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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

"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 Rasor 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

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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone:

Happy New Year! This year may well be the most successful year in A.B.A.T.E.'s history. We have a strong agenda for both state and federal legislation, powerful friends in Salem and Washington, D.C., a revitalized *BikePAC* and a reorganized *M.R.F.*, both ready to rumble. The new officer list for state and chapter positions is nothing short of amazing. All things are in place for unprecedented victory. Only one element is now required to make this all happen.

You!

Never before have you been such an important part of the equation.. So, what can you do?

First and most important is show up at the state capitol in Salem when asked to do so. Your first opportunity this year will be when the legislature opens the 2005 session on Monday, January 10th. Be there at 9:00 am dressed in riding gear with as many brothers and sisters as you can bring along. This will have about the same effect as firing on Fort Sumpter once did. You will most certainly get the attention of every legislator there and most likely the media as well. Your quiet and respectful presence will tell this session of the state legislature that we are serious about our agenda and that we insist on passage of the bills presented by *BikePAC*. We were virtually ignored by these people last time around because so few of us went to the trouble of showing up. Don't you dare let this happen again. Don't let all the hard work already done by *BikePAC* on our behalf be wasted.

This is only the place to start.

In the coming months you will be

asked to show up in Salem for *Biker Days* in February, March and April, and the governor's *Motorcycle Awareness Day* in May. Also, you will be asked to call your state and national legislators on various issues during the year as required. Your support of this work by renewing your A.B.A.T.E. membership, attending our runs, rallies and swap meets is also vitally important. You've been demanding your share of freedom for years. Now, go out and get it! If you don't work for it, you don't deserve it!

I'd like to thank you for re-electing me coordinator for another year. Nothing that I have done has given me such satisfaction as serving and representing you here and throughout the country. I wish you could see how much respect and recognition A.B.A.T.E. receives throughout the nation because of your hard work. Your board of directors has elected a fantastic lineup of state officers for 2005. I'm especially pleased with our new vice-coordinators, Ed Vaughn for the north end of the state, Hal Fletcher for the south end, and Ed Miller for the east. As this will be my last year serving as your coordinator, you might well be choosing your next state coordinator from among these and previous vice-coordinators. It will be a difficult choice as these are among the finest people I know. I'm also pleased that so many of our proven warriors have stayed on in other state positions, knowing all too well the sacrifices they will be making for you. Please thank them.

I'm looking forward to meeting



by Joe Laurance

those of you who have been newly elected to chapter offices. Come to a board meeting early this year, introduce yourselves, and let us welcome you to the team. As you assume these important jobs, remember that every member is important and deserves to be heard and that freedom is not only our goal, but the word we live by.

By the way, you might look elsewhere in this edition of our news magazine for part of a magazine article I'm writing about my experiences at Bonneville.

Guard and guide us, Lord

Joseph Laurance

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

Central Oregon Chapter

Greetings from sunny central Oregon!

We are already a week into December and the weather has been pretty wild. Most of us have the bike put up for the winter and are eagerly awaiting the first warm days of spring.

By the time you receive this report the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition's Toy Run* will be over as well as our chapter Christmas party. I will have to let you know how they turned out next month. I can however say thank you once again to Rebecca for making up the flyers, maps, and labels for our Christmas party. She does such a great job with that stuff for our chapter.

In the December report I mentioned that one of our members "City Mike" went down on his bike while attending the coalition's *Reindeer Ride*. Mike is back to work and has healed up just fine. He stopped by the shop the other day and made a donation to the chapter. Thanks Mike! The downside is that his motorcycle is totaled. Sorry to hear that Mike.

At our January meeting we will be holding elections of our chapter officers. If you want to be part of that process or want to step up and be an officer in this great organization, "be there". Becoming an *A.B.A.T.E.* officer is very rewarding and is a way you can make a difference in the motorcycling community.

On February 19th *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is holding S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate.) This is an annual event held in Salem. It is a one day seminar and the state usually provides lunch. Jackie and myself have attended S.T.E.A.M. the last three years and it truly does educate and motivate. I highly recommend going if at all possible. Just meeting the people on the state level who have done so much for *A.B.A.T.E.* and motorcycling for so long is motivational.

That's about all I have for this month. It is kind of a quiet time of year.

Remember "United we stand . . ." and you all know the rest of that sentence.

Later,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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We had a pretty good turnout for our meeting in which we elected new chapter officers. We also got some new members.

Shag reported on the toy run and the availability of t-shirts and sweatshirts. Rob also noted that because some of the riders did not wear their helmets during the run, we may lose our current parade status and may have to have a more costly one.

There was also a discussion of available insurance coverage for motorcyclists and the need to have a high uninsured motorist coverage. Most of the drivers who cause crashes are uninsured and so you need to make sure your own policy will cover the damages.

With respect to S.T.E.A.M., our membership secretary and recording secretary wanted to have classes that covered their jobs since S.T.E.A.M. advertises itself as an opportunity for all chapter officers to get training.

We also did some more planning for the *Sweatheart Dance* in February. It was suggested that we support the host of our dance, the *Blue Eyes Lounge*, by visiting it on other occasions. It is located at 108th and NE Halsey. It is important to remember those who help us.

The big event was the elections and for the first time in the twelve years that I have been a member of this chapter there was a lot of people competing for jobs.

Before each vote, we had the candidates explain why they wanted the job. Then, we had them leave the room while we discussed them and voted.

Here are the results:

- coordinator – Larry
- vice-coordinator – Shag
- secretary – Marie
- treasurer – Mary
- membership – Rhonda
- sgt-at-arms I – Shawn (Pup Dog)
- sgt-at-arms II – Chuck
- state representative – Joan
- ways and means – James
- historian – Neil
- education – Matt
- toy run – Rob and Shag
- road captain I – Jimmy



road captain II – Shag
public relations – Jimbo

As you can see, we have filled *all* of the positions, a first for this chapter. Also, many of the people in the various officer positions have never served as officers before and some of them are new to the chapter. This means new energy for us in 2005 and beyond.

The chapter thanks all of those who have served before and those who serve now.

After being chapter coordinator for six years, it is time for me to take a break and work on other projects. I am greatly disturbed by the threats to our civil rights and liberties that the Bush administration presents. The so-called “war on terror” is being used as an excuse to take away our rights and I intend to work on opposing those efforts. One imminent threat is legislation in congress, HB-10 and S-2845, which would create federally standardized drivers’ licenses which will do nothing to make us safer but will instead be an unprecedented invasion of our privacy rights. This legislation would for the first time in our nation’s history create a national identity card and a national computer data bank with our personal information in it.

The chapter gave Janet and me some nice going away presents.

So I say to you all:
Goodbye and good luck.
I will be seeing you around,

Spike

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

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**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
Jubitz Truck Stop
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Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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

Douglas County Chapter

Happy New Year from beautiful
Douglas County!
(Ramblings of a tired secretary)

This is coming to you, obviously, ahead of January because of editing and printing deadlines. So....the reality is that we are having a truly wonderful December. Lots of toy runs happening and opportunities to celebrate the season with those we love. Sorry we missed last month's news, but my computer died, and was in the shop....something like a "hard drive infested with 300+ virus bodies." So now we're back online and here I am.

Due to our meeting happening so late in the month, results of our elections will come to you in the February 2005 edition.

Hmmm, 2005....sounds strange.

Which reminds me – 2005 another legislative year. It's not too early to begin planning to attend *Biker Days* at the capital in Salem. This is a really effective tool for letting our legislators know just how many interested and informed motorcyclists are active voters.

My best guess is this will be my last news'zine input as there is someone interested in running for secretary and I think I will bow out and let him go for it. Everyone needs a turn at being an officer. But don't think for a minute that my involvement in *A.B.A.T.E.* will decrease just because I'm no longer an officer.

It takes all of us, every one, to make the organization effective.

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to serve in this way and having an opportunity to "wax



philosophical" once in awhile has been fun.

After a week of rain, it's nice to take a moment to consider the upcoming ride season. I'm looking forward to *Fossil* and the coming together of so many old and new friends. If you haven't been there, you may not be a real "Oregon A.B.A.T.E.r"....it's kind of a rite-of-passage. It's also a big part of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* history. The scenery is beautiful and the town is filled with fine folks who roll out the country version of the red carpet for a bunch of bikers.

Hoping that Santa brought you all the new parts you wanted for the winter work on the scooter. It's been a great year. May God richly bless you and yours with health and happiness in the New Year!

Becky Garino
secretary
Douglas County Chapter

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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

Hub City Chapter



Happy New Year to all !

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe holiday season and had a chance to participate in some of the many toy runs and charity events in their local area. This time of year is a time for giving and being thankful for our freedom.

Locally *Hub City* participated in the 19th Annual A.M.O. Toy Run and is proud of that for the second year in a row to win the coveted award for being the largest M.R.O. in attendance. It is such a good feeling to see the smile on all the children's faces when they are handed a toy from our local Santa, Monty Meek. There was a new route this year that allowed for more spectators to watch the parade. At one point Santa's toy wagon stopped in the middle of the road to hand out toys to children watching on the side of the road. This is what the true meaning is all about and hope everyone had the opportunity to participate in the giving that symbolizes this time of year.

Many *Hub City* members participated in the *Resurrection of the Bikes* show in Portland during the

month of November. We are very proud of our members that entered their bikes in the show. At least two *Hub City* members garnered honors for their bikes and themselves at the show. Our very own Tacey Little took first place for mild custom sportster – way to go Tacey. And Bill "Skullman" Owsley also won his division for his tricked out skull bike. Both bikes were painted by the infamous Patty (*Artworks by Patricia*) !!! So all you *A.B.A.T.E.* members out there who want to win a bike show, have Patty spray your scoot!!

Hub City would like to express it's gratitude to all the bikes who participated in the *Veterans Day Parade* in Albany, which is one the largest parades held on the west coast. Remember this country is still at war and that freedom is not free. Be sure to thank all those who have sacrificed so that we can have the freedoms to walk and talk and ride where we want to.

It has been a great year for *Hub City*. We have seen our membership increase over this past year to include

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Check out Hub City's new web site:

<http://www.hubcityabate.com>

HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Josephine County Chapter

Well its here it is 2005 and another Christmas is gone. I hope everybody had a great xmas .

This year will be even a better year for our chapter. There are a lot of plans in the works for our chapter and for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* in 2005.

First off I'd like to invite the members of the *Southern Oregon Chapter* (which is no longer) to come and be a part of *Josephine County Chapter*. I'd like to also welcome to our chapter's more than 25 new members to the *Josephine County Chapter* also.

A.B.A.T.E. is a great organization that does a lot for the biker community nationwide and with the support of people like you it will keep on doing good things for us all !

One thing I would like to do in this report is to ask every member of *A.B.A.T.E.* to reach out to people around you who believe in the rights for motorcycle riders to bring them into *A.B.A.T.E.* There are lots of

people out there who ride and they still don't know anything about what *A.B.A.T.E.* does and what a great bunch we are!! Sometimes just by talking to them and letting them know that their support and friendship is wanted and needed you find yourself with a new friend and a member. Ask for membership applications from one of the officers and we will get them to you. It's a good thing to bring us all together no matter what you ride for a common bond and some good riding time.

Take care and ride safe !!

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Thursdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Abby's Pizza

205 Beacon Drive

Grants Pass

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

Lincoln County Chapter

Wow, *Lincoln County* is still alive and well.

Sorry for no report the last couple of months. The 10th gets here and is gone before I know it.

It has been a busy fall here for us.

Sorry you missed me, Jack.

We are now up to 100 members. Why are there only 18 members coming to the meetings?

