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## Where Are We Headed This Year?



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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, representative Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

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

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*Confederation of Clubs #2*

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

*Central Oregon Chapter*

Greetings from wintery central Oregon. Here we are starting a new year. I hope this one will be as good if not better than the last one.

It was nice to see many of our members show up to help the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition* deliver 106 Thanksgiving dinners to the central Oregon area.

We had our Christmas party last Friday, December 5th at Dale and Jan's shop. There were quite a few members there and a good time was had by all. We had a turkey, a ham and each member brought a side dish. There was a ton of food and a very wide variety. If you went home hungry, it was your own fault. The gift exchange towards the end of the night was a very good time also.

Thanks a *bunch* to Dale and Jan for having us. We all know what kind of effort goes into hosting that kind of function. Thanks again guys!

By the time you read this the toy run put on by the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition* will be over because it is this Saturday, December 13th at the *Black Horse Saloon* in Bend. I hope we had many of our members supporting such a good cause. I will let you know how the toy run turned out next month.

At our upcoming meetings we will be starting to talk about and plan our runs and functions for the next year. Come on down to the meetings and put your two cents in. There is always room to improve on these events. We would like to hear your ideas.

That's all I have for this month. I hope everyone had a good, safe, holiday season.

The shortest daylight day was December 21st and they start to get longer from there. I'm anxiously waiting for the next riding season.

Remember, "United we stand" and you all know the end of that sentence!

Later,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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ABATE OF OREGON  
COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER  
PRESENTS  
13th ANNUAL  
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music by  
PANAMA

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COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-  
ING TIME and PLACE  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)  
Jubitz Truck Stop  
10310 N. Vancouver Avenue --  
Portland  
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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

*Douglas County Chapter*

Well this is it!

The nominations are in, the votes have been made, it's time to bring in the new year.

But first I 'm a little misty, I have to tell you. It's been a good year and I have had the chance to meet a lot of really nice people and I want all of you to know that it's been real nice keepin' you all informed throughout the year.

I have decided to step down as your newsletter lady and give someone else the great opportunity that I have experienced. Not only as your newsletter lady but as secretary. I know you're all getting misty with me. But I want you all to know that I'm not going anywhere. So buck up all. We're on the right track to a great new year!

I would like to thank all of the officers who helped to make 2003 such a great success. I would like to give Jim Jones a special thanks for helping us all to do that. With his help we all had to work real hard. Thank you, Jim.

Jim Jones will still be with us. He will be staying on as our education director.

As some of you may know our chapter had a toy run and food drive for Christmas. Well, we did real well. (I want to thank all the troopers that rode in the rain.) We donated \$200 and all the toys and food, a real nice bike and a computer.

If some of you didn't know, state [A.B.A.T.E.] donated a computer to our chapter. Well, as it turned out the computer didn't meet the internet needs that we needed it for. Well, our very own

state coordinator (Joe Laurance) was at our toy run . So I asked if [it] would be okay to donate the computer to further help the needy familie. They were estatic. So thank you state [A.B.A.T.E.] for your part.

Well, Becky Grino will be with you all to bring in the new year and don't worry, I'm very sure that I will be makin' the head lines soon. After all *Fossil* is coming up and who knows, they might need someone to throw in the fire. <smile>

Be cool all!

Now to bring in the new year, here are your newly voted in officers:

coordinator-DJ (Daral Jaspers)  
vice-coordinator-Abe Zaffarano  
membership secretary-Janie Curtis  
secretary/newsletter lady-Becky Grino  
treasurer-Cindy Zaffarano  
legislative director-Rex Jamison  
state representative-Gordon Morin  
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public relations officer-Tonia Judd  
ways/means/products-Diane Bowdon  
educatoin director-Jim Jones  
historian-Steve Watkins  
chaplin-Don Grino

Congratulations. Okay all, good luck.

If you were not at the meeting there has been a major change. We will be meeting on a different day. We will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will be getting there at 6:00

pm and start the meeting at 7:00 pm.(Still at *Round Table Pizza*.) So if you want to eat before the meeting, then we can get rite to the meeting and it won't interfere with our weekends. You know unless we have a run. This will give us time to get to state, bring back any news that is important, bring back newsletters, *etcetera*.

Well, I guess that's all for me.

Be kind to Becky. She's a good lady.

I love ya! man!

Signing off for the last time.

Your *Douglas County* seceratry/public relations/newsletter lady,

Tonia Judd <smile>

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIME and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1230 ( 12:30pm )  
Round Table Pizza  
Roseburg

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

# Hub City Chapter



Happy new year to all from *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* Best wishes in '04!

We would like to wish A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon much success in 2004.

This is a great time to remember why we all join together.

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

Personally I really love that "liberty" part, but all the rest needs to be functioning or the "liberty" isn't worth enjoying. Thanks again to A.B.A.T.E. for giving us a place to remind each other why we're here.

New state officers should be in place by the time we're reading this so be sure to let these folks know you appreciate the work they do. All these positions require a significant amount of time and energy to keep us rolling along. Be sure you know who your chapter and state officers and tell them "thanks"! Congratulations to *Hub City's* own Ron Vonsild, your new state sanctioning officer. Way to step up, Ron!

One of our chapter members, Sergeant First Class Fred Felde, is serving in Iraq. As a chapter, we sent a card with all the members writing a message of support. I hope this made his holiday season a little

more bearable while over there doing a thankless job.

Be sure to let all veterans know that you realize that none of the things we enjoy would be possible without the sacrifices they've made.

Did everyone get out on a toy run? That's a great feeling when you know you're helping a child who would otherwise do without. The *Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon* put on a good run in Albany. *Hub City* won the *Most Chapter Participants* award this year for the first time! Great job *Hub City*!

The November meeting was mostly housekeeping stuff. There's not much to tell so I'll hit the highlights. New member Fred Tucker won the 50/50 and was good enough to donate it (\$60.50) back to the treasury. Way to open up the crowd, Fred!

We are planning a biker night at the *Albany Eagles*. It will be on March 26 at 7 pm for dinner and 9 pm for music by *Elixser*. (Flyer next month.) If you've never heard these guys you really need to make the effort to check out their quality and style. The boys will keep you rockin'!

*Hub City* hopes to team up with *Elixser* for some upcoming events *Hub City* is planning. Keep an eye out for these as this *Hub City* bunch knows how to keep it interesting!

*S.T.E.A.M.* is coming up in early

February and you better plan to be there. It is a series of short, to the point, seminars about things that are very important to the daily workings of your chapter. All officers should be there. It makes your job easier and that makes your chapter stronger!

One short day to make the whole year work easier and smoother. Good investment if you ask me.

Our next meeting will be January 15, 7 pm, at *Ciddici's Pizza* in downtown Albany. Please stop by 133 5th Street and enjoy some time with us.

Al Sims  
*Hub City* coordinator  
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**HUB CITY MEETING TIME**  
**and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
*Ciddici's Pizza*  
133 Fifth Street  
Albany

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

# Josephine County Chapter



Well here it is, another report from *Josephine County*.

I hope everybody's had a great and safe Christmas.

By the time you get this it will be 2004.

Boy, I can't believe I made it this long.

Haaaa.

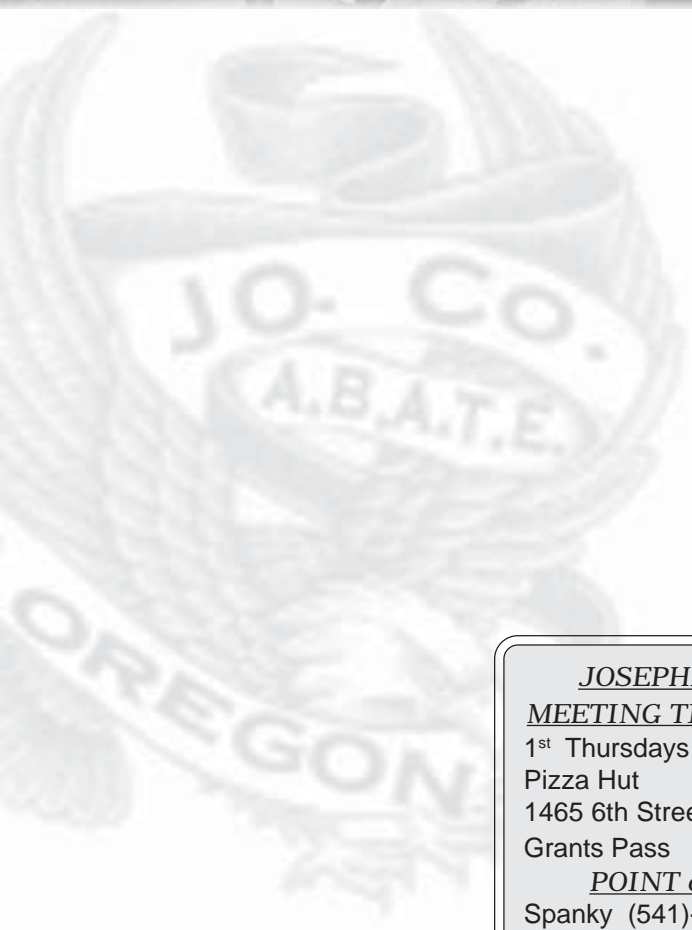
Things here in

*Jo County* are going great!! We had a great December meeting. Even though it rained real hard, we had a great turnout.

There's not a lot to report this time but we're still growing in members. I'm looking forward to this coming summer so that our chapter can get out and go ride to other *A.B.A.T.E.* runs around the state. That will give us a chance to meet some of the other *A.B.A.T.E.* members around Oregon.

Take care all and ride safe!!!

Spanky



**JOSEPHINE COUNTY**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1800 ( 6 pm )  
 Pizza Hut  
 1465 6th Street  
 Grants Pass  
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## Lincoln County Chapter

*Lincoln County Chapter* served approximately 200 senior citizens a wonderfully complete Thanksgiving dinner. Not even one piece of mincemeat pie was left.

Sara and Jason, thanks for coming all the way from Portland to help with the Thanksgiving dinner at the senior center. In fact, thanks to the entire chapter for all of your help with the dinner. We could not have done it without the support of all of those who helped.

We are getting ready for our annual toy shop and delivery for Christmas. We have adapted 21 family members through the local *Department of Health and Services* and *South County Chapter for Need Families*.

One of our chapter members crocheted afghans to be given to the families as part of the Christmas gifts. Thanks to all of the people who donated yarn for this fun project.

Thanks to the Newport *Wal-Mart* for the great shopping trip and your donation.

Thanks to *American Legion Post 116-Newport* for allowing us to meet each month and for all that you do to help us out. Looking forward to a new year of working together with you again.

Would really like to see some of the eighty members who have attend some of the meetings. We really do need some new ideas and help with our chapter. we have members that a lot of us do not even know. So please show up and introduce yourselves and take part in the chapter.

We are planning a party in march

with a poke run. It would be nice to see some of you attend. Poker runs are fun but we would like to see more than five bikes attend.

Come on down to the *American Legion Post 116-Newport* on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and see what we are all about.

Happy new year,

Wanda

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1930 ( 7:30 pm )

American Legion Hall Post 116  
424 W. Olive Street  
Newport

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Waldport, OR 97394

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

**North Coast Chapter**

Greetings and happy new year from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Our *15th Annual Spaghetti Feed/Auction/Raffle* held on 22 November at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria was a huge success. We can't thank the management and the members of the *Moose* enough, several of their members volunteered their time to cook the dinner and assist with the event.

We had close to one hundred participants, including members from other Oregon and Washington chapters. The evening was filled with lots of fun and good food.

We kicked the evening off by auctioning many, many fantastic items donated by local businesses and chapter member members. The auction proceeds were over \$1,000.

The raffle also provided those who bought tickets (nearly 700 tickets sold) with the opportunity to win many, many great items.

