of a budget and there was almost nothing for anyone to base their needs on and very little to base actual income on. So, what does

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this mean? It means that this budget is a guess and is a worst-case scenario. He showed that it does not look good and that we really need to promote our events better and more cooperation from the chapters will probably be needed to make things work out better. Bob again stated that this budget is a “guess” and it will take a couple of years before we will have a real accounting of findings to make a budget really be accurate and work.

- Vacant officer positions nominations:

Vice coordinator-north: Matt Price, Ted Tracy

Run coordinator I (Fossil): None

Quartermaster: Richard Carter (needs to accept before nomination is ratified)

Voting took place for vice coordinator-north and resulted in Ted Tracy is now the 2009 vice coordinator-north.

Jordan Kelley named Ted Tracy as the interim quartermaster until such time as the position is filled.

New Business

- Mel Yeager (*BikePAC* secretary/treasurer) and Nic Oliver (*BikePAC* interim executive director) presented to Brian Stovall the coveted *Legends of BikePAC* award. This award is given only to non-standing past officers or past members who have distinguished themselves through service to the organization and the motorcycling community. Brian was presented with a plaque and a trophy topped with a thunder egg on it that represents all the “gems” that Brian has provided to all of us. Congratulations, Brian Stovall, *Legend of BikePAC*.

- Request for people interested in attending the *Meeting of the Minds* conference in September resulted in the following volunteers: Patricia Carner, Brian Stovall, Teresa Hepker, Ted Tracy, Nic Oliver. It was noted that we usually send four people. Anyone else interested is encouraged to submit their names to the board of directors for state sponsorship or they may attend as individuals or as a representative of their chapter.

New Motions

1. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

“That A.B.A.T.E. release the promised funding to BikePAC to pay the lobbyist”

The motion was discussed and Bob Highfill suggested the following amendment:

“\$6,000 now with \$6,000 to be dispersed mid-year 2009.”

Amendment was accepted and voting took place.

Unanimous approval – Passed.

2. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Mike Durkee (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

“To put \$100 from the general fund into petty cash.”

Discussion showed that the petty cash box was empty. Kay pointed out that this account is used to do such things as buy stamps and other immediately needed small expense items.

Unanimous approval – Passed.

3. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

“To pay for the registration fee of \$75 each for Patricia Williams and Kay Sipple to attend the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) 24th Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada. They will each need a check for \$75 made out to Richard M. Lester.”

Unanimous approval – Passed.

4. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*):

“To remove Linda Marteney as [state] historian.”

Discussion showed that Linda has not been attending meetings nor events and that there has been no report for many months.

Unanimous approval – Passed.

(State historian is now an empty position)

5. Motion made by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*):

“That the sanctioning fees be brought into compliance with the cost

of the insurance premium.”

Discussion resulted in it being pointed out that the insurance rates change as the attendance of the events change and there is no way to track this before the event and no way to project these costs as it would be a continual and impossible figure to factor in. Cost continually go up, especially in insurance rates, and that the potential excess in fees for some would be a break in costs for others. The result is that fees have a regular schedule that is applied and only adjusted when it is necessary to cover the costs of the insurance for A.B.A.T.E. events.

It was shown that there is no abuse of this system by the state nor any false information given out to anyone regarding fees or costs.

Results: In favor = 1; Against = 8; Abstentions = 2. **Failed.**

6. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*):

“Pay the rent for the Eagles Lodge for 2009.”

Discussion ensued and it was decided that this was a normal operating cost and does not need a motion. With agreement from the second, the motion was withdrawn.

No action taken.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: February 14th, 2009; at the *Eagles Lodge*, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

- Calls to action — It is time to step up and make your presence known. This is the beginning of the Oregon legislative session for 2009. This is what this organization was founded on, legislative action. All of us volunteered for when we joined.

- **12 January 2009** — *Black Leather Day at the Capital*. This is the day that we show up as a group and let the legislature know that we are watching them. It is the opening day for the upcoming Oregon legislative session. Meet on the capital steps at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009. Mark your calendars!

- **29 January 2009** — Annual *Gathering to Get to Know your Legislator*. Normally this is done on February 14th, Valentines Day and Oregon’s birthday as a state. Unfortunately, this year’s schedule at the capital prevents it as their schedule is totally full. So, we have moved it

to January 29th starting at 9 a.m. Contact your legislator beforehand and make an appointment, even if you don’t know what to say. There will be help there to assist you in every way. Contact your local chapter’s legislative representative or go on-line to A.B.A.T.E.’s legislative representative or *BikePAC*’s site. Lots of help for those who want it but what we need are “bodies” to present to their legislators.

- **14 February 2009** — *Lower Columbia Chapter* is having a crab feed at the *American Legion* from 1-5 p.m. This promises to be a great event from our newest chapter. Come show your support. Advance tickets are available. For more information call Dave Bridges at (503)–308–2059.

- **21 February 2009** — S.T.E.A.M. Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. Officer training and motivational speaker, “Slider” Gilmore. You can’t miss this one!

- **04 April 2009** — *Washington County* is having their birthday party at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. More information will be coming on this event.

- **02 May 2009** — *May Awareness Rally and Bike Show* at the state capitol.

- **12–14 June 2009** — *Meeting of the Minds* conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

- July is the time for *Run 21*, presented by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. There will only be 2,500 tickets available for this event. There will be a special band there this year: *Foghat*. If you are interested, please check out their web site for advance tickets and information.

Meeting adjourned 3:07 p.m.

