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**What a year it's been, y'all.
Happy Nude Year and
let's ride free in 2003.
-- Rot Path (c.o.e.)**

*New threats of
c.o.e. nudity*



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

What We're About

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A.T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

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

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

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

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

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

So scan through our newsletter. If you like what you read, check out the Chapter Meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A.T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

"You have to know where you've been to know where you're going!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.).

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

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

by Bill Bish

Executive Coordinator,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists
A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello Everyone:

I'm proud to be your new State Coordinator, having stepped up from Vice-Coordinator, South. I take over from Ted Tracy who has served you with energy and imagination for the past three years. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ted who will now focus his effort and talent on behalf of the *Motorcyclist's Rights Foundation*.

Perhaps a more detailed introduction is in order:

I was born in January of 1950 in Roseburg. The first place I lived was the old family homestead along the South Umpqua River at Dillard. The homestead has been in the family since 1870, the house being taken by the '64 flood. The house I live in now has got to be at least 25 feet upriver from there. I attended schools in Dillard, Bandon, Roseburg, Gold Beach, and Klamath Falls.

In 1968, I received a draft notice to the Army, and immediately joined the Navy so as to miss Viet-Nam. Good move! I was in the service for four years instead of two, and had three tours of Viet-Nam instead of one. I was involved in electronic intelligence and intercept at sea, in the air, and (worst of all) on land, having a particularly unhealthy interest in Soviet fire-control RADAR.

Out of the service in 1972 and into college at *O.I.T.* The cute honey who sat next to me in English class that first day is still a cute honey and can often be found (after I have made the appropriate number of promises) on the back of my bike. Ricci and I married in 1973 and have two sons

and a daughter.

After graduating *Southern Oregon University* with a B.S. in Political Science in 1976, I've been an airport manager, commercial pilot, log hauler and owner-operator.

Hobbies?

Riding my bike is an obsession and protecting the right to do so, a passion. If you see me at a board meeting or rally, please come up and say "Hi". I'd like to become acquainted with you.

Now for some business.

The December board meeting was followed by our first annual awards dinner. Jim Niece, Brian Stovall and Melinda McCrossen did a great job in organizing this event which was an enormous success. Outstanding accomplishments by *A.B.A.T.E.* members were recognized.

Sad to say, some of our honorees were subjected to minor abuse (sorry Ted, it was just too good a photo op, and besides it was all Brian's fault).



Joe Laurance attempts to deliver the traditional kisses to departing coordinator, Ted Tracy.

Nearly everyone attending received a prize of one kind or another as well as enjoying a delicious supper. Something this good has got to be



by Joe Laurance

repeated next year, so plan on attending.

This organization has an exciting agenda for the coming year, so watch this space for news and views.

Remember, you, in each local chapter direct *A.B.A.T.E.* through your chapter board representative, so be an active participant in your local meetings. We can't do it without you...

May God bless us and our cause

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(Sounds like Joe and Ted Path know that a Barlock is more than something to keep the tavern door firmly closed.)



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

Central Oregon Chapter

21 November 2002

With ten members and three guests, we started our last summer hours meeting. Next month we will start our meeting on the second Sunday at 2:00 pm, same place.

Mike K. voiced the idea [that] as *A.B.A.T.E.* members we should take the opportunity to meet with our new governor-elect and arrange to talk with him in person to bring our new governor "up to speed" with verified truth about the real facts concerning motorcycle statistics as they really are. A fresh start with a new governor might yield positive results. There is so much disinformation out there that *now* might be a good time to present truthful information in a positive manner.

BikePAC annual fees are going up by \$5 per year for its annual membership.

It was announced that *Fossil* tickets are going up too: \$20 advanced and \$25 at the gate, so get your tickets early and save.

Remember 13 January 2003 (a monday) and put this date on your calendar. This is the date of the opening of the Oregon legislature and *A.B.A.T.E.* is trying to get as many members as possible to be in Salem on that date to show our support to protect our motorcycle riding rights. It will also be your chance to meet our new government officers as they begin their job.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. We want your input on ideas and request your help in planning our 2003 chapter events.

08 December 2002

With 14 members and three guests, we got our meeting started.

Many thanks to Jackie for calling all members before meetings to remind us. It seems this meeting sort of snuck up on each of us this month, so the phone calls do help.

Mike K. gave an updated report on the proposed *E.P.A.* thing. He mentioned that the deadline was extended to 07 January 2003 so we could mail our "opinions" in and get our voices heard. The *E.P.A.* is looking for public feedback, so write those letters.

It was mentioned by John B. that *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* chapter signed up its 100th member on *Veteran's Day*.

Wow!

Jackie B. reported that our chapter has collected 30 stuffed Christmas stockings so far to be given away to needy children in our local area.

Want to bring your chapter some money? One way is to mention

A.B.A.T.E. at our local *Harley-Davidson* dealer and they will donate 5% of purchases back to our local *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. Good up through the new year.

Bob H. can no longer be our chapter state board rep as he is now on the executive committee. We need a replacement for his position.

Will you volunteer to finish out his term?

The chapter's yellow *A.B.A.T.E.* banner is back in our hands again. It was up on the fence bordering a state highway getting lots of exposure for a few months, but one day the state [*Oregon—c.o.e.*] asked for our sign permit. We did not know we needed one, so we took the banner down and will apply for a sign permit and put the banner back up.

Any ideas where the best spot should be?

Come to the next meeting (second Sunday of every month) and tell us where it should go.

Oh yes, in central Oregon the sun shines 96% of the time.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Old Redmond Hotel
(next to Sulley's Restaurant)
Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County Chapter



Hey gang,

As you know, it's 2003.

You know what that means?

December 1st it was time to vote in our new officers.

"Yes."

And the votes are in.

But first, I want to thank Abe, Cindy, and all the other officers for the great job they did for the year 2002. Good job. Thank you all.

Now I want to thank all the officers who stepped up to support our chapter:

Coordinator — Jim Jones

Treasurer — Tim Malone

Secretary — Lonia Judd

Membership — Mary Cruz

State Rep. — Rick Grout

Vice Coordinator — Lonnie Ledbetter

Sgt at Arms — John Carico, D.J. Jaspers, Rocky Orth

Ways & Means — Paula Smith

Education Director — Jim Jones

Legislative Director — Gene Reed

Public Relations — Ledia Judd

Historian — Steve Watkins

Chaplin — Don Garino

(All former officers buy patches for new officers)

Not to mention everyone who showed to support them. Your voice is very important.

As you know, Christmas time has come and gone again.

Besides doing our traditional toy runs, we voted to adapt a family as well. We wanted to help a family [who] we knew could really use some extra holiday cheer.

So we did!

Our goal was to find a family who was really working hard to achieve. Bev Allen knew of a family in need. (Thank you, Bev.)

Well, our family: both parents are going to college, working, and had five kids to boot. Anyway, with going to college and holding down a job, they were still having a hard time making ends meet.

So we decided they were just what we were looking for.

So we voted them in.

We decided, because of the size of the family, to get a \$200 gift card so they could get what they needed. We also agreed to get together and take food and toys to their home.

Gene Reed volunteered to pick up donations from people who couldn't make it in person. (Thanks, Gene.)

Vickey Ledbetter and the *Iron Riders* worked with schools and local stores to help the Salvation army to collect coats for kids in need. She had collected 149 coats at last count and more were still coming in.

Good going *Iron Riders*.

Jim Jones went to the *A.A.R.P.* meeting. It seemed to go well. They offered him a position to be an instructor. He politely declined.

Good job, Jim.

Well, that's all for now until next time. See ya at the meetings.

(Next meeting — 04 January 2003.)

Your newly-elected chapter secretary,

Lonia Judd

Happy New Year 2003.

See ya next year!

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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

Hub City Chapter

Have I mentioned in the past how happy I am to be allowed to be part of a chapter of such great brothers & sisters? Well, I can't say it enough. Our last meeting had *over* 50% turnout, yet again.

When we say something is a chapter decision, it's no joke!

We had an excellent turnout at the toy run. Thanks to all who made a difference and made it so much fun to do so. And, thanks to the brothers and sisters of the *A..M.O.* for yet another excellent job of organizing and implementing.

It was discussed at our chapter meeting that there are a lot of you out there who think we can't pull off another poker run as well as our first one. My rebuttal: show up June 7th and be prepared to be amazed!

We are having our New Year's Eve celebration (and multiple birthday parties, right Shawn?) at *Poor John's Bottle Factory* in Stayton. There will be a good band called the

Routerheads, and side-splitting fun that always seems to follow Hub City.


Cliff McCalley

**HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Los Dos Amigos
1402 Pacific Blvd.
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

North Coast — Jan 2003

Hello friends,

Shortened days and cool overcast weather dampen the excitement of riding down blacktop lanes. This time of the year we turn to our warmed walls and weigh the meanings of Thanksgiving and Christmas, heralding in the New Year and the joy of family and friends. This is also a time when we see the best of our fellow *homo sapiens* . . . no, there's more, *a generous family*.

November 30th, we at *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* held our annual spaghetti feed. While we arrive intending to satisfy our stomachs and see some members we haven't seen for awhile and catch up on news of each other and swill a few drinks with these renewed friends, our real purpose is raising money for our local *Wishing Tree Program* and the *Long Beach Elks Gift Basket Program*. These two programs are the recipients of every cent raised through the spaghetti feed ticket sales, 50/50 and raffle tickets. As most of you are aware, the cost of these fund raisers are born by our *North Coast Chapter* fund. It's all a result of just a few people's effort, notably Betty Kelso and Amelia Williams and their drafted cohorts.

"So", you say, "where's the story about 'Mr. Generous?'"

Well, Kerry Dugan had come to the "feed" with a large contingent of family and he then proceeds to buy a large volume of raffle and 50/50 tickets. Here alone his generosity shone.

But guess what?

He won the 50/50. (Not surprising, considering how many tickets he bought) and *he then immediately returned all his winnings to the Wishing Tree and Gift Basket programs*.

And the generous family?

Kerry's sister, Mary Todd, is the owner of the *Workers Tavern and Restaurant* in Astoria (renown for its prime rib dinners) and herself more than generous to the *North Coast* chapter.

We're fortunate to have a large share of people who are generous in the actions or pocket or both. I wanted to identify a few.

Unfinished Business

Sue Mills asked me to include the following about *End of Summer Run*:

***End of Summer Run* bike game winners!**

Slow ride: 1st—Tim Godfrey; 2nd—Gary Lechner; 3rd—Wild Bill

Board ride: 1st—Taylor Johnson; 2nd—Patrick Polinder; 3rd—Jeffrey White

Ball drop: 1st—Dan Thompson; 2nd—Glen Mark; 3rd—Jim Davis

Basketball: 1st—Dan Thompson; 2nd—Courtney Bethune; 3rd—Rod Smith

Old man home: 1st—Mark Nicholson; 2nd—Rod Boble; 3rd—Brandon Jones

Weenie bite: 1st—Mark Nicholson; 2nd—Bryon Herrick; 3rd—Courtney Bethune

All of the first prize plaques were awarded during the award presentation on the evening of the

event, but several second and third place winners did not pick up their ribbons. If you did not get your ribbon, please contact Ted Tracy at (503)-615-3101 or send him an e-mail at tntfam@europa.com and give him your name and address and he will make sure you get your ribbon(s).

Be sure to come back next year and compete again!

Still to come . . .

Nominating of officers for North Coast chapter letters. *Please participate.*

Much holiday happiness for you and yours.

Fraternally,

Chuck

NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000

(10 am)

Merts Campus

3 miles east of Astoria

Industrial Arts Building

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter

Haya!!!

We've wrapped up a great year!!

2002 has shown much growth for the chapter. We appreciate every new member (which includes those [who] have come in from other chapters as well).

Along with the growth of the chapter, we've accomplished some great things as well. We've got our own website which was very thoughtfully constructed by Oopy. We had our first annual *Poker Run* this year, which was a great success. A good sum of money was raised for motorcycle safety and folks brought toys for the Shriners, too. We've had great meeting attendance this year. We've gotten and a ton of help selling tickets for the *Shriners Toy Run* bBike, and help at events selling tickets as well.

I am very proud of our chapter's accomplishments this year.

2003 will be even greater!!!

The *Shriners Toy Run* was just tremendous this year. I've heard all sorts of numbers on how many motorcycles were there but I am sticking with my 3,000 number. I watched every bike leave the yard and it seemed like a long time for them to get out. Even after 10 minutes the yard seemed to still be full.

Channel 2 did a great piece on the run and was very thoughtfully done. I appreciate all the help we got from everyone. If you have suggestions on anything we can do to make the run better next year let me know.

Thank you all for participating in the *True Apostles Toy Run* on November 30th. We raised almost \$1,500 for the *Salvation Army*. This was our best run yet.

Stay tuned for our *Cabin Fever Party* on January 25th.

You all take care and try to stay dry,

May the Good Lord bless you and keep you,

Mike

N.E. PORTLAND MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)

Round Table Pizza

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

River City Chapter

November 19, 2002

We had a small meeting tonight.

The B.O.D. [Board of Directors] report generated more lively discussion about the alcohol policy issue and the Southeast Chapter situation and repeated presence at B.O.D. meetings.

We went over the slated of state officer nominees and did our chapter nominations, renominating all current officers and adding a nomination of Scott Goad for Sgt at Arms.

Kim Miciak did not win the membership drawing. It will go up to \$65 next meeting.

Our own leader, Lee, won the 50/50 at \$5/\$5, \$3 of which he donated back to the chapter. Thanks, Lee.

We had a Poker Run committee meeting before the regular meeting and set things in motion for our spring event.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols nothing new, Planned Rides nothing to report, Hollister, July 5-7

Poker Run Committee setting out jobs and next meeting 12/3, 6:00

New Business

Officer nominations and elections: All current officers renominated and Scott Goad nominated for Sgt at Arms.

Coordinator's Comments: none

Announcements: none

Membership Drawing for \$60 would have been won by Kim Miciak if she had been present. It will be \$65 next time.

50/50 was won by Lee at \$5/\$5, donated \$3 back.

Adjourned 8:16 pm

December 3, 2002

We had two meetings tonight, poker run committee and our regular meeting.

We are starting to pull together some of the details for the spring poker run. It should be great.

We had 16 people here for our regular meeting, which is good for midwinter. Everyone was in a great mood and having fun.

We elected our officers for the upcoming year. They will be the same as last year, with the addition of Scott Goad as Sgt at Arms. We haven't had one of those for a while. Maybe he will like it and go on to great things with our organization, or maybe he won't like it and will want to become the next secretary in my place (what an idea).

We have started early to plan ride to Hollister next July. If anyone is interested in joining us, watch this page or get in touch with us.