We are planning on one heck of a Christmas party here in *Lincoln County*. We have adopted two large families and the *Samaritan House* (they provide temporary housing for homeless families)

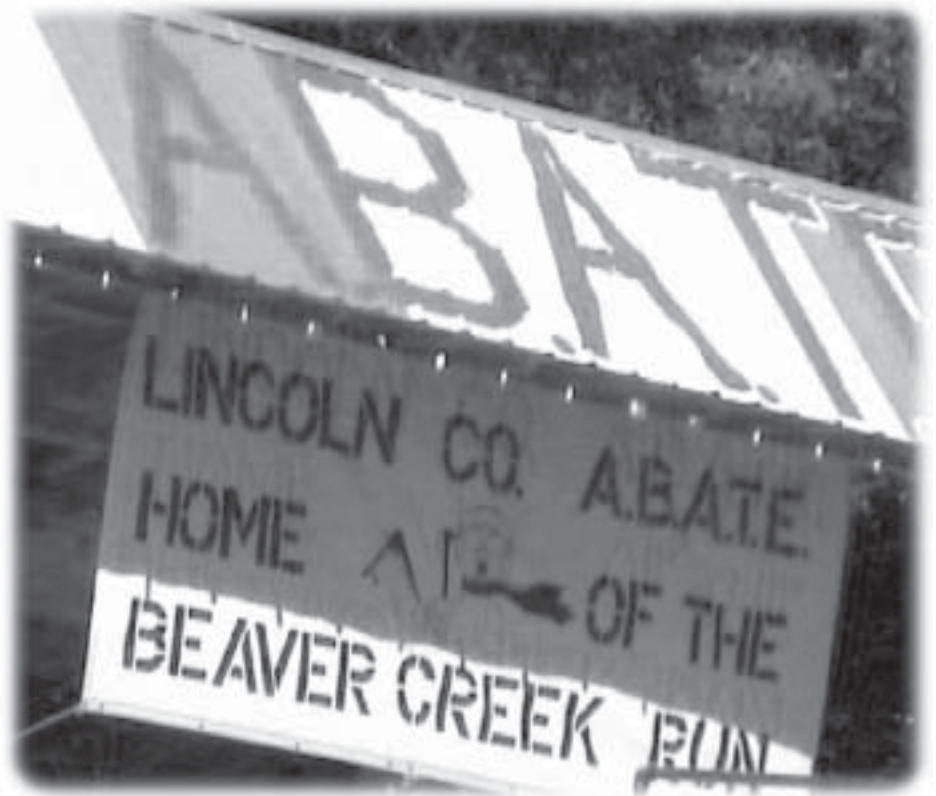
So, hopefully the weather and the sleigh will cooperate and we have one heck of a terrific day to do the delivery.

We are hoping to get back into the schools after the first of the year and get some education going again. It has been awhile since we have been able to get to the schools.

We were able to donate \$254 to the *Mark Watts E.M.T. Scholarship Fund* at *Oregon Coast Community College* and \$254 to *My Sister's Place* from our tip jars at *Beaver Creek*.

Thanks to all of you who put your tips into those jars. It makes a huge difference in the lives of many people here in Lincoln county.

We served a terrific dinner at Thanksgiving for the senior citizens here in Newport. The home deliveries were 60+ and we had about 180 who were served at the center. Thanks to everyone who helped out with that great effort. The *Girl Scouts* were there and helped serve and seat the people.



These girls started out when they were *Brownie* age and now some of them are about ready to graduate from high school.

To all of the gals out there for the new year take care of your health and get your annual tests scheduled and done.

Happy new year from all of us here at *Lincoln County Chapter* and other parts of the state that claim *Lincoln County* as your chapter.

Would really enjoy seeing some of you and even meeting some of you.

Was able to meet one of our members that plays in the local orchestra group. Nice to meet you, Terry.

Until next time be safe out there and happy new year,

Wanda

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Newport

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

North Coast Chapter

Happy New Year from the North Coast

It is my pleasure to report on the fantastic outcome of our chapter's fund raising efforts this year in support of the *Wishing Tree Program* for the less fortunate children of Clatsop and Pacific counties. These funds are derived from two major events late in the year, the spaghetti dinner and auction and our toy run. By the way this was the sixteen year for both of these events.

First the spaghetti dinner and auction.

The chapter wishes to extend our deepest thanks to all the many businesses and chapter members who donated auction and raffle items (so many it was unbelievable, over 100 local and out of town businesses alone donated to the cause), to our run committee and chapter members who put countless hours and hard work into this annual fundraising event, to the *Moose Lodge* and its staff who hosted the event and support us so much throughout the year, to Mary Todd and the staff at *Mary Todd's Worker's Bar and Grill* (not to forget her patrons who make it happen at

Mary's) who work year round to raise money in support of what they like to call the "toys for tots" cause.

This year Mary handed a check to our coordinator Sue Mills in the amount of \$3,500. *Wow*, talk about a great way to start off the evening's fund raising festivities.

We had a packed house that night, over 100 spaghetti dinners were served. It took two hours to auction the volumes of wonderful donated and hand-crafted items. Then all of the fantastic raffle items. The 50/50 pot winnings alone were just shy of \$200 and for the second year in a row Mary Todd won it and donated it back to the cause. This woman is the greatest.

Now for the final evening's tally: \$8,600 which includes the *Worker's Bar and Grill* donation. Were we happy? You bet !!!!

As we were wrapping up that evening we were all wondering to ourselves what will the final yearend total, given the upcoming toy run and the many donation cans we had setup at many local businesses.

Hang on, wait until you read the rest of the story.

Once more we wish to thank all the folks who attended and gave so much

this year. We couldn't do it without your support. We love ya all !!

Now for the toy run scoop: The heavy rain and winds ceased just prior to the break of day to entice 34 bikes and 40+ folks to enjoy a fine brisk sunny day on the north coast. Many thanks to our run stops including *Rob's Family Restaurant*, Seaside,

Coleman Cove, Hammond, *Bubba's Sports Bar*, Warrenton, *Mary Todd's Worker's Bar and Grill* and finally the *Astoria Moose Lodge*, where we enjoyed chili dogs and all the fixin's.

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th 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 *Cabin Fever Party* which was a big hit last year, is back on January 22nd. The party starts at 8:00 pm featuring the *Muddy Joe Band*. *Awesome Al* will work his magic on the door prizes. There is a flyer elsewhere else in this tome that provides all the particulars. Tear it out and give it a friend – or make copies and give it to a lot of friends.

Our booth at the swap meet netted \$614. Thanks goes to all who donated items to the chapter and to *Stewart's Leathers* for the drawing items. Thanks goes to Carla who sold tickets for the *Stewart's Leathers* drawing raising \$68 for the chapter. Thanks also goes to Danni, our membership secretary, for the great idea of having our own booth. Our treasury sorely needed this fiscal shot in the arm!

Thanks goes to all the *Northeast* members who helped with the *25th annual A.B.A.T.E./Shriners Toy Run* this year. There was quite a bit of help from the chapter which is very much appreciated. We've got a lot of good, smart people who made great suggestions in the course of the morning that helped the event along. It is the teamwork of all us pulling together that makes things happen. Thanks also goes out to those people from the *Columbia River* and *Southeast Chapters* for their participation as well – this is a three chapter event that supports the *Shriners Children's Hospital*. Again, it's the spirit of teamwork and brotherhood that really makes this event work.

There are many thanks that need to go to people and organizations who helped this thing along. A big thanks to Rex Danton for bringing in the



sound, band, *Star Rentals*, and Jim Conway from KISN radio. Dick Edmonds and his crew sold over 800 toy run bike tickets before the drawing! (We often wondered how many tickets could be sold on the day of the run and now we know.) Thanks go to *Tri-Met* for the bus that was used to haul most all of the toys as well as the bus driver. Thanks to *K-Mart* for the use of their parking lot. Many *K-Mart* shoppers were inconvenienced and had to come back at a later time due to the parking lot being jammed with motorcycles. I think the riders more than made up for it in toy sales at the store. Patty, Vickie, and Wyoming took care of tee-shirt, patch, and pin sales. Edd was the master of ceremonies at the hospital. Santa rode in on his *Harley* from the North Pole doing his thing for the kids. Of course there were all those great kids at the hospital for whom this run is for. What a great day and time!

Paucho raised \$183 at the *Nehalem River Run* from the drawing of a gun that went to the *Shriners* kids. Thanks goes to Paucho and all those at the run who donated time and monies towards the drawing.

We have our chapter meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at *Round Table Pizza* on NE

122nd Street (near *K-Mart*). The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and soft drinks are free. *Round Table Pizza* is a child friendly, non-smoking environment.

Hope to see you there!
Mike

ABATE of Oregon
NE Portland Chapter's

CABIN FEVER PARTY



Rocky Butte Tavern
86th & Sandy

Saturday, January 22, 2005
Starts at 8:00 PM

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\$5 donation
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N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

December 7, 2004

Small but good meeting. We did all the regular things and had a good time with each other in the process. What a great chapter! Debra started a new short term raffle of a bike and teddy bear figurine, drawing next meeting.

Our membership numbers are coming back up as some folks catch up on their renewals. Whew!

The chapter voiced their strong support of Joe as our [state] coordinator and directed me to vote accordingly.

Lynne Kadlec won the 50/50 at \$6/\$5 and donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Lynne. And Greg Kadlec would have won the membership drawing for \$10 if he had been at the meeting (which he usually is). It will be \$15 next meeting. Our next meeting will be a white elephant gift exchange party.

Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 12 people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lee.

Guests: None.

Minutes. Waived on a motion by Teresa because they were presented in e-mail and written form; passed.

Correspondence: B.O.A. statement; Christmas card from *North Coast*; newsletter from *South Coast*; solicitation from *St Vincent De Paul*; campaign letter from Lee Austin.

Treasury report: \$882.35 during this report time. Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 58, and rising.

Board report: None.

Legislative report: Health care LC is out and will be introduced as a committee bill.

Ways and means report: New raffle of abike and bear figurine, drawing next meeting.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Slow.

Planned rides: *Biker Day*, Salem, 14 February 2005.

Nominations for officers: No new ones, continued to next meeting.

Klickitat County Fair parking project looks possible. Need exact dates and review again at the next meeting.

New Business

State coordinator vote: Motion by Dan Roberge to have our representative vote for Joe Laurance for [state] coordinator and use his discretion on all other votes; passed unanimously.

Santa Claus for M.C.C.F.C.: None.

Coordinator's comments: Hollister could be a lot of fun.

Announcements: None.

Membership drawing for \$10 would have been won by Greg Kadlec if he had been present. It will be \$15 next meeting.

50/50 was won by Lynne Kadlec at \$6/\$5, and she donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks Lynne.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Upcoming meetings

January 4, 2005

7:00 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

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

Lone Pine Restaurant

335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)

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

Salem Chapter



[crusty ol' editor's note: Below is the November Salem chapter report that was inadvertently left out of that month's issue. Nothing like timely corrections by the vast newszine staff, eh?]

Sept. 28, 2004

Again a wonderful turnout of members, but alas, no quorum. So we cussed and discussed several issues and made plans for the rest of the year (and beyond!)...

Panhead Ric lead the table-dancing this time, followed in hot pursuit by Marlene. What a time! The rest of us pitched in occasionally, but the upshot is that we have only a few tidbits to share.

1. The Lime Ride went well despite rumors of it being cancelled. Many thanks to Rick Disrud for putting it all together, with a little help from some friends.

2. Our first Biker Nite benefiting the children for the holidays will be Oct. 16th - that will be old news when you read this. But there is

time for you to catch the Nov. 6th fund-raiser Biker Nite at the Freeloader Tavern on S. Lancaster in Salem. Hope to see you there!

3. Election nominations are creeping up fast - be prepared for the Nov. Meeting - now that IS a scary thot, with Halloween being barely over!

4. The December meeting will include not only elections, but a gift exchange for those wanting to participate (\$10 limit).

5. Note for the Editor... 1 (of a dozen or so) member(s) was a bit offended with the liberties taken with our Chapter picture in the pirate-theme newsletter issue. Also a question... once a run flyer is designed and approved by a Chapter and sanctioned by he State level, does the Editor have embellishment privileges? Just curious.

[crusty ol' editor's reply:

Dear curious,

Since you choose to address your comments and questions in public, c.o.e. will reply in kind.

In any group of people enjoying the priliages of freedom there is often at least one who thinks that people shouldn't have too much fun. We call them spoilsports on the rare occasions when we reduce ourselves to name-calling. Perhaps One-Of-Twelve dislikes being associated with pirates. In that case, 1/12 should be reminded that pirates exhibited considerably

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SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Chalet Restaurant
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South Coast Chapter

Greetings from the chilly *South Coast*,

By the time you read this the holidays will be memory. We will have elected new officers, participated in the annual *Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run* and hosted the *Shore Acres Holiday Lights*. So you can see we will be very busy.

Although we haven't actually done the toy run yet, we would like to acknowledge those local businesses and departments who have allowed us to place boxes for toy collection in their establishments. A big *thank you* to:

Highway 101 Harley Davidson, 536 S. 2nd, Coos Bay and

Pony Village

The Harley Owner's Group 536 S. 2nd, Coos Bay

Honda World, 1350 Ocean Blvd., Coos Bay

Umpqua Bank, 170 S 2nd, Coos Bay & 2330 Broadway, North Bend

Coos County Highway Department West Central, Coquille

Dawson's Sports Central and Stein Room, 295 Central Ave., Coos Bay

Without the help and support of members of the community like these, our toy run would not exist. So if you are in the neighborhood thank these people or better yet give them your business.

We have invited Peter DeFazio to ride on the toy run with us, but as of now we don't know if his schedule will allow him to attend. We have also extended an invitation to all motorcyclists to join us on this special occasion.

We have started sending our chapter newsletter to all the other chapters in the state as a way of keeping them apprised of our activities. We hope that some of the members of the other state chapters will visit us here on the south coast.