* [*crusty ol’ editor’s note:*

According to the U.S. government web site SB–1959 was introduced during the 110th congress on 02 August 2007 by Susan Collins (R-ME). It was referred to committee and no further action was taken, so the bill essentially died when congress adjourned. No record can be found of this bill being reintroduced in the current session of congress.

Apparently this horse is dead.

Why are people still beating it?]

From yer . . .



Our Bottom Line

No Such Thing As “Smart Power”

c.o.e. — 085

This month and issue marks the beginning of yer crusty ol’ editor’s eighth year of tenure on this newsrag. If he can make it through to the end of the year while holding on to the last vestiges of his often questionable sanity, he’ll have tied the previous editor, Gordon Hieronimus, in duration.

It didn’t take long in this job to begin to understand why Gordon would stomp his boot on the gym floor where the state board used to meet, making a massive booming sound to emphasize the need for cooperation. (And to vent frustration.) Yer c.o.e. has a lot of respect for Gordon and all the previous state newsmagazine/paper editors who have developed and maintained this vital form of communication for our members.

Unhappily our fine state newsrag is also a large drain on our financial resources.

With fuel prices peaking last summer at over four dollar per gallon, prices for everything associated with printing and mailing our state newspaper have steadily gone up as well. (We changed format and reduced the number of pages in hopes of saving money, but only just

managed to keep costs from rising.) Now that fuel prices bottomed out around a dollar fifty per gallon last December, hopefully other prices may begin to fall as well and we may begin to see our printing costs decline.

The bills for our December and January issues demonstrate how much it costs to have this lovely rag plopped through our letter slots. We had about 1,025 copies printed each month. (At last count, we had 1,682 members.)

December’s issues was 32 pages while January’s was 36 pages, an increase of four pages (the legislative pull-out section) that increased total printing cost by \$226.07 or \$52.52 per page. Multiply that four page increase by an entire year and you get . . . (just a sec — gotta slip off the clogs to continue counting) . . . \$2,712.84 — money that we could be using for education and legislative efforts.

Just mailing out the state newspaper each month costs us over \$400. (Wonder if monthly mailing parties would save us any money?)

The bottom line is that we need to keep a better eye on our bottom line.

To that end, yer crusty ol’ editor is going to try to hold our state newsrag’s monthly page count to 32. If at all possible, he’d like to get it down to 28 pages. (For example, the road list has been compacted to a single page beginning with this issue.)

The questions for members are:

- What do we actually need and want to have in our monthly state newspaper?
- What monthly information helps you as members or chapters to support the mission of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*?

If you or your chapter come up with ideas that might help streamline operation of the state newspaper or the organization itself, please pass them along to yer crusty ol’ editor, your chapter, or your state board representative.

You *can* make a difference.

During December’s snow and ice, as yer crusty ol’ editor sat at his computer ~~playing computer solitaire~~ writing his editorial and trying desperately to finish the January issue, the power suddenly went out followed almost immediately by the *Mac* shutting off. (So much for



Rot Path
crusty ol’ editor

uninterruptible power supplies. It’s so bloody smart that it dumped battery back-up within five seconds.)

Undaunted, yer c.o.e. took the backup copy he’d made only that morning and grabbed a laptop, then set out for bustling downtown metropolitan Monmouth where he snuggled in at *Rick’s Place* (a food and coffee spot) to complete as much work as possible. (They have free wireless high speed internet, so that’s where c.o.e. goes to upload the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper electronic files to *Oregon Lithoprint* each month.) Nourished with soup and sandwich provided by Wendy, c.o.e. paused to gaze out the window, wondering why someone was doing sparklers and flash photography over by the city park.

Then the power went off.

Thoroughly daunted, c.o.e. drove back to the farm past houses warm with the glow of power, past trees losing their limbs under the weight of ice, back to the cold and dark of country living with only an oil lamp for warmth and light.

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 20)

February Cryptogram

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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. (“Y” might equal “L” 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 skulldrudgery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

Contacting yer crusty ol’ editor:
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Though we are back into grey skies and rain, at least the days are getting longer and spring is close enough to give us hope.

Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



1st Annual Crab Feed

Fund Raiser

February 14th 2009 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Clatskanie American Legion Hall
\$15.00 now or \$20.00 at the door
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50/50 Pot Door Prizes



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, cole slaw and green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee.

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Due to space limitations only groups of TEN or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length



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21865 NW Quatama Road
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Dick "Slider" Gilmore
"Accident Scene Management"

--> Also a 2008 update from O.D.O.T.

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--> Lunch will be provided free <--