Our membership drawing for \$65 did not go to Dean Oader (heh, heh) because he wasn't at the meeting. We understand that he is healing well from his accident and we all think it would be great to see him out here at a meeting.

Brian (that's me!) won the 50/50 at \$8/ 48 and donated his share back to the Chapter.

Thanks, Brian.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols nothing new,

Planned Rides nothing to report, Hollister, July 3-13

Poker Run Committee covering details and next meeting 1/14, 6:00, Lone Pine

Officer nominations and elections: All current officers renominated and Scott Goad nominated for Sgt at Arms. Motion by Brian to approve slate of nominees, passed, 14 to 1.

New Business

Coordinator's Comments: none

Announcements: none

Membership Drawing for \$65 would have been won by Dean Oader if he had been present. It will be \$70 next time.

50/50 was won by Brian at \$8/\$8, which he donated back to the Chapter.

Adjourned 7:38 pm

Upcoming meetings

January 7, 2003

7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

Lone Pine Restaurant

335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles

(I-84 & US-197)

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

Salem Chapter

Meeting Minutes
26 November 2002

Coordinator Jeff Poulin continued his tradition of an efficient, lively meeting.

We had such a turnout it was apparent the word had spread that we were nominating chapter officers for 2003 - you can't decline if you aren't there! The fact that the chapter bought pizza for all attendees had no impact on attendance. Actually, we had such enthusiasm that most positions have multiple nominees. Be sure to attend the December 17th meeting and vote!

Our second *Biker Night* was a great success per acting treasurer Cindy Poulin. Thanks to those attending the *Wooden Nickel* in Silverton.

Our *Toy Run* is on Sunday, December 8th, originating from the *K-Mart* parking lot on Mission Street SouthEast in Salem. C.M.A. will be serving coffee and goodies as we begin gathering at 10 a.m. See you there!

Please note: Tim and Don have a great ride planned for after the run, so be sure to stay around for that, too.

A list of other December events was shared. Seems no shortage of rides and

good works this month. Thanks for your support. (Still no snow predicted.)

As usual, Michelle gave us a good summary of minutes from the State Board meeting. Don't forget that the State Legislature opens January 13th, 2003. The first *Biker Day* rally is February 3rd and more dates are on the *BikePAC* web site. Let's fulfill our mission and protect our rights. See ya there!!!

Prior to the November meeting, Geoff White gave the *Motorcycle Awareness* training to several members who are interested in talking to the schools and possibly other groups.

Jeff Poulin won the 50-50 raffle and the first of two door prizes.

Louie Schroeder won the second door prize.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Forrest
Acting Secretary

2003 Salem Chapter Officers

Coordinator — Loran Halvorson

Vice Coordinator — Marlene Schroeder

Secretary — Michelle Lipchitz

Treasurer — Cindy Poulin

Membership — Sheryl Forrest

Sgt at Arms — Ted Minden, Bill Pulliam, Louie Schroeder, Jeff Poulin

State Rep./Legislative — Michelle Lipchitz

Education Director — Sheryl Forrest

Public Relations — Loran Halvorson, Michelle Lipchitz, Marlene Schroeder

Historian — Michelle Lipchitz

Run Coordinator — Time McKnight, Don Nash, Ed Rollman

Web Page Editor — Michelle Lipchitz

Quatermaster/Ways & Means — Tylor Johnson

SALEM MEETING TIME**and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)

Pietro's Pizza

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Salem Area Activities Review

by Marlene Schroeder

First, *Gypsy Joker Biker Night* at Iggy's: Not a whole lot of people but lots of prizes. We missed their second *Biker Night*, but understand there were more people.

Salem A.B.A.T.E. Biker Night at the *Wooden Nickle* in Silverton: Standing room only. It was packed and really noisy. Don tried calling the numbers or the prizes, but wasn't loud enough. Karla made everyone listen! The megaphone we were expecting didn't show up.

We collected a lot of toys and canned food. Thought I was going to have to ride in the back of the pick-up, it was so full.

A big thanks to the *Hub City* members who donated some door prizes. Also a really big thanks to all of our members for working so hard to make everything all come together.

A.M.O. Toy Run: *Wow!* Something like 230 people compared to 120 last year. Don't know how many got to eat as we had to leave because I was sneezing so much. All the way back to Silverton:

Take glove off.

Blow nose.

Sneeze.

Put glove back on.

Sneeze five minutes later.



(photo by Marlene Schroeder)

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports South Coast Chapter

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone celebrated wisely and had a great time.

We went to a hockey game, as usual.

All chapter elections should be completed. Did you step and volunteer some of your time to help out?

If so, thank you.

I know whatever position you were elected to, the person you replaced will appreciate the break.

If you did not step up and the same person kept a position, please help them perform their responsibilities throughout the year. They will appreciate your assistance.

It is time to look forward to all the projects of the new year. Plan now for all those summer runs. Check the calendar and mark the dates. You don't want to leave anything out!

Watch out for winter weather. The streets may be dangerous around the next corner.

Dress warmly. It may be sunny, but still very cold.

Talk to your legislative director and find out what is going on at the capitol. A legislative session will be starting soon. Find out what you can do to help inform our representatives and senators about "our" rights. Do not forget what we are about, why we are a group. See what you can do to help out.

Karen Bauder
South Coast secretary

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)

Gino's Pizza

1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hello to all you good people,

Well, the annual *Shriners Toy Run* went off just great. The weather was beautiful and the turnout was awesome. Thank you to *Tri-Met* again for their support. We even got some decent media coverage this year. The northwest Ford dealers showed up with pick-ups full of toys, too. Joe at the *Queen of Hearts* put out a spread of biscuits and gravy before hand. *Brother Speed Motorcycle Club Portland* had their annual spaghetti feed afterwards. We thank them both and all the other establishments for their hospitality.

Just one more thing from me. Another one of our chapter members has passed on. Ron Clark went down on his bike on I-205 and was fatally injured. Ron was a long time member of our chapter. You may remember him or his bike. He won the toy run bike a few years back and had custom plates made that said "10 bucks". He will be missed by us all.

Ride safe.

Later,

Mammy Tami

New Officers

Southeast Portland Chapter
2002-2003

Cordinator - Lee Austin
Vice Cordinator - Ken Mortellaro
Secretary - Tami Pitkin
Tresurer - Vicki Messinger
Membership Secretary - Phyllis Helzer
Legislative Director - Matt Hobbs
State Rep. - Stephan Baton
State Rep (Alternate) - Geoff White
BikePAC Rep - Geoff White
Education Director - Geoff White
Public Relations Director - Bill Cameron
Chapter Chaplin - Vic Voltz
Historian - Michael O'Donnell
Ways and Means - Diane Peterson
Products - Michelle Hobbs
Web Master - Carol Fraley-Johansen
Sargent at Arms 1 - Barry Skinner
Sargent at Arms 2 - Don Helzer
Sargent at Arms 3 - Matt Hobbs
Sargent at Arms 4 - Carol Williams
Sargent at Arms 5 - Robert Bodey
Sargent at Arms 6 - Ken Mortellaro
Sargent at Arms 7 - John Garey
Sargent at Arms 8 - Sheila Paeth
Sargent at Arms 9 - Christy Jones
Sargent at Arms 10 - Michal Bodey
Toy Run Rep 1 - Dick Edmonds
Toy Run Rep 2 - Patty Dahl
Toy Run Rep 3 - Michael O'Donnell

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Howdy Brothers,

I just realized is the 12th of December and Rot Path needs a chapter letter by the 10th. If you are reading this it is because Rot Path gave me grace.

I hope this comes out okay. I had a hard day at work and the whiskers [*heavily distilled beverage from Scotland — c.o.e.*] is taking charge of my pain.

I got e-mail from Pat Ryan, yesterday about Ron Clark ("10 Bucks"), who got . . . killed . . . on December 5th. I don't know I would have recognized him if I met him again but a brother fallen R.I.P., brought me to tears. The wet stuff was rolling down my face as I read the e-mail. Ron was a member of *Southeast Chapter*. I grew up in the parts about his stompin' grounds. I have lived in southern Oregon since 1986. Please take a moment for a fallen brother. At this time I am torn between going to his wake or the State Board meeting and annual meeting afterward.

The *Toy Run* on December 7th was a great success, even though it is no longer an *A.B.A.T.E.* sanctioned function. It was started by *A.B.A.T.E.* 18 years ago, and thanks to all you members who came out and supported it.

Hopefully a couple of more members came to the December general (special called) meeting and stepped up to the call, to keep our chapter a chapter, and our members, members of *Southern Oregon Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, and not members of the chapter at large (*Indian Creek*).

If you do care and did come out and support your chapter, I salute you. Also, I promise you a fun year of poker runs, barbeques, and social events to build the brotherhood we need so much to fight the real fight. As your new coordinator, coordinating and riding motorcycles with you.

If not, I will be proud to be an *Indian Creek* member supporting *A.B.A.T.E.* in the fight for everyone's rights, Joe citizen and biker alike.

You may not get this letter by the time the *Polar Bear* run happens, but I hope that you did come out and ride on the first riding day of the year.

So I hope that the new secretary of *Southern Oregon Chapter* is a better writer than me, and all that the our new secretary has to say is good, positive, happy chapter things.

I got a lot more to communicate but it is time to rest and make sure A-1 don't get fired tomorrow. But in my heart you are A-1, too!

Ride free, and no matter what happens stay on the high side.

Herbstr

SOUTHERN OREGON**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Sunday at 1400

(2pm)

Big Daddy's Pizza

(formely Oregono's) -- Gold Hill

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

Washington County Chapter

Well, it is toy run and polar bear season again.

Where did the fall go? Even though the days are cold and the mornings frosty, you can still slip in a good sunny ride in the middle of the day.

Washington County had their toy run in mid-November and the weather gods had a cruel trick to play on us. The wind blew and the rain came down the hardest in the hour before the toy run and during the ride itself. After the presentation of the toys and donations totaling \$2,500 to the Hillsboro Fire Department's *Toy and Joy Program*, the riders headed over to the Copperstone for food and fun.

Then the sun came out.

Brother Speed also offered their usual good hospitality. Bob Mobley and B.J. Overton won \$250 gift certificates to

Destination Harley-Davidson. And Jeanne Pfluke (F. goddess) won the \$100 50/50 drawing. Despite the weather and the bomb scare, a good time was had by those who attended. Food was also donated to *Monika's House*.

December's *First Sunday Ride* gave a new meaning to the term "toy run". Roger Yarnell, Brett Dunlap, Uncle Vince, and myself took gift suggestions off the tree at the *Prime Time Restaurant* and headed out on our mission. The tree was put in place for the *Straight Ahead Shelter* and the requests were not outrageous. In fact, the requests were well thought, useful items that none of us minded picking up. We were not successful at the first store we went to, but struck pay dirt at the second. The temperature outside seemed to drop from the brisk to the downright cold from the time

we started breakfast 'til the time we headed home. Thanks to Uncle Vince for being a good sport about the ride. He drew the trip from Forest Grove to Astoria via highways 47 and 53, but it was just too darn cold, especially for a guy riding without leathers. Come back and see us when the weather is warmer . . . like in April or May.

So, if you read this submission, you know we gave money away at meetings, right? Kay Sipple and Gaila Ciccacci both won 50/50 drawings at the November meetings. Did you see how much the goddess won at the toy run? Sarah Norton was not present in early November so John Borelli had over \$200 to put towards his bike at the late November meeting. John sends a big *thank you* to Sarah. At the December meeting we usually draw names until someone is present to win the membership drawing. Looks like this will be the one I win because the pot is so small.

We will also be having chapter officer elections, so a report on those will appear next month. Most races are uncontested but I do not want to put a jinx on anyone by announcing who the winners are. The chapter also provides finger food at the December meeting and it is usually just a time to sit around and visit with friends before the hectic holiday season kicks in. Remember this for next year.

Biker Days are coming up in early 2003 so check the legislative report in this newsletter for updated information. Consider taking the day off from work and spending as short day with your legislator, reminding them that you are a constituent and you do have a voice.

If you cannot make it 03 February, try 25 February or 19 March. *BikePAC* can use your support, even if you are not a member.

Well, if I do not see you at the *Ice Cycle Run* on 04 January at *Beaverton Honda-Yamaha*, maybe I'll see you in Salem.

Until then, be safe, watch for slippery, ice patches, and watch out for the other guy! [*or gal—c.o.e.*]

Linda Wells

WaCo secretary

ABATE of Oregon Inc
Washington Co Chapter's
ICECYCLE RUN
JAN 4, 2003
Starting at Beaverton Yamaha Honda
10:00 AM 397 Cascade Blvd, Tigard, Oregon
Registration
50/50 Drawing Lots of Door Prizes
Bring 2 cans of food to donate to the Hillsboro Domestic Violence
Resource Center and receive one door prize token
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WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



Hi Team,

It has been some time since I have written one of these reports. It is great to be thinking about all of you — even those [who] I don't know yet! Our chapter has come a long way.....keep on growing!

We had a busy election cycle. Some wins some losses. Here in Lane County a *big win* for me was Pat Farr in House District 14 as I was his campaign manager (*Yeah!!!!*). Another winner a little north of us was Jeff Kropf, and it looks like he will be introducing our helmet bill for us. It is so good to have him and many other old friends as well as the new friends back in Salem.

Time to get out those route maps to the Capitol again! Legislative Session will be starting about the time you are getting this (I am hearing January 13). So let's make a good showing for *Biker Days*. For those of you [who] can't go on *Biker Days* it is *great* to just drop in when you can. Even better to schedule an appointment with your Representative and Senator and spend some face time with those that represent you in Salem.

It was *great* to hear all the reports of Precinct Committee Persons (P.C.P.) at the *A.B.A.T.E.* annual meeting.

For those of you [who] have not signed up yet, you can call the county chair for which ever party you belong

to. Tell them you want to get involved, and ask if you can be appointed as a P.C.P.

Here in Lane County, I am the Republican party chair (Bob Avery), call (541)-998-8318.

For that matter if you need any other Republican contact info, feel free to call me. The Lane Democrat's just elected a new chair, Patty Briggs-Hanson, wife of Rick Hanson who ran for District 12 against Beyer and Fox. I don't have her contact info yet, but if you have trouble finding it, feel free to call.

A reminder as of January our chapter is changing the meeting days. Starting this month we move to the third Wednesday of the month. That is January 16th at 7 pm at *Foxfire Restaurant*. Come on out, meet the folks, and learn what is happening in our area.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Bob Avery, J.A.M.
(Just Another Member)

WILAMETTE VALLEYMEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Wednesday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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Our Officers at Work

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

14 December 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by State Coordinator, Ted Tracy 12:05 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the November 9, 2002. Motion made by Wendy, seconded by Randy Phipps to waive reading of the minutes and adopt as printed.