One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation to the chapter by Mary Todd (owner) and the "family" from the *Worker's Bar and Grill* in Astoria with a check in the amount of \$3,300 for the *2003 Toys For Tots* fundraising drive.

The "family" worked very hard all year long to raise this money through various creative ways. Mary and the "family" have been a long time

*Toys For Tots* supporter. Words can't express our thanks for their untiring support of this

cause.

With this check, the proceeds from the spaghetti feed, and the anticipated proceeds from our toy run, the chapter will be able to purchase Christmas gifts for close to 200 children this year in Clatsop and Pacific counties in Washington.

Every year we continue with the help from those like Mary Todd and other supporters to increase the number of children's lives we touch each year at Christmas time.

Thank you all again for your hard work in support of our annual *Toys For Tots* fundraising cause.

A special thanks to our *North Coast* run committee members who spent countless hours organizing the event, acquiring and creating auction and raffle items, setting up and cleaning up after the event.

*Job well done!*

Our chapter membership continues to grow each month. We warmly welcome these new members and thank them for their support. Membership renewals continue to push our chapter membership beyond expectations for the year. Thank you to those sustaining members. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

Our annual election process for new chapter officers will be completed during our regular meeting in January. The results will be posted in our February report.

We will encourage all of our chapter

officers and any other interested chapter members to take full advantage of the great educational and networking opportunity at *S.T.E.A.M.* in February.

I always look forward to attending this event. Many thanks to all those who work hard to organize this event. Don't miss it!

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter* and remember: this is a new year with opportunities to fight for the freedom of the road.

Al Jaques  
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**NORTH COAST MEETING****TIME and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter



The *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's Toy Run* was on December 6th.

Even the weather was on our side with the rain holding off until after the ride. I didn't hear a final count on the bikes present but I would estimate there was over 2,500. The *Channel Two* news chopper was flying cover for us as we drove across the bridge to the hospital.

*Lots* of toys collected. We filled a Metro bus and a couple of pickups. I hope some kid gets a little boost out of the white tiger and kitten that I brought (wrapped in plastic bags for the rain that never came). Some lucky soul won the new *Heritage Softail Springer*. Someone else won the beautiful handmade biker t-shirt quilt. And for those lucky enough to swing by the *Brother Speed* club house for the spaghetti feed afterwards, the food was good and plentiful. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in putting this on. The kids are the real winners and that's what counts.

Our *Cabin Fever Party* is on schedule for January 17th at *Roc's Bar and Grill* on 82nd between Halsey and Stark,

across from *Madison High School* playing field, next door to the *Star Motel*. Begins at 8 pm and goes until 1 am. We will have *The Yanks* playing their great bar room rock, a full bar, and *lots* of door prizes. Get a room at the motel and party down without having to worry about driving home. The front parking lot will be reserved for motorcycles with the back lot for cars, trucks, vans, buses, airplanes, rocket ships, etc.

I attended the *Team Oregon Advanced Rider Course* last weekend along with nine other graybeard *A.B.A.T.E.* members. The instruction was wonderful and the riding was instructive. I didn't embarrass myself too many times.

I've been riding for almost forty years. Figured that I should attend the course if I was going to recommend everyone else take one. It was kind of humbling to have a cute female instructor who was about my daughter's age telling me how I could ride better and know that she was right when she said it.

Take it now before you need it and

don't have it.

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at *Roundtable Pizza*, between Sandy Boulevard and I-84, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30 pm is the kick off time.

Meetings usually run around an hour and a half. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar or (duh!) pizza.

*Roundtable* rolls out the red carpet for us. So come support the people who support us. Hope to see you there.

Stay warm and dry (Tough things to do this time of year!)

Crow

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1930 (7:30pm)

Round Table Pizza

4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> -- Portland

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

River City Chapter

December 2, 2003

We had a small cozy meeting and made nominations for next year's officers. It will be mostly the same with a few changes.

Josh Ruff would have won the member drawing if he had been at the meeting. It will be \$20 next meeting. Matt won the 50/50 and donate \$6 back to the chapter. Thanks Matt.

Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:07 pm (because the secretary wa late). 12 people present.

Pledge of allegiance: Led by Lee

Guests: None.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Steve because they were presented in written form. Correspondence was a B.O.A. statement.

Treasury report is \$616.22 with \$110 still due back from Southeast Chapter for unsold toy run raffle tickets.

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 73

Board report: None.

Legislative report: New N.H.T.S.A. report about helmet law repeal states could be a problem.

Ways and means report: Rudy raffle until December 16. Meet Rudy and buy a ticket at the annual meeting.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Thanksgiving ride and a Sunday ride to Portland.

Planned rides: December 4-6 International Motorcycle Show in Seattle; January 10—Portland Motorcycle Show.

Financial report and budgeting: Last year in \$1,380.90, out \$1,488.07. Committee recommends budgeting no more than \$400 for tee shirts and taking advance paid orders is preferred.

Officer nominations

- coordinator—Lee Eikanas
- vice coordinator—Steve Boston
- secretary—Brian Stovall
- treasurer—Lynne Kadlec
- B.O.D. representative 1—Brian Stovall
- B.O.D. representative 2—Del Nicholson
- legislative officer—Brian Stovall
- ways and means officer—Deb Lutje
- public relations—Deb Lutje or Rick Prentice
- historian—Johnna O'Neil
- sgt at arms—Scott Goad
- web master—Justin Goad
- membership secretary—Del Nicholson

New Business

Membership drawing for \$15 would have been won by Josh Ruff if he had been at the meeting. It will be \$20 at the next meeting.

50/50 was won by Matt at \$7\$7, of which he donated back \$6. Thanks, Matt.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

Upcoming meetings

January 6, 2004

7:00 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



Our *Biker Nights* were a great success in part to the business and private donations for the door prize drawings. Special Thanks go out to our local businesses:

Salem area

- Bill's Cycles*
- Cycle County*
- Cycle Sports*
- Duffy's Hanger*
- Michelle's Crab Snares*
- M & J Sales Group*
- M.P.G. Tattoo*
- The Chalet*
- Los Biaz*
- L & A Leathers*
- Oregon Glove*
- Schuck's Auto*
- Sportsman Marine*
- White Trash Choppers*

Silverton area

- Chan's*
- Countryman Public House*
- Dairy Queen*
- El Gran Jefe*
- Figaro's*
- Les Schwab*
- Terrestrial Productions*
- Towne House*
- Wooden Nickel*

other areas

- Bears and Roses* in Bend
- Bottle Factory* in Stayton
- Cash King* in Stayton
- Country Corner* in Mt. Angel
- Covered Wagon Ammo*
- Horseshoe Tavern* in Mulino

- Lake Center Hardware* in Detroit
- MidValley Cycles* in Hubbard
- Wooden Nickel* in Sublimity

Our chapter would also like to extend special thanks to the donators of door prizes who are individuals involved in the motorcycle rights organizations throughout the valley.

**Thank you!!**

We have made our nominations and by the time you see this newsletter there will be some new faces in the officer positions. I especially appreciate the ones who have stepped up to say "yes, I will accept the nomination." This is not an easy thing to do but *Salem Chapter* is showing true strength as a contributing force to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

Mara Gibbons came back to visit and this time brought her husband, Bill. It is nice of Cindy and Jeff Poulin to share our chapter with their house guests.

At this time we are collecting not only toys and canned food for the delivery that took place last month (December 14th) but would welcome donations of dog food, vitamins, chewies and blankets. Mona is putting together a preliminary influx of items to the *White Wolf Sanctuary* in Tidewater, Oregon. The web site is <http://www.white-wolf-sanctuary.org>

Later in 2004 we will be having a fundraiser for this great undertaking of

Lois Tulleners White's. Part of the community involvement we are striving to undertake.

Don't forget that next year is an election year and "legislative action" are the keywords. Look at the representatives and senators running for office and ask, "Is this someone I am comfortable with? Will, he or she, represent my needs as a constituent?"

Next road pickup date is March 6th, 2004.

May you be happy....  
And rightly so.  
Love is the way  
Why don't you go?

Kindest regards,  
Michelle Jayne FitzHenry  
*Salem Chapter* goddess

**SALEM MEETING TIME**  
**and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
Chalet Restaurant  
Market Street, Salem

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

**South Coast Chapter**

Mary and François were married November 11 in Montana and hope to be back home soon. (Congratulations.)

The November food drive was a great success with special thanks to the *North Bend Match Club* (traveling bowling league) for all of their help in getting donations.

Our toy drive was successful due to the fact we raised money all year to purchase toys by selling raffle tickets and the *Harley Owners Group* collected around \$1,000 worth of toys too.

**Toy drive raffle winners**

*Ross Pipes*—Carole Abshire  
gift certificate *Schroeder's* (\$200)—  
Rich Fish  
gift certificate *Oregon Tool & Supply*—Robert Oering

Our *Shore Acres* hosting December 26 was a blast as usual. We meet so many people from all over the world and what a better way to get the *A.B.A.T.E.* name out, and have the opportunity to mingle with people that would usually avoid bikers. There are thousands of people that go through the display and we are now even being published in the *Shore Acres* pamphlet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the 2003 chapter officers who stepped up and donated their time for this great organization. All of you made many sacrifices throughout the year, and I just want to say how much all of you have been appreciated.

I would also like to mention Chuck Shultz who at the time of writing this is very ill with cancer. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

As many of you know, Fred Haluska was killed in a motorcycle accident here on the coast. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Also a get well wish to Robert Montgomery who had an accident while on the job.

Wishing all of you the best for 2004

Charlie

**SOUTH COAST MEETING****TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Hope you all had a good ride on the way to the *Shriners' Toy Run* this year. Even though it was not supposed to, the weather seemed to cooperate as it did last year. The turn out at the bus barn and the hospital was fantastic.

We also had decent news coverage this year. Ed reported to our chapter that a lot of the media coverage was do in part to

*Tri-Met*. Thanks to them for their help and also to *KISN-FM* and the northwest Ford dealers.

Patty gave a special thank you to Vicki, Wyoming, and Sporty Bev for their help selling tee-shirts at the *Tri-Met* lot. She says this was the first year she has gotten out of the booth to shake hands and it was all do to their help.

One more thank you, to *Brother Speed* for another great spaghetti feed. Clark did a great job on the sauce. Hope you all got a chance to tell him so.

*Southeast Portland Chapter* has two events coming up in March: our annual canned food delivery, and the chapter's annaversary party. We would like to extend our invitation to you all to attend both.

Later,

Mammy Tami

*Southeast Portland Chapter officers*  
2004

- coordinator - Lee Austin
- vice coordinator - Matt Hobbs
- secretary - Tami Pitkin
- treasurer - Open
- membership secretary - PeeWee
- legislative director - Matt Hobbs
- state representative - Stephen Baton
- alternatives - Jeff White and Jim Neice
- education director - Jeff White
- BikePAC* representative - Jeff White
- chaplin - Vick Voltz
- historian - Wyoming
- public relations Dir - Bill Cameron
- alternative - Judy Haag
- web master - Beamer
- ways and means - Sporty Bev
- products - Michelle Hobbs
- toy run representatives - Dick Edmond, Patty Dahl, Ed Dahl, and Wyoming
- sargent at arms #1 - Barry Skinner
- sargent at arms - Richard Colwell, Charles Maplethorpe, Carol Mortellaro, Ron Conway, Matt Hobbs, Christy Jones, Jeff White, Lauren Schwartz, Mike Body, Joe Murphy, Ken Mortellaro, Buff Helzer, John Grey



**S.E. Portland MEETING**  
**TIMES and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



The annual *Freedom Run* was held November 15 under cloudy skies. Starting from *Medford Powersports* on Crater Lake highway, the group visited the veteran's cemetery near Eagle Point, took the farm roads to Gold Hill and back past Medford to end at *Lithia Park* in Ashland for a burger and hotdog barbeque.