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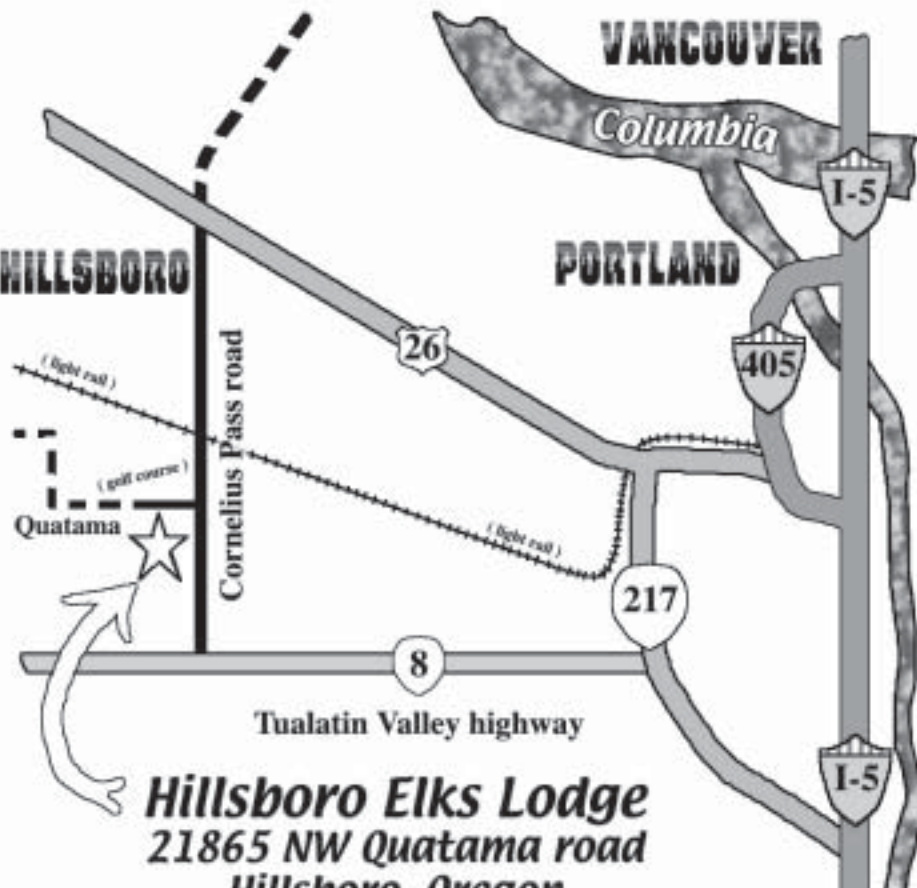
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For more information,
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Geoff White at (503)-774-7558
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S.T.E.A.M.
21 February 2009
location change
(how to get there now)



Hillsboro Elks Lodge
21865 NW Quatama road
Hillsboro, Oregon

Fossil Announcement

The planning session *Fossil Campout* committee, after review and due consideration, feel that the space limitations at Bear Hollow require that only groups of ten or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length.

Fossil is, after all, a *motorcycle* event.

We want everyone to participate and enjoy *Fossil*. There are plenty of alternative recreational vehicle camping and parking sites near Bear Hollow. Any questions or comments would be greatly appreciated.

Contact *Fossil* coordinator II, Howie Long, at (503)-325-4376 or hll@pacifier.com

Thank you,
— planning session *Fossil* committee

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FOSSIL EVENTS for 2008

- ABATE FOSSIL CAMPOUT - Memorial Weekend
- BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - Fourth of July Weekend
- FOSSIL CRUZ-IN Car Show - July 5
- MULE DAYS - July 18th thru 20th
- FAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th
- KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13
- MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September

From The . . .

Wow!

What a winter we've had here in the northwest. Unusual, to say the least.

In December and early January I had over two feet of snow in my yard in St. Helens, Oregon. Couldn't even see my camp trailer from the front porch from whiteout conditions. They say it's the most recorded snow here since the forties. I have to admit it was pretty to look at, but at this writing, we're faced with rain that threatens floods for a good bit of Oregon and Washington state. We can do without this stuff.

Beyond all that we are looking forward to a great year here in Oregon country. Our legislature will be in session and we will certainly participate.

The *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* convention will be held in Reno, Nevada May 7-11 and is really close by, so lots of our folks will be riding to that premier function. Details are online at the *N.C.O.M.* and *A.I.M.* site at: <http://www.aimncom.com> Plan for it now.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's S.T.E.A.M. session is coming up in February and we are blessed with the participation of Slider Gilmore, the renowned lecturer on motorcycle trauma who will talk to us about that unfortunate part of our lives on scooters. No one should miss this exciting addition to our annual gathering. It could save a life, too. Oregon's *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* lawyer Sam Hochberg is slated to conduct an afternoon seminar as well.

And, as usual we have a full schedule of camp-out events for 2009 all over the state. All-in-all, it's gonna be a great time in this part of the world this year. I'm looking forward to it. Come join us in Oregon and see some great scenery while you're at it. It might not even be raining!

Newsbits-'N-Pieces

New Ride To Work Day—The annual *Ride to Work Day* moves to the third Monday in June. The next *Ride to Work Day* is Monday, June 15, 2009. It will be the 18th year. This is a good way to let people know we are good hardworking folks just like them. We are just a little different in our mode of transportation, and maybe attitude too, sometimes.

Corona, California—A drunk driver here has been convicted of manslaughter for killing a biker. The fool didn't even know the biker had collided with him until he arrived home with the dead man embedded in his rear window. The

GUNNY'S SACK

drunk is expected to receive a 15 year sentence. My God! How drunk can you get and still manage to get behind the wheel?

B.M.W. Recall—*N.H.T.S.A.*, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, has done a service to the motorcycle community. You can sign up to receive e-mail notices of bike recalls. They just sent one on some 2008 *B.M.W. F650 GS* motorcycles because of defective front brake parts that could cause serious problems for the rider. If you own this machine, get in touch with a dealership for instructions. Don't ride the bike there, it's got a bad brake part.

Nigerian Reflections—Helmet requirements are getting out of hand again. Even Nigeria has imposed the nasty stuff. They have gone one step further in that they also require riders to wear reflective jackets in 2009. Look out U.S.A., reflective stuff is on its way here too. I can't disagree with wearing reflective gear, but only if it's voluntary, and not a requirement.

Oregon Beanie Tickets . . . Again!—We thought this problem was over and done with back in 1995 when bikers changed the legal definition of a helmet. If it's got a hard outer shell, some sort of chinstrap, some amount of padding inside, and a D.O.T. sticker, it's supposed to be legal. The following year, the Oregon state police still cited bikers for wearing beanie helmets that met the legal definition, so Sam Hochberg and Spike Neal went to court and stopped it.