Jim Niece sent an e-mail November 15, 2002 to make sure the minutes reflected that he visited the *O.L.C.C.* website, where the rules and regulations for the handling of alcohol in the state of Oregon are available for viewing and that he went to the *N.C.O.M.* conference and was disappointed in the *A.B.A.T.E.* turnout but found the content of the conference to be good and informative.

Coordinators Comments

Ted apologized for not being at the last meeting because he had to work.

Correspondence

M.R.F. thank you letter for financial support. They raised \$90,000 for 2003. Last year they raised \$120,000

Because of the annual banquet today, we are working the agenda backwards and if anyone has a report, they will be given ten minutes.

Planning Session in Cottage Grove

A copy of the minutes are included in the packets. Ted said a lot of good information and ideas came out of the planning session.

Security - The run committee will be working on those issues.

Promotion - The public relations person will work on that.

S.T.E.A.M. - Ted said he will help Geoff with that.

Insurance- Sanctioning officer will work on that.

Sinage - The run committee will work on.

Change Image - Public relations will work on that. Letters-to-the-Editor: everybody should do that.

Bumper Stickers - The "Legalize Freedom" bumper sticker and "Share the Road" bumper sticker - look into including the toll free number on them and make them available for free.

Get Out and Vote - That should be done on chapter level.

Outreach - All chapter activities.

Biker Days - Need to get chapters involved by sending people.

Legislative Support - This will require a motion to give *BikePAC* another \$5,000 next year as we need to write a check today for \$5,000.

Reimbursements - Need a motion but all chapters should reimburse for milage and the state would reimburse milage for attending the *Team Oregon* class.

Newsletters - Cut back on over runs to 150 a month.

Investments - Treasurer needs to work on that.

Tax Issues - Yes we should send the Treasurer to tax classes.

Organization - Chapter secretary job description should be amended to bring the chapter notebook to all meetings with all corp papers, forms, job descriptions, expense forms etc.

Standardized Signs and brochures will be quartermasters job.

Public relations by attending other non-*A.B.A.T.E.* biker events should be promoted on the chapter level.

Workshop for grants and other funding. Ted said grants are available if anyone has time to research them.

Products Director would be in charge of ordering the shirts to have *A.B.A.T.E.* embroidered on them.

Hub City will work with *Lincoln County* on the *Fossil* games to start the rotation idea.

State officers, if you are not at the board meeting, notify the coordinator and submit a report in your absence to be read at the meeting.

Officer reports submitted in writing with a copy to the secretary. Report at board meeting to be a ten minute recap of your written report except for legislative reports who would require more time.

S.T.E.A.M. issues would be directed to the education director for nuts and bolts class and guest speaker.

Hot line: No one had any objection to keeping the current toll-free line for the membership secretary and getting another one for the new coordinator.

D.C. - send two people every year, nominations taken in September, election in October for trip in February. Those elected will be prepared for the trip by those who have previously gone.

History Committee - Historian would be in charge of forming that committee.

State Board of Directors Officer**Nominations**

(Results are in bold)

Coordinator - **Joe Laurance**, and Jim Niece

Vice Coordinator North - **Matt Hobbs**

Vice Coordinator South - **Tim Rohde**

Vice Coordinator East - **Bob Hadley**

Membership Secretary - **Jill Tracy**

Recording Secretary - **Charlie Hill**

Treasurer - **Wendy Vaughn**

State Auditor - Nancy Curran and Kerri Trotter

Newsletter Editor - **Rot Path**

Legislative Director - **Rick Maish**

Sgt-At-Arms North - **Matt Hobbs**

Sgt-At-Arms South - **Cole Hembree**

Sgt-At-Arms East - **Keith Odoms**

Products Director - **Michelle Hobbs**

Education Director 1 - **Geoff White**

Education Director 2 - **Nora Rohde**

Public Relations - Melinda McCrossen
 Run Coordinator 1 - Rotten Roger
 Run Coordinator 2 - Michelle Lipchitz
 Historian - Iris Yeager
 Sanctioning Officer - Ron Bloker
 Web Page Editor - Maddog
 Quartermaster - Steve Baton
 BikePAC Representative - Brian Stovall
 Confederation of Clubs Rep 1 - Ed Vaughn

Confederation of Clubs Rep 2 - Bob Earl, Michael Schnieder,

*** Officer Reports ***

Legislative Director: Rick Maish said his report will be in the newsletter.

Steve Baton wanted all to know that in Washington, they are looking for beanie helmets. If you are caught wearing one, they will pull you over and have the right to inspect your safety equipment which includes your helmet. If your helmet is not D.O.T. approved, you better have one that is or they can impound your bike (for the safety of your bike) as you cannot ride it without the proper safety equipment and all costs will be up to you to pay.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Brian Stovall mentioned that they have received word of the helmet bill modification being presented. Also he has done extensive research on the health insurance issues. Everything offered to you by insurance companies is requirements. They do not give you anything. Also see 743.700 of the provision code, as if they did give you something new, it would become automatic the next year.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Ed Vaughn — Nothing to report

Education Director: Geoff White — Working on S.T.E.A.M.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde — Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy — Membership past 2,000 for the third time this year.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path would like all your submissions sent to him

electronically, if possible, and double space if you need him to edit the article. Event calendar will be in next issue and Rot will work on a new road list but will need the info from the chapters.

Products: Michelle Hobbs — Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen — Printed 2,000 of the first annual report. Would suggest we do the next one in January [2004] instead of December so we have time to get the December totals and information in.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger reports *Fossil* flier and *Swap Meet* fliers will be in the newsletter. Dates are 23 May for *Fossil*; Portland *Swap Meet* 30 March, and Roseburg *Swap Meet* 13 April.

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt Speas [Not present.]

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn provided graphs in the packets that showed our expenses. 21% *Fossil*, 20% for printing, and our total profit for the year was about \$5,000.

Chapter Auditor: Carla Richesin was not here.

Historian: Iris Yeager was not here.

Webpage Editor: Maddog was not here.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim Niece — Nothing to report.

Vice-Coordinator South: Joe Laurance — Nothing to report.

Vice-Coordinator East: Bob Hadley — Signed up their 100th member and recently passed out 30 food baskets.

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs — Nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree was not present at the time of reports but did come later.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker — Keep in mind insurance needs are due by March 1. Digital or electronic submission are best.

Quartermaster: Chris Anderson was not present.

1. Washington D.C. nominations - Joe Laurence and Bob Avery were elected to attend with Cliff McCalley as an alternate.

New Business

Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps to approve funding for Ken Ray, as the *M.R.F.* state representative, for expenses of travel and lodging to three board meetings (February, June and September) Comments included. Melinda would like to see Ken write a paragraph or two in our state newsletter upon return of these meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps that

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon make an additional immediate donation of \$500 to the *M.R.F.* Donation to be earmarked for funding of a special economic impact study on the proposed *E.P.A.* regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by state representative Joel Dobbs on behalf of

Columbia River Chapter, seconded by Steve Baton to obtain services of a lawyer to give the organization legal advice on the issue of liability concerning liquor at runs etc., liquor that is given away, for sale, or personal. In the discussion it was noted that discussion has been made with attorneys at no cost. This motion failed unanimously.

Motion made by state representative, Steve Baton on behalf of *Southeast Portland Chapter*, seconded by Randy Phipps to have a new cover for the state-owned stage purchased. This is a 30 x 30 with the cost of \$3,000. Amendments by Rick Maish to have a committee formed to come up with a firm proposal by the next month's board meeting. This motion carried with 11 votes for it.

Motion made by Jeff Bauder seconded by Randy Phipps to change the name of "Chapter Auditor" to "State Auditor". Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Unfinished Business



Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

We hope that you and your families have had a warm and happy holiday season.

It is a very special time for bikers throughout the state to spread the awareness in a unique and meaningful way. Many of us have participated in various charity functions and events. Toy runs are an excellent way to express to the public just how much we do care for those who have had some pretty difficult times. Some of these motorcyclists have pretty big hearts. It is truly one of our most positive outreach methods that we have, and I am so very proud to be a part of this organization at this time. No matter what our race, gender, religious belief, political view, or background, we come together at this time to share our caring and concern for our fellow man, woman, and child. Thank you, to all of you that spread your own form of motorcycle awareness at this special time of the year.

I'm sad to report that we lost one of our members this December in an automobile/motorcycle accident. Ron Clark of the Southeast Portland Chapter was killed on December 5th. when he fell in an attempt to avoid a car that was stopped in the street within eyesight of his own home. The accident is still under investigation at the time of this report, so I do not have more specific details of the incident.

Ron was a very active member of A.B.A.T.E. in many areas. He was involved as a Precinct Committee Person in Clackamas County. He was a firm supporter of our motorcycling political agenda and was always interested in playing an active role in delivering our message of freedom for the riding public. Ron could be found at many of our events and functions.

Mr. Clark was the winner of the 1998 Toy Run motorcycle. He immediately went out and purchased a personalized license plate that read "10 BUCKS". He would explain to any individual [who] inquired about the plate's meaning, "That's what I paid for the ride." The purchase of a single ten dollar ticket had won him a beautiful 1998 Harley-Davidson.

Ron will be remembered by many of us from his warm smile, jolly attitude, dedicated efforts, and a friendly, positive outlook. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this tragic time.

Ron, we will remember you... our friend.

I would like to thank and congratulate Ted Minden, Michelle J. Fitzhenry Lipchitz, Loran Halvorson, Teri Rollman, Edward Rollman, Jeff Poulin, and Sheryl J. Forrest of the Salem Chapter for becoming Certified Instructors in our Motorcycle Awareness Program. This will enable us to get a message of motorcycle awareness out to the students and public in the Salem, Oregon region. I wish them much luck, and I hope that their schools and organizations

appreciate their efforts as much as the schools and organizations that currently receive our program in other portions of the state.

Bob Hadley has stepped forward to bring our program to the schools and organizations in the Bend, Oregon area. Bob has just recently become our latest Certified Instructor. Thank you Bob, and I hope that your efforts will inspire more people to become a part of this valuable program throughout the state.

Jim Jones has made progress in getting our presentation into the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.) in the Douglas County area. The message of motorcycle awareness is open to all people [who] operate a motor vehicle, and Jim's accomplishment is a real contribution towards getting our safety agenda recognized by drivers of all age groups.

Well done, Jim!

The 2001/2002 school year was quite healthy for the tally of drivers [who] received our message of motorcycle awareness and safety. We were able to visit about forty (two individual classes) and delivered our presentation to more than 1,400 students in this school year. Thank you to all the people who took the time to visit these classes, helping to make our roads safer for motorcyclists.

We have the potential for bringing our agenda of motorcycle awareness and respect to a wide range of schools and organizations here in our state. The major factor in delivering our program, and ensuring our rights, safety, and respect is the power of our volunteers. We can successfully provide a strong message if our

members make a commitment to become involved in some level of education and awareness. One person can sometimes be heard. One hundred people can make a strong statement. One thousand people will command their attention and possibly obtain their respect. One hundred thousand...

Okay, I can dream, can't I?

Thank you to all of you [who] keep our message out there.

Remember that the Seminar To Educate And Motivate is coming soon. S.T.E.A.M. will be held this year at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The date for this year's S.T.E.A.M. conference is February 15th. (Saturday). All new officers are strongly encouraged to attend and gain the valuable knowledge used to perform their new operations effectively. Many of the seminar leaders have a wealth of information that will help to smooth the path for most of your projects and processes. Motorcycle rights organization's officers [who] have been doing this "stuff" for much longer and more effectively than I have are ready and anxious to help you to become a valuable asset to your particular organization. S.T.E.A.M. is a strong step towards a productive and proficient operation in the future of motorcycling. Come see how we can help you to help your organization.

Have a safe and happy new year. Watch out for the slippery spots. It's great to live in a place [where] motorcycling doesn't have to wait for Spring.

Well, I understand that there are some of you [who] might not be able

to get out on two wheels quite yet. I hope that everyone is able to ride soon.

Have a great winter.

Remember that now is the time to work with your legislature in regards to motorcyclists issues. Help to educate the people [who] don't understand what we have become so fond of. They don't have to ride, but they do have to understand that it is an important part of our lives and happiness.

Make a positive statement whenever you can and...

Spread the awareness, ya'll.

Take care.

Geoff White
State Education Director
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Here's the information regarding the S.T.E.A.M. conference:

Seminar To Educate And Motivate
(S.T.E.A.M.)

February 15th. 2003

Chemeketa Community College

Doors will open at 7:30 A.M.

Sign - up will be at 8:00 A.M.

Opening session will start promptly at 9:00 A.M.

(Guest speaker and presentations)

There is to be three scheduled sessions of workshops that will each last for approximately forty - five minutes.

At each session there will be three or four choices of different types of workshops.

Examples of workshops and classes:

- Leadership skills
- Legislative work
- Effectiveness in the political arena
- Financial skills / Treasurer duties
- Chapter Secretary skills
- Motorcycle Awareness Program projects

Public Relations effectiveness

Event coordination and control / sanctioning

How to promote your chapter / organization

Coffee, juice, pastries and a catered midday lunch will be provided by Northwest Hospitality. (A function of Chemeketa Community College)

Closing session is usually about 4:00 P.M.



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Run Coordinator

by Rotten Roger



To all *A.B.A.T.E.* members,

The other day, while I was wearing one of my many

A.B.A.T.E. t-shirts, a woman approached me and said, "*A.B.A.T.E.*, do you go to *Fossil?*"

I asked her if she ever went to a meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. is more than just great parties. We are a motorcycle rider rights group. We're active members of our community who volunteer to work hard to help other families have better Christmases. Thousands are raised yearly for the kids at Shriner's Hospital, Camp Easter Seals, senior citizen centers, and the public gets to come to some good swap meets.

We don't do it for the fame or money. We do it to make a difference and for the feeling you get from helping others and each other.

Join us.

Come to a meeting.

You are already a member.

We have hundreds of members on the books, but the same wonderful faces are at our meetings. The same ones you'll see working at our events, helping to make sure things run smoothly.

So come to a meeting and volunteer. Get involved and make a difference.

Rotten Roger

Sanctioning

by Ron Bloker



(← Not Calvin)

As December looms, so does the coming of the New Year. Twelve months and 53 runs later, plus or minus. After a complete year under my belt I would like to reflect on some of my experiences over the past year. I would also like to thank the folks who made my job possible, and most time, thoroughly enjoyable.

Beginning in December of 2001, the search for insurance began. Dozens of phone calls and four *long* applications later *A.B.A.T.E.* found insurance not from my efforts, but through the efforts of Rotten Roger and Lee Austin. Thanks fellas! Many members offered leads and the search was truly nation wide. Thank you to all who made calls and contacts, especially Roger who spent many hours on the phone with me and insurance agents throughout the nation. I just wish everyone knew how much time you really dedicate to our organization and our rights.