Thanks to Motor Johnson and his wife for their excellent work providing the food and drinks.

At the December meeting elections were held with these results:  
 coordinator—Herb Sweeten  
 vice coordinator—Dan Tillotson  
 recording and membership secretary—Robert Mumby  
 treasurer—Lynn “Motor” Livingston  
 state representative and sergeant of arms—Norm “AB” Schiller  
 chaplain—Dan Tillotson

Lack of members present prevented other positions being filled at this meeting.

The members approved a request

from Kyle Fariss, a student at *Central Point High School*, to organize a poker run in May for his community service requirement. Kyle was authorized to recommend an organization or charity to receive the profits for the run and is to present his proposal at the January meeting.

To recruit members and promote *A.B.A.T.E.*'s goals, the members decided to obtain a street bike trailer with which to provide emergency transportation during runs and to transport a booth to be used at the runs to give away educational material and sell *A.B.A.T.E.* merchandise.

The members also decided to consider changing the date and place of its meetings. However, the next meeting will be January 7 at *Abbey's Pizza* on Crater Lake highway near Popular street.

Robert Mumby  
 recording and membership secretary,

*Southern Oregon Chapter*

**SOUTHERN OREGON**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Abby's Legendary Pizza*  
 2550 Crater Lake Highway  
 Medford, Oregon

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

Washington County Chapter

Welcome to 2004!

Please watch out for the other guy!

Welcome to the new chapter officers!

Linda Wells

WaCo secretary

I want to take this time to thank all the outgoing officers as well as the returning officers for their work and attention to detail in the past. Your efforts have helped this chapter grow and have laid the groundwork for future officers to build upon.

Thank you Ted Tracy, retiring legislative director; Roger Yarnell, retiring education director; and Jim Henderson, retiring run coordinator.

Our December meeting was our traditional holiday party with dinner paid for by the chapter. Over sixty members showed up for dinner, nominations, and voting. The festive atmosphere and camaraderie was an excellent way to kick off the holiday season.

We normally draw membership at the December meeting until someone is present to win the pot.

In November, Jack Malatare was not present to win so the next meeting came and Cindy Henderson won over \$250.

The December pot was worth \$150. Lisa Twisselman and Ken Mason were not present, so when Rex Rodriguez's name was drawn, he stepped right up and collected the funds. Definitely one of the benefits of being a member and being present when your name is called!

Please be careful out on the roads when you are traveling this winter, whether in the car on the bike. Rainy days and foggy mornings encourage car drivers to narrow their field of vision and they forget that others are on the road. So take care and be aware!

2004 WaCo officers

- coordinator—Ed Vaughn
- vice coordinator—John Borelli
- secretary—Linda Wells
- treasurer—Margo Carnevale
- legislative director—Jill Tracy
- state board representative—Jordan Kelly
- state board alternative—Wendy Vaughn
- education director—Patricia Garrison
- newsletter editor—Greg Vaughn
- webpage editor—Trace Ceccacci
- public relations directors—Kay Sipple, Chris Daley
- membership secretary—Cindy Henderson
- chapter products—Dave Meeker
- historian—Lyn Combs
- quartermaster—Paul Hering
- ways and means—Luke Stocker
- run coordinator I—Ted Tracy
- run coordinator II—Rich Virchow
- sergeant at arms I—Rick Stocker
- sergeant at arms II—Ken Woolston
- sergeant at arms III—Big Bob
- chaplain—Roger Yarnell

WASHINGTON COUNTY

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1930  
( 7:30pm )  
Prime Time Sports Bar  
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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

## Willamette Valley Chapter

*Happy new year – 2004*

I hope everyone has had a safe celebratory holiday season and new year. All of the toy runs here in the valley happened, some in spite of the weather. The *Cruisers For Christ* and the *Free Souls* toy runs were just some of the seasonal events attended by some of our chapter members. The toys, gifts and donations this season mean so much to our community.

Our chapter had our annual *Mission Run* and as always we are warmly appreciated by all for not only just serving a warm meal but letting those men, women and children know they are not forgotten this holiday season. We always come away from this event appreciative for what we have in our families, friends, health and homes.

We had our December meeting with a prime rib meal, gift exchange and awards of appreciation to our officers. This event is the closing out of a very successful year for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.*

As coordinator this past year, I am so honored to have met and worked with the best of this organization at the chapter and state level. This experience has given me an even larger respect for the individuals involved in *A.B.A.T.E.*'s biker community. It has been a very humbling experience to be a part of all the great things this chapter and our officers have accomplished over the past few years.

To have taken part in continuing the legacy and history of freedom fighters and biker rights activists in Oregon has been a privilege.

Thank you all for the great support, especially to the entire staff of chapter officers. What this chapter has accomplished this past year could not of happened without the contributions, dedication, hard work and efforts of all officers towards this chapter's events, activities and biker's rights.

Without your efforts, my position as coordinator would have been a task beyond my energy, and not as much fun. I would like to personally thank you all for your friendships, support, personal sacrifice and contributions to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Respect and blessings to all my brother's and sisters this new year and success for us all in the continuing cause for motorcycle rights and freedom of the road for all bikers.

Hal Fletcher

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

2004 calendar

- 21 February — *S.T.E.A.M.*
- 28 February — spring *Casino Night*
- 20-28 March — spring break
- 11 April — spring *Roseberg Swap Meet*
- 18 April — Spfld Faith Center/CMA Bike Blessing and WVABATE 1st Ride
- 25 April — spring *Portland Swap Meet*
- 01 May — May motorcycle awareness meet at the capital

- 22 May — *Rhody Poker Run*
- 21-24 May — Labor Day weekend/*Fossil Run*
- 11-14 June — *Best of the West* in Casper, Wyoming
- 19 June — *Iron Horse Rodeo*
- 04 July — *Willamette Valley 4th July Social*
- 21 July — annual *Ride to Work Day*
- 07 July — *Sturgis week*
- 20-22 August — *S.O.S. Run*
- 17-19 September — (should be the Eugene celebration weekend)
- 19 September — (should be *Berkley North*)
- 09 October — *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. fall Casino Night*
- 16 October — *A.B.A.T.E. planning meeting*
- 24 October — fall *Roseberg Swap Meet*
- 02 November — *A.M.A. calendar sanctioning meeting*
- 21 November — fall *Portland Swap Meet*
- 12 December — *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E Eugene mission benefit*

WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
 Veteran's Memorial Building;  
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## 2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Circle Type of Membership

INDIVIDUAL		CORPORATE	
Associate .....	\$15	Sponsor .....	\$150
Full .....	\$30+	Supporting .....	\$300
Family .....	\$40+	Platinum .....	\$750
MAB * .....	\$60+	MAB * .....	\$1000

### GROUP OR CLUB

* Member of the Advisory Board	General .....	\$75
	Supporting .....	\$150
	MAB * .....	\$300

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC General Fund, which includes the Education Fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting Motorcycle friendly candidates (Qualifies for Oregon Tax Credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

I am in State Senate District \_\_\_\_\_ I am in State Representative District \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Our Officers at Work

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

13 December 2003



by Charlie Hill  
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by State Coordinator, Joe Laurance at 12:04 with 13 of the 15 chapters represented.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the November 8, 2003.

Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Geoff White to approve minutes as printed, motion carried.

Welcome of guests and first time attendees.

**Coordinators comments**

Joe thanked all for coming and that this is the end of a productive year and the start of a more productive year.

Correspondence: None was noted.

**\*\*\* Officers reports \*\*\***

**Legislative director:** Rick Maish submitted in packets, a 14 page report that included a full *M.R.F.* report. *M.R.F. #1* deals with another group against us know as *Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (A.H.A.S.)*. *M.R.F. #2* Janklow who ran over a motorcyclist Randy Scott which resulted in his death. Janklow was found guilty of second degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding. His sentencing is still to come. *M.R.F. #3* Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell wrote a letter of concern to *N.H.T.S.A.* and expressed his concern and that of motorcyclists nationwide regarding the agency's motorcycle safety activities. Key concerns included issues with the effort to advance helmet laws through the United Nations and the recent contract award for the study of *Characteristics of Motorcycle Operators*. Also, senators Wayne Allard and Campbell have also introduced senate resolution 168 to designate May 2004 as *National Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month*. *A.M.A.* is hosting a Washington D.C. seminar for

motorcyclists who want to learn to influence governmental decisions March 6-9 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel*, Washington D.C.

Bob Avery reminds us its time to think about P.C.P. registration. Registration begins the middle of February and filing closes March 9. Geoff said *S.T.E.A.M.* will have a seminar to tell you what to do when you become a P.C.P.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:** Geoff White reported to mark you calendar March 27-28 for the *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* legislation summit. The summit is how to work effectively together and will be at the grange in the Dalles. Rick Maish suggested that each chapter send their legislation representative.

**Confederation of Clubs representative:** Ed Vaughn reported the *N.C.O.M.* conference will be in Sacramento and is free. They will cover a lot of information on the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act. The 16 riders charged with felonies last May have been found not guilty. Civil cases have been filed on the confiscated bikes in Eugene.

**Confederation of Clubs representative II:** Bob Earl was not present.

**Education director:** Geoff White said thanks to all instructors. Geoff has more key fobs.

*S.T.E.A.M.* which is designed to teach and motivate and is open to all including any motorcycle organizations will be Saturday, February 21 9:00 a.m. Geoff strongly urges new officers and coordinators to attend.

Eleven members of *A.B.A.T.E.* participated in the *Team Oregon Experienced Riders Course*. All had a great time and learned new things. Ted said the instructors came up and thanked *A.B.A.T.E.* for all we do for them. Ted said the instructors were very nice and respectful.

**Education director II:** Nora Rohde

reported things are going great. We are having lousy weather. Have a merry Christmas. Also, the *Team Oregon Award Dinner* was great.

**Membership secretary:** Jill Tracy couldn't make it as she is ill. Since January 1 we have 290 new members with total membership to date of 2,269.

**Newsletter editor:** Rot Path thanked all for submissions all year. Please note when you send photos, send them as greyscale, not black and white. *EasyRider* is putting on a bike show January 10th and offered us a booth in exchange for running an ad for them. Use plain text not RTF or anything other than a text format when sending reports. Need reports no later than Monday a.m. Sunday night would be better. When e-mailing reports, please put your name, chapter and what month the report is for. Free movie posters to take back.

**Products:** Michelle Hobbs has limited etched shot glasses for \$6 today and \$8 later. She also has 10 calendars, coffee cups and new shirts.

**Public Relations:** Melinda McCrossen reported she and Geoff have been working on the *S.T.E.A.M.* flyer and trifolds. Run calendar has been submitted to the major publications. If you turned in your events to Roger they have been submitted. Thanks to Jill Tracy for doing the food for the annual dinner and thanks to Brian for coming up with a game.

**State run coordinator:** Rotten Roger reported he has dates for the swap meets. The spring swap meet in Roseburg is scheduled for March 14; the Portland swap meet will be April 25. Fall swap meets will be October 24 for Roseburg and November 21 for Portland. Roger said he has been working on the posters for the swap meet but is holding up printing to find out the name of the new run coordinator to include for contact.

Roger said he is not going to do this position but will help who ever takes it over.

**State run coordinator II:** Michelle Fitzhenry reports things have been busy.

**Treasurer:** Ted Tracy reported \$11,146.45 in checking; money market \$57,469.25 for a total of \$68,615.70. Ted compared these figures with the same time last year and everything is on target. \$900 deposit from products today. 2002 taxes are done, thanks to Joy Hoover who did them for us and saved us a lot of money by not having to pay a tax preparer.

**State auditor:** Nancy Curran was not present due to being ill. Ted reported that we need to get everything caught up so we can get taxes done earlier this year. Tom Curran reported that Nancy said we could lose our tax exempt status if we don't get our stuff in on time. Roger noted we were fined for filing late.