Now, Sam tells me this problem is cropping up again. He just went to court in December, *pro bono*, for a client in Washington county where a deputy sheriff cited the biker for a perfectly legal beanie helmet. When Sam and the client showed up for trial, the deputy was nowhere to be found.

Same thing just happened to a group of bikers in Portland, with Multnomah county sheriff's deputies. The riders showed up for trial, but no police.

It's as if the police know they're in the wrong, but try to get away with it.

Washington state regulation is very similar and there are similar problems going on up there, according to Washington *A.I.M.* lawyer Marty Fox.

If you get a ticket for a legal helmet, don't take it laying down, and call *A.I.M.* right away.

Honda Hoot Gone For 2009—American *Honda* announced it has canceled Knoxville's 2009 *Honda Hoot* motorcycle rally due to the poor

economy. This June would have marked the 16th annual *Honda Hoot*, which moved to Knoxville from Asheville, North Carolina in 2001.

Nevada Con-Text—According to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Nevada is putting together a bill that will outlaw text messaging while driving. Seven states now have regulations prohibiting the practice and in nine others teens are not allowed to text while driving. Many states already have regulations that forbid the use of cell phones while driving.

This has become a national issue because of an increase in crashes caused by inattention while these devices are in use.

I have witnessed erratic drivers using cell phones and kids texting on the road and it's really scary. I hate regulation with a passion but this stuff is serious and is causing unnecessary injuries to folks.

What are we to do?

I don't text at all and don't understand the lingo anyhow.

Just talk to folks. That's what I thought phones were for.

New York State Of Mind—Here is a local legislator who supports the motorcycle community. Not to say there aren't others out there but it is somewhat of a rarity.

County legislator Jack Eddington said Suffolk county should turn down a \$25,500 motorcycle safety grant unless it can use it for something other than checkpoints, which amount to roadblocks for motorcyclists.

Our New York *A.I.M.* attorney Mitch Proner has been on top of this issue from the get-go, since this is a harassment issue. All motorcyclists are stopped for no other reason than it gives police an excuse to check folks out and waste time.

Jim Barr, president-elect of *Long Island A.B.A.T.E.*, said the check-points are a hassle for cyclists. "There's no probable cause to suggest all motorcycles must pull over," he said.

Free Harley Stock—Of course ya hafta buy a new *Harley* to qualify. *Milwaukee Harley-Davidson* on the city's northwest side has been giving 100 shares of *Harley* stock to anyone who buys a 2008 *Harley* and 50 shares with the purchase of a 2009 model. Not a bad deal if ya live in Milwaukee.



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

Gunny Again

As I always do, I remind all of you out there our *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorneys are working day and night on our behalf.

If ya have a problem with regulations or in particular, an injury crash on your scoot or in your car, call *A.I.M.* 24/7, at 1-(800)-On-A-Bike.

They will connect you with your local *A.I.M.* lawyer. They ride with us and live our lifestyle so know better than most what our problems are and how to solve them for us.

Remember, insurance companies are going to make money off our backs. Don't let it be off yours. Get help from folks who know the drill.

In Oregon, you can also call Sam Hochberg direct at: 1-(800)-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106.

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News & Notes
American Motorcyclist Association

Motorcycle Tariff Taken Off Table In Beef Trade Dispute

The U.S. trade representative has decided against imposing any tariffs on certain motorcycles imported from Europe in a trade dispute over beef, the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* reports.

The A.M.A., its members, the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, individual manufacturers, dealers, and others had contacted the office of the U.S. trade representative opposing the idea of possibly putting a 100 percent import duty on certain European goods, including motorcycles with engine displacements of 51 cc to 500 cc.

"This is great news not only for U.S. enthusiasts of these European motorcycles but also for the small and medium-sized American businesses that sell and import these machines," said Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. *"But we have to remain vigilant to ensure that these bikes don't slip onto the tariff list in the future."*

Imposing the tariff could have increased the cost of certain imported motorcycles and scooters from manufacturers such as *Aprilia, Beta, B.M.W., Bultaco, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, Husaberg, K.T.M., Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, T.M.,* and *Vespa.*

The proposal was put together in retaliation to the 27-member European Union's continuing import ban on American beef treated with

growth hormones. E.U. officials haven't lifted that 20-year-old ban, despite a *World Trade Organization* order to end it.

In a statement released on January 15, U.S. trade representative Susan Schwab noted her office late last year sought comments on which of more than 100 European goods should be subject to the tariffs.

"Approximately 600 comments were received by the requested due date of December 8, 2008," she said. *"An interagency committee of trade experts and economists reviewed the public comments and provided recommendations to the U.S.T.R. with respect to modifications (to the list of products subject to additional duties) that would result in a more effective action, while taking account of effects on the U.S. economy, including consumers."*

Schwab is imposing 100 percent duties (300 percent in the case of *Roquefort* cheese) on a variety of European products ranging from meat to pears beginning March 23 in the trade dispute over beef.

In comments submitted to the U.S. trade representative by the December 8 deadline, Moreland clearly stated the A.M.A.'s position.

"There is no logical link between European motorcycles and the dispute over beef," he said. *"Imposing these stiff tariffs on motorcycles would do nothing to resolve the trade dispute, but would punish American buyers of European motorcycles. A 100 percent ad valorem, or higher, tariff on these motorcycles will cause serious and potentially irreversible harm to American small and medium-*

sized business owners selling the vehicles. Additionally, citizens will be denied access to certain models of competition and recreation motorcycles that contribute to the lifestyle and well-being of millions of American families."