I would also like to thank Lisa Gurnsey with *Gurnsey and Associates*. Lisa has definitely been good for our organization. Without Lisa's willingness to be flexible, many last minute issues and changes could not have been resolved. I encourage any member to consider *Gurnsey and Associates* for their insurance needs.

The newsletter also changed hands shortly after the New Year. Rot Path has done a stellar job with our monthly publication. He gave the newsletter a new look, which takes a *lot* of time!

Talk about Mr. Flexible.

Rot Path spent time adding last minute fliers for late submissions. If you haven't told Rot Path "Thank you", please do, and tell him often. The newsletter is not really a job — it's more like a life event [read nightmare] that reappears on the tenth of every month.

Thank you, Rot Path, for your flexibility and the countless hours receiving large downloads.

The best part of my position is the people I get to meet and talk with. These are the individual chapter members [who] make fliers, plan events and call with great questions. When I meet these folks at various events, it's just icing on the cake. If you haven't acknowledged these folks on the chapter level, *do it!*

I would like to thank the folks for their submissions to the newsletter. Time is precious. These people spend hours making fliers and distributing them. Where would our events be with out promotion? I do want to add that I have dropped the ball a few times this year. To those affected, please accept my apology. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Looking toward the New Year, I see another year filled with great events and great people. I have already started adding events to next year's calendar. There are a few areas where I would like to see a little improvement.

The first is the sanctioning process. Although changes to the sanctioning form are being considered, I have

included some non-form specific ideas to improve the process. I realize that schedules are busy. The last thing we all want is to spend time on an event, organizing the location, coordinating the details, only to have it get minimal advertising. There are a few steps that we all can take to help ensure your event gets maximum exposure:

1. Please include a completed sanctioning form with every flier.

Make sure that all required information is included prior to sending the flier. Less than 50% of the fliers were submitted with sanctioning forms. The forms include information that is used to promote your event in both the newsletter and on the State Web Site.

2. Send fliers early.

Each chapter event flier has three months of newsletter exposure. The deadline for submission is the tenth of each month. Remember, there is no penalty for early submissions. If your event is scheduled for the beginning of the month, I will get the flier in four months early so you still have your flier in the newsletter three months prior to the event.

3. Always follow up on flier submissions.

Late mail, lost email and human error happens. Don't hesitate to call or email me about flier submissions or sanctioning questions.

4. Send a clean flier.

An e-mail attachment or a hard copy is the best way to send a flier. Faxed copies are blurry and terribly pixilated. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

I would like to discuss insurance.

For those of you that haven't heard, insurance costs are on the rise. We received one quote that started with a \$15,000 base price, and that was just the beginning. Our insurance primarily covers our campouts. I am told that many eastern states gave up all campouts and are limited to poker runs and toy runs.

Our insurance is something we all need to *protect!* We all need to be responsible at our runs, and hold non-members to the same standards we have for ourselves. This doesn't mean we need to all become Joe Officer, but it does mean we need to stop problems before they start, not that problems are prevalent at our events. We just need to be aware, now more than ever, of the consequences to our behavior, and the behavior of others. Please, have a good time, but let's make sure we all can have a good time, now and in the future.

In the New Year I would like to receive all insurance requests no later than April 1, 2003. I know that all arrangements may not be finalized in March, however, I want to make sure that all certificates are received with plenty of time to get permits and secure contracts that depend on our proof of insurance. Insurance forms need to be completed and submitted by this deadline. The following information will be required on the forms. I am sharing this early to give planners maximum time to gather all necessary information.

1. Names of Additional Insured,s as they will appear on the Certificate of Insurance.

2. Addresses of Additional Insureds. Each Additional Insured will receive a copy of the Certificate of Insurance.

3. Contact names and Phone Numbers of Additional Insureds in case additional information is needed.

4. Date(s) and physical location of the event.

5. Approximate attendance for each event (in case I need to search for insurance in the future)

Please call if you have any questions regarding insurance. I look forward to many events you all are planning and organizing for the 2003 riding season.

Ride when you can, dream about riding when you can't!

Have a great holiday season, and a terrific New Year!

Ron Bloker
(FNG)

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Happy participantss at one of Salem chapter's Biker Nights.

(photo by Marlene Schroeder)



From The

GUNNY'S SACK



A New Year Is Upon Us Again

And *wow!* We got through another, and our accomplishments abound around the country. The motorcycle community is closer together now than it ever has been. The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* has grown along with the *Confederations of Clubs* across the country. The various State organizations are growing in most areas, and we *are* coming together. We still have a huge fight on our hands, especially in this current political climate, but it was refreshing for me to see the response of our motorcycle world at the polls this year.

Our people are also waking up to the fact that we should *not* drink and ride. The stats I've seen show about a ten percent drop in alcohol-related accidents. Unfortunately, the stats also say there seems to be an increase in motorcycle accidents involving those of us over forty years young. Do we need to take some riding courses and sharpen ourselves up? Rider training is a positive thing for *all* of us on scoots. You young people wouldn't hurt yourselves by taking a course either. It just makes good sense. I know you're all experts because you've told me so, but a little training doesn't hurt. It's cheaper than chrome and doesn't get dull with wear, it gets *better* instead.

Gunny's New Ride

As some of you know, I bought a new *Gold Wing* in October. Sue and I

plan to do some touring soon so I thought we'd get ready. This new bike is completely different than any other scoot I've ever owned. It takes some time to get used to the differences in handling, the way it feels sitting on it, radial tires, and the braking system. The thing even has a reverse gear for help in backing away from that curb that drops away from you. There is cruise control and "Oh my God!" tunes on the radio and even a CB and intercom so the better half can talk to me instead of scream at me.

All this newfangled stuff means I need to train myself to ride this bike safely.

Whenever we don't ride for awhile (as in the winter) or get new rides, it means we need to tune ourselves up and re-learn or wake up our sleeping sensitivities to our rides. As machines get older or are replaced, we find little things new or things we forgot that need to be kept in mind for that terrifying moment when we need to avoid some dipstick who's trying to kill us!

This scoot is *so* much fun, I'm riding more than I did on the old one, even if it is winter here in central Oregon. The cold also brings it's little foibles, such as hypothermia and dehydration. Both these critters can get you in serious trouble so you need to be aware. Be sure you layer clothing and take care to stay warm. Drink lots of *water*. (Notice it wasn't spelled B-E-E-R.) If you start to get chilled, stop and have a cup of coffee or soup in a warm place. You can tell if you are starting to get hypothermic if it's hard to keep your mind on what you're

doing, and usually you've started shivering some. This is a dangerous place to be, so get yourself warmed up quick, 'cuz it's a killer.

I'm taking good care of myself this winter. How about you? I have my electric clothing and I carry water in the saddle bags.

News Bits'n Pieces

Miami — The idea of using motorcycles to respond to emergency situations is spreading like wildfire. The firefighters of Miami-Dade county in Florida are proposing their use in that area, for their EMT's. The feeling is that quicker response will save lives by getting much faster response, since a scoot can scoot through the usual traffic gridlock of accidents, especially on freeways.

Electric scoots: For a measly \$99.00, I saw on the net that you can now buy your kids a 10 mph electric scooter. Just plug it in and charge it up. The kids can ride for about 8 miles. It's got a 100-watt motor and takes 3 to 4 hours to charge it up. Hells bells, I'd even enjoy one!

Toronto — Early December the motorcycle show here introduced some motorcycles never before seen by our northern neighbors. *Aprilia* and *Benelli* made their debut in this country. The 1000 cc *Caponord* is the Italian company's first motorcycle to be sold in Canada. This tourer will give *Suzuki's* V-Strom a run for it's money. *Benelli's* 900cc *Tornado* is a hot one with 140 hp. This with many other makes and models made this the motorcycle "show of shows" for

Canada this year.

Pickerington, Ohio — If you've never been to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, this year would be a good one to make the trip. *Progressive Motorcycle Insurance Company* plans the "Heroes of *Harley-Davidson*" exhibit, opening in 2003 to coincide with *Harley's* big birthday celebration. This will show us a century of growth in *Harley-Davidson* from a garage shack in the back yard to the sprawling industry it is today, employing thousands of our people across the country, and giving thousands others of us the pleasure of reliable motoring enjoyment.

You Are A Suspect! We already have the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act to contend with, and now there is a new even more invasive threat on the horizon. It's called the Homeland Security Act, or as our Oregon *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) Attorney Sam Hochberg prefers to call it, the *Fatherland* (as in the Third Reich) Security Act. And if this John Poindexter, who is a convicted felon, a Doctor of Physics, and former National Security advisor to President Reagan, gets the power he wants with this bill, we as citizens are in about the same place Poland and Hungary were at the beginning of the Second World War!

Our government will have the power to monitor everything every person does in his or her public life. He will know more about you than your mother does! Every credit card purchase, prescription filled, what magazines you subscribe to, your speeding tickets, and your drivers license number and expiration date, marriage and divorce records, whether you rent or own and almost the color

of your socks on Monday morning. We will in fact live in a *police state*. Even those new outdoor police cameras will be connected to face-scanners, eventually, to have a little dossier on everyone. He will have the dream of what they're calling "Total Information Awareness" (or T.I.A.) on every person in this country. And don't kid yourself, he *will use it* to make himself the most powerful man on earth.

This convict heads the "Information Awareness Office" in our Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the people responsible for starting the Internet and stealth aircraft, and their official motto is "Knowledge is Power." The disgraced Navy Admiral has been given \$200 million of our tax dollars to create dossiers on every one of our people.

Just how do you think he will treat motorcycle clubs and associations? We had better be writing our Congressmen and Senators about how we feel about this monumental intrusion into our lives. Now I *know* there's good reason these days to monitor *some* folks who might be a 9/11 level of threat; but you can *find* those folks, as I see it, without having to snoop on every American, reason or not.

All this is news printed in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other large newspapers all over the country. This is a terrible threat to freedom in this country and we need to keep a wary weather eye on this very powerful man and on the proposed laws. He has no more regard for our freedom than the man on the moon. And we need to spread the word to those that are not so aware.

I don't know about you but this all

scares the skivvies off me, and I gotta tell ya *that* ain't a purty sight.

Reminder

The good people at the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* program are in place for our protection from unscrupulous insurance adjusters and companies. And Sam Hochberg asked me to remind you that if you are in a wreck and the adjuster sounds pleasant and you're comfortable dealing with that adjuster, then you're probably *really* ready to get reamed! If an adjuster calls you, Sam's motto is "Just say *no*; but *then* call a lawyer!" If you get in a bind, call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney or use the *A.I.M.* 24-hour hotline: 1-(800)-531-2424 or 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE, or online: www.ON-A-BIKE.com, and these guys will take good care of you. They are riders and are very aware of the world we live in on the highway. Sam's office here in Oregon can also be reached at (503)-224-1106 or 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free. He's online at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny,

Oregon

A.I.M. Chief Of Staff

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NEWS and NOTES



The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* reminds activists of the opportunity to become involved in the initiative to battle a major cause of motorcycle crashes: other vehicles violating the right-of-way of motorcyclists.

Called *Motorcyclists Matter*, this multi-pronged effort is aimed directly at some of the most common [crash] scenarios involving motorcycles and other vehicles—cases in which drivers turn left in front of an oncoming motorcyclist, pull into the path of a motorcycle from a side street or cut into a lane occupied by a motorcycle.

The *Motorcyclists Matter* campaign seeks to raise public awareness of motorcycles and to increase penalties for those convicted of harming vulnerable roadway users such as motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

The *A.M.A.* Government Relations Department is working with *A.M.A.* Community Councils nationwide, as well as many State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (S.M.R.O.s), to continue this initiative. The *A.M.A.* encourages all motorcycling organizations and individuals to get involved in the effort.

Under the initiative, the *A.M.A.* encourages state legislators to get tough on drivers who operate in a careless, reckless or distracted manner and inflict harm on vulnerable roadway users.

In addition, the *A.M.A.* is asking states to develop a course for offenders, focusing on the vulnerabilities of motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. This class could be

mandatory for right-of-way violators, or could be offered as an alternative to stiffer penalties.

Another component of the project is to encourage the creation of public information campaigns reminding drivers to watch for motorcyclists. These campaigns should include billboards, posters, radio spots, government proclamations and letters to newspapers.

Anyone who would like to get involved in this project should contact Imre Szauter at (614)-856-1900, ext. 1125, or by e-mail at iszauter@ama-cycle.org, and ask for the *Motorcyclists Matter* information kit. You can also get information by going to the *A.M.A.*'s website at

www.AMADirectlink.com

and clicking on the "Protecting Your Right to Ride" button on the left side of the screen.

Former *A.M.A.* Washington D.C. representative Jim Bensberg won election to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners by beating Democrat and Libertarian opponents handily.

The Republican Bensberg, 47, garnered 56 percent of the vote compared to 39 percent for his Democratic opponent and less than five percent for the Libertarian.

Bensberg will join four other commissioners January 14 when he is sworn into office. The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for carrying out the laws of Colorado and commissioners oversee a \$200 million annual budget and 2,100

employees.

Because of recent growth trends, El Paso County is projected to soon be the most populous county in the state. Bensberg will continue in his current role as Area Director for U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard until he assumes office in January.

Portland, Maine residents and motorcyclists from around the state are hashing out the pros and cons of a proposed amendment to the City Code regarding motorcycle noise that likely will see some changes in local noise enforcement.

A demonstration during the meeting showed that even the city's police motorcycles wouldn't pass the proposed nighttime noise limit for residential neighborhoods. The ordinance also fails to consider that many motorcycles don't have tachometers, needed to determine proper engine speed for accurate sound level readings.

The council heard nearly two hours of testimony after Portland police demonstrated how they would use a decibel meter to test whether motorcycles violated the ordinance's noise limits.

Modeled after a New Hampshire statute, the amendment would limit motorcycles to 106 decibels (measured during a stationary test 20 inches from the exhaust pipe) when the engine is operating at 2,800 to 3,500 rpm, depending on the number of cylinders.

Also proposed was a limit of 70 decibels in residential zones from 10

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p.m. to 7 a.m. Penalties would include escalating fines, starting with a warning for the first offense and reaching \$500 for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

Councilor Peter O'Donnell proposed the amendment in response to rising complaints from residents. Portland officials hope the amended City Code will be easier to enforce than Maine's law, which prohibits modified exhaust systems but sets no noise limits.

The *American Motorcyclists Association* wrote to the Portland City Council, recommending they drop the 70 decibel limit in residential areas because testing methods for this provision were not defined.