**Historian:** Iris Yeager was not present but did submit her report to Rot Path for publication.

**Webpage editor:** Maddog was not in attendance-excused.

**Vice-coordinator north:** Matt Hobbs was not present-excused.

**Vice-coordinator south:** Tim Rohde reported the 22nd of last month he and Nora attended the *Team Oregon Awards Banquet*. Lots of enthusiasm. *A.B.A.T.E.* members who are instructors, give yourself a pat on the back. *Team Oregon* just developed a new *Rider Basic Training* (R.B.T.) Many of the *Team Oregon* people thanked Tim on our behalf for all the support *A.B.A.T.E.* gives.

Tim also wanted to thank Rotten Roger and Rot Path for all they do for us.

**Vice-coordinator east:** Bob Hadley was not present-excused.

**Sergeant at arms north:** Matt Hobbs was not present-excused.

**Sergeant at arms south:** Cole Hembree was not present-excused.

**Sergeant at arms east:** Keith Odoms was not present-excused.

**Sanctioning officer:** Ron Bloker was

not present till later and did not give a report.

**Quartermaster:** Steve Baton. Steve reported he hasn't done a lot due to relatives being in town and hope to get things going after the holidays.

#### Committee reports

1. **Run committee:** Roger reported tickets and arm bands will be taken care of.

#### Unfinished business

Planning session was deferred till next month due to elections and the annual dinner.

Washington D.C. trip to be between February and March. Nominations for two to attend with two alternates. The results were Joe Laurance and Rex Jamison will attend with Duane Calkins and Eric Grout as alternates.

#### Elections for state board of directors 2004

state coordinator - Joe Laurance  
 vice coordinator north - Larry Brown  
 vice coordinator south - Tim Rohde  
 vice coordinator east - Bob Hadley  
 membership secretary - Jill Tracy  
 recording secretary - Charlie Hill  
 treasurer - Ted Tracy  
 state auditor - Nancy Curran  
 newsletter editor - Rot Path  
 legislative director - Rick Maish  
 sgt. at arms north - Matt Hobbs  
 sgt. at arms south - Doc Squires  
 sgt. at arms east - Keith Odoms  
 products director - Michelle Hobbs  
 education director 1 - Geoff White  
 education director 2 - Nora Rohde  
 public relations - Melinda McCrossen  
*Fossil Run* coordinator - Stephan Baton  
 swap meet coordinator - Duane Calkins  
 run coordinator 2 - Michelle Fitzhenry  
 historian - Iris Yeager  
 run sanctioning - Ron Vonsild  
 web page editor - Maddog  
 quartermaster - Stephan Baton  
*BikePAC* representative - Geoff White  
*BikePAC* representative - Rick Maish  
*Confederation of Clubs* Rep 1 - Ed Vaughn

*Confederation of Clubs* Rep 2 - Michael Schneider

4. *Team Oregon* container question was brought up regarding the *A.B.A.T.E.* donation information. Was this ever put on it? Steve will check it out and follow up.

#### New business

1. Motion made by Steve Baton, seconded by Nora Rohde that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* accept *EasyRiders'* offer of exchanging a booth at their show for advertising in our newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Announcements

Michael VanOsdol passed out novels written by his friend Edward called *The Whispering Whale*.

Charlie reminded all representatives to remind their secretaries to pass down the secretary notebooks to the new secretaries and have them submit to her the release.

Get chapter officer lists to Jill Tracy.

Cowlitz toy run received largest motorcycle group award.

Annual dinner and awards to follow this meeting.

*WaCo* sending a \$200 check to Fossil for community involvement and challenge other chapters to do the same.

New officers encouraged to attend *S.T.E.A.M.*

January 17 is *Northeast Chapter Cabin Fever*.

First toy run and food drive for *Douglas County* gave donation and truck load of food and toys.

New *A.M.A.* TV commercial out that's great, we should think of doing something like that.

Tomorrow is *Salem Toy Run*.

*Columbia River Sweetheart Dance* is Saturday, 14 February.

*M.R.F.* coins for sale by Brian.

*Lincoln County* shopping next weekend for 21 families.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

# Education Directors

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,



Geoff

Nora



We hope that your holidays were happy and warm this year.

There were a lot of activities to keep us all active and busy this year. The toy runs are something that I always personally look forward to. Maybe next year I can make it to a few more of these great "feel good" functions. We hope that your families are doing well, and that many of your holiday wishes have come true.

We have had a very good year so far with the motorcycle awareness program. I believe that I have seen the largest turnout of instructors at a single presentation this year. On a Saturday morning, at *Reynolds High School*, we had nine instructors for a motorcycle awareness presentation. That was awesome, and the class really appreciated the visit. Thank you to all the instructors this year for your dedication and desire to help make our motorcycling world safer and more enjoyable.

It is very easy and rather painless to become a member of our team of instructors, and we will always need a few good people to help us spread the message. Thank you to all the people who have been very busy throughout the state bringing our presentation to the schools. This year we will reach many new drivers, and hopefully, we can be successful in preventing some potentially unpleasant motorcycling situations. It's true, your work in this project makes the driving world a better place. Thank you.

I was fortunate to be able to participate this December in another valuable and enjoyable program along

with ten other members of our *A.B.A.T.E.* organization. Ted Tracy, Jill Tracy, Robert Hale, Martin Brown, Fred (Crow) Hudgin, Ron Bloker, Nancy Henderson, Paul Henderson, Roger Yarnell, Linda Wells, and I all took the *Team Oregon Experienced Rider's Course*. This is a class for people who have been riding for a while and wish to improve on their knowledge and skills in motorcycle handling. It is also valuable for a rider to refresh their riding skills both mentally and physically from time to time.

This class is highly recommended if you wish to keep sharp and continue to improve on your capabilities in motorcycle handling. I have been told that some people make it a regular practice to take this class periodically just to keep their skills up to date.

Hey, I forgot to mention that I believe a few of us had a pretty fun time on a wet Saturday in December. Ask any of the above mentioned people about the class if you would like to get more information on the *Experienced Rider Course* from *Team Oregon*.

*S.T.E.A.M.* is coming on February 21st. so mark your calendars and come to join us in a day of learning, inspiration, food, and fun. (Remember, *S.T.E.A.M.* stands for a *Seminar To Educate And Motivate*, and that's just what we will try to do.) Our members are here to help you understand what *A.B.A.T.E.* or other motorcycling organizations are all about, and to assist you in your efforts to support and function within these organization.

All new officers in *A.B.A.T.E.* are encouraged to attend.

There is a vast wealth of knowledge and skills in our people and here at *S.T.E.A.M.* You will have an opportunity to tap into the power. See what worked and maybe a little of what didn't work in our efforts and functions in the past.

The *S.T.E.A.M.* conference will be held at the *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem, Oregon again this year. We hope to see you there.

Have a good winter season either on a bike or in whatever activities that you partake in. Happy new year to all of you from the education department of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. We hope to see you sometime soon, and always keep looking forward to the next ride.

Support the community whenever you can.

Work with your government officials and the public on motorcyclists' rights, needs, and desires.

Oh yeah . . . Spread the awareness, ya'll.

Take care.

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## Historian

by Iris Yeager



This time of the year is very busy for all members of any organization. When you throw into the mix a large family and work, everybody can see why we can not attend all of the meetings and get togethers.

It has been a hectic year for the *A.B.A.T.E.* organization and promises to be more of the same for the next year. I know there has been many toy runs and community efforts done by this fine bunch of people and we need to document those activities for the future. Please send photos and brief descriptions to me for the books.

Thank you to all who contributed during the past year. Those items make the past come alive as you go through the books. The albums will be available at

*S.T.E.A.M.* so take time to look through them; you just might recognize someone from the past who is still working for the rights of all motorcyclists, since its inception. After all, that is why *A.B.A.T.E.* was formed. We are *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments.*

I will see you at the January state board meeting.

Have a great Christmas and New Year holiday from the Yeager family.

Iris Yeager  
historian

## Vice-Coordinator--south

by Tim Rohde



Well, it's been quite a year for me as your vice coordinator-south and I enjoyed every minute I served this organization.

I've watched chapters grow like never before with new people, new riders, and new ideas.

I've reveled in the excitement of so many of you for getting so much done with so little and sometimes even less help.

I want to thank all the members who did all they could whenever they could because it is you who make this organization so worthwhile.

I especially thank all our motorcycle awareness instructors for everything you do and every place you bring our message to because without you doing what you do, I'd more than likely have a lot more unaware people to worry about when I ride.

As we get into this winter with all the wet and cold stuff everywhere, it's a good time to reflect on where we wanted to go last year and where we want to be this time next year.

My bike is almost back to the way it should be and I estimate that by the end of february it'll be ready to ride. So in the coming year expect to see me in a lot of different places.

Well people, since I've always got a lot to talk about but never any good at gettin' it on paper, I wish you all the best during the holidays and many safe and enjoyable rides in the coming new year.

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From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK



2003 has been one of large and small successes and a few failures in the motorcycle world. The thing that worries me more than anything is our safety on the roadways.

We are the little guys out there with the light machines compared to the cages. We ride and we are the ones who suffer when some fool in a cage runs over us, yet so many of us, and the safetycrats too, consistently refuse to admit that if we *spend a little money* for some training, it might make us better riders.

We spend thousands of dollars on our machines and thousands more for paint and chrome but refuse to insure those expenditures with formal rider training. Why? Are we really dumb, or is it the macho thing to do? I don't know how many times I've heard people say things like "*I've been ridin' 20 years, and I don't need no one to tell me how to ride.*"

Nobody who has taken a rider ed course will say those words. I hear "*Wow, have I been doin' it all wrong!*" Or, "*I didn't realize how much I really didn't know!*" Do yourself a favor and take a rider ed course this winter, if for no other reason than to try to prove the Gunny wrong. You might be surprised and it could save your life. It's nice to know what the best ways (legal ones) are to cause the guy in the cage to miss ya when he takes a shot at squashin' ya. I'll stop my preaching now. Learning how to do some things differently doesn't make you a *wuss*.

Lets start the new year trying to stay alive and not bury so many of our brothers and sisters in 2004.

### Newsbits -N-Pieces

*Panama City, Florida* — Timothy Pilgreen of Texarkana, Arkansas was charged with assaulting a law enforcement officer he allegedly scuffled with as he tried to flee, on top of the two counts of murder and four counts of attempted murder for driving the stolen pick-up into a group of "outlaw bikers" from Bay City, Michigan.

He killed two after having argued with them earlier. It looks like he will at least get a life sentence out of it. He may really get some "justice" after he is found out behind bars. I don't need to elaborate on that.

Pilgreen apologized and said he would ask for the death penalty because of that. He said he didn't want to face retribution in prison, when interviewed by *The News Herald* of Panama City.

*Flandreau, South.Dakota* — I gotta tell ya this guy representative Bill Janklow needs to feel the teeth of the law, which as you probably now know, he will. Janklow was convicted of manslaughter for killing a biker while speeding. He had been *trying* to claim he was passing just to avoid a speeding ticket, and speeding is part of the case against him. Wow! It came out that Janklow told investigators he was accelerating to pass another vehicle at an intersection before that deadly collision with the biker.

I can't say I'm sorry he was convicted. The trauma to his family must be unreal, to know that one of their own is on his way to prison for being selfish and a liar. Justice is done

folks. I would have bet he would not have been convicted because of who he was and his money. All this, and the family of the man he killed still will not have him to watch over them. A terrible waste. Some of this information comes to us from the *Sons of Liberty Riders*. Thanx, guys!

*Myrtle Beach, Florida* — Jay Jarman of *Bikers Boulevard* in Raleigh, North Carolina was killed by a hit and run driver during the *May Myrtle Beach Bike Week 2003*. The driver fled the scene and later turned himself in. He has not been prosecuted yet.