I will update you on our chapter election and the toy run in my next newsletter (provided I get reelected). In the mean time we wish everyone a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

Ride safe and free,

Kris

[*The following phone message was received at the vast Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newsmagazine complex.*]

Thank you to Nancy and Tom Curran and John Webber of *South Coast Chapter* from Tim Jones of *Iowa A.B.A.T.E.* These people and the chapter helped him when he was visiting the south coast area. He thinks the revived road list is a great idea and thinks that there should be such a guide published nationally listing all *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters.

SOUTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

3rd Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)
Gino's Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey freedom fighters!

Our Annual Toy Run was a great success. Steve H. from Bend won the bike and took possession of it right away. Dick Edmonds reported that we sold all but 200 tickets out of the original 5,000 and we raised \$8000 at the run. *Shriner's Hospital* said that our chapter does more for them than any other organization and thanks us for our continued support. Ed Dahl gives his thanks to all who helped. Our committee worked their asses off and got the job done. Which brings me to January's honorable mention.

Not just one but six members of our chapter have been recognized for their hard work and dedication. All of these members are a great asset to our organization and deserve this recognition. These persons are: Ed Dahl, Patty Dahl, Shag, Mike Friend, Wyoming, and Vicky a.k.a., "Killer". Pee Wee writes, "I don't think anyone could run the toy run any better than Ed and Patti Dahl. They put their whole *heart and soul* into this event every year, and (of course) Dick Edmonds does a magnificent job on the tickets for the bike each year."

Our chapter received a letter from *BikePAC*. Pat Ryan and I would like to share it to all of you. "Thanks for your membership in *BikePAC of Oregon*. Your commitment to motorcyclists' rights is what makes it all work.... We are truly grateful for your contributions but you can also help out by getting in tough with your local or county party boys and maybe drop a note of congratulations to your legislator, become a precinct person today..." We also received our membership card.



Here are your final results from your chapter elections:

- coordinator-Lee Austin
- vice coordinator-Barry Skinner
- secretary-Nicole Battista
- membership secretary-Pee Wee
- treasurer-Vicki Messinger
- state rep-Stephan Baton
- alternate state rep-Geoff White
- legislative director-Matt Hobbs
- BikePAC* rep-Richard Colwell
- public relations-Bill Cameron
- alternate public relations-Judy Haag
- education director-Geoff White
- chapter chaplain-Mike Friend
- product director-Michelle Hobbs
- historian-Wyoming
- ways and means-Debbie Armann
- webmaster-Lee Austin
- road captain-Richard Colwell
- road captain 2-Barry Skinner
- toy run rep-Dick Edmonds
- sergent-at-arms-Ron Conway
- sergent-at-arms 2-Richard Colwell
- all other sergent-at-arms: Lauren Schwartz, Ken Mortellaro, Jackson, Nicole Battista, Joe Murphy, Bruce Davenport.

I would also like to introduce our newest members from the Lazer Luke family: Turtle, Ricky Love, Canuck, Winer, Wookie, Clark, D-Dog, NYD, Dan, Karl, and Damn Good Looking Dave. Welcome and please feel like you can freely come into our family.

I am convinced that this chapter will rein with our new chapter officers. I thank you all for stepping up in interest and dedication to your chapter that is what it is all about.

On that subject, our November planning sessions went great. We have new and exciting ideas for this chapter and goals that I am sure will succeed.

Continue to be safe and keep your brother safe as well.

Love,
Nicoluscious



S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

Washington County Chapter



In mid-November, eleven *WaCo* members got together to clean up our section of Roy Rogers Road. The job took about two hours on a mild Sunday morning. Thanks to Indian Ken for setting it up and providing the donuts. Young Travis scored a small animal skull for show-and-tell.

Officer nominations are going full swing, but this article is due before the elections, so those will be reported next month. You can check the chapter web site for updated information or even attend a meeting to get the latest information.

The toy run season is over by now, but the need exists all through the year. Consider giving to local charities throughout the year.

WaCo supports *Monika's House*, the domestic violence resource center in Washington county. Bring two cans of food or other donations to a meeting or an event and receive a door prize ticket.

Because of a low turnout at *End Of Summer Run*, as well as problems related to relocating the event at a late date, the chapter coffers are not as full as we would like them to be. We have working capital but must watch our pennies. This makes member contributions so critical throughout the year. Your donations do not have to be monetary, they can be simple items such as a bottle of shampoo or a package of toilet paper. They can be the benefit of your time helping when called upon to do so.

While on the subject of the toy run,

WaCo would like to thank the following for their contributions to our 2004 toy run: *Stocker's House of Power*, *Brother Speed*, *Paradise Harley-Davidson*, the *Copperstone Restaurant*, the *Christian Motorcycle Association*, *Pro-Group Realty*, *Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue*, the *Knights of the Pythias*, *Hillsboro Argus*, *KUPL* and all the riders who contributed to the event.

The weather was cold and clear and the final count was 198 bikes. Rick Skaggs of *Pro-Group Realty* and his office harem contributed three large bags of toys. *WaCo* was able to give \$2,320 to *Toy and Joy*. *Knights of the Pythias* donated another \$275 and there were other contributions made direct to *Toy and Joy*. *Paradise Harley-Davidson* donated two \$250 gift certificates – one was won by *J.L.S. Custom Homes*; the other by Dennis Keffer.

Thank you to Ways and Means for all the great door prizes.

Brother Speed put on the feed bag after the festivities at the *Copperstone*. Thank you for continuing to support us as well as feed us and keep us warm. There was also \$600 raised by the quilt raffle to be donated equally to the *American Cancer Society* in remembrance of Stan Johnston and to the *American Diabetes Foundation* in remembrance of "Grandpa" Eldo Jones.

Diane Hansen won the quilt. Thanks to everyone who helped make the quilt, which was from run shirts donated from Stan Johnston's collection. Thank you to

everyone who bought raffle tickets.

I hope that Rot Path has made the correction that there will be no *Ice Cycle Run* this year. [*c.o.e. note: He has.*] This is in part to the expense of putting on the event as well as the possibility that the weather will bring a low turnout, thus making the event a losing proposition.

It was determined that we should celebrate our 20th birthday in March, so check the chapter web site for information on that party.

If you are out on the road this winter, please be safe, stay warm and alert, and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports



Happy Thanksgiving, and happy holidays from *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

Among the list of things to be thankful for are the freedom we enjoy to pick our leaders in a relatively bloodless manner and that our recent process of doing so has finally come to an end (except for our brothers and sisters one state to the north). No matter how the results of our election reassure or terrify us, there are few among us who would wish that process to have been extended for even one more day.

I have a vague recollection of presidential elections dating back to Eisenhower versus Stevenson, and more clear recall of every one since (my participation in certain activities in the 1960's notwithstanding). I would rank the 2004 campaign in the top three for divisiveness and rancor, right up there with 1964 and 1968, and well ahead of 1972. We can only hope that the partisan passions inflamed by the recent electoral process will ease and that we will now be able to once again join together in common national purpose.

Our chapter has just concluded its own elections, with perhaps a little less drama and intrigue than was found elsewhere. The next step in the process is the same for us as it is for any other

leaders: identify and prioritize tasks and interests, locate and develop necessary resources, establish and maintain effective and open two-way communication, etc. There are few in our biker community who would go so far as to claim they have a mandate from the electorate, or even any political capital to spend, but those who are willing to participate in the process do lend direction to the future of the chapter.

Our membership remains in the general vicinity of 200 and our planned activities for the coming year have been generally agreed upon. There will be more deliberate delegation of responsibility for completion of tasks in the coming year with the intent of giving more members opportunity to lead. Several such opportunities remain available, should anyone feel like heading up a committee for one of our activities and members for those committees are always needed. There are poker runs and casino nights, *Iron Horse* and *S.O.S.*, picnics, parades, political activity and education, safety and public relations, newsletter articles and product sales, and there is always a need for members to hustle prizes for raffles. If you have energy and interest or even a willingness to tag along with someone else while they do their part of a project, you would

There was the usual mix up at our meeting when we arrived early to see our dinner all laid out and ready to go. Dinner was planned for after the meeting - not before. Oh well. Everybody was hungry anyway, so what the heck. The Vets did us up well with some great prime rib and fish stuffed with spinach. Some of us more pleased with the spinach than others - as in yours truly. No big deal, I just gave mine to hubby, Jim.

We held a very brief meeting after dinner. There were just too darn many presents set out for us to ignore. As a matter of fact, the gift exchange was scheduled for *after* the meeting but there were those who just couldn't wait another minute and we got to that even before the 50/50. There were many nice gifts for the exchange and a few "not so nice" but very funny ones as well. I think a couple of our members just may have made Santa's "naughty" list on a permanent basis.

The need for more volunteers for our 2005 activities was really stressed. We just don't have folks stepping up to help out. It seems there are a lot of people who haven't figured out yet

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**WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Veteran's Memorial Building
1626 Willamette Street; Eugene

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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

11 December 2004



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 12:15 with 14 of the 14 chapters represented. All present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and first time attendees: Rocky, Pat, Perry, Debbie, Wendy, Vicky, Kathy and Ray Pierce of *Team Oregon*.

On behalf of *Team Oregon*, Ray Pierce presented *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* a lifetime achievement award which read "In recognition of your tireless energy, dedication and service to the motorcyclists of Oregon 2004." Ray said they have been giving that award for the last twelve years to instructors who have achieved the most. This is the first time an organization has been given this award and noted all the different things *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* has done for *Team Oregon* past and present.

Ray also said you could read an article written in *Motorcycle Consumer News*.

Reading of the minutes from the November 13, 2004. Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps to adopt the minutes as printed in the newsmagazine. Motion carried.

Coordinators Comments

Joe thanked all who have served at the state and chapter level. He noted that we represent the concept of freedom. Those who are assuming a new office should keep our mission in mind, be respectful, and pick a mentor to assist you. You could pick

someone at chapter or state level that has held that position before.

Correspondence

Joe read a note from congressman Peter DeFazio which read:

Dear Joe:

Thanks for all your support and hard work. I look forward to working with you and the other A.B.A.T.E. members for a good result in the next years transportation bill (T.E.A.-21)

(signed) Peter DeFazio.

***** Officer's Reports *****

Legislative director: Rick Maish – Important dates to remember: January 10th is opening of the Oregon legislative session. February 5th is the next *BikePAC* board meeting. The meeting will be held at the Salem Public Library at 12 noon. February 14th is our first *Capitol Biker Day*. That will also be Oregon's birthday.

Rick touched on some of the items from the packet he gave the state representatives. *A.M.A./M.R.F. H.I.P.P.A.* loophole SB423 was passed. That bill now needs to go through and get passed by the house.

In Winchester, Oregon on December 2, 2004, a jury found a Winchester man guilty of manslaughter for driving drunk and causing the death of a Tenmile, Oregon motorcyclist in November 2003.

From Texas, Sputnik a "freedom fighter" from Texas makes it into the *Wall Street Journal*.

Rick also included in the packet,

Traffic Safety Connection newsletter that has an article about pocket bikes.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Geoff White said Rick already noted the next *BikePAC* board meeting date. There are three bills coming up. We are broadening relationships between Wayne Schumacher and the legislators. Final bill language should be ready by the time the legislative session starts.

Ken Ray wanted all to know they [*BikePAC*] still have two positions open: legislative director which he would like to see filled right away and development director. If you or anyone you know are interested in one of those two positions, please see Ken Ray or Brian Stoval.

Joe Laurance reminds us that Oregon legislature is under biennium and this will be an effective year for us.

February 14th be at the capitol for our first biker day and Oregon's birthday.

Brain noted we need for our quick response list, people who could attend at the capitol with a 24 hour notice. Give your name and phone number to Brian Stoval if you have the flexibility to do this. Even if you could make it part of the time would be a great help.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Ed Vaughan noted at the last N.C.O.M. sunset clause is coming up on the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act*. Get in touch with your legislators.

Check your insurance policies to

make sure you have adequate insurance coverage.

At the last confederated meeting, the confiscated bikes in Eugene will be returned.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Michael Schneider said he heard on the radio that Eugene as a city is taking a stand against the *U.S.A.P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act*.

Education director: Geoff White reminds us that February 19th is S.T.E.A.M. which is always the third Saturday in February. Geoff gave a description of what S.T.E.A.M. is and Joe reminded us that it stood for "Seminar To Educate and Motivate."

Education director II: Nora Rohde said things have been quiet.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy reported we have 2,391 members. Jill also wanted to urge the chapter membership secretaries to use the expired membership form.

Portland swapmeet was successful. They signed up 22 new members and 16 renewals.

Tri-folds need to be revised with our *Team Oregon* reimbursement and accidental death and dismemberment policy as part of the benefit package. All claims to the insurance company have been paid. If there are any volunteers to revise the tri-fold, let Jill know.

Easyrider bike show is coming April 2nd and Jill has put in for a booth.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path thanked all for submissions but he has not received them this month from *North Coast, Northeast Portland, or Willamette Valley*. [WV report had been received-RP]

After S.T.E.A.M., all reports must be in by the 10th as he has to get everything to the printers by the 20th.