"The ordinance before you isn't anti-motorcycle - it's anti-excessive noise," said Samuel Zaitlin, a motorcycle owner who lives in Biddeford Pool and has a summer home in Old Orchard Beach. "The real reason we're here is because motorcycles are modified to make more noise. If we don't deal with this ourselves (as motorcycle owners), people are going to deal with it for us."

A.T.V.A. activist John Parrinello has been appointed to the New Jersey Trails Council Off-road Vehicle subcommittee as part of the outline established regarding the state *Department of Environmental Protection's (D.E.P.)* new Off-Road Vehicle (O.R.V.) policy and the establishment of two new O.R.V. facilities.

The first meeting is being held at the Egg Harbor Township Police Athletic League "Ready to Ride"

facility. This facility was designed as a model O.R.V. facility. On the agenda is setting priorities for land selection and the kinds of O.R.V. uses, (e.g., trail based, number of gravel pits and jumps, number of acres, types of O.R.V.s that will be ridden at the facility). Also to be discussed will be the impact on wetlands and/or threatened and endangered species habitat as a necessary consideration in land selection.

Working groups are to be established from the subcommittee to look for sites and define the process for choosing sites for future O.R.V. riding facilities in the Garden State.

Maurice Township has already expressed interest in developing an O.R.V. facility on 1800 acres it owns.

Parrinello was one of the attendees of the recent Garden State Motorized Recreation Summit sponsored by the *A.M.A.* and *A.T.V.A.* in conjunction with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council and the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

St. George, Utah police are cracking down on riders who have been ignoring an ordinance for off-road vehicles.

Police spokesman Craig Harding says an increase in complaints spurred the City Council to purchase two off-road motorcycles to help officers enforce the law.

He says most offenders are juveniles who illegally ride vehicles within 600 feet of a residence. The machines cause undue noise and dust.

"One day recently [police] received 34 complaints," Harding said.

The motorcycles, which cost more than \$6,000 each, will be used to patrol mostly in the afternoons after school and on weekends.

Rockford, Illinois Alderman Frank Beach is suggesting the adoption of a resolution by City Council prohibiting the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (A.T.V.'s) in the City of Rockford. This has been referred to the Code and Regulation Committee and the Mayor's Office for consideration and adoption.

The all-out ban is in response to vandals driving all-terrain vehicles through Sandy Hollow Golf Course, damaging greens and fairways. They carved skid marks into six greens, causing an estimated \$4,300 in damage in what's becoming a chronic problem for the Rockford Park District.

Counting this last incident, A.T.V.s, snowmobiles and off-road motorcycles have inflicted more than \$13,000 in damage this year to Sandy Hollow. The course, in the city's southeast corner, is particularly vulnerable, given access in and out of the area for motorcycles, snowmobiles and A.T.V.s.

The Park District has increased patrols around the golf course, with little effect. The best deterrent, to many, would be to erect a fence but that could cost up to \$200,000.

Because of the ongoing problem at Sandy Hollow, as well as noise complaints coming from certain neighborhoods, Alderman Beach

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introduced a resolution to ban A.T.V.s altogether. It is already illegal to drive the four-wheel vehicles on city streets or public property such as the golf course. Beach's proposal would make it illegal to drive them anywhere. The *A.M.A.*, working with *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*, has expressed opposition to this resolution.

Nebraska Off-Highway Vehicle Association (N.O.H.V.A.) members, after many years of letters, attending committee meetings, meeting with state senators and phone calls by the hundreds, and other interested A.T.V. and off-highway motorcycle riders are participating in a Motorized Trails Focus Group meeting.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the State Trails Advisory Committee has scheduled a focus group meeting specifically for motorized trail users to assist the Commission in completing a Comprehensive State Trails Plan.

The Commission, in association with R.D.G. Crose Gardner Shukert, the consultant firm hired to develop the plan, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska State Historical Society, Nebraska Department of Roads, the Natural Resources Districts, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, various tourism and special interest groups are in the process of updating the State Trails Plan.

This Plan will be completed by May of 2003.

New York Governor George Pataki has signed into law legislation that bans discrimination against motorcycles on New York roads that used or use state funds.

The new law is similar to a federal law that prohibits banning motorcycles from roads designed, built, operated or maintained with federal money.

The New York legislation, sponsored by state Sen. John Kuhl (R) and Assemblyman Joseph Robach (D), doesn't restrict a community's ability to control traffic, congestion or noise.

A.B.A.T.E. of New York,

A.M.A. Community Council-Capital Area and *A.M.A.* Community Council-Rochester cooperated in promoting this new law.

Massachusetts Division of Insurance has approved the changes, requested by the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.)*, to secure insurance that's comparable to car driver's plans.

The state Division of Insurance has decided to allow motorcyclists to get insurance discounts for certain anti-theft devices, buy vehicle insurance with up to \$25,000 in optional medical payments coverage and have premiums based upon bike's appraised value, instead of book value. The changes go into effect January 1, 2003

Miami, Florida rescue workers, under a proposed program, would respond to emergencies on specially designed motorcycles, navigating

through gridlock to accidents before other emergency vehicles arrive.

All county firefighters are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and would have access to defibrillators, oxygen tanks and first aid kits. The motorcycle officers would handle minor injuries when larger units must focus on more critical situations.

Such programs exist in Europe, but there is none of similar scale in the United States. The Daytona Beach fire department has a program with four motorcycles that's used mainly on special events, such as *Bike Week*.

B.M.W. has offered to donate ten R1100RT-P emergency rescue motorcycles, which the firefighters would ride in pairs. (*Associated Press*)

Emery County, Utah voters defeated a proposal for a 620,000-acre San Rafael National Monument in a nonbinding referendum.

The balloting effectively put an end to the proposal. Governor Mike Leavitt has said he wouldn't forward the proposal to the Bush administration without local support.

The issue most likely cost Emery County Commissioner Randy Johnson his job. Johnson lost the election to challenger Gary Kofford by similar numbers. Johnson pointed to off-highway-vehicle groups and A.T.V. dealers as the key to the outcome.

Many believed a monument would limit access to the San Rafael Swell and were afraid of something like the Grand Staircase Monument put in place by the Clinton administration which blocked access to millions of

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Americans.

The *National Highway Traffic Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has partnered with Delphi Corporation to lead a driver distraction research program. The SAVE-IT program's key objective is "to demonstrate a viable proof of concept that is capable of reducing distraction-related crashes and enhancing the effectiveness of collision warning systems."

The three year program also has the *University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute*, the *University of Iowa*, *Ford Motor Company*, *General Motors Corporation*, and others as part of the research team.

Monitoring Emerging Global Motorcycle Standards

Pickerington, Ohio — The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* recently attended two meetings that are part of an effort to create worldwide standards for motorcycle brakes and for testing exhaust emissions.

Imre Szauter, a legislative affairs specialist in the A.M.A.'s Government Relations Department, attended the United Nations working group meetings in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Montreal, Canada, as a non-voting participant, to offer motorcyclists' perspectives on the issues and to observe the proceedings. Antonio Perlot, general secretary of the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.)*, also attended

the Montreal meeting.

The A.M.A. holds non-governmental-organization (N.G.O.) status with the U.N., which allows the A.M.A. to participate in the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, a U.N. group that is considering international motor-vehicle standards. The forum is charged with setting regulations in areas such as safety, emissions, energy efficiency and theft prevention. The United States is one of the countries that signed the agreement creating the forum, raising the possibility that standards set by the international agency could become law in America.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* also holds N.G.O. status with the U.N.

"As regulations governing motorcycling become more international, we need to be involved at every level," said Edward Moreland, *A.M.A.* vice president for government relations. "That's why the *A.M.A.*, *M.R.F.* and *F.E.M.A.* went through the lengthy process to earn N.G.O. status with the United Nations. These three motorcycling organizations and the *Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (F.I.M.)* have pledged to work together on these and other international issues, sharing information and expertise.

"And that's why we attended the meetings of these two U.N. working groups: to ensure that motorcyclists are monitoring what is happening with proposed global regulations, to see that the voices of motorcyclists worldwide are heard, and, in particular, to express the views of American motorcyclists."

On October 22-23, Szauter attended a working group meeting in Ann Arbor related to the World Motorcycle Test Cycle, which may become the world standard for testing motorcycle emissions. The working group could produce a draft proposal as early as summer 2003.

On October 25, Szauter attended a meeting of a working group in Montreal that is pursuing global regulations for motorcycle brake systems. The work is in its preliminary stages, and a final recommendation isn't expected until after June 2004.

"Both of these working groups are in the very early stages," Szauter said, "but it's vital that motorcyclists are involved from the very beginning so that the decision-makers understand the needs of motorcyclists."

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M. R. F. Launches Economic Impact Study of Proposed E.P.A. Highway Motorcycle Rule



Backed solely by donations and pledges received in the last few days, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) announced today the launch of a major study on the economic impact of the highway motorcycle emissions standards proposed by the *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*). The study will be completed by December 31, 2002 - in time for incorporation into public comments on the *E.P.A.*'s proposed rule by the *M.R.F.* and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (*S.M.R.O.s*) nationwide.

"A competent economic analysis is an indispensable tool in tackling the *E.P.A.* threat," said Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, *M.R.F.* President. "We will use this study not only in the regulatory process but also in any legislative remedy we seek in the 108th Congress that convenes in January 2003."

The *M.R.F.* selected Dr. Garrett Vaughn to conduct the study. An economist, Dr. Vaughn studied the *E.P.A.*'s proposed off-road emissions rule last year for the Mercatus Center, which is the education, research and outreach organization at George Mason University.

"The purpose of the study is to test whether the *E.P.A.* has supported its highway motorcycle rule with an economic benefit-cost analysis as required by Executive Order 12866," said Tom Wyld, *M.R.F.* Vice President for Government Relations. "Among other issues, Dr. Vaughn will check the *E.P.A.*'s estimates and look into the

cost of the rule - not only to riders, but to the vast network of small motorcycle businesses from the aftermarket and independent shops to small-volume motorcycle makers and franchised dealers."

Dr. Vaughn will also look at California - inspiration for *E.P.A.*'s tough emissions standards - and seek to answer a simple question: what factors caused the depression of motorcycle registrations in California at a time when motorcycling skyrocketed in 49 other states?

"The high cost of this important study is being born by riders alone," Buck Kittredge added. "For the *M.R.F.* and our supporters across the country, this is an unplanned budget requirement. Yet, in the last few days, riders and *S.M.R.O.s* stepped forward to help the *M.R.F.* do what's necessary and right, and we thank them all for digging deep and contributing."

The *M.R.F.* and *S.M.R.O.s* nationwide urge you to contribute to this important effort. Simply mail a check for your donation made payable to the

M.R.F. at P.O. Box 1808, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Please mark your check, "Freedom Fighter - *E.P.A.* Study."

M.R.F. Projects

1. REAUTHORIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT of the 21ST Century: (or TEA-03)

The *M.R.F.*'s plan for TEA-03 is built on generating a federal resource

injection to boost state-run rider safety programs and establishing a first ever national program of motorist awareness of motorcycles. Our plan encourages state and local innovations at the state level such as tougher sanctions on aggressive drivers. It establishes a "Motorcyclist Advisory Council" in the Federal Highway Administration to help solve a host of problems, from motorcycle hostile crash barriers to road maintenance practices.

One component *blocks* any withholding of funds from states that preserve, or change, adult choice on matters involving personal riding attire. Finally, the *M.R.F.*'s plan would preserve motorcycle access to all highways and road systems for which federal tax dollars were used in road planning, construction or maintenance.

2. HIPPA: RESCUE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS:

The federal government regulates all employer- and union- provided health care plans (with some important exceptions involving state regulatory authority) Unfortunately, a Clinton Administration regulation, spurred by a provision in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), which prohibits the mandate of benefits, has resulted in discrimination against motorcyclists. In short, insurers can now extend health care benefits to employees who have accidents while driving cars, while denying accident benefits to employees who ride

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motorcycles. It is unfair, it is discriminatory, and we are fighting it with innovations at the state and federal levels in concert with S.M.R.O.s.

3. E.P.A.:

At present, the E.P.A. is poised to impose unacceptable, extreme, and unnecessary emissions control standards on street motorcycles. The M.R.F., in concert the State Motorcyclists Organizations, was successful this year in having legislation introduced to limit the E.P.A.'s ability to unnecessarily restrict motorcycle emissions,, as well as extending the E.P.A.'s deadline for public comment regarding their proposed rule for street motorcycles.

The E.P.A.'s proposed tougher standards will impact custom shops, and motorcycle clubs consumers.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Lou Schroeder is all wrapped up for a Salem chapter Biker Night.
(photo by Marlene Schroeder)



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letters from our members**A Great Time**

I am writing this letter to compliment the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events I attended this last year.

I have to say my favorite was *End of Summer Run* put on by *Washington County* and *North Coast* chapters. Everything was so well organized! I have attended this event for at least five years now and the event has a permanent spot on my calendar of events. It just keeps getting better.

I do have to say this year they really outdid themselves. The children's area was a total hit with my grandfids. It was a great hit for me as well because I felt like I had a babysitter [who] I did not have to pay for. The gals working the kids play area told me "go have fun" and they would entertain the kids. How wonderful can it get? (I did make sure not to abuse the privl=ilege though.)

It was great having the freedom to camp with whomever you wanted to and park anywhere you wanted without "zones" for your mode of transportation. Overall they really had it all together.

Thank you North Coast and WaCo.

I had a really great time at *Fossil*. Roger and his "regular" crew always work way hard to make sure the event turns out great. It's so nice to see so many chapters putting their energies together for such an important cause. The weather this year was great and everything was so well organized. All the events were a lot of fun. Havng the vendors close to where everything is happening always makes a lot of sense.

It's hard for me to imagine a *Memorial Day* weekend without a *Fossil* event. I've been attending the *Fossil* event for over twenty years. From Shelton Wayside to where we are now. It's just a great place to spend a holiday weekend with your brothers and sisters from all over the state.

Thank you, State.

I went on some fun poker runs this summer.

Northeast and *Southeast* Portland chapters both had great poker runs. All of the establishments that sponsored a stop were really wonderful. very biker-friendly establishments.

Thank you Northeast and Southeast Portland chapters for such fun and organized poker runs.

The toy run party at the *Kenton Club* was a really fun time. *Columbia River* chapter did a great job on putting it together and the band was excellent. It's nice to see the tradition of a toy run party continue on from year-to-year.

Thank you Columbia River chapter.

I wish I could have attended more of the Oregon events. I am planning next year to make it to some of the events more in the southern part of Oregon, so hopefully I will be able to say all these nice things about your events. I am marking my calendar for the *S.O.S.* run and the *Beaver Creek* run as I have been told they are both a blast and not to miss them [this] year.