Take a look at Jay Jarman's memorial website, at

[www.justiceforjay.com](http://www.justiceforjay.com) and sign his guest book. I have heard that it gives his family some comfort. Along with raising awareness of this situation, this is one way fellow bikers can support a fallen brother. Here again is senseless loss of life. We need stronger laws on the books for this sort of thing. The people who do this need to have serious consequences to pay for negligent homicide. Make no mistake, this is *murder* on our roadways. It's time we put a stop to it with severe penalties.



**Safety Alert!**

I said something about this last month too. I say it again because it is so important: *Metzeler has recalled motorcycle tires.* The tire is: *Metzeler model : SPORTEC M-1 P* Build dates : January 26 - February 08, 2003.

If you wear *Metzler* tires on your scooter and have any doubt about this get to your tire dealer *now* and get the record set straight. *Don't* ride on dangerous rubber. *Metzeler* will replace those tires that are recalled free of charge to you. This is the first time *N.H.T.S.A.* has done anything worthwhile in my mind about motorcycle safety. I'll give them thanks for the heads up.

**No, Ya Can't Kiss Yur Sweetie In Public**

*Russia* — This is a proposed new law they are trying to pass there, for the city of Moscow. Now I can see maybe passing a law that ya can't whiz in the street in front of anybody but outlaw a liplock on yer squeeze?

Come on.

*Hanoi, Viet Nam* — From the *Jakarta* (Indonesia) *Post* comes this tidbit: Like a lot of places in the far east the motorcycle taxi is a very popular beast as well as being inexpensive. Besides, they scoot through traffic with aplomb. In Indonesia they call them "ojek". Hanoi residents call them "semoy" No matter what the name they are a valuable way to get around town. *Do you hear what we are saying U.S. of A?* Time to recognize what the rest of the world already knows: motorcycles, and their "semoy" stepchildren are the cheapest, quickest ways through the big cities.

*Mexico* — So Fernando pulled to the side of the road, while on his way from the U.S. to Mexico City because he smelled something burning. He discovered his *Camaro* was on fire so he promptly disconnected the trailer he was pulling that had his motorcycle loaded on.

Isn't that typical of us all? The guy saves his scooter and lets a rig burn that probably cost more than the scooter.

Hell I'da' done the same thing.

**Gunny Again**

If you're a new *Sack* reader, you oughta know that the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorneys all across the country ride and take such very good care of us in the scooter community. God forbid you get in an accident, but if you do, or have other legal needs, call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney at **1-800-On-A-Bike**, or look him up at **www.On-A-Bike.com** and he will advise you of the best course to take. We have *A.I.M.* criminal attorneys now too, if you need it.

Oh, and on that website, which by the way, you can also reach at **www.AIMNCOM.com**, you can look up all my old *Gunny's Sack* columns, going back a few years, too! Lots of other info, too, for you web-heads.

Happy holidays and we'll see ya on the road somewhere next year.

**Regional Convention**

One small reminder, especially for you e-mailers who will get this *Sack* in time: Don't forget the west coast regional *N.C.O.M.* convention, to be held January 10th-12th at the *Holiday Inn* in Sacramento, California.

Call your *A.I.M.* office at: **1-(800)-531-2424** for the best information.

Rooms are real cheap at \$79 per night double or single. Call for reservations and ask for the *N.C.O.M.* rate. There will be seminars on the *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* and many other timely subjects that affect us all.

E-mail me if you wanna catch up with the Gunny there. I'm always at **AIMGunny@aol.com**

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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News &amp; Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

A.M.A. is hosting a Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in Congress or their local councils.

The seminar is March 6-9 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, DC. Participants will meet and learn from the A.M.A.'s Washington staff, as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and lobbying elected officials.

Participants will also prepare to meet face-to-face with members of their congressional delegation. But the seminar isn't all work; there will be a welcome reception, as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the training.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. The registration deadline is February 11. A.M.A. membership is required. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at (614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at [stitus@ama-cycle.org](mailto:stitus@ama-cycle.org).

The *Consumer Product Safety Commission's* (C.P.S.C.) recent report on A.T.V. (all-terrain vehicle) safety shows a 5% decline in the A.T.V. injury rate from 2001 to 2002; 31% decline in the A.T.V. injury rate from 1988 to 2002; 14% decline in the fatality rate for the period of 1999 to 2001; 15% decline since 1997 in the proportion of total ATV-related injuries that involve children under

16.

The C.P.S.C. report states that its latest findings are based on "New risk estimates (for injuries and deaths) that make use of improved estimates of the numbers of A.T.V.s in use." The C.P.S.C. prefaced its report with the observation that, "This year we made several changes to the report to bring it more in line with the current A.T.V. market and to aid in its readability."

More than 15 million Americans ride A.T.V.s in a safe and appropriate manner every year. A.T.V.s have become an essential tool for ranchers, law enforcement, the armed forces, recreational riders, handicap accessibility to remote locations, and others according to the *Specialty Vehicle Institute of America* (S.V.I.A.).

In the United States, sales of new ATVs have increased steadily since 1991. Sales figures for 2002 were 5.6% over those of 2001. Even with this increasing popularity, the

C.P.S.C.'s data shows that the number of injuries is growing at a lesser rate in proportion to the A.T.V. population itself — in fact, the A.T.V. injury rate actually declined 5% from 2001 to 2002, the same year the A.T.V. industry saw over 5% growth in new unit sales. (S.V.I.A.)

California's O.H.V. [off-highway vehicle] community is rallying around recently retired Ocotillo Wells district superintendent Curt Itogawa and his family who lost their home in the devastating southern California fires.

California *Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation* division

(O.H.M.V.R.) headquarters is coordinating the collection of monetary donations. If you would like to participate, please send checks made out to Karen Feldheim: California *Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation* division, 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95816, **attention:** Itogawa Fund.

San Bernardino county, California and local off-highway recreation groups are seeking to use a 1866 federal mining law to take ownership of historical rights-of-way. The only claim so far is for a 42-mile dirt road between Barstow and Lucerne Valley that the county has maintained for 70 years for the use of cattlemen, farmers, rock-hounds, off-highway enthusiasts and the public. The coalition says most of the "highways" are crude off-road trails, mule trails, abandoned ranch roads, dry stream beds, or hiking trails.

Though the county has no plans to exercise most of its claims, their intent is to put the federal government on notice that these are valid public rights of way. The county's claim was the nation's first under the new federal regulation adopted by the interior department in February 2003.

Five other Southern California counties - Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Riverside and San Diego - have passed resolutions asserting similar rights. To date, only San Bernardino has petitioned the federal government to obtain ownership of public land under the jurisdiction of the U.S. *Bureau of Land Management*.



# News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Missouri state representative Dan Ward (D- St. Francois County) has pre-filed house bill 770 for the 2004 session. HB770 revises section 302.020 of the Missouri revised standards to allow persons 21 and older the choice whether or not to ride a motorcycle with a helmet.

“Show Me State” riders in favor of this legislation need to contact their elected officials now to express their support. Contact them at Missouri house of representatives, state capitol building, 201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or by phone at (573)-751-3659. To locate and/or email your representative go to A.M.A. StateWatch at <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/officials/state/?lvl=L&state=mo>.

Montana’s *Bitterroot National Forest (B.N.F.)* is now requiring off-highway vehicles (O.H.V.) riders to comply with state vehicle and licensing laws. Local foresters are requiring that off-highway vehicles using *U.S.F.S.* roads be registered and display a street legal license plate and be properly equipped with mirror, horn, headlights, and brake light. O.H.V. riders on forest roads must also be properly licensed and hold motorcycle endorsement.

This new enforcement appears to be a coordinated effort by the Bitterroot, the Montana *Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks*, and the *Montana Highway Patrol*. Local O.H.V. riders are questioning this since state attorney general’s opinion 37-9 prohibits the state from applying state

vehicle and licensing laws on *U.S. Forest Service* roads. While [the] *Forest [Service]* is relying on a 1998 letter from two *Montana Highway Patrol* officers indicating that state traffic law applies to *U.S. Forest Service* roads, contradicting the earlier attorney general opinion.

If this enforcement effort stands, and is enacted on other *U.S.F.S.* units, it could have a chilling effect on the accessibility of O.H.V. recreation. With the number of miles of trails open for motorized use already dwindling under pressure from special interest groups, many trail rides require a return to the trailhead via roads.

Applying state vehicle law to *U.S.F.S.* roads would make it very difficult to ride anything but a dual-sport O.H.V., since true off-highway motorcycles and A.T.V.s would be restricted to loop routes. *Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association* is working with the department of justice to resolve this issue.

The *California Air Resources Board* agreed to a plan that it claims will reduce air pollution in southern California by more than 1,200 tons each day in order to meet upcoming tougher federal standards.

The plan includes tougher emissions tests for personal vehicles, and could consist of another attempt to repeal the rolling smog check exemption for vehicles 30 years old and older. Tougher emissions tests would include more stringent cut points and the upgrade of several “basic” test areas to

“enhanced” areas.

Other proposals could include the mandatory replacement or upgrade of several emissions-control devices, loaded mode testing for trucks between 8,500 and 10,000 pounds G.V.W.R., low-pressure evaporative system tests and expansion of vehicle scrappage programs.

Regulators are also considering a proposal to implement remote-sensing programs, which would require motorists to submit their vehicles to an out-of-cycle smog check if identified by a remote sensor as having excessive emissions. Longer-term strategies include more stringent new-vehicle emissions standards (LEV III) and a third-generation O.B.D. system (O.B.D. III), which would electronically communicate vehicle emissions system status to regulators. For more information visit <http://www.arb.ca.gov/homepage.htm>

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](http://www.AMADirectlink.com)

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# Congressman Janklow Resigns Following Conviction



After only five hours of deliberation, a jury yesterday found representative William Janklow (R-SD) guilty of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, running a stop sign and speeding for his August 16 crash that resulted in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott. In light of his conviction, Janklow has prepared a letter to submit to house speaker Dennis Hastert today stating that he intends to resign from the house of representatives effective January 20, 2004 - the same day that he will be sentenced on his manslaughter conviction.

Darrel Killion, state coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota*, offered the following comments: "*A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota* wishes to express its sincere gratitude to motorcycle enthusiasts and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* for standing with us and supporting our belief that the South Dakota legal system would provide justice in the Janklow/Scott accident. This decision makes it clear to those who believe themselves to be above the law that they are, in fact, subject to the same justice system that we all live by. This decision is not only a victory for the motorcycle riding public, it is a victory for all users of our highways."

"I would like to thank Darrel Killion and *A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota* for their diligence and guidance through this tragedy and trial," commented Karen Bolin, *M.R.F.* president. "This trial, and the verdict, should remind us all how fortunate we are to live in a

country where no one is above the law, where the judicial system is structured to that principle, and where a United States congressman has been held accountable for his actions by a jury of his peers."

"Even though representative Janklow has been found guilty on all counts," reminds Killion, "we must still keep a watchful eye on this case until such time as sentencing has been rendered."

South Dakota will hold a special election during its June 1, 2004 primary to fill the remainder of Janklow's term.

### ----- Anti-Motorcycling Outfit Demands No Freedom...And No Safety!

Advocating mandatory-use helmet laws and slamming everything from rider education to sanctions against reckless vehicle operators who kill, an anti-motorcycling group has papered Washington, D.C. in opposition to the meaningful agenda for motorcycle safety proposed by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* and state motorcyclists' rights organizations (S.M.R.O.s).

Infamous for its support of the 1990s provision that withheld highway funds from states without mandatory-use helmet laws, *Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (A.H.A.S.)* distributed a flyer the day before a key senate committee was poised to consider and adopt the heart and soul of the motorcycle safety agenda advanced for over a year-and-

a-half by the *M.R.F.* and S.M.R.O.s nationwide. Our motorcycle safety language satisfies literally dozens of action recommendations of the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (N.A.M.S.)* through education, incentive and discussion - and *A.H.A.S.* is demanding that congress reject it all!