So after S.T.E.A.M. he won't be so easy.

Rot apologized for mistakes over the last year.

Ted gave Rot newsletters from 12 different states. Indiana and Pennsylvania are the only states who provide a good looking newsletter, but ours is a magazine.

Products: Michelle Hobbs is looking forward to turning her position over to the new person.

Public relations: Melinda McCrossen was not here, excused.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Duane Calkins – The run committee met and decided to change their meeting date to a Sunday. The next meeting will be Sunday the 9th in Wilsonville at *Elmer's* at 4:00 p.m.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton said Cindy has been working hard getting new vendor forms out. March 20th would be the next scheduled swapmeet for Roseburg and April 24th for Portland.

Steve noted he would like to see more representation from other chapters at the run committee meetings.

State run coordinator II: Michelle FitzHenry said she has 850 people on our e-mail list.

Treasurer: Ted Tracy reported we have \$7,559.98 in checking and in the money market account \$38,921.96 for a total of \$46,481.94. Ted reported that is \$20,000 less than what we had a year ago. Nancy will be making a budget and we will have to stick to it.

Swapmeet figures were \$3,145 collected from vendors, gate \$6,520, Ted did not break down the expenses but said they were going to cut back on the number of toilets, buy the door prize from another vendor and cut out

the *Nickel Ads*. Ted also said they would be looking at doing a swapmeet in Grants Pass instead of Roseburg.

State auditor: Nancy Curran reported that no one was out of compliance and will be looking at financials.

Historian: Iris Yeager was excused. Ted read her report.

Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility for keeping the historian books for another year. Mel and I are retiring from the work force soon and we expect to travel and to put in some time at the capitol during the legislative session. There will be some times during the year that we will not be able to attend the A.B.A.T.E. meetings and hope that someone will collect historical information to bring to me. The state rep from Hub City Chapter, Al Sims, would be a great contact person.

Web page editor: Mad Dog was not present.

Vice coordinator–north: Larry Brown thanked all chapters up north and said he appreciated all the help he received at *Fossil* and all the help he received through his trials and tribulations this year.

Vice coordinator–south: Tim Rohde reported he will not be running for re-election due to work. It's been an honor to serve on this board.

Vice coordinator–east: Bob Hadley. Excused.

Sergeant at arms–north: Larry Brown said he worked two swapmeets and *Fossil* this year and had outstanding help. He will not be doing sergeant at arms–north this coming year.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes*(continued from previous page)*

Sergeant at arms—south: Doc Squires reported they collected a lot of toys for their toy run.

Sergeant at arms—east: Keith Odoms. Excused

Sanctioning officer: Ron VonSild reported he doesn't have all the chapter calendars for next year. He also reminded all that he needs flyers at least three months in advance for your advertising.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said that if he ever got the trailer back and it was packed properly he would make a packing map. He said it never comes back even close to the way it goes out. It comes back with everything just dumped in.

Committee Reports

Duane showed an animated santa on a bike.

New Business

1. Motion made by Michael Schneider, seconded by Brian Stovall to make the chapter legislative director a required position for all chapters. This position could be combined with another position if needed for those chapters with fewer members. Update job description to reflect current needs. VOTE: 12 for and 2 against. motion carried.

2. Motion made by Michael Schneider, seconded by Randy Phipps to create a legislative guidelines and activities section in the *A.B.A.T.E.* by-laws/guidelines book that would cover all legislative activities and guidelines etc. Chapter legislative director and secretary would maintain information as required. VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

Ted Tracy said someone counterfeited \$5 *A.B.A.T.E.* bucks and used them at the swapmeet. Our bucks are not black and white like those submitted. Vendors beware. Jill said may be we should have people sign the back of them when they are used.

Unfinished Business

State board of directors for 2005

coordinator – Joe Laurance
 vice coordinator—north – Ed Vaughn
 vice coordinator—south – Hal Fletcher
 vice coordinator—east – Ed Miller
 membership secretary – Jill Tracy
 treasurer – Nancy Curran
 recording secretary – Charlie Hill
 state auditor – Nancy Curran
Fossil run coordinator – Duane Calkins
 run coordinator 2 – Ted Tracy
 swap meet coordinator – Stephan Baton
 newsmagazine editor – Rot Path
 products director – Murge Gunter
 education director 1 – Geoff White
 education director 2 – Ricci Laurance
 public relations – Richard Androes
 historian – Iris Yeager
 run sanctioning – Ron VonSild
 web page editor – Marty Soehrman
BikePAC representative – Rick Maish
 legislative director – Rick Maish
 quartermaster – Stephan Baton
 sgt-at-arms—north – Randy Phipps
 sgt-at-arms—south – Al Sims
 sgt-at-arms—east – This position is still open and available

Confederation Of Clubs rep #1 – Michael Schneider

Confederation Of Clubs rep #2 – Cornfed

Announcements

Dinner and awards to follow meeting.

Kurt Speas commented on the *Shriner's Toy Run* advertisement that welcomed all who wanted to come and those who didn't come to watch out for those who did. He thought that was pretty cool.

Hub City has a poker run coming up.

Northeast Portland has *Cabin Fever* coming up.

Portland toy run t-shirts are available. Just let Vicky know if you would like one.

Southeast Portland donated \$2,500 to *BikePAC*.

Columbia River Sweetheart Dance is coming up.

Lefty said he just came from an *O.V.M.A.* meeting and said soldiers going to the hospitals in Germany have nothing to wear. They are trying to collect clothing for them.

Next state board meeting: January 8, 2005 – Junction City

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill
 state recording secretary

Meet Your State Officers For 2005

These are the people elected by your chapter representatives to serve you at the state level and to facilitate chapter activities.

Contact information for state officers may be found inside the rear cover of this publication.



coordinator
Joe
Laurance



vice-coordinator north
Ed Vaughn



vice-coordinator south
Hal Fletcher



vice-coordinator east
Ed Miller



membership secretary
Jill Tracy



recording secretary
Charlie Hill



treasurer, state auditor
Nancy
Curran



newsmagazine editor
Rot Path



legislative director, BikePAC rep
Rick Maish



sgt-at-arms north
Randy
Phipps



sgt-at-arms south
Al Sims



sgt-at-arms east
(OPEN)



products director
Margy
Gunter



education director I
Geoff
White



education director II
Ricci
Laurance



public relations
Richard
Androes



Fossil run coordinator
Duane
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Legislative Report Rick's Ramblings On Stuff

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Receives Team Oregon Award



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Talk about wrapping up the end of the year! Just think about what has taken place lately. Take the fact that on November 20th, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* was presented a very prestigious award at the *20th Annual Team Oregon Instructor's Banquet*. Steve Garets of *Team Oregon* presented *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* the *Lifetime Achievement Award* in recognition for our tireless energy, dedication, and service to the motorcyclists of Oregon. Teresa Hepker accepted the award on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.* with Ken Ray, Brian Stoval, Mitch (Captain) Putman, and Geoff White all present during the celebration.

The award reads:

TEAM OREGON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

In recognition of your tireless energy, dedication and service to the motorcyclists of Oregon 2004

Ken noted that having Teresa accept the award was especially appropriate since Teresa Hepker was the one who coordinated *A.B.A.T.E.*'s part of *Team Oregon* 20 years ago. All right Teresa, and she's still at it.

This was a special anniversary for *Team Oregon* being it's 20th anniversary of the *Team Oregon* program. The banquet is held annually to recognize the *Team Oregon* instructors for their efforts and they had an extra busy year not only doing classes, etc. but they also developed new *Team Oregon* programs in lieu of our separation from the *Motorcycle*

Safety Foundation.

Update

At the December state board meeting Ray Pierce of *Team Oregon* presented the award to the *A.B.A.T.E.* board of directors with Joe Laurance and Ted Tracy accepting the award. What an honor for us at *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* to receive this first time award.



Team Oregon verses

M.S.F. Update

While were talking about *Team Oregon*, Steve Garets called a bunch of us together prior to the banquet to give an update on *Team Oregon* verses *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. He kicked off the meeting with, "not much was happening." In fact he said "it's too darn quiet. It's making me nervous." The *M.S.F.* so far "have not" even pursued any type of legislation, lawsuit, or even any type of waiver to allow them to set up training in Oregon.

By year's end, Steve said, they would be totally separated from the *M.S.F.*, That means "no more *M.S.F.*" They will no longer be using any of their materials. Sounds great, doesn't it?

Anyway, Steve went on to tell us that besides having the basic rider training (B.R.T.) class completed they have also completed the I.R.T. class (that's the intermediate riders training) and will have everything ready for next spring's *Team Oregon* kick-off. They have even re-certified all of the *Team Oregon* instructors for Oregon earlier this year, since they expected the *M.S.F.* would pull their certifications. They have also developed some new class locations in Bend, Medford, and even in the Portland area.

Yeah, Steve did have a few concerns, like when is *M.S.F.* going to do something. Only time will tell. But overall he feels good about where *Team Oregon* is. They still have support from *O.D.O.T.* and the transportation committee as well as others. The program is in good shape as far as the budget since *Team Oregon* is self supporting and doesn't depend on any state funding.

On a side note, *Team Oregon* trained 5,800 motorcyclists this past year. That's 4.5% above the previous year. A full report should be on the *Team Oregon* or *O.D.O.T.* web sites in the future.

We as *A.B.A.T.E.* members/ motorcyclists need to be on the ready to support *Team Oregon* and *BikePAC*

if the need arises in the coming year or when the *M.S.F.* finally shows their hand.

Here is another article of interest: Back in June of this year, Steve Garets of *Team Oregon* wrote an article that was printed in *Motorcycle Cruiser* magazine. *The Last Ride, The Final Mistake And A Remedy*. Give it a read. You'll find it interesting! Go to the *Team Oregon* web site under the current articles.

http://teamoregon.orst.edu/to_web/index.shtml

Some Important Dates To Remember. Mark Your Calendars

Monday, January 10th is the opening of the Oregon legislative session.

Saturday, February 5th is the next *BikePAC* board meeting, but keep an ear open for an earlier special meeting, if needed. The meeting will be held at the Salem Public Library at 12:00 pm, noon.

Monday, February 14th is our first capitol *Biker Day*. Yeah, that's Valentine's Day and Oregon's birthday. Come and celebrate it with our legislators.

Saturday, February 19th will be S.T.E.A.M. All new officers [should try] to attend this. More information in the near future.

Saturday, May 7th. Motorcycle awareness rally at the capitol. More info on the way.

From The *M.R.F.* And *A.M.A.*

*Closing The Unhealthy
H.I.P.A.A. Loophole*

*The Health Insurance Portability
and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)*

loophole legislative fix was passed on November 21st. The U.S. senate passed senate bill S423, the *H.I.P.A.A. Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act*. This is the bill that will bar health insurance plans from denying benefits to people doing what they consider at-risk activities. Whether it's for normal transportation or just recreation, this bill will close the H.I.P.A.A. loophole that was created back in 1996 by the *Department of Health and Human Services*. The bill will now go to the house of representatives and you can be sure the *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, *S.M.R.O.s* and our 177 bipartisan cosponsors in the house will be working to get it passed. This is the time to be contacting our Oregon U.S. representatives to support this bill and get it passed.

Highway Bill Still On Life Support

According to the *M.R.F.*, the highway bill (HR 3550 and S 1072) "has been on life support for months". The bill is mired in controversy and special interests from different states. Seems little chance that anything will happen before year's end and that means the 109th Congress will have to reintroduce it again. The *M.R.F.* will be ready whatever happens. Also, the *M.R.F.* has sent the signed conferees letter that includes all 24 congressional signers of the letter to conference committee.

M.R.F. Probes Georgia Lobbying Activity

With help from the *M.S.F.*, *Harley-Davidson*, *American Honda*, and a lobbying firm called *Omni Resource Group* managed to totally undermine

Georgia's rider education program by stripping all funding. Georgia, like Oregon had a self supporting program, that in 2003 had some \$884,000 dollars in it. When their new governor was elected funds disappeared into the general funds and they were left with zero to work with. *A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia* and the *D.M.V.* were able to successfully lobby and get \$235,000 of the funding back into the rider education budget. At one point, the *M.S.F.* was looking at assuming administration of *G.M.S.P. (Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program)* but now are no longer interested.

Winchester, Oregon Motorcycle Crash

December 2, 2004, a jury found a Winchester, Oregon man guilty of manslaughter for driving drunk and causing the death of a Tenmile, Oregon. motorcyclist in November 2003.

Sentencing is scheduled on December 20th for the second-degree manslaughter charge. Under Measure 11 that carries a mandatory minimum sentence of more than six years in prison. Will keep an eye on this to see what the final outcome will be and I will report back on it later.

BikePAC

Speaking of motorcycle crashes, Brian Stoval has received a few crash reports to help with the fight to get our bill through the legislature but we could still use more documented crashes that may be floating around out there that we are not aware of.