I know *Cow Chip* is not an Oregon event, but I had so much fun there I had to mention it. Tey were in a new

spot, which is so much nocer because there were no mosquitoes to bite you. The people from *Cowlitz County A.B.A.T.E.* really know how to put on an event. *And* they treat their volunteers with a great deal of respect. That is so important in a volunteer organization.

Thank you Cowlitz County for the great time.

By the time you read this I will have gone on the Portland toy run, which is always so much fun. The volunteers, who spend all year organizing this event, deserve a big pat on the back. It's a lot of work, but the rewards are so wonderful.

Thank you toy run committee.

All in all, it has been a wonderful year thanks to the great people of *A.B.A.T.E.* **Thank you** for your hard work, your enthusiasm and your dedication to such a great cause.

Wishing you all the merriest of holidays and a very Happy New Year,

A dedicated and long-time member.

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act

c.o.e. -- 12

Take a closer look at the headline above.

What do you notice about it?

Do you see the periods between the upper case letters? That indicates the letters represent an acronym.

It stands for:

Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism.

That's right. The Act *isn't* about patriotism, it's about changing our society into a police state where citizens spy on citizens.

Yer crusty ol' editor received some surprising information about the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act (P.A.) during a panel called *In The Name Of Security* at *OryCon-24*. (You see? There's more than Klingons and gorgeous green-skinned alien females at these science fiction conventions. Some of them have blue skin.)

According to Howard Hendrix, a panel member at *OryCon-24*, just the table of contents for the P.A. is four pages long. The document is *huge*. And it appeared one week after the World Trade Center attack of 11 September 2001. (How could such a big document have been written in such a short time?)

Panel member Harold Gross pointed out that what is being put into place now is a fundamental change to our society.

The questions: Is this a change citizens *really* want? Or are some members of the government exploiting events of 9-11 in order to advance their own interests?

Some of the changes that are going to occur in people's lives under the P.A. are that if you want to read anything controversial, pay cash for it or read it *at* the library. Don't check it out, don't pay for it with check, charge, or debit card. Don't leave any sort of paper trail.

Often police will try to cajole people into revealing the contents of private property by asking, "What have you got to hide?"

One answer is, "Our dignity, our honor, our citizen privacy."

It is not the function of government to monitor the legitimate daily activities of citizens.

Howard Hendrix summed it up even better: "If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing."

Privacy is not a privilege to be granted or revoked by governments, but is the cloak of individuality that citizens envelope themselves in as a basic right.

The P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act *doesn't* create a constantly updated government database on each individual citizen. What it allows for the first time is for the government to data mine all existing databases, including library records, credit charges and histories, and those grocery store discount cards that track your buying patterns. (Which is why folks attending science fiction conventions put their *Safeway* cards on a table, then take someone else's. Imagine the bean counters at corporate trying to figure out why 72 year old Fred Smith suddenly is



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buying so many feminine hygiene products.)

The main fear citizens have concerning the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act is the potential for abuse.

One last question that came up at the panel: "Will we need to destroy America in order to save it?"

Here are some web sites of interest: (but remember that the sites you visit can be tracked)

Information Awareness Office

www.garpa.mil/iao/

Total Information Office

www.darpa.mil/iao/TIASystems.html

Human Identification at a Distance (H.I.D.)

www.darpa.mil/iao/HID.html

Happy Nude Year y'all,

The new year is often a time when individuals resolve to become better persons.

Seems like a good time to effect change: a new year, new beginnings, a rebirth of sorts.

Trouble is, such well-intentioned resolutions usually last as long as the just-chucked christmas tree stays green.

Long term change only comes when there is a genuine desire to change. Dissatisfaction with things as they are precedes such changes — in our individual lives, in our communities, in our nation.

But we don't have to wait an entire year to make changes in our lives.

Each morning when you wake is a new beginning. Before the worries of yesterday and the responsibilities of today can settle into one's mind, there is an instance of complete freedom when the spirit is clear of all concerns.

Savor these little moments.

They are magic.

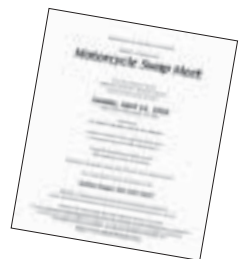
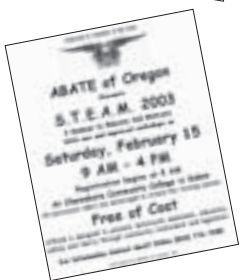
(Nearly) bearing it all for bikers: "Ride Free In August Three."



2003 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

(Boldface indicates state A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
January 1st	Trinity Road Riders Polar Bear Run	Portland	(503)-774-5149
January 4th	Washington County Ice Cycle Run	Hillsboro	(503)-648-6047
January 25th	NE Portland Cabin Fever Party	Portland	(503)-252-5645
February 3rd	Biker Day at the Capitol	Salem	(503)-351-8193
February 15th (day)	S.T.E.A.M. Conference (Chemeketa)	Salem	(541)-774-7558
February 15th (night)	Columbia River Sweetheart Dance	Portland	(503)-282-4604
February 16th	ABATE of Washington Swap Meet	Monroe, Washington	(360)-568-2868
February 22nd	Casino Night Willamette Valley	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
February 25th	Biker Day at the Capitol	Salem	(503)-351-8193
March 15th	SE Anniversary Party	Portland	(503)-760-9015
March 16th	Ice Breaker	Salem	(503)-371-7550
March 30th	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	Portland	(503)-285-4329
April 6th	Oregon 250	Portland	(503)-641-4734
April 13th	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	Roseburg	(503)-285-4329
April 27th	True Apostles' Swap Meet	Longview, Washington	(503)-643-4725
April 27th	China Hat Race	Eastern Oregon	(503)-656-5801
May 3rd	Motorcycle Awareness Rally and Freedom Rally	State Capitol Salem	(503)-351-8193
May 10th	Oregon 500	Portland	(503)-641-4734
May 17th	Washington County Poker Run	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
May 17th	Willamette Valley Rhody Fest Poker Run	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
May 23rd - 26th	ABATE of Oregon FOSSIL Campout	Fossil (Eastern Oregon)	(503)-285-4329



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Meetings and events for . . . January 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Happy Nude Year!</i>  Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	2	3	4 Ice Cycle Run
5 Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) <hr/> Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) <hr/> Southern Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm)	6	7 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	8	9	10	11 STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
12 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) <hr/> Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	13 Oregon Legislature opens <i>(Be there if you can)</i>	14	15 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	16 Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	17	18
19 Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) <hr/> Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) <hr/> South Coast 1100 (11:00 am) <hr/> Southern Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm)	20	21 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	22	23	24	25 Cabin Fever Party <hr/> North Coast 1000 (10:00 am)
26	27	28 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	29	30	31	

(*Yer new state coordinator's birthday is some time this month. Strictly informal. Birthday suits optional.*)



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Fred Hudgin (360) 225-4462

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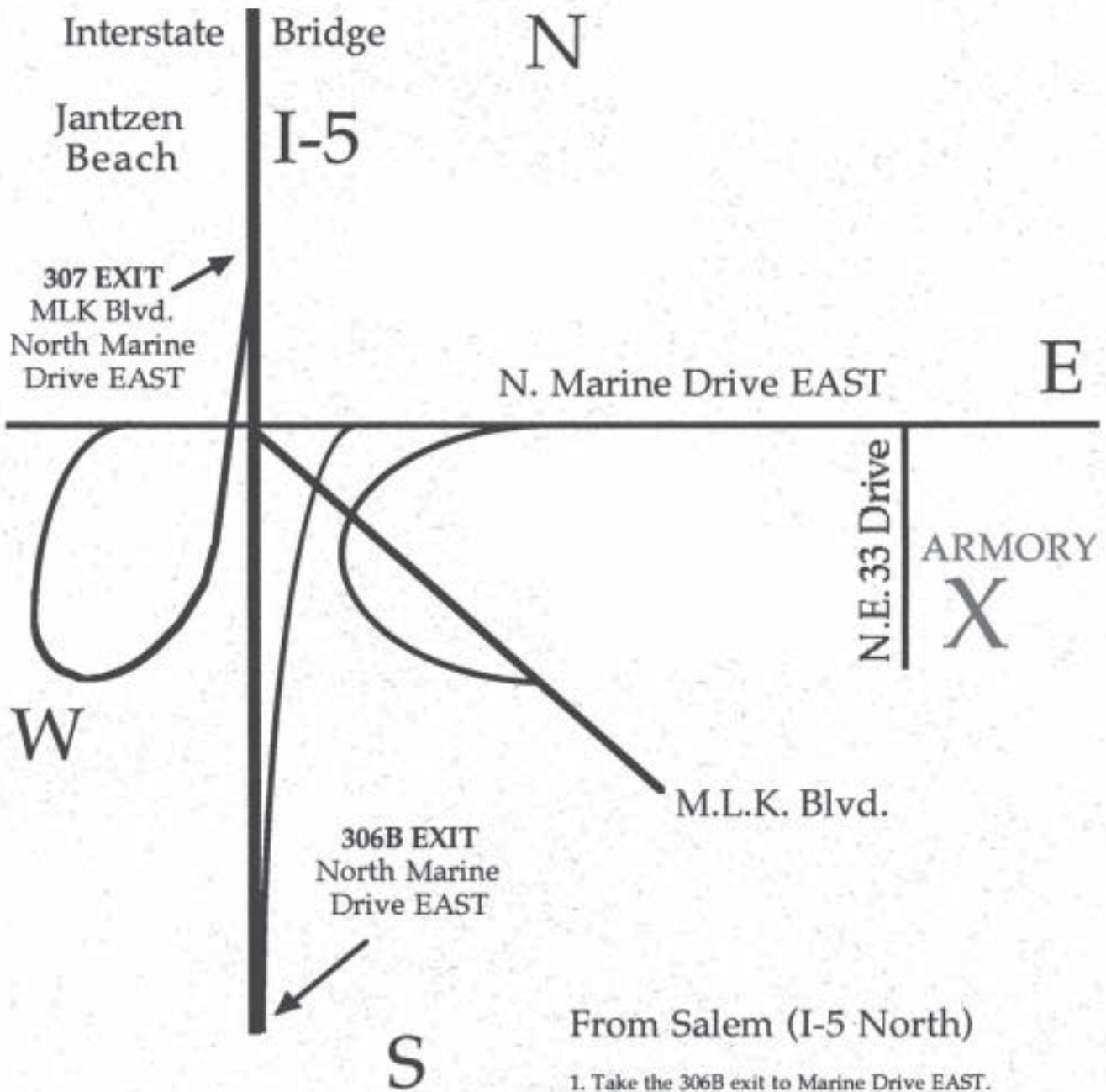
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Thanks to all of the people who help make this function a success. It is the cooperation and generosity of individuals that contribute to motorcycling and our community.

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Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!



Millenium Ride

15 December 2002

Simon Milward is in Mexico City requesting support for integration of motorcycles in delivering health services to areas without proper roads. The Director of Prevention and Control of Illnesses of the State of Oaxaca, Dr Armando Altamirano Jimenez, met Milward two weeks ago. He told Milward that he wants ten motorbikes for use in delivering vaccinations and other health services to remote parts of the region of Mixteca. Milward is promoting the initiative to the federal health department, investigating prices and models with manufacturers and inviting support from interested parties.

Milward is creating a Spanish language *Millennium Ride* list. Let him know if you want to receive Spanish information. Spanish updates will be different: there will be no real format nor common approach. If you get a press release today in Spanish you are already on that list.

Seasons Greetings to one and all.

Here I am gazing out over Mexico City. My field of vision covers about 40% of the land area that is home to 22 million people, the second largest city in the world after Tokyo. It is at 3,000m above sea level and the temperature just nice.

The colonial type six-floored twelve bedroomed mansion where I am staying belongs to Nicholas Reynolds, a Professor of Mathematics at Greengates International School. Up in the hills north of downtown, it feels a bit like an Indian Hill Station. There

is barely a sound from the teeming metropolis below and the downtown high-rises are just visible today through the smog. On windy days the air is clear.

This area was first settled by descendents of the Sahas from Siberia more than 10,000BC. A number of powerful civilizations ruled from the area before the Aztecs arrived from the north in the 13th century AD. They settled on an island in a lake where an eagle, eating a snake, landed on a cactus. Thinking it was a message from a god they named it Tenochtitlan. (Place for the High Priest of Tenuch,).

Human hearts had to be regularly supplied to appease gods and the Aztecs had a reputation for all sorts of grisly human sacrifices. The Spanish conquest started in 1519 and the foundations of modern Mexico and the indigenous-Spanish mix were laid.

I am enjoying Mexico City. The traffic isn't too bad and filtering on the preferico is a bit like Paris: quite fast if you have the balls.

There is some really majestic architecture. The only drawback is that I have got lost more so here than anywhere since New Delhi.

Motorcycle Outreach

The view from here is an inspiration. I've gone north again. I was in the city of Oaxaca, learning a bit more Spanish with the school Solexico. Then following the pretty heavy *Millennium Ride* press coverage the least I could do was show the local health authority the motorcycle system. The state illness prevention chief wanted ten bikes to experiment with. The local doctors and medical workers are even more enthusiastic. For me to spend a



Simon Milward

couple of weeks networking and helping to move the discussion on is nothing. Anyway even if they don't go for it, it has been a useful exercise for me.

Oaxaca

A city of colour culture and clashes. Well, the more militant type of street demos ended nearly twenty years ago, but still there are daily protests and demos by groups of impoverished from the regions.

I unsuccessfully waited around for a week for a letter from the health chief and managed to visit the ancient ruined cities of Zapotec and Mixtec peoples. Places like Monte Alban, Yagul and Mitla. Monte Alban was the most impressive, built low to the ground because of earthquakes (I felt a good rumble here last week) but nevertheless impressive. I also had time to play my harmonica along to some *Muddy Waters* and other classic blues at Mike's place, where I also became the gardener. On the way north I checked out some of the tracks to the rural communities in Mixteca.

Sponsors

At Greengates School last week I thoroughly enjoyed taking the children on a virtual world tour with my *PowerPoint* presentation, telling them how lucky they were to get education and that they should all live their dreams.

Teachers Nick and John's personal donations they want considered as a

corporate Greengates one.

Kodak Mexico very kindly gave me a new KE85 35mm zoom camera and very nice it is too. My last zoom smashed into many pieces in Mazatlan in October. (I dropped it off a sea wall and one part was claimed by the Pacific Ocean.)

This is 35mm number six. My digital camera, a gift from *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana* in 2001, is still going strong, though the flash has packed up.

Route

Well, I haven't really gone that far in the last month. Soaking up Mexico needs to be done leisurely. I haven't even made up my mind about when to leave the city here, before or after Christmas.

Supreme flexibility.