This well-funded anti-motorcycling group not only has your rights in their sights, but your safety in its reach. You have only one choice: *fight back!*

1. Read the rebuttal on the *M.R.F.* web site ([www.mrf.org/positionpapers.php](http://www.mrf.org/positionpapers.php)) which contains the bulk of the outfit's criticism.

2. E-mail (or mail) that rebuttal to *both* your U.S. senators *and* your U.S. representative.

3. At minimum, include this comment in your e-mail or letter to your senators: "I urge you to reject the false claims of this anti-motorcycling group which threaten my freedom and safety, and I respectfully request that you support the motorcycle safety amendment being advanced by U.S. senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)."

4. To your U.S. representative, write: "I urge you to reject the false claims of this anti-motorcycling group which threaten my freedom and safety, and I respectfully request that you send a letter to U.S. representatives Steve LaTourette (R-Ohio) and Pete DeFazio (D-Oregon) to signal your support for their motorcycle safety initiative."

A.H.A.S. is arguing against a motorcyclist advisory council that prompts mere dialogue between experts on the issues of road hazards, claiming that hazards “are not the reasons for motorcycle highway crashes.” A.H.A.S. is assailing a provision that encourages sanctions against vehicle operators whose recklessness or negligence causes injury or death, because they view the measure as “a means of blaming passenger vehicle drivers for motorcycle crashes.” Also, A.H.A.S.

is criticizing the initiative because it “does not include state enactment of all-rider motorcycle helmet legislation.”

A.H.A.S. arguments are too weak and too numerous to detail here, but the group reached a new low by attacking education by claiming that rider education/motorist awareness “wastes federal taxpayer funds...” “[M]otorcycle training programs,” the group charged, “have not been proven to be effective in reducing motorcycle crashes.”

In fact, motorcycle skill training does prevent accidents, and N.A.M.S. lists ten separate action recommendations - all marked “essential” - that are fulfilled by the “Motorcycle Safety Incentive Grant” contained within the legislation.

The LaTourette-DeFazio-Murkowski motorcycle safety initiative will prevent accidents, thwart injuries and save lives. Act today - or your freedom and your safety will be history tomorrow.

**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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# What I did on my Summer Vacation

( *The Southwest Geology Tour* )

by Jill Tracy



**Day Three:** After a quick breakfast with coffee from the new *Coleman* stovetop drip coffeemaker (works great!), we headed off on the “Loneliest highway”, highway 50.

One last range of mountains, then we dropped down into the valley of Delta, Utah.

Julian and I were both pulling trailers behind our bikes. I was getting pretty good mileage, still able to go 200 miles before needing to fill up, but Julian’s trailer must have been heavier, because he only had a range of about 100 miles. Thank goodness he had a small gas can onboard, because there was only one place to fill up between Ely and Delta, and I passed it right by!

There is a beautiful section of highway 50 between Scipio and Salina, crossing a low section of the Wasatch Mountains, which included a quick little shower of rain.

As we headed up into the mountains, I noticed my *speedometer* needle going really nuts, spinning like the blades in a blender! It only took a few minutes of that abuse against the stop pin, before snapping the needle off totally. Whatever was going on behind the face of the *speedometer*, it wasn’t good, because once the stub of the *speedometer* needle seized up, there was metal debris all over inside the case, and it took out the odometer too!

Why is it the one person who’s speedometer isn’t working, is the one leading the pack?

I checked — nobody else wanted to, pointing out that I was the one who

made up the route and had the map. (I think Ted is getting a tank-bag for Christmas this year!)

We found another nice lunch stop at a local park for homemade tortillas, salsa, bean dip and whatever else was hidden in the coolers. That’s where highway 50 joins with I-70 for a long stretch to Grand Junction.

Still, several of the viewpoints offered some interesting geologic formations of spires and “hanging” rocks, along with locals selling handmade silver and semi-precious stone jewelry.

We could see thunderheads, but hadn’t gotten wet yet, so off we rode — into a downpour! But as quickly as it came, it was over, and then we were back to the heat of the valley.

Highway 191 between I-70 and Moab is the most dull section of highway the whole trip!

We set up camp in Moab, then explored a bit of the town, finishing the day with dinner at a nice Mexican restaurant.

Thursday began with a trip through *Arches National Park*. What an amazing park! The rock sentinels, spires and ridges along with the arches were stunning. Early in the morning when it’s cool and not too crowded was very pleasant.

We headed back into town to gas up, and then took a small secondary highway out towards I-70. Highway 128 follows the Colorado River on it’s way to the Grand Canyon, and it has carved out some wonderful cliffs. The road was twisty but in good repair and

was very enjoyable, so if you are every down that way, make a point to find that road and check it out.

We reached Grand Junction and I-70, and headed east. The afternoon began to cool off, and the rain clouds were building, so we stopped for gas and rain gear in a little town called Eagle.

I-70 along the Colorado River is very scenic. (It’s amazing they squeezed a superhighway through some spots.)

As we got close to Vail, the rain began. It started raining harder and harder, with snow and sleet mixed in, and traffic was getting heavier. The highway itself was in very bad shape, due to some bad weather this winter, and the highway construction crews were out in full force. All of this combined to make the next 25 miles very treacherous.

I was busy trying to keep the bike and trailer out of the ruts in the highway, and dealing with those walls of water generated by traffic in the next lane as they hit a water-filled rut.

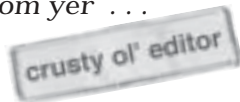
I checked my mirrors as I left the construction zone and was shocked to see that there wasn’t anyone behind me anymore!

Hey, I’m their *leader*!

Where did they go?

(Find out in next month’s installment.)

From yer . . .



# Housekeeping 101

*how to avoid cranky editors*

c.o.e. -- 24



by  
Rot Path  
(c.o.e.)

This issue marks the twenty-fourth edition of the Oregon *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter under the stewardship of yer crusty ol' editor, Rot Path.

The longer I do this job, the more admiration I have for my immediate predecessor, Gordon Hieronimus, who was editor for seven years. (Or eight or nine, depending on who one talks with.) I used to think he was often cranky and loud at state board meetings. Now I've come to realize that he exhibited remarkable restraint.

Beginning this month we have many chapters with new slates of officers taking over their official duties. (And everyone in *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* thanks you for your selfless acceptance of an officer position. You will never work alone.)

Traditionally, new officers learn quite a bit about their new duties by attending *S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate)* in February.

In order to help chapter secretaries and anyone else who may be sending reports to the newsletter for publication, here's some guidelines that will make your job a bit easier and prevent the crusty ol' editor from becoming cranky and loud at state board meetings:

**1. Reports are due by midnight (2400) on the tenth (10th) day of the month preceding publication.**

If that makes you say "Huh?", then an example is in order — if you want something published in the February newsletter, then it must be submitted by 10 January.

As always, if life interferes with submitting your material on time, call the newsletter at (503)-838-6893 to make arrangements for submitting it later.

The main exception is that material will be accepted at state board meetings, particularly if notification has been given by the 10th.

**2. Material may mailed, e-mailed, FAXed, delivered on 3-1/2" floppy disk, ZIP disk, or CD in "text" mode (.TXT) or JPEG for graphic material.**

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Most chapters have members (or children of members) who have some computer savvy. Let them help with e-mailing material to the newsletter. It helps other members feel involved with the chapter.

Please do *not* get fancy with electronic submissions. Not everyone has the same software or computer system that you may have. Send material in the lowest form of formatting possible so that it is universally recognizable by most software. (And definitely do *not* send material in HTML format unless you enjoy being ignored.)

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Often what chapters and officers present in the newsletter forms the first impression for someone who is curious about *A.B.A.T.E.* and wants to find more information. Let's try to make the newsletter easy to read and as informative as possible.

By the time the fireworks and hangovers of this new year have faded, a dear friend of yer crusty ol' editor may no longer be among us.

Back before there was a Rot Path, a would-be writer named Pat Henderson joined a writer's critique group that met weekly at the Salem public library.

Among those providing feedback was a retired accountant with a wicked sense of dry humor who had turned to writing. His name was and is Fred Swain and meeting him made me realize that accountants (including Bob Newhart) have incredible imaginations, possibly as an escape from numerical tedium.

Fred was always very supportive of my writing and as I began to venture into motorcycling and stories about them, I continued to receive support from him. I think he enjoyed glimpsing the world of motorcycling through my observations. I'm sorry that I never took him for a ride so that he could experience riding firsthand.

Fred has cancer that has gone beyond treatment. I talked with him on the phone today and was more stumble-tongued than I imagined I could be. What do you say to someone under those conditions? Their perceptions and priorities have become different from yours.

Fred, I'm grateful that we met. When I think of your wit and attitudes, a smile plays at the corners of mind and mouth.

Thank you for touching my life.

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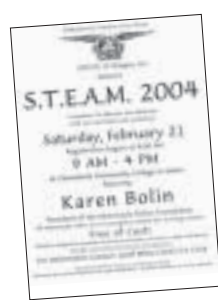
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A.B.A.T.E. -- Education is more important than ego. (Rot Path)

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03 January	WaCo IceCycle Run	Hillsboro	(503)-648-7129
10 January	Easy Rider Bike Show	Portland	1-(800)-962-9857
17 January	Northeast Portland Cabin Fever Run	Portland	(503)-231-2701
14 February	Columbia River Sweetheart Dance	Portland	(503)-282-4604
15 February	ABATE of Washington Swap Meet	Monroe, WA	(360)-354-7449
21 February	S.T.E.A.M. (Chemeketa)	Salem	(541)-774-7558
28 February	Willamette Valley Casino Night	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
12 March	Hub City Biker Night	Albany	(541)-451-3940
14 March	<b>Oregon ABATE Spring Swap Meet</b>	<b>Roseburg</b>	(541)-
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27-28 March	ABATE/BikePAC planning session	The Dalles	(503)-351-8193
32 March	April's Fools	Everywhere	
04 April	Oregon 250	Portland	(503)-641-4734
25 April	<b>Oregon ABATE Spring Swap Meet</b>	<b>Portland</b>	(503)-
01 May	Motorcycle Awareness and Freedom Rally	Salem-capitol	(503)-351-8193
08 May	Oregon 500	Portland	(503)-641-4734
15 May	WaCo Poker Run	Hillsboro	(503)-646-2060
21-23 May	Willamette Valley Rhody Fest Poker Run	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
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# January 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Josephine County 1800 (6:00 pm)  New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Ice Cycle Run</b> WaCo
<b>4</b> Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>7</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>8</b> Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
<b>11</b> Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>14</b> Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	<b>15</b> Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Cabin Fever Party</b> Northeast PDX
<b>18</b> Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- South Coast 1100 (11:00 am)	<b>19</b>  Martin Luther King Day	<b>20</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>21</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>22</b> North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm) [ ? ]	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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# Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

111 NW General Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon  
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## Sunday, March 14th, 2004