Ken Ray reported earlier that he, Wayne Schumacher, and others have

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Greetings,

My name is Richard Androes and I am your new public relations officer. I hope the holiday's brought to you as much happiness and fond memories as it did for me.

In reading December's news magazine I have some extremely large shoes to fill. I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead.

Just a little about myself: I joined 3-1/2 years ago and because I heard that *A.B.A.T.E.* had some rockin' campouts. So I joined at the 2001 spring swap meet in Portland and of course took advantage of the \$5 off per ticket to *Fossil* as I did so.

We (my wife Sara, daughter Katrina and myself) went to *Fossil* that year and had a blast. So Sara and I found fliers on the table at *Fossil* and hit a few more campouts and poker runs that year.

All the runs we did that year were fun, but to do it with friends I thought would be better for the following year, so we finally went to a monthly meeting.

Wow!!

A.B.A.T.E. does more than just party – who'dda thunk???

So we started going to meetings, but we sat in the back and really didn't speak to anyone. Then I spoke up about helping get fliers out and it's been downhill from there. My wife and I both are have been very involved in the *Hub City Chapter*, and with the caliber of people who are in it with us it is very easy to do so. I have been an

officer at the *Hub City* level for two years – last year a sgt-at-arms and this year run coordinator.

Last spring Melinda had announced that she would be retiring from her position. Well I thought about it and decided that I would run for her position and give back to an organization that has given so much to me. So here I am writing my first officers report letting you get to know me better. It is my goal to learn the ins and outs of this job as quickly as possible so that I may serve you, the members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* to the best of my ability. Any and all suggestions and/or concerns to make my job easier are always welcome. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Hub City

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a variety of different bikes. More importantly, participation by members has increased and we have seen new faces step up and take officer positions. But when members do not come to meetings then we can not give them the membership drawing money – eh Paul Parker?

Remember our organization is in existence to promote motorcycle awareness, education, and safety through community involvement and legislative action. One of the best ways to achieve our legislative goals is to join and support *BikePAC*. And *BikePAC* donations are tax deductible!!

Hope to see you all January 22nd at the *Eagles* in Albany, Oregon for our first annual *Texas Hold 'Em Tournament*. Seats are filling up fast so call Ron (541)-924-3969 to reserve a seat or see the flyer in this issue for details.

Until next time,
 trikerbb



Steve Heineck, winner of the 2004 *Road King Custom* and trailer.

Shriner's Toy Run Winners

We had a great day for the run. The weather cooperated, the crowd was great, and the route went well. Although change is always good, we will be glad to be back at the *Tri-Met* bus yard next year. Check out the web sites posted below for pictures. Our

winner could not wait to pick up his prize and took possession of it within hours of the drawing. Congratulations goes to Steve Heineck, Newberg, Oregon!!! (Steve bought his ticket from Mike Friend at the *H.O.G.* rally in Bend.)

Web sites:

<http://www.nw-motorcycling.com/>

<http://www.toyrun2004.com/>

The winners:

2004 *Road King* & trailer–Steve Heineck
 1 week *Harley* rental – Jim Duboi
Smokin pocket bike– Sharon Preston
 \$500 *Fred Meyer* gift cert – Bruce Sanborn
Brooker Enterprises \$200– Kevin Weintz
 \$50 tatoo from *Captain Jack's* – Pat McGhee
 \$50 tatoo from *Captain Jack's* – Dale West
 50 tatoo from *Captain Jack's* – Jennifer Jones
 \$50 tatoo from *Captain Jack's* – Pat Dadus

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Wins Award From Team Oregon

On Saturday, November 20th *Team Oregon* held its annual instructor's banquet. This is done to honor the hard-working instructors who train the students in *Team Oregon* motorcycle training classes all year long. This year was especially momentous as it is the 20th anniversary of the *Team Oregon* program, as we know it. *Team Oregon* state administrator Steve Garets described the new *Team Oregon* curriculum to the audience. He also showed the results of a long-term study proving the most effective way to train Oregon's riders is the new curriculum being implemented now.

A.B.A.T.E. representatives at the ceremony were Teresa Hepker, Brian Stovall, Mitch (Captain) Putman, Geoff White, and Ken Ray. At the end

of the evening awards were handed out to instructors and sponsors. The final award was the presentation of the lifetime achievement award with A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon as the recipient.

Teresa accepted the award on A.B.A.T.E.'s behalf. This was especially appropriate since Teresa Hepker was the one who coordinated A.B.A.T.E.'s part of *Team Oregon* 20 years ago.

The award reads:

*Team Oregon Lifetime Achievement Award
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dedication and service to the
Motorcyclists of Oregon
2004*

Pre-Legislature

Senator Frank Shields introduced LC draft 1068 at the request of *BikePAC* in a meeting of the senate general government committee. The members of the committee voted unanimously to admit LC 1068 as a committee bill. LC 1068 seeks to close a loophole in insurance law that permits a health plan to restrict or eliminate benefits if an injury is sustained while riding a motorcycle.

Even though a bill is admitted as a "committee bill", it does not necessarily mean that bill will end up in that particular committee during the legislative session. The senate president may assign the bill to any committee he/she deems appropriate.

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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee
Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

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BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy



rights.

News & 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, 2005 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, D.C. 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 seminar.

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

Massachusetts students learning how to drive automobiles in one of the 400 licensed auto driver training schools will now receive at least one hour of motorcycle awareness training thanks to *Nelly's Bill*, signed by governor Romney on June 10, 2004. An 8-minute video titled *Cars, Motorcycles, and the Common Road* developed by the *Motorcycle Safety*

Foundation will show students many common causes of crashes. Group discussion then follows further imparting to students strategies to prevent motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities. The cost of course materials are paid from the state's motorcycle safety program, funded in part from \$2 of each annual motorcycle registration fee.

Nelly's Bill was created and supported by motorcycle activists from the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.)* after Nelson Selig of Essex was killed in May 2000 by a 19-year-old driver.

Motorcycle-related injuries and deaths have been on the rise since 1997 and urban teaching hospitals are bearing the brunt of caring for those injured, according to a new nationwide study which appears in the December issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

While the article states less than 16 percent of patients hospitalized for motorcycle-injuries were uninsured, another 10 percent used public insurance like *Medicaid* during their hospitalizations. Yet the article still goes to great length to recapitulate the "social burden" myth perpetuated for decades by many in the medical and safety community.

The article notes that broken legs were the most common injury sustained among hospitalized riders but dwells on head injuries and does not state the cause of the crashes.

The study also states that motorcycles are a risky ride, compared

with cars. An earlier study concluded that motorcyclists were 16 times more likely to die and four times more likely to be injured in a traffic crash than passenger car occupants.

The *American Motorcyclist Association Position In Support of Voluntary Helmet Use* can be viewed on <http://www.amadirectlink.com/> under the Rights section.

Lee County, Virginia board of supervisors adopted a resolution calling for state legislation permitting all-terrain vehicle riders to use three roads to access A.T.V. trails and to visit nearby businesses for food or fuel.

Mark Smith, president of *Stone Mountain Trail Club*, made a formal presentation to the board in hopes of eventually developing the area into a destination for O.H.V. enthusiasts. The board also voted to give their support to promote future A.T.V. tourism in Lee County.

Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.) board of directors created two new board positions by voting to amend its by-laws at the association's November meeting.

The newly created positions are, director of off-road motorcycling and director of motorcycle industry affairs. These additions seek to expand the *M.M.A.*'s concern regarding off-highway and business owner issues in Massachusetts.

Persons interested in applying for these *M.M.A.* board positions should contact the *M.M.A.* at: 1-(800)-



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

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Sheriff's deputies who halted a dual-sport ride in Vermont with threats of arrests and seizure of motorcycles were "overzealous" in their enforcement, "seriously lacking" in their knowledge of motor vehicle laws and trying to enforce a local ordinance not legally in effect at the time of the ride, the Vermont state attorney general said.

In a letter dated December 1, 2004, attorney general William H. Sorrell also praised the hundreds of would-be participants in the *Red Fox Turkey Run*, saying the motorcyclists "conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, without any disorderly behavior, and dispersed peacefully."

The dual-sport ride, scheduled for August 8, 2004, was halted by Windham county sheriff's department deputies as riders gathered that morning. The participants were told the event was illegal and were threatened with arrest and seizure of their motorcycles if they rode, said motorcyclists there that morning. At the request of the A.M.A., the *New England Trail Riders Association*, and others, the Vermont attorney general's office investigated the actions by the sheriff's department.

Despite finding that the sheriff's department made numerous mistakes, Sorrell said the actions of the officers and the Jamaica Town select board, which passed an

ordinance to try to stop the run, stopped short of criminal wrongdoing. But he did recommend several steps the sheriff's department and select board should take to avoid further problems in the future.

Among Sorrell's findings: The sheriff's deputies "acted improperly in their dealings with event participants..." and "...statements were made to some participants about possible violations and consequences that simply do not exist under Vermont law."

Sheriff's deputies sought a last-minute legal opinion from the state's attorney about whether the dual-sport ride could legally be considered a "race" under Vermont law. But the opinion was "likely based on some incorrect factual assumptions." Sorrell wrote: "The event was not a 'race' and the *W.C.S.D. (Windham County Sheriff's Department)* was incorrect both in saying it was and in using that as a basis to threaten to 'arrest' the event organizers if it took place."

The ordinance passed two weeks before the dual-sport run by the Jamaica Town select board, prohibiting use of some town dirt roads, was not legally in effect at the time of the event and may have been voted on improperly. The actions of the sheriff's department and the select board "resulted in the improper cancellation of the *Red Fox Turkey Run*."

The full text of the <http://www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?pubsec=4&curdoc=822>

press release and http://www.atg.state.vt.us/upload/1101911441_Red_Fox_Turkey_Run_Final_Daft_Summary.pdf

Sorrell's letter (P.D.F.) are available at the Vermont state attorney general web site <http://www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?pubsec=4&curdoc=822>

A Florida car driver ran into a motorcycle in Broward county and kept on driving even though the motorcyclist was thrown onto the hood of the car and yelled at the driver to stop, according to local news reports. The driver, Scott Eisenberg, allegedly said that he never saw motorcyclist Marlowe Buelvas on his hood, yelling for him to stop.

Eisenberg was charged with driving without insurance, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage, failure to report an accident immediately, failure to leave information, and careless driving.

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



Motorcycle Riders Foundation 108th Congressional Legislative Wrap Up

As of December 8th the United States 108th congress has officially adjourned, over two months past the target adjournment date set a year ago, of October 6th. Both bodies of congress returned to Washington to finish up the final spending bills and cast the final votes on the *Intelligence Intelligence Reform Act*, the biggest intelligence overhaul bill in 50 years.

The 108th Congress was active for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* and all American motorcyclists. We saw a lot of legislative near misses this time around, something that is not all the unusual when it comes to the U.S. congress.

The *T.E.A.* highway bill was derailed late in the session. The *H.I.P.A.A.* bill was passed out of the senate but failed to make it through even the committee level on the house side. Overall in the 108th we won many small battles and suffered no big defeats.

Highway Reauthorization Status Report

A six-year reauthorization bill for federal highway and mass transit programs was left stranded in a senate-house conference when members of congress could not agree on how to distribute money to state highway programs. The programs have been running on a series of six extensions. The latest extension runs out on May 31, 2005. The bill, the successor to the 1998 *T.E.A.-21*, would authorize federal funds for highway and mass

transit projects through fiscal year 2009.

The highway bill died on the table when congress adjourned on December 8, 2004.

The *M.R.F.* would like to thank every S.M.R.O. and individual who made calls, wrote letters and traveled to Washington D.C. to fight for the inclusion of the motorcycle safety language. The *M.R.F.* will continue to work with our friends in congress to defend motorcycle riders' rights in your nation's capitol.

Looking Forward

In the next congress, Chairman Young, who has one full term left at the helm of the powerful house transportation and infrastructure, will likely try to exceed the \$299 billion compromise package that was left in the 108th. Young was vague when pressed on where the extra money will come from. There is a general agreement amongst the negotiators that without the pressures of a presidential election they should be able to reach an agreement before the current deadline of May 31, when the extension runs out.

Motorcycle Awareness Month

A significant victory was seen in the senate when they passed senate resolution 168, designating May as *Motorcycle Safety Month*, on April 28th of this year. The resolution introduced by senator Ben "Nighthorse" Campbell (R-CO), simply states that the U.S. senate agrees with riders that May ought to be the official motorcycle safety month. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) introduced the house companion bill, house resolution 614, after the senate had acted and was never sent to the floor for consideration by the house.

H.I.P.A.A.

The legislation to close the current loophole in the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* saw some movement in the waning days of the 108th congress.

The legislation prohibits a group health plan or health insurance issuer from denying benefits provided for the treatment of an injury, solely because such injury resulted from the participation in a legal form of transportation such as motorcycling.