U.S. Senate Votes To Shut Off-Highway Vehicles Out Of More Than 1 Million Acres Of Public Land

By a 73-21 vote, the U.S. senate on January 15 approved a massive package of public lands bills that would shut motorcyclists out of more than one million acres without adequate public comment, the A.M.A. reports.

The package now moves to the U.S. house for consideration, where Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations, hopes the details of the bills will be fully scrutinized and publicly debated.

"More than 160 bills were lumped together to form this package that is nearly 1,300 pages long," Moreland said. *"And then the senate rushed it through for a vote."*

More than 160 public lands bills were grouped together by senate majority leader Harry Reid. The package would create more than one million acres of designated wilderness land, which would shut out all motorized vehicles.

The last-minute congressional maneuver would also make the *National Landscape Conservation System* permanent. This system creates an additional level of bureaucracy for

the national system of public lands and would remove much of the authority of the existing agency in managing those lands.

"Congress should put together a new package and pass it through committee rather than debate legislation carried over from the previous congress," representative Bishop said. *"Poor process produces poor product, and this is an example of congressional process at its worst. Parts of this bill are good, and parts are very bad. Each part deserves to be discussed and voted on its own merits."*

"Continued responsible access to public lands is a vitally important right for current and future generations," added Moreland. *"This measure deserves to be fully analyzed and thoughtfully debated in the next congress prior to a final vote."*

All A.M.A. members and anyone else who enjoys outdoor recreation are urged to contact their U.S. house

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Motorcycle Owners Report High Levels Of Satisfaction

Despite higher prices and fewer sales, motorcycle owners are expressing record-high levels of product satisfaction.

Overall satisfaction with the motorcycle ownership experience has increased for a sixth consecutive year, according to a recently released *Motorcycle Competitive Information Study* compiled by market analyst *J.D. Power and Associates*. Now in its 11th year, the study measures owner satisfaction with new motorcycles by examining five major components of the overall ownership experience: product, quality, cost of ownership, sale, and service.

While all five components driving satisfaction improved in 2008, the most notable increases occur in the areas of cost of ownership and product quality. Overall, satisfaction with cost of ownership has increased steadily over time, with 18% of owners reporting the cost of owning a motorcycle is “outstanding” compared to only 10% of customers in 2005. Furthermore, 30% of motorcycle owners in 2008 indicated that the value they received for the price paid is “outstanding,” compared with 21% in 2005.

The study also found that product quality had improved in 2008, primarily due to a decrease in owner-reported problems. In addition, the number of owners who reported having a problem-free experience with their motorcycle averaged 42% in 2008, an improvement of 3% compared with 2007. Among motorcycle owners who visited a dealer for repair work, 79% said that the work was performed right the first time—a 4% improvement over last year.

“Despite the fact that owners report paying 14% more for their motorcycles this year, they are also more satisfied with the value received for the money spent,” said Tim Fox, research manager of the powersports practice at *J.D. Power and Associates*.

The study was based on survey responses from 7,334 owners who

purchased new motorcycles between September 2007 and May 2008.

If there’s a problem, it’s that buyers are getting older because the industry is not getting enough younger consumers into riding.

J.D. Power says that since 2001, the average age of motorcycle owners has increased from 40 to 47 years. “This indicates that the current population of motorcycle buyers is aging, and a large proportion of these owners are likely to soon exit the market,” says Fox. The firm says first-time buyers constitute about 22% of all new-motorcycle purchases, and that number has not changed since 2001. “It is critical for manufacturers to focus on attracting first-time and younger buyers (primarily those in the Gen X and Y demographics) in order to ensure continued growth in this market.”

The number one reason motorcycle buyers select one brand over another, according to the *2008 Motorcycle Escaped Shopper Study*, is price. The cost of the rejected model is simply too high. An inability to test-ride a bike, a perception that maintenance costs will be high, an uncomfortable riding position, and limited availability rounded out the study’s top five reasons for why a specific brand is rejected.

New Car Technologies Make Roads Safer For Motorcyclists

Each year automotive manufacturers unveil their latest vehicles, often touting new technologies designed to make roadways less dangerous. Not only do drivers and their fellow motorists benefit from these advances in safety technology but motorcycle and scooter riders reap rewards as well.

“Driver awareness and riding training are the most crucial components of motorcycle and scooter safety,” said Bill Windsor, associate vice president of safety for *Nationwide Insurance*. “However, the latest automotive technologies are

also a plus for riders because many make motorists more aware of their presence and location.”

In particular, four advances in automotive technologies help make the roads safer for all riders:

1. Blind Spot Warning Systems (B.S.W.S.) that identify vehicles in blind spots. A warning light, sound, or vibration is activated if a lane change is attempted when a vehicle is present in a driver’s blind spot. The system is valuable to riders, who are often “hidden” in the blind spots of other vehicles, particularly large S.U.V.s or trucks.

2. Lane Departure Warning Systems (L.D.W.S.) that activate if a vehicle has inadvertently drifted out of its lane. As with blind spot warning systems, a light, sound, or vibration is employed to warn drivers and prevent them from wandering over the lane line. The lane departure warning system protects riders from inattentive drivers, particularly those who drift lanes while talking on cell phones.

3. Forward Collision Warning Systems (F.C.W.S.) that monitors the distance between vehicles. If a driver is too closely following another vehicle, the system activates and, with a light or sound, warns the driver of a potential collision. The forward collision warning system helps prevent rear-end collisions, protecting riders from motorists who have turned their attention from the road to a distraction, like texting.

4. Adaptive Headlights/Night-Vision Assist. (A.H.N.V.A.) A variety of night-vision technologies are available, including infrared headlamps and thermal-imaging cameras to provide drivers with greater recognition of objects, such as animals, people (even motorcycles and scooters) that are obscured by darkness. Adaptive headlights bend the light around corners, compensate for ambient light, and may also be speed sensitive. Each of these developments makes it easier for drivers to spot riders in the dark.



New York Legislator Criticizes Motorcycle Checkpoints

Suffolk county legislator Jack Eddington said that Suffolk should turn down a \$25,500 motorcycle safety grant unless it can find ways to use it at something other than checkpoints.

The *Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee* grant is for Suffolk police to check if motorcyclists are complying with state law. “I would be upset if they told me they’re going to pull over all pickup trucks,” said Eddington (I-Medford), who rides a *Honda Shadow* motorcycle. “This sounds like harassment to me.”

Jim Barr, president of *Long Island A.B.A.T.E.*, said the checkpoints are a hassle for cyclists. “There’s no probable cause to suggest all motorcycles must pull over,” he said.

A.B.A.T.E. of New York has expressed its opposition to the state’s burgeoning tactic of conducting motorcycle-only “safety checks”, and has pledged support of a class-action initiative by the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* against the New York state police and the New York state department of motor vehicles if such discriminatory road blocks continue.

Lawsuit Proceeds Against Myrtle Beach Helmet And Noise Ordinances

Although a judge denied an injunction to stop Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from enforcing its new municipal motorcycle helmet law and noise ordinance, a local couple’s lawsuit was allowed to move forward. In September, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Tom McGrath was the first to file a lawsuit to challenge the constitutionality of two of fifteen new anti-biker ordinances passed by the city to curb motorcycle rallies.

The suit, filed on behalf of resident motorcyclists William and Carol O’Day, questions whether it’s within the city’s “home rule” authority to supersede state law in both cases.

Horry county circuit court judge Larry B. Hyman ruled against the



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injunction request, which would have prohibited the city from enforcing the new regulations that McGrath contends are unconstitutional because the city doesn't have the right to pass ordinances that contradict existing state law. South Carolina's helmet law states that anyone 21 or older may choose whether to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle. They already have a muffler statute in state law.

McGrath said he requested the temporary stopgap when the city intended to begin enforcing all the ordinances by December 21, but it has since delayed implementing several of the ordinances to give city manager Tom Leath more time to set up the city's administrative court system.

McGrath said he thinks that delay played into the judge's decision. "The city hasn't issued any tickets yet because it hasn't set up the administrative court," he said. "Since my clients haven't been adversely affected yet, he had to weigh the equity issues."

California Helmet Lawsuit Dismissed

A superior court judge has ruled on a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of California's mandatory helmet requirement and the case has been dismissed.

The lawsuit, filed November 9, 2006 (case number CV 155682), was heard on May 19-20, 2008 in the Santa Cruz superior court. After

hearing evidence presented by Wendy Lascher (representing the plaintiff parties) and the attorney general's office (representing the California highway patrol), judge Robert Atack made the following comments:

"It is clear to this court that the policy of the California highway patrol is consistent with the statutory scheme. Although the statutes under sections 27802 of the vehicle code and 27803 certainly could be clearer as it relates to these provisions, there does not seem to be any showing which would establish that the statutes themselves are unconstitutional for vagueness as applied under the circumstances and under the evidence that has been received during the course of this trial. . . I do not believe that the statutes found in the vehicle code should be declared unconstitutional for vagueness. They would be perhaps cleaned up as some of the other case law has indicated, but they are not vague in this court's opinion, and that the injunction directing the California highway patrol prohibiting them from citing anyone for a violation of 27803(b) in particular seems to be unwarranted in this case. And that is the court's finding."

In 2006 A.B.A.T.E. of California established a judicial fund for the purposes of raising funds to defray the legal expenses of Richard Quigley, *et al*, in this action, and donations in excess of \$60,000 were received from individuals and other organizations throughout the country.

"A.B.A.T.E. of California wishes to thank all those individuals and organizations who so generously contributed to the Judicial Fund," said Tennimon, adding that the attorney for the plaintiffs has been paid in full from the fund and A.B.A.T.E. of California is no longer accepting donations for this lawsuit.

"A.B.A.T.E. of California further wishes to state that it is in no way connected or associated with any other organization that may be collecting funds for a 'judicial fund' related to past or future helmet law litigation," explained Tennimon.

Weird News Riding Motorcycles Could Cause Impotence *

Say it ain't so!
As if motorcyclists didn't already have enough to worry about on the road, new medical studies claim that men who ride motorcycles are at increased risk of impotence and urinary problems, possibly because the vibration of the engine causes nerve damage.

Doctors in Japan, who published studies on the dangers in the *International Journal Of Impotence Research*, said seats on most motorcycles put undue pressure on the perineal region and restricted blood flow to the penis. It found that out of 234 motorcyclists who rode about three hours every weekend, 69% reported mild to severe erectile dysfunction. Of 178 motorcyclists with hard-padded seats, 70% had erectile dysfunction. Of 32

motorcyclists with soft-padded saddle, 63% had erectile dysfunction.

Approximately 76% of riders aged 40 to 49, and 93% of those aged 50 to 59, reported severe erectile dysfunction, compared with 37% and 42% respectively among those who did not ride motorcycles.

Doctors have also pointed out impotence affects most males during their lives and can be caused by emotional issues, high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking or alcohol. The researchers also said more studies are needed to determine the cause of erectile dysfunction in motorcyclists.

Quotable Quote

"Motorcyclist are all bound together by a brotherhood tie through their love of the sport, and what difference does it make what make of machine he rides as long as he belongs to the clan?"

Walter Davidson
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BikePAC Report



January 3, 2009

Meeting opened at 12:05 p.m. chaired by Quiet Mike. (Legislative director) There were nine attendees.

Mel Yeager explained that Joe Maffei, our elected executive director, had quit due to family problems and will not continue as the executive director.

The position of development director was then discussed, and by voice vote, was abolished. The matter of the vacancy of the executive director was taken into consideration. By voice vote of the executive board Dominic "Nic" Oliver was appointed to fill the vacancy until a proper election could be held. Nic took over the meeting at this time.

The minutes of the previous meeting was presented in printed form and approved with the correction of the dates of our meetings at the capitol building. The correct dates are: January 12th and January 29th, at 9 a.m. both days.

The financial report was presented and approved as printed. Mel pointed out the need for A.B.A.T.E. funding to continue our lobbying efforts.

Under correspondence Mel presented our certificate showing our membership until December 2011 as a sustaining member of M.R.F. Some discussion about the politics of M.R.F./A.M.A. ensued.

Legislative report was given by Quiet Mike. Vic Gilliam will carry the vulnerable user bill which will include motorcyclists as meeting the description and protections under the law. Andy Olson will have a town meeting in Albany at the republican campaign headquarters at 241 First Street, on January 8th at 7 p.m.

The helmet bill will probably not get a hearing this session. Distracted driving issues should be watched closely as many riders are impacted by people using cell phone, etc.

The issue of federally- initiated helmet D.O.T. labels is another item of interest. This requires manufacturers to place a permanent, tamperproof label on the helmet when it is made. Manufacturers are against the measure as it would increase the costs of making the

helmet.

Quiet Mike will bring a map of the house and senate districts in Oregon to the two rallies planned for January. We will also try to get a map of the layout of the capitol or a list of the offices so we can visit our legislators.

Milkman suggested an effort to require insurance companies to divulge who is or is not protected by medical insurance if injured in a motorcycle wreck.

Motorcycle Awareness Rally was the next item to be discussed. Mel explained the timeline of the rally and the assignment of responsibilities of the committee members.

Since Joe Maffei is not able to attend, his responsibilities were shuffled off to other members.

Matt and Milkman will concentrate on obtaining a band to play for a couple of hours.

Quiet Mike recommended that the fun run part of the event be abolished as unmanageable.

Several politicians' names were proposed as possible invitees to the event. Assignments were made for follow up.

New business: Nic will request the annual contribution of \$12,000 from A.B.A.T.E. at the state board meeting next week. All attendees at this meeting will ask their organizations

to also contribute money to the lobbying efforts of BikePAC and to encourage individual memberships.

Mel will send an announcement to all BikePAC e-mail lists about *Black Monday*, January 12th and asking them to also forward it to their e-mail lists.

BikePAC is now inviting candidates who wish consideration to be the executive director of BikePAC to e-mail their resume by March 1, 2009 to mel_yeager@msn.com or write to:

Mel Yeager
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All applications will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Next meeting February 7th 2009 at Salem public library. Executive board meets at 11:30 a.m., general meeting at 12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 2:17 p.m.
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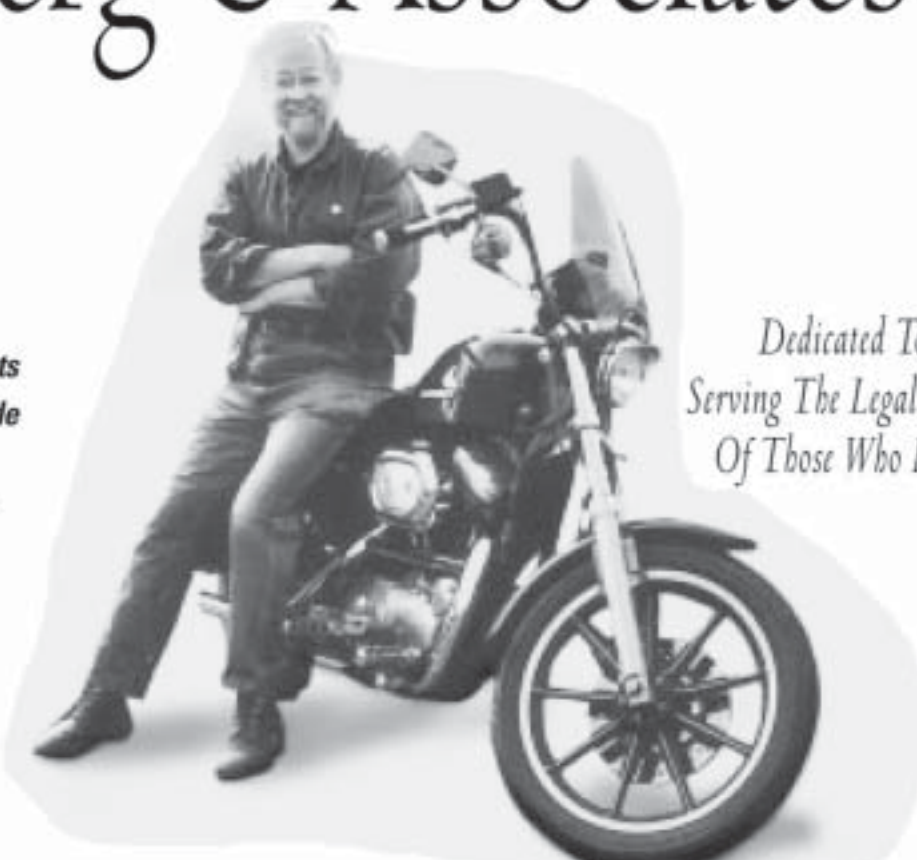
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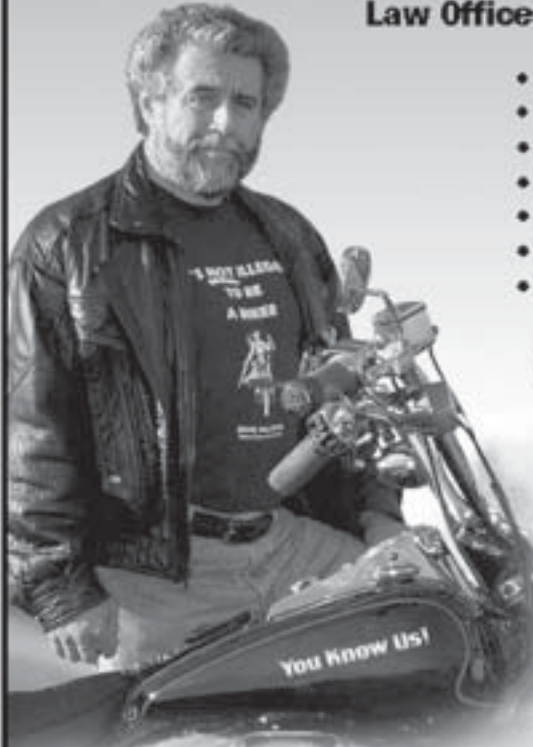
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Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X							X
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Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	
Randy, Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X		

North Coast area

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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Salem area

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

South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/ Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point					X			
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay						X		
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X			
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X		
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		

Portland area

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X		
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?

Please call
(503)-838-6893
if your information changes.

name: phone number: location: P I M G L
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Portland area (continued)

Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland	X	X			X		X	
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X	
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X		

Southern Oregon area

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X				X	X	X	X

Washington County area

Rick, Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X	
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X	
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X			X	X	X	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvalli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X				X	X	X	
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X	
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/s Corvalli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/ River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X				X		X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X					X	X	

other areas

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available. This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcyclists, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.) If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to statenews@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

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

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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Wanted

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2007 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Classic. Full dresser, white. Fairing, lower bags, trunk with light bar, running boards, grip warmers, 5,200 original miles, fuel injected 103 engine, six-speed tranny, mag wheels, air ride seat. Like new, Bargain priced at **\$13,900** or best offer. Call Frank at **(541)-619-9906** (cell) in Albany.

(Feb2009)

Whirlpool washer and drier. \$100. Tim Taylor (503)-281-6545 (Portland)

(Feb2009)

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Condensor/recovery unit for 1895 non-nuclear steam-powered punk bike project being built in 2049 parallel universe.

If your needs are slightly less exotic, consider placing a free member ad in yer state newspaper. Just e-mail it to:

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or get on the squawkbox/FAX to:

(503)-838-6893

and leave a message.

You'll be glad you did.

(Something to put here.)

WANTED FOR 2009

Bold individuals who are willing to step up to state board officer positions.
Are you just itchin' to try some new ideas and ways of doin' things?
Do something about it.
State officer positions are still available for the 2009 year.
Come be one.
(And there's nothing more attractive than an officer, eh?)

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or
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att. Member Ads
P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. 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

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportform.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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: _____

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2008

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Annual Rates:	
_____ Individual membership	\$25
_____ Couple membership	\$30
_____ Family membership	\$35
_____ Lifetime membership	\$250

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

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

Chapter: _____	
New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	Membership # _____
Patch Received ?	
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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next
STATE BOARD
MEETING
 Saturday, 14 February 2009
 at noon
Eagles' Lodge
 127 Broadalbin street NW
 Albany, Oregon
 Run committee meeting at 1100

This month Oregon turns one-fifty,
 A fact which many find quite nifty,
 If it fills you with pride,
 Then get out there and ride,
 Crusin' the state is just plain spiffy.
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LISTINGS

(**boldface** indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contct number:
14 Feb 2009	<i>Crab Feed</i> – Lower Columbia	Clatskanie	
14 Feb 2009	<i>Sweetheart Dance</i> – Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)–839–9295
21 Feb 2009	S.T.E.A.M.	Hillsboro	
05 April 2009	Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	
11 April 2009	Spring Casino Night – Willamette Valley		
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Oregon ABATE	Salem	
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Josephine County	Grants Pass	
03 May 2009	Poker Run – Josephine County		
15-17 May 2009	Southern Oregon swap meet – JoCo		
17 May 2009	Rhody Run – Willamette Valley		
22–25 May 2009	Fossil Campout – Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	(503)–791–2862
24–26 July 2009	Run–21 – Southeast Portland	Birkenfeld	(503)–706–7061
01 Aug 2009	<i>Run To The Coast</i> – Josephine County		
21-23 Aug 2009	<i>S.O.S. Run</i> – Douglas, Josephine County		
06 Sept 2009	BBQ – Josephine County		

CHAPTER MEETINGS				
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.				
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)–389–2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Willie D's</i> ; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1800 (6 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> ; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	3 rd Saturday	1430 (2:30 ^{pm})	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)–296–8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Spare Room</i> ; NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Sizzler's Steak House</i> ; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)–688–4268