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

### Admission:

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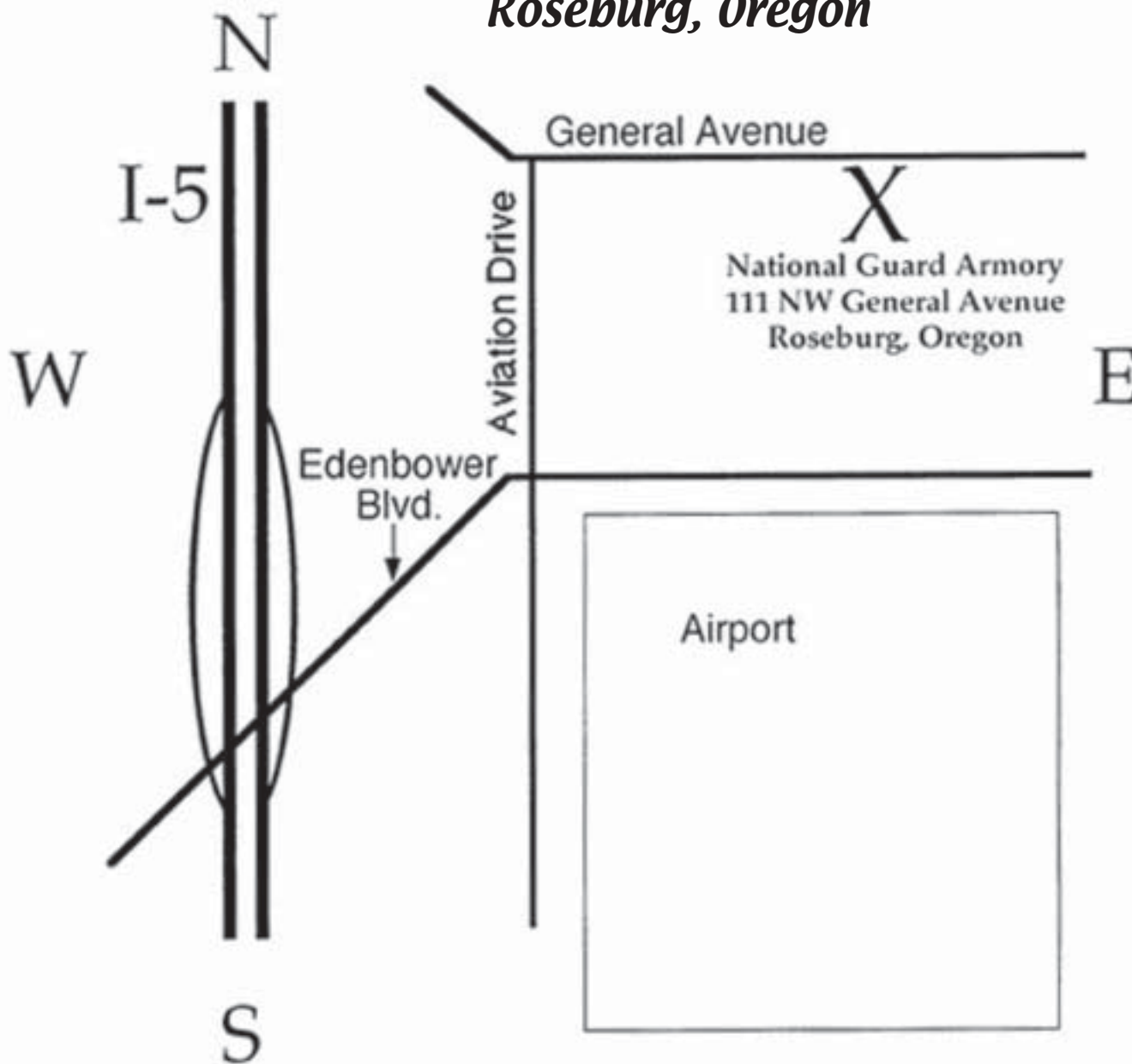
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# Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

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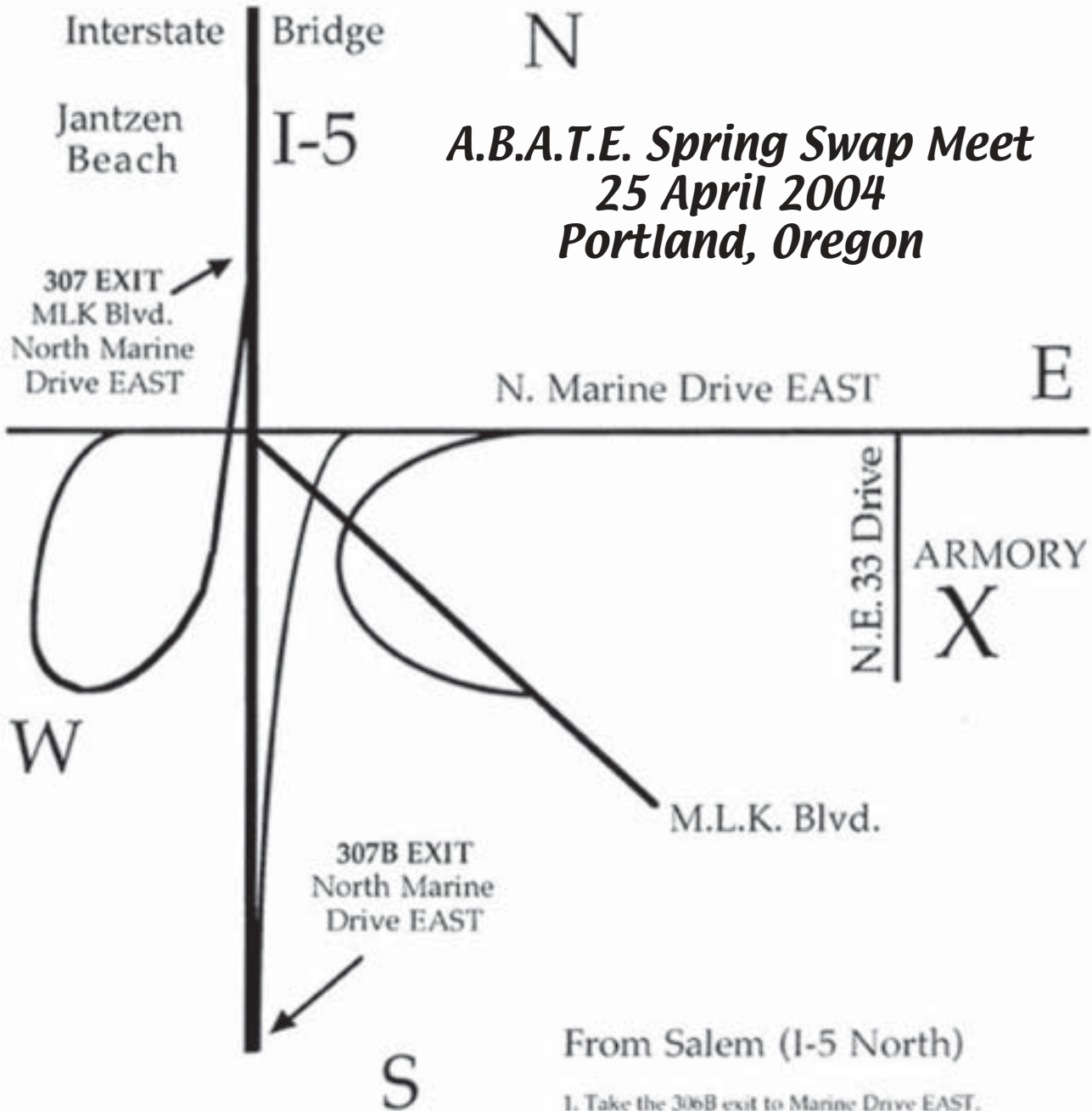
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**A.B.A.T.E. Spring Swap Meet  
25 April 2004  
Portland, Oregon**

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## Millenium Ride

Hi,

I am still very much alive and well. It's over a month since the last update. Stopping to summarize the progress of one's whole purpose on this planet every few weeks can be challenging and occasionally I don't want to. In fact I was trying to figure out the Brazilians before e-mailing you, but that seems to be impossible because the place is so big. Then so many things started to happen, like miles under my wheels and lots of contact with motorcyclists.

Buenos Aires reminds me of Europe, particularly Brussels in fact, though far bigger. It's similar to London with at least 10-20,000 motorcycle dispatch riders, though no one can give a real figure and the government has no clue. They ride like the crazy Parisian riders and hang out on the avenues in the center drinking beer and smoking marijuana. The car drivers, on the other hand, are more of a threat to motorcycle safety than any other place on earth. At least that is how I feel after being (softly) rear-ended at a traffic light the other day. Even if I had punched the guy I'm sure he would not have understood what he did wrong! Like every city there are far too many cars.

There is something special about the relationship between Argentines and their country. Some talk about it with a passion, a fire in their eyes. They say you cannot live here unless you love it. Their history is a bit of a love affair.

A military government took power soon after the death of Peron and his much loved and famous wife Eva.

Many innocent students disappeared at the hands of militants. The biker's rights organization was banned. Only one generation has passed between then and now. Even now people seem to be afraid to stand up and speak out and there is big distrust between the people and any sort of organization. The most common question about my ride and motivation for addressing the riders about their rights is "who is paying for it?" Once they know that is nearly all my own money they are much more comfortable.

I think the people are slowly building the confidence once again to improve their society. The biggest problem being corruption, seemingly at all levels everywhere. Motorcycle theft is the biggest problem in this city and the police are accomplices. Imagine that!

A few people think things will never change; some think it will take another generation and others believe it can start now.

I suggested that a bikers rights organization could help in some small way towards freedom and democracy. The response was, yes, but only by a miniscule percentage. He was right, but it is better than nothing because presently everyone else is doing Sweet FA, apart from making the revolution around a coffee table. A lawyer told me things probably cannot change without bloodshed.

I'm sure that the bikers can carve out a niche without the need for that though.

I am staying with my great new friends, Sandra and Javier Kaper and



Simon Milward

family, friends of Ricardo Rocco, and with them am promoting my presentation tomorrow at the 4 x 4 Café.

They started an internet discussion list among the motorcyclists about their rights. Argentina seems to have the most corrupt traffic police in the world and a new BA rule under discussion is that your bike will be confiscated if caught riding helmetless. About 50% do so now. I am impressed by Argentinean biker's readiness to help foreign motorcycle travelers. There is even a national network standing by to pamper us! I tell them the best way they can help us is by getting organized, promoting their own rights locally and nationally, and participating in our global movement. They pamper us but ignore the big and legitimate needs of their own!

I hope to meet the local *U.N.I.C.E.F.* boss here next week to talk about health services for children in Argentina's rural northern provinces. We have a motorcycle solution to a big problem, as shown by a letter (on my web page) from the secretary of health in Jujuy Province that needs 50 small motorcycles. Bolivia does more for their poor rural population's health than does Argentina. *U.N.I.C.E.F.* was instrumental in the establishment of *Riders for Health* in Africa many years ago, an organization unequalled in giving more "bangs for bucks" in terms

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## Millenium Ride

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of rural populations, health.

Next Wednesday I'll be heading south once again. It is nice to be in line with the seasons like this, although the TV news showed heavy snow (the first for 20 years in November) in Ushuaia at the tip of South America, 3,000 km away. I'll be there on 31 December. On the way I shall stop to make a few presentations here and there at motorcycle meetings. I will use the six weeks of nature to chill out a bit, maybe catch a ride to antarctica on a passing iceberg.

### Brazil

Rio de Janeiro: The free parts (sponsored by *Rotax* after my carelessness) for my engine rebuild were delivered by *D.H.L.* accompanied by a \$2,000 tax bill! All the people in the vicinity immediately became aware of the issue at hand, as I stole the parts out of the van and told the delivery man to get lost. No one was prepared to help with the getaway, and the police were on their way. I cradled the large box in my arms before sadly giving it back. So close yet so far away. It was another week before I had the parts in my possession with a tax cost of \$200, kindly resent differently.

Some of this time I camped in the workshop of Quicas in Barra de Tijuca, who had offered his place to do the bike work. Other nights I was a guest of Dr Ben Gilbert, a well known researcher of medicinal cures found in Amazonia, university professor and one of the most amazing persons I have ever met. He lives just beneath the Sugar Loaf. This is the famous dome shaped rock from where you can look west and see Christ's

statue way up on the mountain. I joined Ben for 6 am swims in the sea nearby and also at the Anglican Christ Church and All Saints, which itself was a bit of a landmark on my spiritual journey! (Thanks Simon and Ruth.)