Senate Action

The senate bill S. 423 unanimously passed the U.S. senate in the early hours of November 21, 2004. The senate sponsors, Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) worked tirelessly to get the bill passed,

motorcyclists everywhere owe both of them a debt of gratitude.

House Report H.I.P.A.A.

The house companion bill, HR 1749, has 177 cosponsors and they are uniformly bipartisan. The house bill, although the impressive number of cosponsors, was not given a chance to be vetted in the committee process. The bill's two sponsors, Scott McCinnis (R-CO) and Ted Strickland (D-OH) are both invaluable champions of

motorcyclists. However only Strickland will be returning for another tour of duty in the 109th congress. McCinnis has decided to end his career in congress after 12 years, to spend more time with his family.

Outlook

The bills will both be reintroduced in the coming congress and action is expected early in the two year 109th congress. The M.R.F. will continue to work alongside the A.M.A. and the

other members in the H.I.P.A.A. coalition.

The M.R.F. remains committed to you, the riders, and putting your legislative priorities on the front burner of the U.S. congress. The M.R.F. would like to thank every individual and S.M.R.O. who contacted federal legislators on behalf of motorcyclists. Whether it was in person in D.C., over the phone, through the mail, on the computer or in your home town it all makes a difference when it comes to making the national voice of riders heard loud and clear in Washington D.C.

The M.R.F. would also like to thank those who contributed to M.R.F.P.A.C. The 109th congress will begin serious business shortly after the presidential inauguration on January 20th. The M.R.F. looks forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C. during the 109th congress.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Senate Approves Bill To End Health Insurance Discrimination

Legislation aimed at closing a discriminatory loophole in medical insurance has passed the U.S. senate and will now go to the house of representatives for consideration.

S.423, entitled *Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation*, was authored by senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI). The measure would prohibit insurers from denying health care benefits to insured's who are injured while participating in so-called "risky activities" such as riding motorcycles, A.T.V.s, horseback riding, snowmobiling, skiing or other legal recreational or transportation activities.

"Americans who enjoy recreational or transportation activities such as riding motorcycles should have the right to the same health insurance protection whether they are injured on their bike or in their home," said co-author senator Collins.

Congress had passed the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)* back in 1996, which prohibits companies from denying access to employer-sponsored health insurance for motorcyclists and others, but federal regulators created a loophole that allows insurers to deny benefits to those injured as a result of their participation in certain activities. In other words, your employer is required to provide you with health care insurance, but your health

insurance company is not required to provide medical benefits!

On November 21, 2004, the United States senate acted to close this loophole before adjourning from session. S.423 will now be considered before the house, where a companion bill, HR 1749 was introduced by representatives Scott McCinnis (R-CO) and Ted Strickland (D-OH).

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* encourages all concerned riders and motorcyclists' rights organizations to contact their congressional representatives and urge them to support S.423 to end these discriminatory health care practices.

Pennsylvania Stiffens Penalties For Careless Driving

On December 8, 2004, governor Ed Rendell signed HB 873 into law, which establishes increased penalties for those convicted of careless driving that results in serious injury or death.

Under heavy lobbying by *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania*, the legislation passed near-unanimously through both chambers of the legislature.

House bill 873 will establish an increased fine of \$500 and a 6 month license suspension for persons convicted of careless driving when the offender unintentionally causes the death of another person. Careless driving offenses that result in serious

bodily injury to another person would carry a \$250 fine and a three month license suspension.

"If a tragedy occurs because of a driver's careless action, even though those actions were unintentional, then there should be serious consequences," said representative Rick Geist, who chairs the *House Transportation Committee*. "We have to reinforce the notion that drivers must be alert and responsible behind the wheel. Tragic things can happen in an instant if you aren't."

Previously, a conviction of careless driving resulted only in a fine of \$25 plus cost and fees, as well as three points on the person's driving record. No further penalties existed in the event of a death or serious injury occurring as a result of this violation.

"All things considered we fared well in the 2003-2004 legislative session," points out *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative coordinator John Mullendore, who also serves on the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors, "including the passage of the helmet modification bill and the passage of the veterans motorcycle license plates. We also realized the discount given to motorcycles that used the E-Z pass on the turnpike."

Mini-Motorcycles "Dangerous" Gifts

Lots of kids are asking Santa for a new bike this holiday season, but

before you park a pocket bike under your Christmas tree you should know that they're not a recommended toy for your tot.

In fact, *Consumer Reports* magazine calls the mini-motorcycles the most dangerous holiday gift you can buy this year. They may look cool, and they're a hot seller this Christmas season, but *Consumer Reports* engineers found the faster they go the less stable the bikes feel.

"At 20 miles-per-hour, it's hard to hold a straight course. And once you put on the brakes, it takes 20 feet to come to a stop," reports the top consumer magazine, "Making tight turns is another problem, as they don't have a very large turning radius...as a result, you have to pick the bike up and turn it around."

Bottom line: *Consumer Reports*, says they're too dangerous to give as holiday gifts.

Taxpayers Liable For Janklow's Fatal Crash

Former U.S. representative Bill Janklow from South Dakota will not have to pay any money out of his own pocket for the crash that killed 55-year-old Hardwick, Minnesota motorcyclist Randy Scott, resulting in Janklow being convicted of second-degree manslaughter and other lesser charges.

The lawyer representing Scott's family announced November 29th that he will let stand a federal judge's ruling that Janklow was on duty August 16, 2003, when the *Cadillac* he was driving sped through a stop sign near rural Trent, South Dakota and caused the fatal collision with Scott's *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle.

That means federal taxpayers, not

Janklow, would pay any monetary awards from a wrongful death lawsuit because Janklow is covered by the federal tort claims act, which protects federal employees from negligence claims when they're on duty.

The federal judge now will dismiss the civil lawsuit against Janklow and the Scott family will file a new claim against the U.S. government, specifically the U.S. house of representatives.

Scott's mother, sister, son and daughter initially sued Janklow in Minnesota state court, but the U.S. attorney in Minnesota concluded Janklow was on official business and should be covered by the government, so the case was moved to federal court. The family appealed, but two federal judges affirmed the original ruling.

The Scott family wanted the case returned to state court so they could collect more money through punitive damages, something not allowed if the case remained in federal court. Now, they will only be able to collect actual losses, such as pain and suffering and loss of companionship.

Janklow, 65, was elected to the house in 2002 after serving 16 years as governor. He resigned from congress in January, spent 100 days in jail for the criminal convictions and paid a fine.

Weird News

Ducati "Monster" Doomed?

The *Monster Garage* cable television series, **Monster.com**, Disney's *Monsters, Inc.*, the *Monsters of the Midway* Chicago Bears' nickname, and a host of other enterprises that use the word "monster" have found themselves named in lawsuits and

trademark infringement claims filed by *Monster Cable Products, Inc.*

Even the monster seats above *Fenway Park's* left field wall have been targeted in what *Monster Cable* officials say is an aggressive legal strategy to protect the firm's good name. "We have an obligation to protect our trademark; otherwise we'd lose it," said *Monster Cable* founder Noel Lee, reports the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The cable mogul is preparing for a trial against the *Discovery Channel* over their popular *Monster Garage* series starring custom bike builder Jesse James, because the show uses images of "provocative women" and an iron cross logo that could tarnish *Monster Cable's* image.

Quotable Quote

"The one who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the one who is doing it."

ancient Chinese proverb

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



This year of 2004 has gone by at warp speed, it seems to me, but with some great memories already.

We had some fantastic toy runs recently – I heard 4,000 bikes for the *A.B.A.T.E.* toy run in Portland this year!

Our Oregon *Confederation of Clubs (C.O.C.)* is alive and well and flourishing. We've all been busy with the organizations that make up our motorcycle community. Hopefully, we'll have another good motorcycling year this year, too. I know I'd like to ride more than I did last year.

Safety is again on my mind as we move through the winter months. Now is the time to do all the nasty little maintenance things we have put off so we could ride instead. If you're *not* in one of those *warm* states, it's time to change that oil again and check the tires. They may be getting a little tired. Brakes and clutches and all the other hundreds of parts that make those scooters run all need attention. Look for loose nuts and bolts.

Let's don't forget the person in the saddle either. Just maybe it's time to take another riding course so when winter is behind us we aren't behind the eight-ball when we get the scoots out in the spring. For those of us who ride year-round, the safe riding courses are just that much more important. I don't care who you are or how many years you've been in the saddle, riding courses are good insurance. They sharpen us up when it comes to the all the hazards we deal with on the road. Do yourself a favor

by taking a course this year. You'll be surprised how much you will learn, and it can keep you in one piece on the road. Remember my motto: "Keep the round side on the bottom!" That's what it's all about

Newsbits–N–Pieces

Los Angeles, California – For those of you with cell phones and bored sittin' around the house on nasty days this winter, there is a new virtual motorcycle game out just for you. It's called *Ducati Extreme* by MFORMA. It's a racing game for you speed freaks. Play it on your cell phone! Don't ask me *how*, though!

Europe – *Tons of new stuff* that will be for sale, at least in Europe. Lookee...

Moto Morini is back with a planned 87-degree V-twin 996 cc engine. Scheduled for release as a 2006 model.

Yamaha is now testing an electric fuel cell motorcycle.

K.T.M. is releasing a 950cc, 98 hp super-moto, based on the V-twin *Adventure* trail bike.

M.Z. has a 95 hp naked street-fighter version of its twin cylinder 1000S sport-bike. *Honda* is coming out with a V5 *Blackbird* replacement. This thing is said to have 190 hp, an electronic steering damper, traction control, and electronically controlled brakes. Next thing we know we won't have to ride at all. Just get on'em and sit there while the scoot does all the work.

U.S.A – New U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* motorcycle emissions rules for street bikes for 2006 are on the horizon. The air cooled motor for motorcycles is on it's

way to museums folks if *E.P.A.* has it's way. *Join* your local *A.B.A.T.E.* or motorcycle rights group and do something while y'can!

U.S.A. – Motorcycle sales:

Triumph reports 104% increase in U.S. sales in May 2004 compared to last year. This doesn't include sales of the *Thruxton* and *Rocket III*. *One* of 'em has that new 2,300 cc motor! Woman riders: They are catching up with us, guys. And I, for one, am thrilled! Welcome aboard, and ride safe. Turns out that they *are*, in fact, safer riders with fewer accidents. They take rider courses seriously. Women motorcycle riders have increased by 34% since 1998, now at 4.3 million.

Bike sales still up in the U.S.A.: From an article in *U.S.A. Today*, we see that bikes are still hot! Sales jumped 111% between 1998 and 2002. They say motorcycle sales are up another 6.4%, to 996,000 bikes sold in the U.S. in 2003 and that's the 11th consecutive year of increased sales. What I can't understand is the increase in crashes that *N.H.T.S.A.* is so worried about. Crashes haven't increased anywhere near 111%! By the numbers, we *must* be riding more safely!

Harley versus Ducati – Another stat from that *U.S.A. Today* article: *Ducati* says their sales are down 20% from last year; meanwhile *Harley* sales are up 20%. Maybe it's time the *Duc* came up with a V4 cruiser. Ya think?

Two-wheel drive! – It's back! After showing up on a *Yamaha* R-series last year, it's now on a *Yamaha* dirt bike.

Might be interesting to ride one of these critters. Anyone who has, I bet the other *Sack* readers would like to know. If you've *ever* ridden one, let me know and I'll see if we can let folks know. Send an e-mail to my editor. That's our Oregon *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) attorney, Sam Hochberg. Sam's at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

California – If you ride in California pay attention to their laws. California law now prohibits motorcyclists from wearing earplugs! I fail to understand the reasoning behind this law. They force you to wear helmets then they don't want you to protect your hearing.

A.B.C. News – Is claiming that motorcyclists use more taxpayer dollars than other members of society to pay their medical bills. I think they need to be enlightened to the truth of the matter. Why don't they research stuff before they put it out to the public?

Diesel motorcycles – Yes, they do exist! *Royal Enfield* has a *Taurus* diesel. The 2001 *Kawasaki KLR650* has a diesel conversion. They also have a military version. *B.M.W.* also has converted an *R100RT* to diesel power. Maybe it's a good thing. Diesel fuel is usually less expensive. It just smells funny.

The M.R.F. – Critical of *Insurance Institute's* fatalities "study". (*M.C.N.W.*) According to the *M.R.F.*, the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety* condemns rider education as "risky" and preaches instead safer crashing! Sure, good to learn that, but I think I'd prefer a little more *crash-prevention*, wouldn't ya' think?

Gunny Again

The *Aid to Injured Motorcyclist* membership cards we carry in our wallets guarantee we have access to *quick* legal help if we are injured in a crash or are in some other kind of legal sling. If you don't have yours get with your local *A.I.M.* people or call the *A.I.M.* number below and we will make sure you get one, free. Our *A.I.M.* attorneys are networked across this country. When you decide to use an attorney the choice should very simple. Why hire any other attorney when you can get the combined brain power of about sixty *A.I.M.* attorneys? If you carry the *A.I.M.* card, you are never bound to use our guys.

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This Gunny can best be reached by e-mail at: AIMGUNNY@aol.com Or call Sam and he can get a message through to me. Take advantage of the expertise these folks have to offer you. Whether it's about the *A.I.M.* specialties, which are vehicle wrecks of all kinds – bikes in particular – our *A.I.M.* criminal defense arm, you can *always* reach Sam through *A.I.M.*, or call an above number. Sam always says if *any* biker here in the northwest has a legal question, he'll do his damned best to call you back and answer it if he knows, or at *least* point you in the right direction! I tell ya, these guys are the bees knees.

Have a *great* new year, and...
Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny
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Salem

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more democracy than the republic we live in now. Their leaders were directly elected by popular vote and all members had equal share in any swag liberated by their group endeavors.

As to the vague question concerning run fliers, yer crusty ol' editor flipped through the September 2004 issue to page 37 and found what appeared to be the source of the bee in One-Of-Twelve's helmet – Salem chapter's Lime Ride flier featuring what appears to be an egg suffereing from severe acne onto which c.o.e. had added a pirate hat. Interesting word, embellishment. It means to enhance or improve appearance. Yer c.o.e. is both flattered and saddened that someone in the chapter feels that adding a small graphic created a much better flier.

Crusty ol' editor senses that some folks in Salem chapter would rather that he doesn't interact with their material. So be it. The plans for non-editing that had been planned for the April issue will be implemented for the Salem chapter immediately. Salem is now responsible for all their own grammer, layout, spelling, etcetra in their reports.

No doubt there are still folks puzzled about why crusty ol' editor transfered from Salem chapter to Hub City. Many other things in life may be equally puzzling to them.]

6. And finally, also noted was an entire page in the Sept. Issue by the Coordinator on airplanes... in a motorcycle newsletter?! Hmmm (Just reporting the facts, Sir.)

Boy, I sure wish we could get enough Chapter Officers together for a real meeting!

No telling what this group will come up with next if we don't. But it was good to see them and bask in their energy! Let's get it channeled into some really good stuff, ya think?

Besides, I'm not even the real Secretary! Bet you could tell that! Kathy, come back!

Respectfully,
Sheryl

now for something...

And
Minutes
from the November 23, 2004 meeting.
By the time you read this we will have a new passel of officers and our gift exchange/elections meeting will be a thing of the past. While doing our nominations we have considered the State Board's request to add Legislative Officer to the the original slate of Officers needed to put together a Chapter and Murge Gunter has graciously taken the nomination. The chapter will be renewing thier M.A.P. instructor training at S.T.E.A.M. if the class is offered there. Remember the date for the seminar is February 19th, 2005 which is held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. For more info contact Geoff White (Education Director I) at 503-774-7558.

The tentative date for our

annual IceBreaker is March 26, 2005. Will put more info in as it becomes available.

The upcoming Legislative Session begins on January 10th, 2005. Do you know who your Legislator and Senator are?

Febuary 5th is the next BikePAC Meeting. This organization does a fantastic job furthering the Motorcycle Rights of all types of Riders. Check in with them and see what it is they do. February 14th is the first Biker Day with visits with your representatives around the Capitol. May 7th is Biker Awareness Day, a fantastic collection of Motorcyclists from around the State, and beyond. Please attend and meet your fellow riders. Last, but certainly not least, I want to Thank my Flier Buddy in the Chapter. Panhead Ric is a resource that cannot be overlooked. Thank you for taking the time to read this, may you all be blessed with happiness.

Kindest Regards,
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From yer . . .



Walking Away

c.o.e. -- 36



by
Rot Path
(c.o.e.)

Government and other institutions with varying degrees of paranoia tend to be very good at equipping themselves with weapons or legal advisors to prevent their overthrow. However there is one method of toppling that they have absolutely no defense against abandonment.

Consider: How can a purported democratically-based government *force* its citizens to participate in government?

How can any profit-based business *force* customers to shop there?

The answer is that they cannot. Not if they want to preserve the illusion of freedom or free choice.

Abandonment is not a boycott, where some may participate and others not. Abandonment is a shattering of illusion so complete that no one outside an abandoned institution wants anything to do with the organization. People walk away and don't return.

Is abandonment easy?

Not completely.

For people who are walking away, there must be something better to walk to, otherwise there is little point to the journey.

For those who are being abandoned, if they can't, don't, or won't understand why people are leaving, they will fight for the life of their organization and their own personal survival. They will use any tactic they can to cajole, harass, shame, or intimidate people into returning, including manipulation of truth and outright lies.

In some tight-knit communities the ultimate punishment is a form of abandonment called shunning. Now to a mobile people, shunning may seem like a joke. But when the very people who you rely on for support refuse to have anything to do with you, it strikes to the core of your being.

People can question themselves and their actions, changing or defending themselves as needed.

Self destructive societies can defend themselves against anything but abandonment.

Institutions tend to be more unwieldy. They are inclined to steer the course previously set without deviation. Without visionaries at the helm, their momentum tends carry them straight into the iceberg. At which point abandonment is moot and the few lifeboats are filled with administrators making for tropical islands. The rest of us sink into cold waters never to rise again.

What does all this have to do with anything?

Freedom.

With the option of abandoning what isn't working, we have the choice to try something, *anything* else that may work better than what we have now.

But the first step is to realize that we have freedom of choice, that we have options.

Yer c.o.e had an interesting experience at the December state board meeting. Got to talking with a member from the Medford area (Jim Ziebarth) and it turns out that not only were we in the Navy at the same time, but we flew in the same model aircraft. (P-3A) Not only did we fly in the same model aircraft, but we were at the same base. (Barber's Point, Hawaii.) Not only were we at the same base, but we were in the same squadron. (VP-4 Skinny Dragons) However we weren't on the same crew but we knew a lot of the same people. And we both had sports cars while on the island. A small Navy indeed.

Those who have served in the military, especially in time of war, exist on the same planet as everyone else but have lived in a different world.

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With each new year, each new month, week, minute second comes new opportunities. A chance to apply what we've learned from our own or other's mistakes to increase our possibilities for happiness. There is an instance upon waking naturally when our minds are clear of cares or worries. What we do immediately after that sets the tone for our day.

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2 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	3  4th quarter moon	4 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	5 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	6 Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	7	8 STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City (maybe) 1200 (12:00 pm)
9 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	10  new moon Oregon legislature opens	11 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	12	13 Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	14	15
16 South Coast 1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland noon	17  1st quarter moon Martin Luther King Day	18 Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	19 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	20 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	21	22 <i>Hub City Texas Hold 'Em Albany</i>
23	24	25  full moon <small>(long nights moon)</small> Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	26	27 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	28	29
30	31					

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North Coast

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(Thanks again to Jim and crew at the *Moose* for preparing the food and hosting the event.)

Once again we had a boatload of great raffle prizes to give away. Needless to say a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who attended and helped to sweeten the pot. As a side note we made a quick photo stop on the run at *KB Toys* in Seaside, where our shopper bees spent a few early morning hours the previous Saturday shopping for toys. We asked *KB* if we could stop by on the run for some photo opps. They were happy to have us stop by for photos. The *KB Toys* management and staff were great. They opened the store early so our shopper bees could shop all by their lonesome. Many thanks to *KB Toys* and staff. We'll be back next year.

And here's the rest of the story. Today, December 12th (thanks to Rot Path for granting us an extension to submit our report a little late this month, so we could pass on the late-breaking news) we concluded our final (two trips total) shopping trip to the Warrenton *Fred Meyer* and loaded up the all the many bags of goodies and 18 bicycles.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the staff and management who supported us at

Fred Meyer. They went the extra mile this year in providing extra shopping helpers, a dedicated checkout stand (our single checker worked her magic to use every discount coupon under the sun to help our money go further).

Fred Meyer really out did themselves this year making this year's shopping trip a fun and organized shopping

adventure. We look forward to sharing this experience with them next year. Many thanks again *Fred Meyer* and staff.

We then made the trip to the county fairgrounds where the *Wishing Tree Program* tables were setup with a number for each child. We arrived and scurried around like Christmas elves placing our bags with their wishing tree bells at each designated location. When we concluded our work we looked back on the tables to glaze upon a sea of gray *KB Toys* bags and purple *Fred Meyer* bags covering a vast majority of the tables.

Talk about a warm feeling in our hearts. This is the true meaning of Christmas.

It must be said that the many chapter members, non-chapter members, friends of friends, children of the chapter members, and their friends came together in a bonding experience for the cause this year which brought tears to our eyes in the joy that we were so blessed in our efforts to achieve in giving back to our community.

We don't look for recognition in our achievements, we only wish to bring joy in the lives of the children we touch.

The *North Coast Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is proud to announce that our efforts this year resulted in raising \$10,530 in support of over 300 children.

Words can't express our deepest thanks to everyone involved this year for making a difference at Christmas time for our community's children. I said it last month and I'll say it again, God bless each and everyone of you who helped the cause this year. A belated very Merry Christmas to you

all.

Now for some other chapter news. The 2005 chapter officer election results are as follows:

Sue Mills, coordinator
 Tony White, vice coordinator
 Amelia Williams, secretary
 Rachael Wayne, treasurer
 Betty Kelso, membership secretary
 Chuck Jensen, state representative
 sgt-at-arms, Rick Morgan, and
 Tony Mittone

We wish to thank the outgoing and returning officers for all their hard work this past year and what a year we've had !!! Thank you to the new members for making the commitment to assist in providing leadership and help throughout the upcoming year. Welcome aboard.

In closing, I simply wish to say thank you to our coordinator Sue Mills for all of the long hours and untiring efforts this past year. She has done a fantastic job providing chapter leadership and energy. Job well done Sue. We love ya. Keep up the awesome work.

Happy new year to one and all,

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Willamette Valley

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that the planning of an event can be about as much fun as the actual event. It's not *all* work guys and we have some really great stuff in the works for next year.

Ruth and Mike Johnston brought in the chapter scrapbooks for all of us to enjoy. Proof of all our good times over the last years. Between Mike's skill with the camera and Ruth's skills in putting the whole thing together – wow! They brought back some great memories for those of us who attended the events and showed the ones who didn't just what they've been missing out on!

One very important event scheduled is *Biker Day* at the capitol February 14th. This will be a real kick as it's planned to hand out Valentines to our legislators. We want there to be a sea of black leather there that day. If the weather is crappy, that's okay, come in your cage. We need people, not bikes. It's what *you* do and say that's important, not how great your bike looks out front. Don't get me wrong. A good show of bikes is great but if it's pouring down rain or snowing, what the heck, show up anyway!

Just do it!

'Til next time, ride right and ride warm,

Rosie Singhose



Legislative Report

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already been working the Oregon legislature with our bills, feeling their way through to let them know what's coming, what's going on with

Team Oregon and the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* and get supporters for our 2005 Legislation.

From Texas

Sputnick, a freedom fighter from Texas makes it into the *Wall Street Journal*, *Risky Riders – Touting Freedom*, *Bikers Take Aim At Helmet Laws*.

I've attached a copy of the article for those at the state board meeting. For those of you who didn't get one, e-mail me and I'll send it to you.

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Sputnick isn't your typical lobbyist. He has "free" tattooed across his forehead and he wears his hair in a mohawk and has five earrings dangling from his left ear. But he is a full time motorcycle rights activist and lobbyist in Texas. Sputnick has traveled to some 39 states spreading his message of freedom and how to get there using his *Five Steps to Freedom*:

1. Register to vote.
2. Get acquainted.
3. The campaign.
4. The primary.
5. Run for office.

Want a copy? Zap me an e-mail or a call and I'll see that you get it

At the State Board Meeting in December we presented two motions for changes that were discussed at the 2004 *A.B.A.T.E.* state planning meeting. We feel they are very important to our future legislative

success in Oregon. Both motions passed by a majority vote.

Motion 1. Make the legislative director a required position for each chapter. "Why?" you ask. Legislative activity and communication *is* what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is all about. Having that person in place as a main contact and/or resource is of utmost importance. We are hoping this will raise this position to a higher level of importance. This person would be the lead contact and would be able to mobilize their chapter at a moments notice to aid *BikePAC* as needed.

Motion 2. Create a new legislative section in our state guidelines and bylaws chapter book. This section would cover all items concerning legislative activities. We are always looking for information dealing with this subject and the idea is to have all of it in one central place for easy access.

I want to thank everyone for their support in this endeavor.

One Last Question

Have you joined *BikePAC* yet? If you haven't, *then why haven't you?*

What's your excuse? Every biker in Oregon needs to be a member of *BikePAC* if we are going to accomplish anything this coming year.

So get off your duff, get signed up as a *BikePAC* member.