The call of the highway is always there. I'm giving Cuba a miss for now. Cuba would welcome my bike and I, but when it came to leave, the bike would have to stay!

Below is a thank you letter from *Doctors Without Borders (Medecins sans Frontieres) Holland* for US\$15,000 sent to them. This results from many of you choosing *M.S.F.* for your *Millennium Ride* donation.

Thank you. Thanks also to various groups and individuals in Canada and the U.S.A. who donated directly and separately to their national *M.S.F.* office. The rest of the US\$105,000 raised so far is for reaching out by motorcycle with health services: US\$65,000 has been sent to the *Flores Project*, most of the rest is banked with *Motorcycle Outreach* in the USA, and a little is banked in Europe.

Bye for now

Simon

Dear Simon Milward,

Medecins sans Frontieres-Holland would like to thank you again for your substantial contribution to our work.

We were happy to receive 7,000 euros in September 2002 and at the end of October 2002 another 7,996.62 euros from the *Millennium Ride*.

At this moment *M.S.F.-H* is running projects in more than 30 countries. We provide short-term medical aid in emergency situations, but also long-term aid in areas of chronic conflict. In a number of countries we are the only aid organization on the scene.

You probably passed through many of the countries where our projects take place during your long journey. So you might have seen the ever-increasing need for our work with your own eyes.

We have been reading your travel

updates with pleasure and wish you good luck on the remaining part of the road.

Many regards and thank you for your support,

Juli Niebuhr

Public Information Department

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(otherwise known as 2003-4)

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Mirror Test

Each morning when you first look into the mirror, look straight into your eyes and ask yourself "Have I done that which I can do to the best of my ability?" If the answer is no try to find something more to do that day. The best answer I have been able to give is "I'm trying."

(Thanks to Sputnik and TMRA II, for the mirror test)

This year *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* has a little more energetic agenda for our legislators to consider. We are heading into uncharted territory with an improved version of lane splitting. The one we had last cycle was a well intended item, but not clearly written.

We are continuing to fight for our core issue of adult choice with the helmet bill. We want to remove the financial penalty, from a citation when your headlight burns out, or you forgot to turn it on. Why should motorcycles be singled out due to a faulty headlight.

Why are we/I telling you this?

Because we need your assistance in getting these bills passed.

How can you help?

By contacting your area Senator and Representative and telling/asking them to support *your* bills.

Yes, they are your bills.

We, the more active persons, may

be talking more to the different legislators, but the bills are for you. They benefit you, as well as others in Oregon.

Not just the *Harley* riders.

Not just the

Beemer folks.

Not just *H.O.G.*

All of us.

Helmet Bill

The helmet bill will be the same as two and four years ago. We got it passed then only to die on the Governor's desk.

Allowing people over 21 years of age to decide for themselves, whether to wear the helmet, or not. That would be your choice. If you make an intelligent, adult decision, based on your training, weather, road conditions, destination, etc. Then why should we be bothering the traffic safety officers with stopping us and let them get on about the business of getting the dangerous drivers off the road. That's what we pay them for, to protect us, not to harass us.

Lane Splitting

Would not be accomplished on surface (read city and neighborhood) streets, but rather on the interstates and larger (three lanes or more) roads here in Oregon. The motorcycle would not be moving through traffic at speed, as they do in California.

Example: When the traffic slows to 20-25 miles an hour due to construction, traffic wreck, etc. The motorcycle would be allowed to move at *no more than* 5-10 mph faster than the surrounding traffic. You would *not* be allowed to use either the inside or outside emergency lanes. Those are for emergency vehicles. (i.e.: police, wreckers, medical and fire personnel.)

Headlights

This bill would remove the penalty from your not having your headlight lit. When the original bill was enacted, it was to make the motorcycle stand out in the crowd of traffic. Nowadays, with Daytime Running Lights (DRL's), hardwired headlights on some cars and trucks, not to mention motorcycles, the motorcycle has again become an "invisible" vehicle to most of the motoring public. They just don't see ya.

This bill would remove the financial penalty from your pocket book, wallet, or wherever you carry your coin. Why should you, the motorcyclist, be singled out over all the other vehicle type for not having your lights on?

Discrimination?

Not if we can change it.

Health Insurance

We want to add a clause that will *not allow* employers and or insurance providers, to *refuse* your insurance coverage, just because you got hurt on a bike. Currently, if they don't want to pay, many companies don't have to. This is why we have been telling folks to read their "real" insurance policy, not just the synopsis. Some companies will charge you for insurance, you think you have it, and when it comes time to settle the bill, they say "Oh, we don't *have* to pay for that. *That* is *your* responsibility". Other states are also working on this same issue.

Vehicle Assault

We are looking at legislation that will either enforce the laws already in effect on the books, or something new, similar to Measure 11, which reduced the judge's options on whether to assign the already established penalty(s). This will affect the entire motoring public.

If they bump into you, either through inattention, carelessness, or whatever distraction, and they cause severe injury to you (and severe is defined by law, already), then they would pay the price prescribed by law. The concept of "it's just a biker", should have nothing to do with it. Go figure, the guy in the panel van, who "didn't see you", changes lanes, bumps into your car or truck, and shoves you off the road, into a pole. Serious injuries, as prescribed by law, occur. He can be held liable for many things. But mainly he or she would end up in court and the judge will have to do something more than say "dismissed". The judge would actually have to enforce the penalties that the law already has.

Novel idea, wouldn't you say? A court system that works for *everyone*?

Randy Phipps
 Legislative Director
BikePAC of Oregon

Thank you Ted Tracy

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. elects Joe Laurance to state coordinator position.

Junction City -- A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon held state officer elections on 14 December 2002. Joe Laurance narrowly edged out Jim Niece to become the Grand Poohba state coordinator. Outgoing coordinator, Ted Tracy, manfully accepted the traditional gift of whiskered kisses.

As the accompanying photos demonstrate, there wasn't a dry cheek in the room.



And then there's Gordon's favorite photo of Ted, frequently used to keep him humble. (With varying degrees of success.)

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Annual Report -- Crusty Ol' Newsletter Editor

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc (Etc.)

Greetings y'all,

It's been eleven months since Rot Path took on the role of crusty ol' editor for the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon newsletter.

Will he be writing an eleventh annual report in ten years?

Who knows?

Let's see how it goes.

The jacket of responsibilities and duties has settled firmly into place on Rot Path's shoulders and now feels like a comfortable fit. But that never would have happened without all the effort that went into making the garment he now wears proudly. And for that, Rot Path gives his gratitude.

First and foremost, thank you Gordon Hieronimus. (My immediate predecessor.) With your help and patience (especially during some desperate last-minute phone calls), the newsletter transitioned smoothly between editors. Gordon and all the editors before him laid out the patterns and cut the material that went into this coat of words that is our newsletter. You are in Rot Path's thoughts every time another issue is being assembled. (Only rarely is the thought: "Why can't *they* being doing this?!")

Ted and Jill Tracy have been excellent in helping tailor the editorship to fit its new wearer. Via e-mails and phone calls, reassurances and advice has been freely given. ("Do these extra pages make me look too fat?" — "Yes, but it's okay.") Thanks go to both of you. You are a wonderful team and help make A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon a welcoming, safe destination for those looking to make motorcycling safer for all riders.

This last year has been an opportunity to work closer with Rotten Roger and has served to create an attitude of quiet awe for this man's consistent work and contributions behind the scenes year

around. One thing Roger does is to collect A.B.A.T.E. mail and forward material for the newsletter. Once or twice a week, every week of the year, an envelope arrives from Roger.

Thank you, Roger, for all that you do. Not only for the newsletter, but for A.B.A.T.E. and every single member.

Thanks goes to Ron Bloker for sanctioning run and event fliers. This has to be one of the more challenging state jobs we have and Ron persists in getting it done. Some day we may even agree on how to spell flyers. Ron Bloker, Maddog, and Rot Path have been trying to work closely to share information between the web page and newsletter so that people have consistent content.

Sharon and Cliff at *Oregon Litho Print* have been some of the most patient people on the planet while Rot Path was making alterations for a more comfortable fit.

Thank you to all the A.B.A.T.E. state officers for year 2002. Now that Rot Path is able to make the meetings, you have all been very supportive, helpful, and full of constructive criticism. (Not such a bad thing to be full of.)

Thanks too to all the chapter secretaries who send in their monthly reports for publication in the newsletter. (Rot Path was the secretary for Salem chapter for five years, so he knows what it's like.) Those reports help cement our chapters together by letting each other know what's going on around the state.

Thank you to all members of A.B.A.T.E. who have been very supportive (and mostly forgiving when things got botched or left out.) Your positive feedback means a lot to yer c.o.e.

And thanks to life, whose experience gave Rot Path the skills necessary to take on this job and succeed. The "perfect newsletter" continues to elude yer crusty ol' editor, but the quest continues.



Folks enjoying another Biker Night.

(photo by Marlene Schroeder)

Anatomy of a Toy Run

1

All photos by Marlene Schroeder or Walt Allegar of Salem Chapter.



Hold Biker Nights to raise funds, collect toys, and let people look silly.



2

Arrive early at the run site to pose and schmooze with friends.

3



Organize a pre-run briefing so you can't be blamed if riders get themselves lost.

4



Head out on your Toy Run, spreading gifts, hope, holiday cheer, and massive confusion to city drivers who don't know what's going on but like waving at bikers.



A.B.A.T.E. / SHRINERS TOY RUN

Approximately 2,500 bikes participated.

A lot of thanks to a lot of people: Lee Rogers, of KUPL 98.5, for being the Grand Marshal. (His beautiful fiancé, Peggy, helped.)

Northwest Ford Dealers for their participation. (Five *Harley* Ford trucks full of toys.)

TriMet for allowing us to congregate on their property, and the loan of a bus with signs. Volunteer driver Bruce Patton.

Fred Meyer for their generous donation.

Columbia *Harley-Davidson*, Vancouver, for their help with getting a bike at the best price.

H.O.G., *Rose City* for doing road guard duty. *Columbia* and *Sunset H.O.G.* and all others [who] helped do this important job.

Gul Razez for the Grotto coffee wagon.

"At Your Service" for the limousine.

Schultz Clearwater for the PortaPots.

Music and public address by Rex Danton of *August Audio Entertainment*.

Major Donations from:

Outsiders Motorcycle Club — brought a wheelchair and money.

Shari's Restaurant — brought money.

Rex Thornton for a full year of collecting for the children.

Viking Industries for allowing Rex to do his thing and matching him.

U & I Tavern for a large donation.

Kenton Club for having a fund raiser and donating.

Maybe you enjoyed some spaghetti after, with ticket drawn and one of this year's chair recipients, Zachary and his family, at *Brother Speed Motorcycle Club*.

The big news that I expect you are waiting to read here is the winning numbers of the tickets.

Bike ticket — # 5003 Dale Fortune. Will pick up in January. (Tax man?) Works for U.P.S. Rides.

\$1,500 — # 6874 Vicki Conable. (Will meet Tuesday at *Latus Harley-Davidson*.)

\$250 — # 6268 Mike Owen. At the run. Kids will have a better Christmas.

In 2003 we will be raffling a 100th anniversary *FLSTS/I Heritage Springer*. Tickets should be available at the spring swap meet.

There were a lot of other people [who] made donations that didn't get mentioned here. Don't think we down play the importance of all donations. We would need a double sized newsletter to accommodate such an undertaking. So we hope you accept our sincere "Thank you" one and all for all that you do for the children of the Shriners Hospital.

May all of you have a safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,

A.B.A.T.E./Shriners Toy Run
Committee

From: "Tamera Lannon"
Subject: Toy run for Shriner's Hospital

Date: Sun, 15 Dec 2002 23:33:06 -0800

Dear
A.B.A.T.E. members,

My son Drake Lannon was a patient at Shriner's Hospital in Portland during your recent toy drive.

I have to tell you how much that event meant not only to my child but to the other children who were there as well as the parents.

The toys you so generously donated keep the kids there distracted through times of discomfort and sadness.

I just wanted to say to you and your members just how much your generosity has touched our lives and how awestruck we were by the magnificent sight of all those bikers crossing the bridge to bring Christmas presents to Shriner's Hospital which last throughout the year.

Once again, thank you so much!

Tamera Lannon

member's stories

The Road Isn't like in the Movies

by Mick Anderson

We pulled out on the Ohio Turnpike and headed towards I-71 which would take us south to Columbus and then to I-70, which we took to cut over to I-44 out of St. Louis.

The bike was running good and the ride cleared my mind of all my fears of the future.

I was in a time machine — in front of me lay my future, behind me my past and the saddle of my *Panhead* was the present.

It was very simple, easy to grasp.

I remember an old Mexican man named Hugo. Hugo lived in Hiram where our suedo-Ivy League college was located. He was a Doctor of Philosophy and he liked to drink in the blue-collar bar at the corner. He used to sit there getting shitfaced after his classes. We would talk about Mexico, travel, and life. The only advice he ever gave me was, "Don't complicate your life".

Well, my life was about as uncomplicated as it could be, I thought.

I didn't know that was about to change.

We had, in our exuberance, covered 670 miles in one day, no windshield, no great suspension, no sunblock that worked and no feeling in certain parts of my body.

I was in a surreal state of consciousness.

The pain would not be felt until I got off my ride. I wanted to walk like one of those guys in an inflatable sumo wrestling outfit but my pride wouldn't let me.

Meatpipe signaled me to pull over as we passed St. Louis. There was a campground and they had a shower.

I wasn't hungry, I didn't want to talk, I just wanted to get off my bike and go to sleep. The sunburn on my forehead stung like hell and my nose glowed like Rudolf's.

Meatpipe asked, "Ever ride that far before, Mick?"

He knew the answer already.

He wore zinc on his nose and a bandana on his forehead. He had put his pack up front and it blocked a lot of the wind. Hell, Meatpipe was ready to go get some beers and smoke a bowl. I was too, but my fucking legs just wouldn't agree with my brain.

He said, "Go take a shower, you'll feel better. I saw a store near the campground as we came in. I'll get some beers and some food."

That sounded good to me.

When he got back he said he had something to tell me. I figured it was our route for tomorrow. When he got back I had a fire going and he sat down and started to speak

"I have to tell you the truth, Mick. It just isn't right if we keep going and you don't really know what is going on."

Whenever this giant got serious it seemed funny to hear him talk with this quiet voice that just shouldn't be coming out of this loud monster.

He went on, "Dale isn't a prospect for the club and he wasn't just going to carry a few kilos across the border."

"What the fuck are you saying, Meatpipe"? I asked with a mix of anger

and restraint. "What do you mean? You fucking lied to me? I tossed everything to give you a hand and risked my ass to go along and you lied, you fucker!" I was all confused and scared, mostly because I didn't know what I was into and because I didn't know where it would take me.

Only later, in retrospect, would it seem cool.

He said "Look you wanted to get out that town anyway and you can split from here and go your own way if you don't want to go on. That's why I'm telling you what is going on now. I just thought if I told you the truth from the beginning you wouldn't even considered going. Hell, I did you a favor. You would of knocked some poor girl up, had kids, and been stuck in Mantua all your life, so fuck you."

I just loved the way Meatpipe turned his lying to me into a big favor on his part.

"Ok what are we really going to Mexico for?"

"Here's the shit,. If you go, fine. If you leave, fine. Bbut this is the truth," he said in kind of pissed off apathy.

"Dale, as you know, did two tours in 'Nam flying C-47 gunships, strafing V.C. so grunts could get out of whatever shit they were in. While he was flying he met spooks who worked for 'the Company' who liked his crazy 'who-gives-a-fuck' style of flying and asked him to fly missions 'off-the-record', so to speak. Dale wondered what was in it for him. If he wasn't there, and would not be a P.O.W. but

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The Road Isn't like in the Movies

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a spy if captured since the flights went over places like Laos and Cambodia in *Air America* planes. The same places Mr. Kissinger and Tricky Dick said we were not flying over or fighting in. The spook said he could have a free card for home. A free card was one flight over Mexico and into the U.S.A. Well, Dale flew quite a lot of missions for these guys and has made a pretty good living carrying certain cargoes into the states for special clients after the war courtesy of your C.I.A. How do you think I live in town and never work?"

"I thought you dealt a little smoke and picked up odd jobs," I said innocently.

"Yeah, well, you are naïve and never look at people for more than you can see. People have things going on, Mick. They have plans, and do and act certain ways to be able to accomplish those things. Most of the time without telling you they are doing it. You just go around like an open book telling everyone about yourself and never hiding your feelings, whether they are good or bad. You are easy to play Mick. Not because you are stupid, but because everyone knows what you want and trades you without your knowledge to get what they want. You have to start hiding some cards man or your life will be a maze of monkeyfuck."

I was getting really mad at him, mostly because he was telling the truth. But also because I didn't want to hear anything other than "Hey, you're a cool dude man."

Thankfully he was a big mother and I wasn't going to yell or try and kick his ass, so I took it and considered it.

Maybe this was one of those Grasshopper things like *Kung Fu*.

I got back to the present.

"So what does Dale's free card have to do with why we are going to Mexico?"

He got serious again.

"Dale used all those runs up and never saved a dime. He just lived in Vera Cruz, Mexico and wasted his cash. That's pretty difficult in Mexico where it is all very cheap. He told me things were tight and he needed to make a last big run. That is where the club came in. The run was going to be from Vera Cruz to an airstrip outside of Midland Texas. I took the money to Dale three weeks ago and he called one week ago to say he had obtained the cargo and would leave the next day. It was a milk run he had done it a lot of times before. This time Spider and his crew waited for a whole day with no plane showing up. That is when you came into the picture because even if you can't hide all your cards, you are a long rider and you are like a bull — you never stop until you are dead. I saw that right away and if I go into shit I want a bull beside me, not some tough-looking fuck who runs as soon as the shit starts."

Okay, I was really confused. Does he think I'm green behind the gills or tough as nails? I was tired and confused. The beer and the weed had done me in. I said we'll talk in the morning and passed out.

The next day I awoke to a body that didn't want to respond to my desire to stand up and go urinate freely in the woods.

I tried to move my arm as usual but it took twice the effort.

I tried to stand up.

Same thing.

After I did get everything in motion I seemed okay and I almost felt good.

I thought about it and most my brothers were barhoppers. Not many had ridden 670 miles in one day. It sort of filled me with a pride. Sort of like a member of the club of long riders, real riders. I had to admit it may not be like the movie *Easyrider*, but I loved to ride and this was great way to move around.

I guess if we had a camera crew, motels, and all the money for dope and women we could spend, we would look real rested getting stoned around the fire at night.

This was cool.

I was free.

I felt like a king surveying my kingdom.

Then I thought about Dale and where in the hell he was. Did he skip out, get killed, crash his plane or something even worse.

I shook it off.

Today we were riding, and riding made everything okay.

Just climb into that time machine and off you go.

I-44 to Oklahoma City.

500 miles.

Just a cakewalk.

We check our oil, tires, and transmission fluid and air.

I tightened a few nuts and bolts and my chain.

Take care of it now or pay later.

Meatpipe was quiet and just said we were now going to start at the beginning and that meant Vera Cruz.

Normally you don't want to ride that far into Mexico, but they don't check you out too close going in. It is going out that's a bitch. I was apprehensive but thought "What the hell? It'll give

me good stories to tell my kids when I'm an old man."

If I live.

We pulled out on to the highway but things were different.

Could I trust this guy or was he still not telling me everything?

Then I thought "who ever really tells the whole truth anyway?"

Everyone is full of shit because there are three ways things happen anyway:

The way I see it.

The way you see it.

Most important, the way it really happened.

Life is just who you believe, I guess.

On we rode to I-44 and the next place I had never been.

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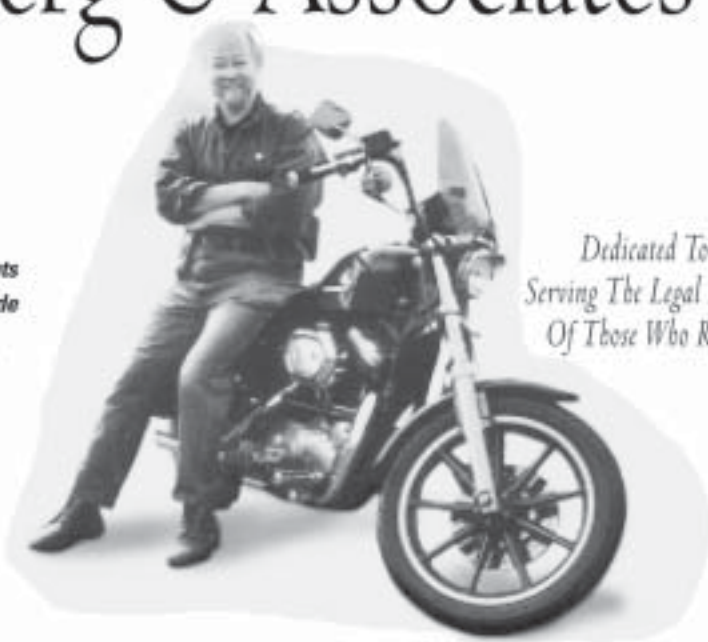
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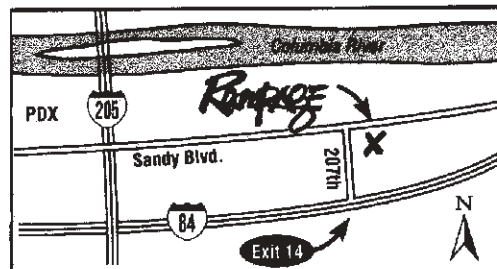
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541-329-6225 | CLASS CYCLES
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Spants Pass, OR 97526
541-479-6678 | DEAN'S CUSTOM CYCLES
6146 22nd Ave SE
Salem, OR 97302
503-588-1688 | FRED'S HONDA
1325 3rd St
Corvallis, OR 97330
541-751-1034 | MT HODG HONDA
541 NE 1st
Gresham, OR 97030
503-667-5078 | FOR TONKIE GRAN TURISMO
203 N.E. 122nd Ave
Portland, OR 97233
503-255-7360 | TAYLOR MOTORCYCLES
2140 North Pacific Hwy
Woodburn, OR 97071
503-981-1813 | WINGMAN ENTERPRISES
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Portland, OR 97220
503-257-4141 |
| Another good reason to carry your A.I.M. card! | COOS CYCLE SUPPLY
998 South 3rd St
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541-289-7292 | DESTINATION HARLEY DAVIDSON
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Beaverton, OR 97006
503-643-7111 | GREG COEN MOTOR CO
151 Main St
Springfield, OR 97477
541-747-3525 | NAAMES - SO. OREGON YAMAHA
2801 South Pacific Hwy
Medford, OR 97504-7390
541-772-9233 | ROSE CITY MOTORCYCLE
2012 SE 17th
Portland, OR 97216
503-257-7347 | TITAN
1315 S.E. River Rd.
Ste 300
Hillsboro, OR 97123
503-681-2113 | |
| | CYCLE COUNTRY
2230 Broadway NE
Salem, OR 97301
503-378-9232 | DINOSAURS UNLIMITED
5455 SE 1st
Bastrop, OR 97103
503-327-0641 | HILLSBORO HONDA
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Hillsboro, OR 97124
503-648-4330 | ORSESSIONS MOTORCYCLE SERVICE
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503-281-6982 | ROSEBURG POWER SPORTS
2265 N.E. Diamond
Ave S
Roseburg, OR 97470
541-672-4178 | TREAD & TRACK MOTORSPORTS
3506 Eberlein Ave.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
541-880-5577 | |
| | CYCLE WALL USA
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Portland, OR 97202
800-270-1452 | DOG'S MOTORCYCLE REPAIR
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503-863-2318 | HONDA OF ST. JOHNS
7741 North Lombard
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503-285-8817 | PARAMOUNT MOTORCYCLE SUPPLY
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541-278-1544 | RR HOG SHOP
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Newport, OR 97365
541-285-7028 | | |

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ACCIDENT? CALL 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE 1-(800) 531-2424
24 Hours Toll Free Nationwide



A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
YEAR PIN				
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	6.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____

ABATE PINS

MISCELLANEOUS

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black (NEW STYLE COMING SOON)		
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
	Sm_____	Med_____	Lg_____	X-Lg_____
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	22.50	_____
	Sm_____	Med_____	Lg_____	X-Lg_____

ABATE T-SHIRTS

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

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00	_____	
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00	_____	
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00	_____	
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00	_____	
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00	_____	STICKERS
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00	_____	
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50	_____	
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	3.00	_____	
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	3.00	_____	
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00	_____	
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available	1.25	_____	
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____)	5.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____		Courtesy Cards		_____	
_____		License Plate Frames — Cars with	7.00	_____	SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide		_____	
_____		License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with	7.00	_____	
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"		_____	
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00	_____	
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00	_____	
_____	FAP	Free America Patch	5.00	_____	
_____	FAB	Free America Pin	5.00	_____	
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Coordinator	5.00	_____	OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)
_____		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Secretary	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Membership Secretary	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Treasurer	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Historian	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Legislator	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Educational Director	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter State Representative	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)		_____	

Sub Total

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**

\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

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

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** _____

att. Products Director

PHONE: (503)-666-8806

P.O. Box 4504

E-MAIL: mhobbs256@yahoo.com Date _____

Portland, ORegon 97208

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Thank you for your order ;-)

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain:

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

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date?
YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence?
FINE : \$ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ COUNTY \$ CITY \$
WORK TIME LOSS HRS: LOST WAGES: \$

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: MODEL:
When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO
Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)
Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)
If modified describe:

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

1991 Ranger XLT pickup. Power steering and brakes, tilt wheel, 4-speed automatic, canopy, CB radio, good tires and brakes. Runs excellent. **\$2,550** (541)-572-1951 John

(Feb 2003)

For Sale

DeWalt radial arm saw **\$250**. 1992 *Geo Storm* in good condition. **\$2,250** or best offer. 1982 *Suzuki 750*, low miles, fairings, tour pack and bags. **\$800** or best offer, possible trade. 1965 *Chev 2-1/2 ton* truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. **\$3,250**.

1951 *Chevy 2-1/2 ton* truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade. Portable dishwasher **\$50**. Phone (503)-285-4329 Rotten Roger

(Feb 2003)

For Sale

1982 *Sportster 1000cc* iron head. **\$3,250** or best offer. 1997 *Honda CR-250* moto-cross. \$3,000 worth of modifications. Asking **\$3,000**, best offer, or trade for *Honda XL* or *XR-650*.

(503)-255-8460

Diesel Dave

(Feb2003)

For Sale

For Sale

1971 *Shovel* New electronic ignition, SU carb, electric and kick start, 74". Very clean custom paint job by Gary Crisp: pearlescent white with black pinstripe, no Harley decals or badges. Fat tanks and fenders, 2-over front, spoke wheels, white sidewalls, police-style windshield, fringed bags. Front disc brake added. Has had some cleanup work done, needs only a little carb and electric TLC. **\$8,950**. Call Sam Hochberg at (503)-224-1106, or e-mail your questions to:

SamBikeLaw@aol.com

(Feb 2003)

For Sale

1995 Harley Sportster 1200 Custom Flames - KuryAkyn forwards detach. Sissy w/ rack, solo and 2-up seats, recent transmission rebuild, SE pipes and carb. Very well maintained **\$7,200**, OBO *Harley* synthetic leather saddle bags for *Sportster* with new yoke & 94-up supports. In good shape, minor wear. **\$250**.

Ron (503)-690-7274

(Mar 2003)

For Sale

For Sale

Road King Classic parts. Fits 2000 or other years. Gas tank, front fender, rear fender and side covers. Tank and fenders are real teal and birch white. Side covers are real teal. **\$1,000** buys the set. call Joe at (541)-812-1189

(June 2003)

WIN A BRAND NEW SPRINGER!!

For a measly \$10 you can help the children of the Shriners Hospital and win a Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary *FLSTS/I Heritage Springer*.

Call: (503)-255-5415

or e-mail:

mailmikefriend@aol.com

for tickets. Ask for Mike.

The drawing for the bike will be December 2003.

Wanted

Wanted

Looking for rear cylinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake.

(503)-665-5063 or (503)-997-3558 Barry

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM

-- December --

Who first invented work, and bound the free and holiday-rejoicing spirit down?.

-- Charles Lamb

January Cryptogram

V P D O B J B ' Q A L M D O V L H

U W J B V U K W J D A L D D O A L

U M B H W A J W P L T ,

V C A L D V D Z A P H O D A L T

Q O W D L W C .

— S A K O W T X B B X E B X J W I

[And yes, "A" = "a" this month -- c.o.e]

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

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

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

(Return address on reverse side)

DON'T
 FORGET
 YOUR
 STAMP

^-- fold along this line --^

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
 (tape bottom edge)

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

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

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

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

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID

PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

Rot Path would drink one thing or another,
Done things he wouldn't tell his mother,
He still has crazy moods,
Rides the year in nude,
Only now he does it all sober.

©2003--Rot Path

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

**Saturday, 11 January 2003 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon**

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>U&I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Merts Campus</i> ; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Pietro's Pizza</i> ;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 st & 3 rd Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Foxfire Restaurant</i> ; 4740 Main Street; Springfield