Ben told me the truth of the rainforest. The destruction continues unabated despite the best attempts to stop it. The mighty dollar has won. The rainforest will totally disappear in the coming years. Nobody protests now. Nobody replants. Goodbye.

Oh let's ignore it. Suffocation can't be that bad.

Rio is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The different suburbs being separated by dramatic solid rock mountains, the bays, beaches and boats. The curved Copacabana beach is impressively lined with white high rise apartment blocks. At the first hint of sun, Rio people head straight to the beaches that are usually packed by 10 am. There is a lot of gaiety (old sense of the word) in Rio, with their year-round preparations for the famous anything-goes carnival in February.

In Sao Paulo, a massive city, I found some of the people to be arrogant and selfish. I stayed enough time to change my tyres (many thanks eventually to *Metzeler* for the *Pirellis*, along with Casa Fernandez and Red Baron.)

Further south in Brazil the people warmed up considerably. In Florianópolis in Santa Catarina state I stayed for a few days at La Toca, a room set aside for motorcycle travelers by Cicera Paes, and made my presentation to the riders. Many thanks to *Touperas Motorcycle Club* and the three months old state motorcyclist's organization *A.M.O.-S.C.*

The best organized and most effective bikers rights group I have met

since the U.S.A. is

*A.M.O.-R.S.*, the state rights group in Rio Grand do Sul, Brazil's most southern state. I visited the president Leandro Balardin in Cachoeira do Sul and made my presentation there. This group successfully stopped a state wide rule mandating number plate number on helmets and clothing a la Colombia. They then went on to defeat the same proposal on a national basis.

(Incidentally the head of the *A.M.O.* of Rio de Janeiro office twice refused to meet me, even once when I was in the room next door in his own offices. I think he will be gone soon.)

### Uruguay

Sandwiched between Brazil and Argentina on the Atlantic coast. There is one thing the Uruguayans would like you to know: they are peace lovers. What with just a 3-4 million population, everyone in Uruguay knows each other. They are extremely friendly. I stopped to ask some policemen for directions. Within a few minutes they had me sat at their desk in their kiosk tucking into a big plate of pasta and sauce whilst they were on the phone making contact and getting directions for something called the *Motorcyclist Center* in Montevideo.

The country inland is flat and windy. Cattle rearing is the main activity. The grass is so good it grows right up to the sea. It was wonderful to see hundreds of thousands of newly planted trees, hardly enough to compensate the continuing destruction of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil but nevertheless a heartening sight.

I stayed with Pocho for a few nights, the most famous Uruguayan

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**Millenium Ride**

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motorcyclist who had traveled the Americas on his 500cc Honda and founded the motorcycle center, sort of an information point and cafeteria. Pocho's bike has an oven. He fits a home made exhaust for his trips, one that has a second chamber wrapped round the silencer, in which chunks of meat are cooked on a spit, during 160 km.

Fortunately there was a meeting of club representatives that I was able to address about motorcycle rights. I am hopeful that they will participate in a Latin American initiative, though there are few national or local issues right now. I apologize for not staying longer in this happy and friendly country.

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Lastly, concerning health deliveries in poor rural Latin America, there are three categories of health ministries:

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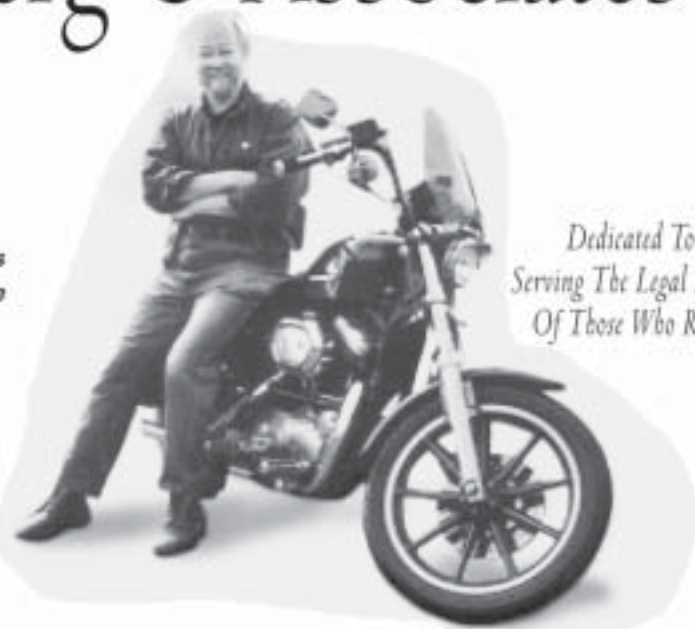
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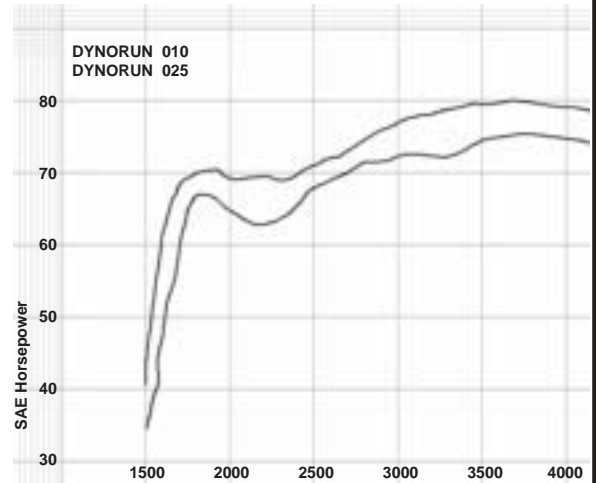


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Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A. T.E. logo -- \$40



### ABATE PINS



### MISCELLANEOUS

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats .....	
_____	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	_____	 <b>STICKERS</b>
_____	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	_____	
_____	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	_____	 <b>SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS</b>
_____	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	
_____	"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	 <b>OFFICER ROCKERS ( special order items )</b>
_____	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)			_____	

	<b>Sub Total</b>	_____
Shipping & Handling Charges .....		_____
	Under \$25.00 = <b>\$5.00</b>	
	\$25.01-\$100.00 = <b>\$7.00</b>	
T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping .....		<b>\$8.00</b>

**Thank you for your order ;-)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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 **\$30.**

Phone **(503)-285-4329**

Rotten Roger (Feb 2004)

1979 Suzuki Special 650.

**\$1,495** or best offer.

**(503)-667-3312**

Jimmy Bear Dec 2003)

1985 Ford F-350, crew cab dually 1-ton pickup. Less than 11,000 miles on new 460 crate engine, transmission cooler, RV-ready for camper, wired for trailer, two batteries, two fuel tanks, dual pipes, chrome wheels and running boards, too much to mention. Licensed until 2005. Bargain price \$6,250 or best offer

Frank **(541)-926-0333** (Albany)

(Jan 2004)

Harley-Davidson jacket, top of the line! Fits women size 12-16. Perfect condition, all the bells and whistles, zip-out windbreaker/rain jacket can be worn alone. Removable back, shoulder, elbow armor and kidney belt. Embossed "Harley-Davidson" on sleeve. Paid \$549 new, asking \$400 or best offer. Beautiful jacket, only worn on one ride.

Call Karla "Scoutee" at **(503)-774-2502**, leave message if no answer.

(Jan 2004)

1996 Triumph Speed Triple, 108 HP, Buell-eater. \$4,000.

1974 early MGB with overdrive \$4,500.

1965 GTO, 421, 4-speed, power steering and brakes, show winner, \$17,000.

**(503)-648-1367**

(Jan 2004)

### For Sale

#### Make no bones about it!

Genuine buffalo skull. Wuz \$150, now **\$100** (until christmas), plus shipping and handling in lower 48 states.

Jay **(541)-389-6773** (Jan 2004)

Three incomplete 16-speed 3/4 HP floor-style heavy duty industrial drill presses. Many extra parts. Must sell to make room. Come one, take all. **\$65** or best offer. Sacrifice. Call **(503)-257-7390** They won't last long.

(Feb 2004)

1965 Ford F-100 pickup, teal green with two-tone gray interior, 351 Dart Windstar, C6 transmission, Saginaw power steering, 9inch rear end, Blaupunkt CD player with six CD deck, tonneau cover, new headliner. **\$13,500** or offer. Contact Lynn Patterson at **(503)-861-9815** or

**lynnpatterson@charter.net**

(Feb 2004)

2000 Suzuki Intruder 1400, 5K, windshield, "copper" brown/black, always garaged and maintained; Sharp! **\$4,850.** Call Sheryl, **(541)-327-2192**

(Feb 2004)

#### Tired of being shiftless?

Now available through special arrangements, you can be the first on your block to own your own custom-built and tested solid polished stainless steel shifter linkage. Better than show chrome finish. Three or four styles available now. See at bike events throughout the state. Call for appointment only to Cracker Jac Welding.

**(503)-257-7390**

FAX **(503)-262-9110** (Mar 2004)

### Wanted

Electric treadmill.

DANA 70 rear end, 411 ratio.

Call Rotten Roger at **(503)-285-4329**

(Dec 2003)

### Wanted

Your ad here.

Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.

It's one of your perks as an A.B.A.T.E. member.

(No commercial ads please.)

### ANSWER TO DECEMBER PUZZLE

1. Front wheel is narrower.
2. Fuel tank is smaller.
3. Boot is shorter.
4. Hat ball is smaller.
5. Bag tag is missing.
6. Beard is shorter.



## January Cryptogram

S O S I Y E S F S A F Z I F P Z U T A L U S A Y

N V U N R S V I Y E S N E A I L V I L A I B

A R C A F N Z T S M A N D A L S A V I Y Z

C E S U S Y E S G C S U S .

— E S E A D A F A Q A ( M R A N D S R D )

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

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

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.

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Contact: **(503)-838-6893** (V/F)  
or

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## STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2004

<b>Position/Name:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>FAX #:</b>
COORDINATOR		1-(800)-779-3830	
Joe Laurance	(541)-679-3775	josephlaurance@aol.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Larry Brown			
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH	(541)-218-4228 (cell)		
Tim Rohde	(541) 479-4451(h)		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Bob Hadley	(541)-447-8650	easternorvc@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	tntfam@europa.com	(503)-615-0550
SECRETARY			
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
TREASURER			
Ted Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	tntfam@europa.com	(503)-615-05504
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SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2			
Nora Rohde	(541)-479-4451 (h)		
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FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Duane Calkins			
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
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Iris Yeager	(541)-967-1286	mrsyeag@AOL.com	
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Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
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Ed Vaugh	(503)-646-2060	vaughned@earthlink.net	
Confederation of Clubs Rep #2			
Michael Schneider			

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

(Return address on reverse side)

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 STAMP

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**Membership Application**

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

**Additional Members in Same Household:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 ]

Mary is merry after some beers,  
Something that happens every new year,  
She wakes up in a strange bed,  
With her skirts over her head,  
That's why her children are stair-stepped dears.

Drinkin' the new year in is Bob's way,  
Which always leads to frolic and play,  
It wasn't much bother,  
'Til he became a father,  
He can't drink with the support he pays

Life is a cause for celebration,  
To be tempered with contemplation,  
Of our responsible roles,  
As part of a cosmic whole,  
And debts to future generations.

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**NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:**

Saturday, 10 January 2004 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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1400 (2:00 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1230(12:30 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Jubitz Truck Stop</i> ; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	1230 (12:30 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1800 (6 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Pizza Hut</i> ; 1465 6th; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7:00 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> ; Portland
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ; 335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles ( I-84 & US-197 )
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Chalet Restaurant</i> , Market Street, Salem
South Coast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1100 (11 <sup>am</sup> ) <i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	1200 (noon) <i>M/M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 2550 Crater Lake Hwy; Medford
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	2 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> ) <i>Veteran's Memorial Building</i> 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene