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Take a firm grip on yer grips.

Normally February would seem to be a dull winter month without much going on.

But this is Oregon, battered by an ocean, baked by a yellow star, or drenched by rain — often within an hour of each other.

Makes for "interesting" ridin'.

This year marks the first time in the state's history when the legislature be-

gins convening on even years as well as odd. Bikers and motorcyclists from throughout the state will be converging on the state capitol in Salem on 01 February to create *Black Wednesday*, a time when black leather blankets the marble halls of power. Plan to be there. It should be quite a show.

Come back to the capitol on Valentine's day to celebrate Oregon's 153rd birthday. Free cake.

Two significant U.S. presidents were born in February – George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Take some time to think of the debts we owe these original freedom fighters.

Mardi Gras will be happening elsewhere later in the month, but why should New Orleans have all the fun?

Grab purple, gold, and green beaded necklaces on yer way to S.T.E.A.M. and punk yer fine self up. --c.o.e.

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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, onroad 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 newspaper. 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 HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from 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 requirement 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

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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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.

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

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

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.

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В **BROTHERHOOD**

The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

AGAINST

In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

T

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.

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State Coordinator

middle of winter, and I'm excited!

We have S.T.E.A.M., our swap meet, the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally, and Fossil all coming up very soon. We will be out on our rides sooner than you think, then the next thing you know we will be sitting around the campfire asking where the summer went.

What we should ask ourselves is: What did we do this year that made a difference?

Did we do anything to make our roads safer for our brothers and sisters?

Did we do anything to make the general public more aware of us on the road?

Did we make a difference in Salem and do we stand a chance to have our voices heard next year in our capitol?

The answer we give ourselves is up to us.

The difference we make is in our hands and in the choices we

It's February, it's cold, it's the make. Our future and the future of A.B.A.T.E. is now and we need to focus on what we are here for.

> It is our responsibility to look out, for not only each other, but every other motorcyclist on our roads. We need to do everything we can to make sure that everyone gets where they are going safely. From something as simple as providing safe transport to those who indulge too much at our runs, to making sure we have regulations in place that protect us while riding.

> We need to become more prominent in our communities so that A.B.A.T.E. is a name people recognize again. We need to get out to the non-motorcycle events, like the local farmers markets, county fairs, anything that can put us as motorcyclists and A.B.A.T.E., back in the public eye.

> The people that become aware of us and what we really stand for, the easier it will



be for us to invite them in to join us.

The more people that we can get behind us and support our cause, the safer our roads will become for all of us.

But none of this will come easily, nor will it come automatically. It is going to take work and it will take all of us together as a team.

I have the utmost confidence we can pull it off though.

I honestly think that at the end of the riding season when we ask ourselves those questions above that we will not only be able to say "Yes we did", but we will say it with spirit and confidence and add "Bring on 2013!"

Allan **Nichols**

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

The choice is ours, and we can make a difference.

We are A.B.A. T.E. and we matter.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon M.R.F. representative



Spring Swap Meet Sunday, **April 29, 2012** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Central Oregon

Hello and good bye Central Oregon!

This is my last news letter to you

Had a blast working with all the great people and some not so great people. (Ha ha.)

It was all fun.

Thank you for all your support the last few years.

Had a blast.

Now it is time to hand over the gavel to Bob Terrill as the new man in charge. Hope that you can give him the help as you did for me.

Have a great summer this year and ride safe,

Animal coordinator Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) Northside Bar & Grill 62860 Boyd Acres road Bend, Oregon

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

Douglas County

Since the chapter didn't meet in December and have not yet met for the new year, I have very little to report.

I will say that the Christmas dinner that was held at Ms of Roseburg was excellent. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time, I know I did.

Thanks to Joe Buonauro for allowing us to take over the establishment for the night to host our private party. His wonderful staff decorated the restaurant beautifully and provided excellent customer service along with killer food.

If you are ever traveling through Roseburg and want great food and drink, stop by *M's* of Roseburg located downtown just off I-5 at 443 SE Jackson Street. You will be happy you stopped.

Thanks again Joe.



I hope to have more to report on next month as the planning committee will have met and there should be a schedule of upcoming events to report to all of you.

Until then, enjoy your journey and enjoy the ride,

Chris Shull secretary Douglas County Chapter

Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) M's Restaurant 443 S.E. Jackson street Roseburg (541)–672–5966

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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon members who dropped me a line. Pleased to "meet" you all. While it was fun to write a report on behalf of the Indian Creek Chapter and it was a thrill to see it in print, hearing from fellow members had me grinning ear-to-ear. Thank you all.

For the most part it looks like we have some interesting members from all across *A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon*.

Keli wrote to say she and her husband are on *Facebook*, and they're interested in what kinds of activities *Indian Creek* will be doing.

Toad and Diane also wrote, and consider *Indian Creek* as an easy way to stay involved despite their busy schedules.

What comes next for *Indian Creek*? Like any other chapter, I suppose that's entirely up to us. Just like our being involved in the political process, what we get out of it depends entirely on what we put into it. There are no limits.

So drop me a line when you get a chance. A compass can point in any direction, and the *Indian Creek Chapter* can take us to any place we want to go.

Sturdi RepealMachine@gmail.com



A.B.A.T.E. again hosted the Shore Acres State Park Festival of Lights on December 28th, 2011. (An annual thing.)

There were 300,000 lights this year, quite spectacular.

Several *Indian Creek* members were on hand to greet visitors, serve cookies, cider, and coffee. Their involvement enables *A.B.A.T.E.* to maintain a presence in the local community. Some members may be affiliated with other chapters. (I don't know.)

Although I am not sure, I believe Mike Richards should be given credit for keeping A.B.A. T.E. involved with this effort after the break up of the South Coast Chapter. It is good for A.B.A. T.E. and good for Shore Acres.

Steve

Note from Dave Meeker:

Indian Creek rocker patches are available from the state products director at state board meetings and runs.

Indian Creek MEETING TIME and PLACE

(when and where ever)

POINT of CONTACT

(state newspaper)

CHAPTER ADDRESS:

(anywhere in Oregon)

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

Hub City is looking forward to City's web site to see the flyer. exciting things in 2012.

Our main focus will be to elect representatives that believe in our issues.

Our hope is that A.B.A.T.E. will mobilize across the state and do the

If you have not checked out http://www.Ride2Repeal.com then I recommend doing so.

There are a number of ways to become involved. You can do a little or a lot. Simply responding to the calls for actions is a great way and doesn't take much time. Heck you are e-mailing, twittering and Facebooking anyway!

Helping candidates put out signs or make calls for them are other ways you can get involved.

Remember freedom isn't free. We need to be diligent in watching what our elected officials are doing so as not to loose any of our freedoms.

Hub City will be holding a biker night on February 11th at Riley's Billiards in Albany. Come join us for a fun filled evening. Check out Hub

Listed below are the new Hub City officers for 2012:

Coordinator – Al Sims Vice-coordinator - Cheri Moe Secretary - Mary Burnett Treasurer – Donita Reitz Membership secretary -

Monika Sims Sergeant-at-arms - Tracy Goettsch Sergent-at-arms – Verle Steele Sergent-at-arms – Red Ayers Sergent-at-arms - Ken Argo Quartermaster – Gary Freeman State board representative -Nic Oliver

Run coordinator – Jack McCann Public relations - Michelle Tiller Historian – Betty Babcock Legislative director - Dave Ezell Education director - Steve Gerke Web administrator - Don Mason

Looking forward to a productive

Night Lady





Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Ciddici's Pizza 133 SW Fifth Street — Albany

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

Howdy-do ladies and gents,

We're hoping you all had a safe and happy holiday season. And we hope the tax man will be nicer to you this year.

The Polar Bear Boy-Am-I-Crazyand-Having-Fun Ride on January oneth was fine, just fine. About twenty brave and hardy riders went from down south to meet up with about 52 other same-kind-of-riders at the V.F.W. hall in Rogue River for a feed, while some of us just went back over to the coast for the new year. Options, options, options.

So, you're in the mood? For a lil' romance?

Come on out to our first ever Valentine's dance! (That's one, Rot.) We're having a live band and a s'ketti feed. At \$8 fer all the fixin's and a small pittance fer the band (\$5) we're hoping everybody in two valleys will turn out for this one. Our first fundraiser, too.

The boys are back in town . . . at Thunderstruck Custom Bikes, that is. Mark and Trav just put together their first trike for a real sweet gal, name of Penny, who loves it bunches more than when it was a two-wheeler. Jeremiah at Thiring Design helped out with the paint. If you haven't seen any of these maestros strut their best stuff, then you're really missing out. So look up Thunderstruckcustombikes or Thiringdesign today.

Now, before you forget. (Okay, take a note, but get it done.)

Our meetings are at D & S Harley-Davidson, on the south side of the building, up the stairs. They are way cooler than your TV set, so get off da couch and come see us at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday. Get there early if you wanna shop cuz they close at 6



Okay, that's all folks.

Rubber down, chrome up, and be brutally aware of the terminally unaware.

See ya out there,

Mikey and the Jackson County Chapter

Jackson County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm) D & S Harley-Davidson 3846 S. Pacific highway Medford (541)-535-5515

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

Josephine County

On December 21, 2011 we had our last meeting of the year, which included election of officers.

Just before the meeting started we all filled our plates with a scrumptious pot luck dinner. Boy, was that good! Thanks to all those who brought food.

We also had several visitors from the *Jackson County Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* join us in the feast. It was really nice to have all of you who attended from Jackson County. Thank you for coming.

The *Polar Bear Run* from Grants Pass to the *V.F.W.* in Rogue River was a big success. The weather cooperated and it wasn't too bone chillingly cold, and no rain. Everyone had a good time. I've attached two photos of the Polar Bear riders taken at *Herb's Restaurant* in Grants Pass. The photographer couldn't get everyone in one shot. Pretty good turnout, I must say.

Hope you are all having a good start to this new year. Also, hoping and praying for good things to happen to all of you this year.

Ride safe,

Karen Headley secretary Josephine County Chapter





Polar Bear Run survivors

(two photos into one)



Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lower Columbia

Hey all from Lower Columbia,

We had a great holiday season as we hope you all did also.

We were fortunate enough to be able to adopt ten families for Christmas again this year.

In the past we have had some dinners donated, but you know things are tight for everyone. It didn't happen this year, but we didn't let that stop us.

The committee in charge of this one was really creative, with the help of some of our members they gathered funds from some private individuals, including *Local 1097* of the *Steel Workers Union* and bought what we needed. Put the turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a gift for all family members in a basket that was delivered before Christmas.

We are gearing up for our Fourth Annual Crab Dinner down here on the lower Columbia.

It will be on February 11 at 1-6 p.m. this year. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund. We hope to see everyone there.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

For ticket information contact Eva Bridges at **(503)–308–2061**.

Our membership has taken a dip and we have been looking at ways to get new members and some of our old ones (I use the term old loosely) back.

I see that *A.B.A.T.E.* members as a whole are no spring chickens. I'm thinking that *A.B.A.T.E.* as a whole need to target younger enthusiasts. Let us think of the ways.

Ride safe,

Ang



Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 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 -- Lincoln County

We are not frozen but it is sure cold in Lincoln county.

Bob and a few friends are heading out on 12 January for a short ride to test the weather out. Not sure if I ll tag along or not.

Lincoln County Chapter is in the recovery mode from the holidays. Bob's arm has healed nicely and he is feeling up to a ride. We ll see how it goes. It s his first since being hospitalized.

We have elected new officers and they are as follows:

Coordinator: Vince
Vice-coordinator: Ralph
Secretary: Millie
Treasurer: Bob
Membership: Carliol
Ways and means: Tina
Sgt-at-arms: Ralph and Ian
Legislative director.: Jack
State representative: Jack
Education director: Ralph
Historian: Faye (a.k.a. "Mom")

Some of us are repeating our offices and we are introducing some new

We are looking forward to having a growth year. We need to introduce our program to younger riders and definitely ones with more stamina than us. Following our mission statement and the by-laws are important to the older members and newer have to figure how to channel their ideas without going against what we stand for. We need to be united in our goals.

We are looking at the end of April for our *Long John Poker Run* and anniversary party. We do hope that others will join us. More on this later.

We are hoping for a fruitful year for our state organization.

Stay well, ride sage, and we will see you soon.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie



Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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

Greeting from the North Coast,

A short recap of last year's efforts toward providing a merrier Christmas for those less fortunate in our area:

Our year-long fund raising efforts resulted in providing sixty new bicycles for children in Clatsop county. Thirty were given to the Wishing Tree program in Seaside and thirty to the Astoria area Wishing Tree program.

Cash donations were given to both the *Clatsop County Food Bank* and the *Jewell Christmas Basket Program*.

Again, many thanks to our chapter members for their hard work and our supporters who helped make it happen again this year.

Great work!

Don Smack (chapter member and past chapter coordinator) was involved in a nasty motorcycle/ pickup truck crash on new year's day, Don was enjoying a ride with some friends when a pickup ran a light resulting in Don running into the vehicle. Thankfully, he suffered no broken bones or internal injuries. He is severely bruised from head to toe but okay. His scooter is completely totaled. Fortunately the driver's insurance will cover the cost of a new scooter. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Don. hope to see you on the road soon.

We are planning a chapter bowling party in February, an opportunity to have some fun together, check out our chapter newsletter for more information.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

And above all, please be safe out there,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator





North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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



River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Shiloh Inn

The Dalles

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



I hope everyone had a wonderful start to their new year.

As I am writing this, we have some beautiful weather. A bit cold, but nice.

Remember to dress warm when out riding.

Not a lot going on this time of the year, but there are some happenings coming up soon for all of us to get down on our calendars.

February 1st is Black Wednesday at the state capitol. Hope to see as many of you as we can.

This is an important event and everyone who possibly can, please attend.

Our chapter anniversary party is March 10th and we hope to see all of ya here at the $M \not \circ M$.

Please also check some of the federal bills that are an interest to all of us: *E.P.A.* ethanol, gang abatement, and *R.I.C.O.* regulations are just a few. There is a link on the *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site.

On a sad note, we all lost a great person this week.

Nora, who was one of my favorite waitress at the $M \not \in M$ passed away. She was a nice, hardworking lady and will be missed by all of us.

Ride safe,

Deb "honey buns" Ross-Herman

Southeast 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 -- Salem

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Minutes: Approved

Old Business

Need to fill positions vice coordinator, sergeant of arms, secretary. Passed, resolved

New Business

Positions filled

- Vice coordinator Rick
- Sergeant of arms Bob Wiro
- Secretary Tina Larsen

Helmet regulation

Lynn opened the discussion proposing the vetting of people running for office as to whether or not they are pro-choice helmet rider or not based on the tourist revenue it would bring into Oregon and would make this their priority in office.

If people running for office are prochoice, we would then assist placing signs in every business in the candidates' district that the proposal, and candidate would bring much needed money throughout Oregon, including all mom and pops restaurants, gas stations, motels, and shops. Just the same could be done for all candidates who are established "helmet only", and that "they" deprive these businesses of all the potential tourists' dollars.

Discussed.



Relocating the meeting

Bob purposed that we move the meetings to the *Hitching Post*.

Further discussion and research has brought to our attention that maintaining ashes within a brick we would have to be a crematorium. Withdrew this concept option.

Bob/Panhead Rick Tabled Lynn/ Doug

Getting information out

Tina suggested having tri-folds at every *A.B.A.T.E* meeting so that member could hand them out. Decided that tri-folds would be made available at every meeting, and that all members would discuss *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission, and ask that these be placed.

Discussed

New Business / Rounds Recruiting

• Two new members were signed on at

the January meeting. Welcome aboard Rick and Bob.

• We will continue to recruit by asking to attend other riders' meetings and speaking of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission, and goals, and get some new members.

Next meeting

Members are to check out *The Hitching Post* and gather an opinion in order to vote on relocation of the meetings.

Facilitator:

Minutes: Tina Larsen

Members:

Lynn, Rick, Bob, Bob Wiro, Mike Larsen, Tina Larsen, Doug, Rick, and a lot of others.

Attendees

Lynn, Rick, Bob, Bob Wiro, Tina Larsen, Doug, Rick, and around five or six more.

We'll have a sign-in sheet starting next month. Please fill in the blanks if you are a member please add to the members list if you attended this meeting fill in your first and last name, if I don't have your last name please fill that in as well.

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Almost Home Restaurant 3310 Market Street, Salem

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

Well, 2012 seems to be off to a promising start so far.

But as we look forward to a great year, I want to look back at 2011 and thank all the great people who served as chapter officers. Without folks who volunteer to make a twelve month commitment to a job and then give it their best effort, our organization would be a mess.

Also, I want to thank those of you who have volunteered to serve as *Washington County Chapter* officers for 2012:

Coordinator- Roger Yarnell Vice-coordinator- Rich Virchow Treasurer- Jill Tracy Recording secretary- Margo Virchow Membership secretary-

Stephanie Barnes State board representative-

Paul Hering Sgt-at-arms- Mike Darnielle Sgt-at-arms II- Bill Michels Public relations director-

Greg Vaughn

Ways and means- Tina Vaughn
Products director- Dave Meeker
Education director- Ted Tracy
Legislative director- Steve Coffman
Chapter historian- Mike Darnielle
Run coordinator- Ed Vaughn
Run coordinator II- Gordon Sahnow
Quartermaster- Gordon Sahnow
Newsletter editor- Taylen Ceccacci
Web page editor- Robert Beadle

I look forward to working with this great bunch of folks to make 2012 a great year for our chapter.

The next big *A.B.A.T.E.* event in Oregon is S.T.E.A.M. on February 25. We usually have a good bunch from *WaCo A.B.A.T.E.* go to this event. It seems I always manage to learn something new and come away better prepared to accomplish our mission.

Our chapter is looking forward to putting on *Biker Night At The Vine* on March 31. It will be at the *Grape Vine Restaurant* where we hold our meetings. There will be live music,



dancing, the ever popular balloon pop prizes, along with live and silent auctions. Lots of fun and free admission too! (That's right, free is a very good price.)

For additional information about what is going on in *Washington County Chapter*, or if you need to contact us on-line, check out our web site at:

http://www.wacoabate.info

Ride safe,

Roger Yarnell

Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) Grape Vine Restaurant 11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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Our Officers at Work

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

14 January 2012

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:07 p.m. with twelve of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence for downed brothers/sisters and service men/women. Special request for Randy Phipps, currently at *O.H.S.U.* in the cardiac care unit.

Guests and first time attendees:
Bob Wiro (Salem), Dave Bridges
(coordinator, Lower Columbia Chapter),
"Wyoming" (Southeast Portland
Chapter), Larry Suther and nephew
Dakota Hoover (Jackson County
Chapter), Paul Hering (Washington
County Chapter).

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by One-Eyed Bob (*Douglas County Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Paul (*Washington County Chapter*). *Motion passed*.

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols opened by stating that this is going to be a fun ride this year. Also stated that this year the rules will be followed.

All chapter officers should get to know who their state officer counterpart is.

There are three things that Allan wants everyone to strive for this year:

- 1. *Respect* one for another.
- 2. *Open mind* to things and ideas not your own.
- 3. *Passion* about what we do.

Allan then stated, "Let's all work together and get busy."

One-Eyed Bob was asked to fill in as the sergeant-at-arms for this meeting. He agreed.

Brian Stovall added that chapter representatives are elected positions and have the most important jobs. They are the voting board of directors and it does everyone a disservice to constantly have different people every month from the same chapter. It takes time to become an effective chapter representative. It hurts us when a new one is constantly put in place because no one wants the responsibility. A new person does not usually know what to do and has to be taught while at the meeting, taking time and attention away from the matters at hand.

Allan added that the chapter representative holds the position of board of directors representative and speaks for the entire chapter they are representing. This is an elected and mandated position within every chapter.

Secretary report and correspondence: Nic Oliver stated that there are newspapers from motorcycle rights organizations around the nation available if anyone is interested.

We also received a letter from the *Rolling Thunder* group asking for support by purchasing run pins, patches, and other items. Since this is something we cannot do as an organization, it is available to anyone who is interested.

* * * Officers' Reports * * *

Vice-coordinator (north): Al Simms stated that Thursday is *Hub City*'s meeting and everyone is invited. He also asked that everyone, please, educate yourself about *A.B.A.T.E.*'s roots. We need to stay who we are and not pervert it. We need to commit to the roots and work towards focusing our efforts according to those roots.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that his number one focus is going to be memberships. We need to push that we are not a "*Harley*-only" group.

He is currently trying to get southern Oregon riders to come to *Black Wednesday*. We need to show support for the work at the capitol.

He also asked about the possibility of getting color business cards. They may generate more interest.

Vice-coordinator (east): Robert Terrill stated that we should get with the off-road rider groups. They can help us and we can help them. Discussion included the information that we have worked with the off-road riders in the past and will continue to do so.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple report turned in. Kay also reported that as of January 11th, our balances are:

Checking - \$4,478.58 Savings - \$20,005.00 Paypal - \$300.15 Also reported that *Fossil* tickets can be purchased with *Paypal*.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson stated that we currently have 1,538 members, up from last month.

If more information is needed or trifold information, call toll-free 1–(877)–552–2283.

Reported that we are going to have a membership contest with rewards. There will be more information at S.T.E.A.M.

If anyone needs supplies or packets, call or e-mail and she will bring them to the next state board meeting.

Also reported that groups can join under a family membership.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price reported that everything, except what he received today is current.

Also reported that any submissions that comes in just before the end of the current year but before the new year is held and not sanctioned until after the first of the new year when the new policy is written.

The number of riders or attendees at our events is what determines the insurance cost. There needs to be as accurate as possible counts taken at events

He also reported that he noted an inequity in the amounts paid for events. There is one sanctioning fee for all events, no matter the size. This needs to be equalized so that the larger events pay their fair share of the cost. A committee is being formed to look into this matter and anyone wanting to be part of the committee should contact Matt Price.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci reported that the "blue" on the report handed out means that she has the file but is unable to open it due to computer problems. This will be resolved by next month.

Also stated that all chapter treasurers need to attend S.T.E.A.M.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

Reminded everyone, especially the new people, that all chapter reports are due by the 10th of the month.

He reported having problems opening some reports due to default word processing settings and suggested that all reports be sent as a text-only file. This can be done, then copied and pasted into an e-mail to him for purpose of reporting.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported on attending the *B.O.L.T.* (*Bikers of Lesser Tolerance*) conference in Nevada. Keynote speaker was Douglas Findley of Ride2Repeal.com and was attended by many other states from around the country. It was good to attend and get ideas on what worked and what didn't.

For example, Washington state



Nic Oliver

acting state recording secretary

now has an anti-profiling regulation thanks to the *Confederation Of Clubs* and *A.B.A.T.E.* opening doors. Along with everyone working together, they overcame the obstacles and got the bill passed.

There was discussion on the election process plans. How we can be effective? We need to be more focused on completing our task.

Everyone needs to find out who their legislators are, senator and representative, and contact them to meet on February first, if possible. They listen to their constituents before anyone else. If you visit on *Black Monday* or some other day and you want a *BikePAC* member to go with you, just let them know.

There was a suggestion that a patch or pin be given to people who visit their legislator. There are freedom fighter patches available at a nominal cost.

Milkman Mike is the head of *C.O.I.R./U.S. Defenders* and it is important that the *Confederation Of Clubs* and *A.B.A. T.E.* work together. Cohesion makes a difference.

The A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Facebook issue was discussed. One-Eyed Bob stated that he can't find out for sure who has the password for access to that site. He is still trying but could use some help.

Send events to the http://www.abateoforegon.net to get your event on the state web site.

Don will be presenting the legislative plan at the S.T.E.A.M. conference in February. He also stated that he will be visiting the other chapters after the S.T.E.A.M. conference.

Idaho A.B.A.T.E. stated that since they are closer and understanding what we want to do, volunteered to come over to help us reach people at the *Hells Canyon Run*. It is the fastest growing run in eastern Oregon and we need to get the word out over there.

Nevada lawsuits were discussed. Attacking helmet regulations, definitions of helmets, definition of L.E.O.'s actions on what they can do.

Legislative issues are always in the top

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting - 14 January 2012 (continued)

of the *M.R.F. Best of the West* agenda. This year the *Best of the West* is in June.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps – Excused, medical. (In the hospital.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south): < vacant > **Sergeant-at-arms (east)**: < vacant >

Products director: Dave Meeker needs artwork for the *35th Annual Fossil Run* t-shirts.

Reported the need to restock pins and rockers.

Indian Creek Chapter is the only chapter rocker that he stocks.

Education director: Geoff White handed out the S.T.E.A.M. agenda. It is February 25th, at *Chemeketa Community College* on Lancaster north in Salem. It will start at 9 a.m. promptly with guest speaker, Bob Hudson of *North Coast Chapter*.

We can start gathering and registering at 8 a.m.

S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled to end at 3:30 p.m.

Public relations director: Robert "One-eyed Bob" Nichols reported that he is open to everyone for history stuff for *A.B.A. T.E.*

Going to continue to work on trying to gain access to the existing *A.B.A.T.E. Facebook* but can't get the password. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long reported that things are progressing well. *Fossil* tickets will be ready soon. Chapter representatives take back to your chapter that help is needed at *Fossil* for security, set-up, tear-down, manning the *A.B.A. T.E.* information booth, etc.

Also need door prizes.

Gene reported that there will be eight spots available for recreation vehicles. If there are more than eight people asking for the spots, there will be a raffle. Contact Gene at (541)–993–3725.

Gene stated that he is working on the stage.

Fall/spring swap meet coordinator: John "Wheel" Betts < Excused >

Nic reported that he received a phone call from Wheels stated that he is going to have a committee meeting at 11 a.m. at the next meeting.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman reported that she is still going through previous years.

Would like items/photos from all events.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci

< Excused >

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba reported that he is setting up a check-out system for the trailers.

BikePAC representative: Nic Oliver reported that they are working on a way



to track economic impact at events with *Impact Bucks*. These will look something like money but have information on them as to money spent at event. These *Impact Bucks* will be left with the retailer visited to be picked up later by a representative.

Also reported that *Black Wednesday* is February 1st and things are ready. The fountain area is ready for parking and room 50 downstairs is reserved.

Dave Hickerson reported that the *Road Brothers* are putting on a barbecue afterwards and everyone is invited. Very good food at a great price and the good time with the *Road Brothers* is free.

Everyone is needed at Black Wednes-

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reported that due to it getting late in the day, his report is join or renew your membership now. This is an important year.

Confederation Of Clubs representative (north): David Hickerson reported that the group ride to the capitol on *Black Wednesday* from the *K-Mart* parking lot at 25th and Mission in Salem (the Detroit Lake exit off of I-5) will leave at 11 a.m. for the capitol.

Spoke briefly on Kevin Starret and Oregon's gun rights.

Also spoke on Tim Freeman's ethanol bill.

Dave spoke on approaching sport bike riders and getting to know them, their action items, and by doing this we can find common ground and may gain some members.

Unfinished Business

• Officer openings: Sergeant-at-arms (south) – One-Eyed Bob (*Douglas County Chapter*) was nominated and accepted. Voting was unanimous. Congratulations to One-Eyed Bob.

Sergeant-at-arms (east) –

No nominations.

• **Motion** made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*) seconded by Spanky (*Josephine County Chapter*):

"Propose to add a Paypal 'donate' button on the state web site and encourage all chapters to use the same button on all their web sites. All funds donated will be earmarked for legislative use only."

Discussion was short but included concerns about who can donate. Don Mason stated that anyone can donate and no matter where the money comes from, we can put it to good use.

Voting was unanimous.

Motion passed.

New Business

• Discussion ensued regarding an issue with the February meeting. It was brought up that it was thought to be traditional for the meeting to take place at *Lower Columbia Chapter*'s meeting place in February. This turned out to be incorrect.

It was asked that it be moved by the then state representative each year for two years but that was all. Both times there was no attendance by the *Lower Columbia Chapter* officers or members at the moved meeting site.

The August Beaver Creek Run was worked out between the board of directors and Lincoln County Chapter long ago due to a problem that arose back then. It has been traditional since that time.

Lower Columbia Chapter would have to submit another request to move but it was also discussed as to Lower Columbia Chapter's lack of attendance at the meetings in Clatskanie.

The February state board meeting will be in Albany.

• *Douglas County Chapter* would like state help with the *S.O.S. Run*.

It was suggested that all of the southern chapters come together on this run. There was some discussion on this matter but no firm decision made.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: February 11, 2012, at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.
- Brian Stovall thanked Kay and Allan for attending *River City Chapter's* Christmas party.

Upcoming Events

• 01 February 2012 – *Black Wednesday. BikePAC* has issued a call to action for all possible motorcyclists to flood the state capital with black leathers on the opening day ceremonies for the

new 2012 legislative session. Walk, ride, bus, car, truck, tractor, whatever mode you have, just show up. Gathering will start at about 10 a.m. There were 6,100 at the Shriner toy run. Do your rights and freedoms mean as much?

- 11 February 2012 Biker night at *Riley's Billiards Bar & Grill* at 124 Broadalbin in downtown Albany. Door prizes and a great time. Music by the *Dammit Jim Band.* \$3 per person, \$5 per couple. Information at http://www.hubcityabate.com or call Cheri at (541)–979–7332 or Al Sims at (541)–974–0933.
- 25 February 2012 S.T.E.A.M. by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Chemeketa Community College*, located on north Lancaster in Salem. 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Geoff White (state education director) through

Education@abateoforegon.net

- 31 March 2012 Biker night at the *Vine* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter
- 28 April 2012 Adopt-A-Road Clean-up. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/
- 29 April 2012 A.B.A.T.E. Spring State Swap Meet. Portland armory; 10000 NE 33rd drive; Portland.
- 25-28 May 2012 35th Annual Fossil Run. For information call Howie at (503)–791–2862. Vendor information: Rick (541)–980–4230.
- 10 June 2012 Roll 'N Ride by Washington County Chapter. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter
- 14-17 June 2012 Party in the Woods by A.B.A.T.E. of Washington. For general information, e-mail: lacoy@
- 21 July 2012 *Mid-Summer Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter
- 24-26 August 2012 End of Summer Run by Washington County Chapter. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter
- 15 September 2012 *Adopt-A-Road* clean-up by Washington County Chapter. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter
- 17 November 2012 Toy run by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at: http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m. (1520)

From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

Does time fly or what?

Seems like just the other day it was 1950, and suddenly 2012 rolls into the picture. This year is gonna be a doozy. With elections coming up, it's exciting.

On an individual level, I think we need to think about how we take care of these machines that define our lifestyle. I can't tell you how many times I've seen folks riding into runs that have tires that you can see the inside of, from excess wear. Talk about terrorism, that would terrify me!

While we have the winter months with us, please take a look at that bike and do some clean-up. Change the oil and whatever other fluids you might be carrying. Take a good look at those tires and put new boots on the bike if they are on the thin side. Just might avoid a crash from a blowout and save your life. We lose too many brothers and sisters because we don't want to spend that buck or are just plain too lazy to get it done. Don't be a statistic. You might not care but those who love you do.

As I mentioned, this is an election year. Now is the time to sit up and take notice of what is going on in our world when it comes to legislators, wherever we live and in our nations capitol. If ya haven't registered to vote, do it now and exercise that right guaranteed by our constitution. We live in an imperfect world but in this country we have the freedom to select those who represent and who lead us. If ya don't vote, don't bitch. Remember a fella by the name of Hitler was elected by a small vote margin.

News Bits-N-Pieces

N.C.O.M. (*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*) − Let's keep in mind folks, the next big *N.C.O.M.* convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana at the *J. W. Marriot*, 10 SW street. (ZIP=46204) Call for reservations at: 1−(800)−260−9432 Ask for the special room rate of \$99 a night for the 27th annual convention of *N.C.O.M.* This is one of the premier events in our world folks, and not to be missed.

The dates to put on your calendar are May 10-13, 2012.

There will be, as always, workshops and seminars that give us tools to work with our legislators and other government officials. The *Confederations Of Clubs* will have their annual national meeting. There will

be buckets full of information there as well.

Each organization needs to send at least two representatives to attend, because there are overlapping workshops and seminars taking place. One person can't absorb all the information at hand. If you can send more folks, all the better.

I look forward to seeing all of you there and expect to renew old friendships with those folks I only get to see once a year.

Canada – Motorcycle riders and hotrod enthusiasts beware: the "noise snare" is one step closer to squelching your high-decibel expressions of mechanical masculinity. Why? Because there is new technology on the horizon, already tested successfully in Canada.

The device is connected to a camera and if yer rig makes too much noise the thing takes a picture and you can be hit with a \$200 fine if the recommendations are well received by the powers that be.

As we all know things that restrict us elsewhere in the world eventually make it to our shores. You can bet yur bippy this critter will show up sometime with all the noise restrictions and hoopla we've been dealing with here in this country.

Along with the use of the device, the city of Calgary intends to offer free clinics to the public so they can test their vehicles to be sure they comply with noise regulations. The city could be handing out tickets by summer.

This new device might allow municipalities across North America to start enforcing noise laws. It will take some of the workload from police by taking a picture of the offending vehicle.

Speedfreak – Richard Brown is aiming to raise the motorcycle land speed record to 450 m.p.h., using a jet engine borrowed from a helicopter. The project, dubbed *Jet Reaction*, will use an engine capable of producing 1,250 bhp, but Brown intends to modify it for an afterburner to create even more thrust.

Brown built a sub-orbital rocket and is working on a gas-turbine powered jet pack.

In 1999, he set the one-way record top speed for a motorcycle, at 362 m.p.h.

He faces difficult technical challenges, including balancing the weighty jet-engine within the confines of his two-wheeler.

I wonder what makes folks like this guy tick? And they say motorcyclists have a hidden death wish.

Biker Bits On-line (Betsy Lister) – The Petaluma, California police have received a \$356,000 state grant and Redlands got a \$120,000 state "safety" grant. Yet the state of California is broke. We all are aware that these grants may be used for motorcycle stops and harassment. This, folks, in my mind is gross mismanagement of state funds and one of the big reasons I visit California a little as possible.

N.H.T.S.A. Recalls – Piaggio USA, Inc. 2009-2012

Subject : Ignition control unit replacement.

The thing can shut down and leave ya in a pickle. If ya have one of these cute little scooters, get to your dealer ASAP. It's free.

C.O.I.R. (Coalition Of Independent Riders) — Some of you may not be familiar with C.O.I.R. (Pronounced "core".) It's the independent rider's side of the U.S. Defenders program, designed to keep riders informed quickly via e-mail and for prompt local calls to action.

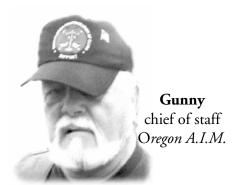
C.O.I.R. Oregon is ready for a new year, under the new leadership of C.O.I.R. commander Milkman Mike.

To see how you can be involved, send Milkman an e-mail at **Commander@ OregonCoir.com**

We are gearing up to keep you informed on biker issues, and we'll ask for help when needed. Oregon's short legislative session may be a hot topic. Also, it's an election year. We will be helping our friends get re-elected, and help our not-friends find new jobs.

The first Saturday of May is *BikePAC* of Oregon's May Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the capitol building in Salem. Put it on your calendars. Tell all your friends to put it on their calendars. Lets all make our presences known. But above all, be courteous.

If you know other riders who would like to help with the fight for bikers rights, biker freedoms, and against unjust laws and rules, please give them my e-mail address and Milkman's, or send me theirs. I'm at: AIMGunny@aol.com



Gunny Again

Our *A.I.M.* attorneys all over the country devote a lot of time and effort on our behalf. Much of this time is *probono.* (Free.)

The work that Mich Proner is doing in New York over the motorcycle-only checkpoints is a prime example, He lost the first go-round in the courts but is appealing to the federal second circuit. I believe eventually he will win the battle.

If you've had a crash (bike, car, or otherwise) or have other legal problems, get in touch with *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) Your local *A.I.M.* attorney will help you if he can. Or if he doesn't do the kind of work you need, he will recommend someone he trusts.

Reach the *A.I.M.* office at 1–(800)–On-A-Bike, or **1–(800)–531–2424**.

Check them out on-line at: http://www.aimncom.com

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon can be reached at (503)–224–1106.

Sam's e-mail address is: Sambikelaw@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

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From yer ... crusty ol' editor . . . still

Budgeting For Bikers

Two Worlds

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This month the Oregon legislature is scheduled to convene for the first time on a regular basis during evennumbered calendar years.

Although their their main focus will be on budget matters, that doesn't mean we can take the year

This is also a major election year, so there will be elected officials in budget committees and on legislative floors trying to curry favor with voters by demonstrating fiscal prowess (for once) and slashing programs or raiding funds.

We, the motorcycling community, must continue to be vigilant.

We've spent years setting up educational programs and their funding sources which save the lives and preserve the health of motorcycle riders state-wide.

We need to make certain that publicity-seeking officials candidates don't divert our money and kill our programs in order to make themselves look good to the voting public.

Keep a close eye on what your local senators, representatives, and political candidates are doing and promising. Be prepared to send letters to them asking them to explain their actions and pointing out the potentially harmful results of uninformed or irresponsible human behavior. fiscal actions on the lives of voting motorcyclists.

This is a time when we have a lot of potential political clout.

Look for ways to publiclly maneuver politicians into siding and working with us. (We're supposed to be sneaky and devious.) Leave openings that allow them to move in our direction. Merely shaming public officials at town hall meetings accomplishes nothing but a shortterm ego boost while creating longtime opponents and obstructionists to our endeavors.

If you have the opportunity to be around tribal people for any amount of time, you may hear them talk of "walking in two worlds". That phrase speaks to living in their native culture, then switching mental gears to operate in western civilization.

Yer crusty ol' editor suffers a similar sensation when it comes to working with our political system, which would work beautifully if people were perfect. He realizes that we need to work with the system that is presently in place, yet from reading and thinking he realizes that our method of governing people is fundamentally flawed, particularly when it comes to the regulation of

What is the point in enacting regulations that we know will be violated? Without majority voluntary compliance (unlikely) or massive enforcement to ensure one hundred per cent compliance, we end up with diminished respect for the legal system as scofflaws ignore unworkable regulations. The level of enforcement required is little better than a police state, a situation most riders are trying to avoid or reduce.

Instead what we need are laws that acknowledge human frailties, telling us what needs to be done in order to restore lives as much as possible when we make mistakes. Such a method places responsibility directly on individuals for their actions rather than on the state to met out punishment that does little to aid restoration of lives or peace.

We have a legal system.

What we need and crave is a justice system that works for people as they

This time of year we have people new to chapter and state positions settling into their jobs. It's important for them to ask questions and equally important for the rest of us to lend them support while helping them acclimate to their duties.



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

– First Editorial – –

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From Yer New Editor

Greetin's y'all,

This is Rot Path and he'll be yer crusty ol' newsletter editor fer the foreseeable future.

Welcome to our newsletter.

The publication that you're holding in your hands belongs to all of us, not the person planting their mitts on the grips, not your elected officers.

This newsletter is for you and (hopefully) by you, the members of A.B.A.T.E.

The editor, crusty or not, assembles reports and articles to help keep you informed about what is happening in our towns, counties, state, nation and the world concerning motorcycles. The principles that the founders of the United States wrote into the nation's Constitution concerning a free press and citizen involvement in government apply to this newsletter as well. It is only when our members know what is going on that they can make informed decisions and direct their energies productively.

To that end, yer crusty ol' editor will not publish rumors. Every story submitted must be verifiable. Rumor chasing just dissipates our resources.

This publication will not be "owned" by any group. A.B.A.T.E. is for all its members no matter what they ride or believe. You may not personally agree with how someone else lives their life, but in this country people can live as they like as long as they are not harming others.

Just remember, we're against totalitarian enactments.

-- Rot Path

Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 22

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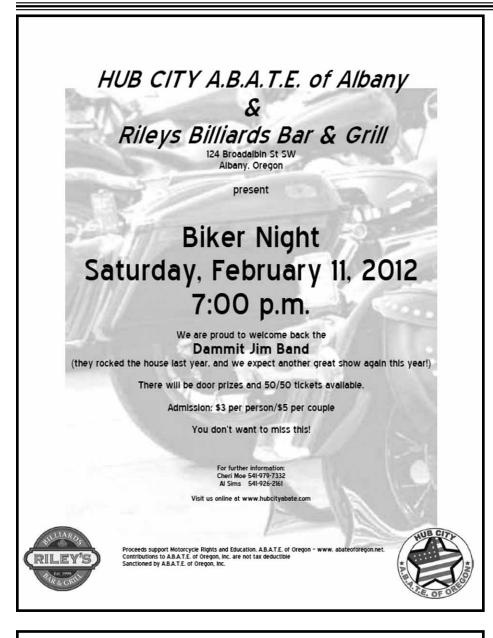
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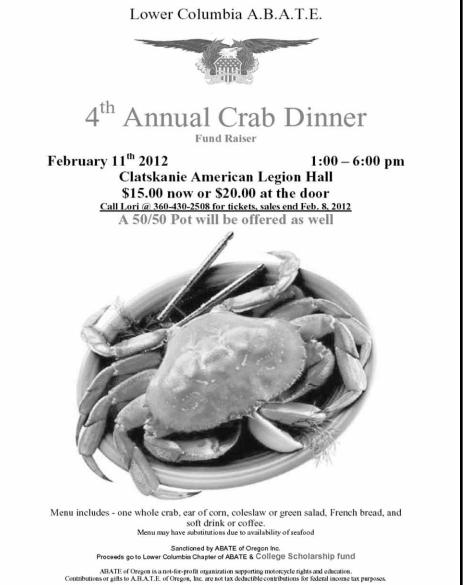
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CELEBRATING 31 YEARS

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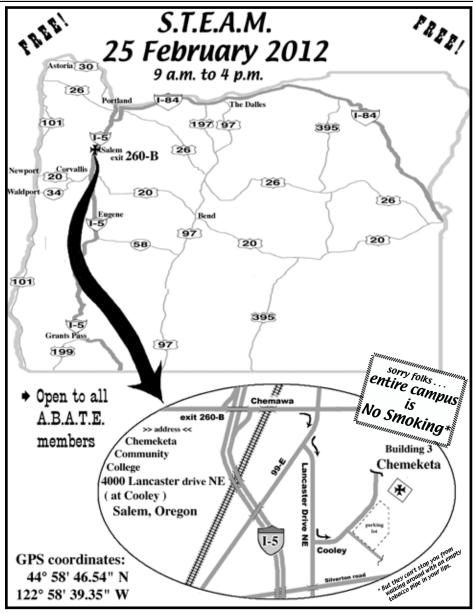
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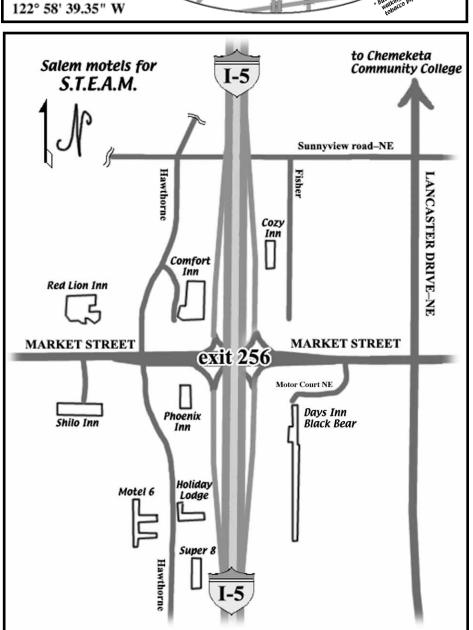
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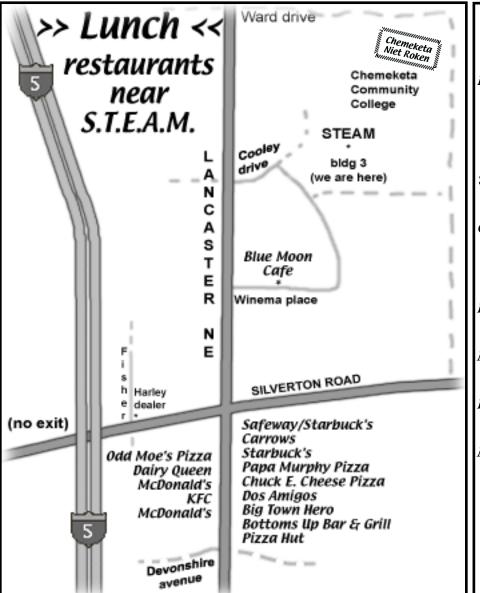
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American Motorcyclist Association

2011 A.M.A. Motorcyclist of the Year: Grassroots Activist Nancy Sabater

A.M.A. member and motorcycle activist Nancy Sabater is the 2011 A.M.A. Motorcyclist of the Year. Awarded annually, the designation recognizes the person or persons who had the most profound impact on the world of motorcycling in the previous twelve months.

Sabater, a motorcyclist from Charlotte Hall, Maryland., earned the distinction for her grassroots advocacy in 2011 to save youth motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) from a misguided federal regulation that would have banned their sale on January 1, 2012.

The victory over the "lead law" was sealed when president Obama signed legislation overturning the ban on August 12, 2011, ending a three-year battle to save youth riding for future generations.

"A number of partners had a hand in our victory over this misguided law — the motorcycle industry, race promoters, parts distributors, and others," said A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman. "But it's Nancy and those like her -- the individual enthusiasts -- who truly put the rubber to the road, gave our cause a face in the crowd and brought this victory home. They were the most influential motorcyclists of 2011, and A.M.A. member and grassroots activist Nancy Sabater is the A.M.A. Motorcyclist of the Year for her stellar work on behalf of families and kids."

Read more about the 2011 A.M.A. Motorcyclist of the Year at:

http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com

U.S. House Passes Dust Bill

Rural "nuisance dust" would be regulated by state and local officials rather than the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) under a bill approved by the U.S. house on December 8.

The house approved the bill by a 268 to 150 bipartisan vote. The measure, HR–1633 (*Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011*), now goes to the senate for consideration.

The bill would bring much-needed certainty to the off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) community by exempting rural dust from *E.P.A.* regulation and allowing states and localities to regulate

it, says Wayne Allard, A.M.A. vice president for government relations.

2012 Women's Conference

The event focuses on educating, encouraging, inspiring and mentoring women in the lifestyle and sport of motorcycling. This unique event will take place in Carson City, Nevada, on July 26-27, 2012.

Best of all, *A.M.A.* members can book now and save big. Early registration of \$125 is available now exclusively for members at:

http://events.r20.constantcontact. com/register/event

After April 30, 2012, registration will increase to \$175 for members and be available to non-*A.M.A.* members for \$235.

You also can call **1–(800)–262–5646** to register.

2012 Amateur Competition Rulebook

The A.M.A. invites racers to download the official 2012 A.M.A. Amateur Competition Rulebook, available now at:

http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com --> Racing --> Rulebooks

The 2012 rulebook covers amateur, pro/am, standard and youth competition in motocross, off-road racing, track racing, and all-terrain vehicle racing. It details rider and motorcycle eligibility, equipment standards, meet rules, points, class advancement, and more.

The rulebook went into effect on January 1, 2012.

A.M.A. Supports Senator's Stand On Helmets

The A.M.A. praised U.S. senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) for standing up against a proposal that would have indirectly forced states to pass mandatory helmet requirements.

U.S. senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) was poised to introduce the proposal on December 14 during a senate commerce, science and transportation committee hearing on S–1449 (the *Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011*). His proposal was an amendment to S–1449,

but he decided against offering it in the committee.

In a statement for the record, Ayotte noted that the amendment would take away the right of the people in a state to decide whether to have a mandatory helmet requirement "by indirectly forcing all states to pass mandatory universal helmet regulations in order to receive funding for motorcycle safety.

Traffic Safety Agency Lobbying Ban

A U.S. senate committee has approved two amendments to a traffic safety bill that would continue a ban on a U.S. traffic safety agency lobbying state and local officials.

On December 14, the senate commerce, science and transportation committee approved S–1449 (the *Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011*) including two amendments offered by senator Jim DeMint (R-SC). The DeMint amendments deleted language in the bill that would have allowed the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* to lobby state and local officials.

Antti Kallonen New Team Manager

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce that Antti Kallonen (former competitor and K.T.M. north America's off-road team manager) will manage the 2012 U.S. International Six Days Enduro (I.S.D.E.) team as it seeks a world title, September 24-29, in Saxony, Germany.

Robert Pearce, *K.T.M.* north America's vice president of operations and a five-time *I.S.D.E.* participant, will assist Kallonen with team operations.

Both positions are volunteer roles on the team.

Kallonen, who guides *K.T.M.* north America's efforts in major off-road racing series in the United States, brings a wealth of experience to the *I.S.D.E.* effort, including organizational and logistical expertise, fund-raising support, and a first-hand understanding of the culture of European off-road racing.

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A.M.A. Classifieds Spotlight

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A.M.A. Videos on Youtube channel

Wrap up video of 2011 hall of fame induction ceremony

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Rob Dingman discusses the A.M.A. Family Capitol Hill Climb

Chris Carr: An American Motorcyclist

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Judge Upholds New York Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

A federal judge rejected motorcyclists' claims that their constitutional rights were violated by New York state police motorcycle-only "safety checkpoints" that detained thousands of riders *en route* to large New York rallies and ticketed many of them for mostly non-safety violations.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Mitch Proner of New York city sued troopers on behalf of four motorcyclists who claimed that safety was a mere pretext in looking for criminals and that the practice was intrusive and unfair to motorcycle riders as a group.

But judge Gary Sharpe concluded that safety was indeed the main focus of the initiative, which distinguishes the checkpoints from "a general interest in crime control" that could have amounted to unconstitutional seizures when there's no "individualized suspicion of wrongdoing."

"The court concludes the checkpoints were enacted to promote motorcycle safety, a manifest public interest; they were effective in addressing this interest; and that any interference with individual liberties was not only minimal, but also grossly outweighed by the interest advanced," Sharpe wrote in his ruling.

"The intrusion on civil liberties is something that shouldn't be countenanced," Proner told the Associated Press, adding that the discriminatory roadblocks have been ongoing since 2008 even though motorcycles, like other vehicles in New York, are already subject to annual safety inspections, and no other vehicles are stopped for roadside safety checks.

"It's obvious just from their own internal documents they're looking for criminal activity," said attorney Proner, citing a checkpoint near Buffalo's Peace Bridge that included border patrol agents, and one in central New York near a rally sponsored by a motorcycle club included gang task force officers.

"The fact they didn't find crime doesn't mean that wasn't what they're fishing for," he said. "That just shows you've got law abiding citizens on motorcycles primarily being inconvenienced."

Proner told the *A.P.* news agency that motorcyclists across the country are interested in this case, the only such federal lawsuit nationally though some other states have similar checkpoint programs, and that he will appeal.

Safety Board Seeks Ban On Cell Phone Use While Driving

States should ban all driver use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices (P.E.D.s), except in emergencies, urges the *National Transportation Board*. The *N.T.S.B.* recommendation, unanimously agreed to by the five-member board, applies to both hands-free and hand-held phones and significantly exceeds any existing state regulations restricting texting and cellphone use by drivers.

The board made the safety recommendation in connection with their investigation of a deadly highway pileup in Missouri last year that was caused by the inattention of a 19 year-old-pickup driver who sent or received eleven texts in the eleven minutes immediately before the tragic crash that involved a semi and two school busses.

The crash is a "big red flag for all drivers," N.T.S.B. chairperson Deborah Hersman said at a meeting to determine the cause of the crash and make safety recommendations. "No call, no text, no update is worth a human life."

The board has previously recommended bans on texting and cell phone use by commercial truck and bus drivers and beginning drivers, but it has stopped short of calling for a ban on the use of the devices by adults behind the wheel of passenger cars.

While the *N.T.S.B.* doesn't have the power to impose restrictions, its recommendations carry significant weight with federal regulators and congressional and state legislators.

In November, Pennsylvania became the 35th state to forbid texting while driving, but despite such regulations the problem is continuing to get worse according to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) that reports nearly 20% of drivers admit to texting or e-mailing, and at any given moment last year almost one in every hundred car drivers was texting, e-mailing, surfing the web or otherwise using a handheld electronic device, up 50% over the previous year.

Joining in the campaign to curb distracted driving, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (*A.I.M.*) has produced a color vinyl bumper sticker that reads; 'HANG UP AND DRIVE!" that is available free by calling *A.I.M.* at **1-(800) ON-A-BIKE**.



Noise Camera To Muffle Loud Vehicles

First came red-light cameras, followed closely by speed-cameras. And now Calgary will soon become the first municipality to introduce noise cameras to the motoring public.

"Motorcycle riders and hotrod enthusiasts beware: the Noise Snare is one step closer to squelching your high-decibel expressions of mechanical masculinity," reported the Calgary Herald about the pilot project that pairs a noise-reader with a camera to catch law breakers.

The \$112,500 device was offered to Calgary for free as the first city to test the gadget. If all goes well the city expects to be handing out \$200 tickets by summer.

"This is something that will allow municipalities across North America to start enforcing (noise) by-laws. The fact that now it's been proven to be an accurate test is very, very important," said Bill Bruce, the city's director of by-law services.

Electrical engineer Mark Nesdoly invented the *Noise Snare* after a loud motorcycle awoke his sleeping daughter one night.

Shootings Prompt Honduran Congress To Ban Motorcycle Passengers

Following two recent high-profile killings, legislators in Honduras approved a decree banning motorcyclists from carrying passengers. It took the deaths of a radio journalist and a former government advisor to convince the national congress of the need to restrict the number of riders on a motorcycle to one -- the driver. Suspects in both cases were passengers on motorcycles, who got away.

The legislation is being hailed as a common sense approach to fighting crime that will help discourage drive-by shootings, which have been one of the most common murder tactics in this Central American country because it makes it nearly impossible to identify and catch the helmeted killers who quickly flee the crime scene. Now, any motorcycle with two people will be suspect and can be pulled over by the police.

Nigeria Restricts Motorcycles To Curb Bombings

Restrictions have been imposed on the operations of commercial motorcycles in Nigeria to check bombing incidences. The restrictions on the motorcycles, popularly called "okada", were announced by the special task force (S.T.F.) after a deadly triple bomb blast rocked three television viewing centers was attributed to the Islamic sect *Boko Haram*.



"The general public should be informed that no motorcycle will be allowed to operate beyond 7 p.m. within the Jos-Bukuru metropolis. Riding of motorcycles is only permitted from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The enforcement of this ban will be strictly enforced," said Ikemefuna Okafor, an officer of S.T.F.

Weird News

Motorcyclists Take Bite Out Of Snake Venom Deaths

In rural Nepal, volunteer motorcyclists are getting snakebite victims to help soon enough to cut deaths by 95%, reports *Scientific American*.

Snake bites are still a big concern for much of the world's population, and the *World Health Organization* (*W.H.O.*) estimates that about 100,000 people die from poisonous snakebites each year. Many more people become paralyzed or permanently disabled.

Most victims live too far from clinics that could provide them with anti-venom.

In Nepal, where more than 10% of bite victims die, an experimental program uses volunteer motorcyclists to save residents. Since the program launched 2003, only about 5% of victims who got a ride died. These findings were presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*.

Quotable Quote

"To sin by silence, when they should protest, makes cowards of men."

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850–1919) American author, poet

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation Senate Committee Passes Highway Safety Bill

On December 14, 2011, the equipment". Previously, the list United States senate committee commerce, science transportation passed a sweeping safety bill known as the Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act. (S-1449) The bill passed by voice vote.

Earlier this week, senator (D-NI) Lautenberg filed amendment that would have gutted the popular federal motorcycle education and awareness grants, known as the 2010 funds. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to report that Lautenberg did not call that amendment for a vote. Due to an overwhelming response from the motorcycle community, the 2010 grants are safe for now.

Also under attack was the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H. T.S.A.) lobby ban. This legislation prohibits N.H.T.S.A. from using federal money to lobby state legislatures, uninvited. The way S-1449 was drafted, it removed this lobby ban. Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) introduced a number of amendments to maintain the ban and the necessary amendments were agreed to, by unanimous consent of the full committee.

The one sticking point that remains is at least, the least troublesome. That being said, it is still something that will keep the attention of the M.R.F. lobby efforts. The trouble lies in a provision in S-1449 that calls out motorcycle helmets in the list of definitions as "motor vehicle

simply stated: "any device or an article or apparel... that is not a system, part, or component of a motor vehicle".

The M.R.F. would like to thank all the state motorcycle rights organizations and everyone else who helped with this legislation.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The M.R.F. provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The M.R.F. Reports.

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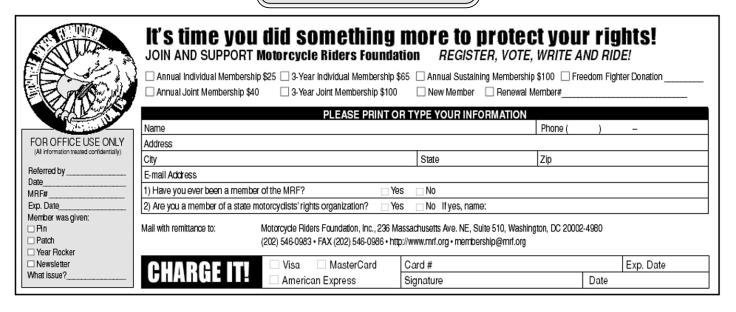


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Ask Our Lawyer by Rod Taylor

New York Motorcycle Stops

Done In By Cop Getting Master's Degree

Is His Ph.D. Next?

I have written a couple of times about the motorcycle-only checkpoints that have been springing-up around the country. Motorcyclists have not taken it lying down. Suit was filed in a New York federal court, asserting that the stops were unconstitutional and demanding that the state stop using them. The first round in a longer struggle has concluded in New York, with the federal court there finding that the stops did not violate the rights of motorcyclists.

If you read the decision, you will discover something very interesting starting on page three. The judge noted that, "As part of his master's course work at the State University of New York at Albany, defendant Lt. James Halversen, the commanding officer of the New York state police motorcycle unit, wrote a thesis on the increasing rate of motorcycle fatalities for riders over forty-years old. With the help of defendant Lt. Daniel Larkin, Halversen submitted a grant application to the G.T.S.C. in 2007 to fund the checkpoints. The G.T.S.C., which is chaired by defendant David J. Swarts, approved the application and funded the initiative with federal grant money 'provided by N.H.T.S.A. and Federal Highway Administration (F.H.A.):"

What the court failed to note was that the primary cause of death in that age group was speed and alcohol usually involving other drivers.

I find it hard to stomach that motorcyclists were done in by a government funded thesis for a masters degree. And that, my friends, is why New York is where it is regarding illegal stops of motorcyclists.

If only officer Halversen had applied for a grant to be used for enforcing alcohol and speeding regulations regarding the general driving public, wouldn't that have been a better use of taxpayer funds?

Now, instead of enforcing alcohol and speeding regulations which really save lives, we have cops all over New York pulling us over on our time off and looking at our helmet stickers.

Thank god officer Halversen didn't request money to study the elimination of motorcycles in general. Who knows where that would have gone?

With that kind of thinking, can anybody doubt that *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *M.R.F.* are needed now more than ever? Let's hope the officer gets his degree sooner than later as we can't afford

anymore education disguised intrusion on our constitutional rights.

She Fought The Law And She Won

Lawyering Drone Style

A.B.A.T.E. member Benitta Yearton and her daughter Rene (16) are fighters and they know their rights. When Renee was given a bogus ticket by Hebron's best, every bit of their "fight city hall" exploded all over the face of the arresting police officer. Here is what happened and how we became involved.

Benitta called us knowing that we do not do traffic tickets, but we were her last great hope. And her question was a good one: "Should you pay a traffic ticket that was issued without evidence to back it up?"

The answer in a perfect world is "never", but in today's economy, there is not a lot of money for traffic ticket lawyers, especially for the type that would just plead her to a lesser offense and a lighter fine. And who has time to fight city hall?

So what to do when you didn't do it? Here is the plan that Benitta and I hatched. I would advise her along the way and she and her daughter should go to court and do battle. You know "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute." The Yeartons would actually be their own lawyers for a day. With my cell number and me on standby, it was like a remote controlled drone situation.

Here are the facts: Rene, age 16, has a perfect, but short driving record. That is until now when "officer misguided" appeared. When the traffic citation was issued, the arresting officer advised that he had "heard" that Rene was speeding two days before. The officer was not a witness to anything, and had only been given a report by a crossing guard. The crossing guard could not identify Rene as the driver of offending vehicle and did not get a plate number. Rene drives a *Chevrolet Blazer S-10*. I wonder how many of those there are in Hebron?

Day of trial.

When he heard the Yeartons weren't going down easy, the prosecutor scurried out into the hall to talk plea bargain with Benitta and Rene. He offered a reduced \$50 fine and 100 days of court supervision. Stunned at the rejection of his "deal," the prosecutor mumbled to himself all the way back into the court room saying he could not believe we were turning down such a good deal.

State's first witness was the errant officer.

That was easy.

He did not see or hear anything, wasn't there and couldn't prove anything. He just took the word of the crossing guard. Can anyone say "hearsay?"

Next witness, the crossing guard, who testified that a *Chevrolet Blazer* that looked like Renee's was speeding, but astonishingly, could not testify to anything else.

Are you wondering how the case got

So were we and so did the judge. After ruling in favor of Rene and against the state, he complimented Rene's handling of the court proceeding and her mother's support. (Remember, Rene is only 16.)

Of course, I was proudly stashed in my office and satisfied with the thought that our system works "most" of the time. (As we all know, "most" is a lawyer hedge word.)

P.S. Rene plans to be a teacher. I bet she will have a great story to tell her future students about the time she tried her own case at age 16-and won.

I think maybe our system won too.

Slipping Away

Question: I'm very frustrated and don't know where to turn. *Illinois Central College* in Peoria recently repainted some of the road markings, including direction arrows and stop bars. As part of the painting process, the painter spread glass reflective beads in the wet paint. Apparently, the beads make the paint reflective.

As I entered one of the parking lots, my back tire slipped on the painted surface and I went down and was pinned under my *Sportster*. I broke my right ankle and a had a class three sprain in my right knee and had a possible rotor cuff tear in my left shoulder.

Have you have heard of similar crashes like this and is there is anything that can be done to stop this procedure of putting glass beads in the painted surfaces of roadways? It is slippery to walk on and motorcycle tires lose traction on this type of surface.

-- Jim Miller A.B.A.T.E. member Tazwell county, Illinois Answer: There isn't much literature out there on the effect of these types of painting methods on motorcycle traction. Tales told among motorcyclists have long cautioned that riding across painted areas is dangerous. The advent of thermoplastic road decals have proven the collective wisdom of motorcyclists over and over.

I suspect that the same applies to the use of reflective glass beads in paint. Since the use of such paint procedures is approved by national transportation officials, if not [discouraged], it will be difficult to get their use stopped.

Which means A.B.A.T.E. legal needs to get involved on this one.

Once again, the legitimate concerns of motorcycles gets short shrift from the powers that be.

Probably our best course of action would be to increase our education and outreach efforts so that riders understand the risks of these painting techniques.

In the meantime, keep sending those road hazard reports in and we will continue to notify the appropriate officials about our concerns.

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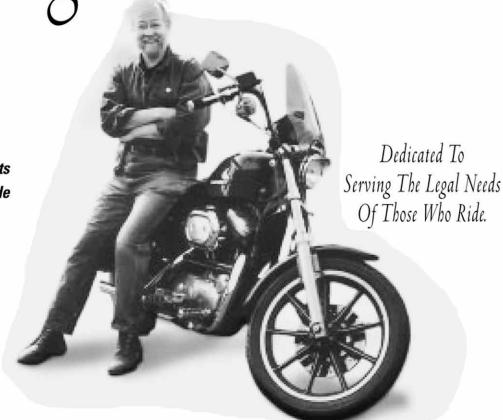
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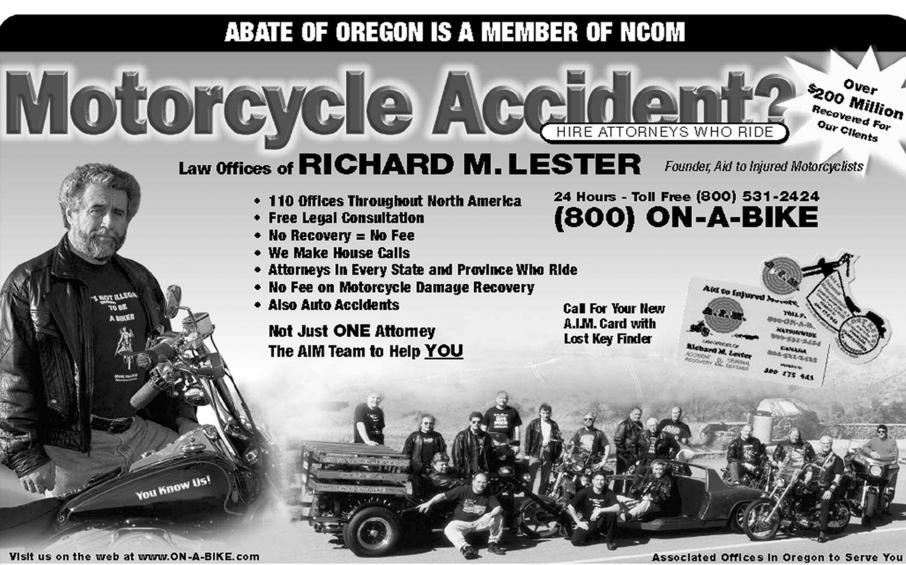
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	6	quickening moon River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	8	9	10	ABATE B.O.D. Albany – 1200 (noon) STEAM, swap, & Fossil committees 1100 (11 a.m.) Hub City-Biker Night-Albany
Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) Abraham Lincoln's birth day	I 3 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	14 Alehine's day the moon	Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	16	17	18
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26	27 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<i>28</i>	1st quarter moon Hop to it, it's leap day		March 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	2 4 4

STATE BOARD MEETING Saturday, 11 Feb 2012 1200 (noon)

> Ciddici's Pizza 133 SW Fifth Street Albany, Oregon

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2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

	date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
Have A Smart Phone?		>>> 2012	<<<	
QR code for Oregon	01 Feb 2012	Black Wednesday at Capitol BikePAC	Salem	(541)-223-3827
A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:	11 Feb 2012	Biker Night / Hub City	Albany	(541)-979-7332
	11 Feb 2012	Crab Feed / Lower Columbia	Clataskanie	
A.B.A.T.E.	14 Feb 2012	Valentine dance / Jackson County		
	25 Feb 2012	S.T.E.A.M. / A.B.A.T.E.	Salem	
	10 Mar 2012	Anniversary Party / SE-PDX	Gresham	
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H-34-89-04	29 Apr 2012	Spring Swap Meet / ABATE	Portland	(971)-285-6523
TEL ANDERSE	05 May 2012	Motorcycle Awareness Rally BikePAC	Salem	(541)-223-3827
	25-28May2012	35th Fossil Campout ABATE	Bear Hollow	
	10 Jun 2012	Roll-N-Ride Washington County		

CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. >> Location <<											
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:							
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889							
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	M's Restaurant; 443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966							
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536							
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)								
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	D & S Harley-Davidson; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)-635-5515							
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553							
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017							
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122							
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881							
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)– $298-5502$							
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100							
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–665–2626							
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)–597–0300							