It's important to your freedom to ride in Oregon!

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Salem Chapter Toy Run

12 December 2004

(article and photos by Marlene Schroeder)

What a great day for a ride with sun even! There must have been over 60 bikes and 80 plus bikers who showed up at *K-Mart* for the toy run.

The first part of the ride took us to the Stayton fire department, where they provided coffee and doughnuts for us. They were very happy to get the toys and a check for \$400, plus a little extra cash that was donated at the last minute.

On we went for a nice ride to the Jefferson fire department. They had made chili and cornbread for us, all from scratch according to the fireman I talked to. It was really super good. They also were happy with the toys and the check for \$400 plus cash.

Dogman—the guy with *C.M.A.* who tows a trailer with his dogs in the back was a big hit with all the kids there. Guess the dogs were the main hit!!

A big thanks to all who showed up: *Salem A.B.A.T.E.*, a few from *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*, and a few from *Salem H.O.G.* A really big thanks to *C.M.A.* for bringing their trailer and providing coffee for everyone at *K-Mart*.

There also were quite a few riders I haven't seen before, probably due to Rick 's getting a lot of flyers out in different areas. (*White Trash Bikers*) Thanks Rick.



Millenium Ride

An Argentine motorcycling doctor has just returned to Buenos Aires after a two weeks of training in Indonesia. Dr Gerardo Sola learnt new skills and knowledge from Mr Willy Bala, the director of an N.G.O. called *Health for All (HfA)*. *HfA* has been managing a fleet of twelve motorcycles used by health ministry workers on remote Indonesian islands of Flores since 2002. Dr Sola aims to pioneer this proven system of delivering basic health services in Latin America starting with four marginalized Argentine areas.

Dr Sola's training included practical riding, administrative procedures, and field visits to meet health workers and the people. His training costs were supported by funds raised by Simon Milward in Latin America during 2003, whilst Dr Sola himself covered his air fare. Milward met Dr Sola in April this year before quitting South America on his humanitarian round the world motorcycle ride.

Dr Sola had this to say:

"My 14 days with Willy were just spectacular! We were working together with such enthusiasm and a great relationship from the very beginning! We are now very good friends and I am sure that our friendship will last for ever.

We were together at Larantuka in Flores Island for a week. There we went with the bikes to Adonara and Lembata, two islands, by boat with the bikes and I could see all the work of the sanitary agents and the excellent work that Willy is doing every day with his people. I saw the zero breakdown system in the place and learned a lot of skills of how to treat the government and the people who ride the bikes for Health for All.

After that week we went together to Kupang and I saw all the administrative work. It was a great thing to be there because now I know that the idea is good, and there I got the 'know how'.

We were able to take hundreds of excellent pictures and film the training. This will be very important for fundraising.

*To replicate this in Argentina I have my foundation, *Pilotos Solidarios*. In the next month it will be a reality. I have already 14 volunteers just waiting at the start line, for the order of 'go'! I have been in three TV programs and three radio programs with very nice interviews, that are making of *Pilotos Solidarios* a known N.G.O.*

In relation with U.N.I.C.E.F I am working with a M.D., Carlos Pacheco, an incredible and intelligent man in the health ministry. He is my co-equipper and he has good relation with U.N.I.C.E.F. But I want to have the official status of foundation to go to talk, as they said to us.

We have already four programs in mind: Jujuy province with Dr. Arriagada; Formosa province with the indigenous people; Neuquen, with another N.G.O., working too with indigenous people; and Entre Rios province near the islands of the Parana river."

Simon Milward said, "Argentina has the biggest gap between rich and poor in Latin America. With its strong tradition of motorcycling, the skills and motivation of people like Gerardo and commitment from U.N.I.C.E.F, the countryside will soon ring with the sound of motorbikes. They will herald the dawn of a new healthy era for women and children in traditionally



Simon Milward

marginalized areas. A big thanks to Willy Bala for passing on his skills and knowledge."

Both initiatives welcome interest from sponsors and other supporters.

Simon Milward

28 November 2004, Bangui,
Centrafrique

Milward emerges from two weeks and 2000 km of wet muddy and staircase-like jungle tracks. Corrupt officials usually after cash threatened to hang him and semi autonomous militias with gun toting children plagued his route. He rode through war torn South Sudan to Bangui, the capitol of the Central African Republic (C.A.R.). It was the hardest part of an east-west Africa route long since considered off limits to most overland travelers and the most exhausting of his five year journey so far. He was greatly helped and well received by both Catholic and Medecins Sans Frontieres missions. Tomorrow (Monday 29th November 2004) he heads further west to Cameroun.

Everything turns the colour of mud. Both shock absorbers break. One pannier box smacks a hidden tree stump catapulting me face first into a mud pool. Ten minutes later I find it to be infested with giant biting brown

ants. A camera goes swimming. My boots disintegrate. Snakes uncoil to attention then dart into the undergrowth. Multi-coloured lizards scurry after them.

A brief visit to Congo Zaire (D.R.C. or whatever name you want to use) brings me close to the Sudan border. A 10 year old boy appears in front of me, complete with AK47 rifle and cigarette. His father lounges in a camp to one side where I pull up and lean the bike against a tree. I announce what I'm doing and where I'm going, say goodbye without waiting for a response and get back on the bike. Someone laughs. I don't look back and ride off. Confusion greets my arrival at Bazi in South Sudan. The last tourists to come through being a Swedish couple on a motorbike in 2001. Drying all my gear after playing submarines on the waterlogged track brings back memories of Siberia. I am amazed at the amount of stuff I have and throw some. I add the spare suspension spring to the left side after a breakage, a first class bodge lasting all the way to Bangui.

I spend two nights in Yei, dismayed at the level of bureaucracy needed to pass through this fledgling country. Peace talks now take place in Kenya and hopes are high for a settlement. I take one or two photos. Someone tells the army which nearly panics. In Maridi public security officials search my bike and read my diary, suspicious of the Arab named captain of the ship Aziza in Tanzania. They tell me they went for independence when Kartoum banned Christianity. Despite southern Sudanese oil, there are no western troops and the war is 22 years old. One puts my Argentina

patch in his pocket which sends me over the edge and I swear at him. The boss accuses me of disrespect for which the penalty is flogging and hanging. I apologize for the misunderstanding, blue, white and yellow patch safely back in my custody, although I am in theirs'. Every official and army personnel demands money. I pay nothing and let them steal not a stitch. The war has turned everyone hostile and aggressive, including me. I try not to hold it against them. It takes a day to go 50 km.

I stop at a hospital and they dress a deep elbow wound spirting blood - it was from the ant infested mud bath. My own medical kit is waterlogged. The Sudanese border town of Source Yubu near C.A.R. is a relief. Angelo the town chief gives me a rat infested room for sleeping and something to eat - I like to think it was chicken. He remembers Nick from a year or two previously, a London biker I had met in Dar Es Salaam. Nick, with a warped sense of humour, originally told me there was a route through here.

They point out the road to Sudan, leading into thick bush! Close examination reveals barely a footpath. I head out. Shortly I come to two locals pointing 90 degrees to the left. Wow, thanks God. David, a missionary in Kampala, warned me about missing a crucial left turn somewhere around here and I had prayed. I come to the first staircase, a 45 degree rocky incline. I carry my big red bag up. I climb back down, get on, take some deep breaths, fix my eyes at the top, rev the engine, dump the clutch, the roaring *Rotax* flies. We fall at the top. I should have

fixed my eyes past the top! I relearn many lessons from Siberia. I crash up and down many such staircases. My 300 kg loaded bike is amazingly strong. I'm amazingly exhausted each day, usually well before midday. I fall off in thick mud sometimes for no apparent reason. The track often disappears so I continue straight and it reappears. Many bridges are made of simply a steel girder. I get paralysed with fear at one, before a local walks through the river showing it is only thigh deep. I could kiss him, but give him a squashed banana instead.

C.A.R. will always mean oranges. Delicious and plentiful at this time of year, and more of a pleasure than using the Kakadyn filter with brown river water as the ceramic filter clogs too fast. The people have not suffered under a war. It is a pleasure to try some more French! But C.A.R. will also always mean corrupt officials. Without fail the gendarmerie and the commissariats expect money and you meet their barriers at town entry and exits. I calmly explain what I am doing saying that I've no "argent supplementaire" for them. If they persist then the dialogue becomes ugly and I shout about this sort of terrorism. I can usually hide my smile but occasionally it gets to me. I wonder what all this is doing to me inside. I avoid by an inch one semi independent militia's unmarked unlit barrier of metal spikes and stop to berate them over this appalling danger.

One amusing incident comes at Grimari after my polite refusal to pay up was accepted. I use the opportunity to do a repair on the

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Millenium Ride

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second broken shock absorber. Three gendarmes help, one calls me his "bon frere" and offers me his daughters! Later in the day a pregnant woman with a tattooed face invites me to sleep with her.

Mboki is a unique eastern C.A.R. trading town of mainly of Sudanese refugees, but also nomadic cattlemen from Chad to the north and other Muslims from Darfur, along with traders and refugees from Zaire. It is also the field headquarters of *Medecins Sans Frontieres* where Spaniards Antonio and Piluca put me up, feed me, give me some fuel and told me about what is going on in this country. Later on in Zemio, Frank of *M.S.F.* had me stay over for two nights since one day was rained out. *M.S.F.* here battles malaria and sleeping sickness which is caused by bites from the giant tetsi fly whose bite sure is big! They tell me of the new malaria vaccine developed with Bill Gates funding. This is great news for Africa where malaria is the biggest killer, but a further ten years of testing is needed.

M.S.F. tells me that the present government was brought to power with the help of the military. The army was then barracked in the north near Chad. The soldiers are unhappy and still have guns. They have started to rape and steal.

M.S.F. intends to go into this area with services, knowing that in these situations the people suffer worst. Now I call that brave. *M.S.F.* are the true heroes of our age, people who give up a decent wage to go to risky front lines and serve innocent victims. I take my helmet off to them and

question what I am doing with my own life, swanning around the world on a motorbike. I ask *M.S.F.* for advice about promoting motorcycle use in delivering basic health services in rural C.A.R. with the health ministry. "Come back in five or ten years" they say.

The Catholic missions, also heavily involved in health issues, provide free lodging and other practical help. The Latin influence is unmistakable with Spanish, Argentine, and Mexican missionaries relegating my Frenish to Franish!

My next countries are Cameroun then Nigeria, which compete each year for having the worst corruption in the world. Could it get any worse than C.A.R.? We shall see.

On the subject of money, the vast majority of the US\$112,000 raised for charity on this initiative has already been sent to *Health for All* and *M.S.F.*, so we have not lost too much because of the recent USD nose dive. I shall have to make a change to Euro at future fundraising events. Perhaps I should not feel so bad about giving these corrupt officials a dollar after all! It is amazing how money news gets out to the African jungle isn't it?

Simon

Simon Milward, on the road

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Diesel Dave
O.D.M.C.

As I sit here in Iraq, it warms my heart to know all my friends who believe in freedom and liberty are keeping the home fires burning. Thank you!

Be home soon!

One day, I hope to be free to ride. I think I've earned it. It may take mountain moving, but if we all put our differences aside and work together, the legislators will relent. If every *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC*, and club member made one phone call and every chapter coordinator and deputy, visited their representatives in Salem, I could be riding to *Fossil*, hassle free.

Thanks,
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R.M. "Randy" Phipps
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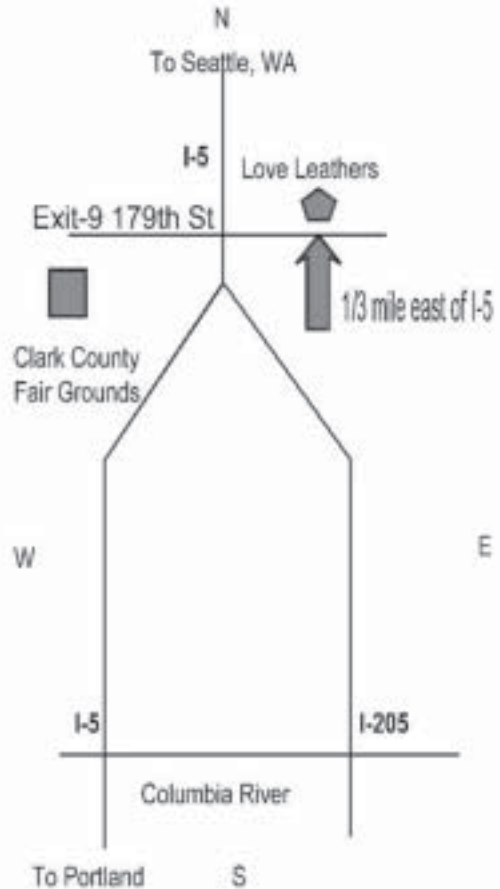
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Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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North Coast area

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Waterbury	(503)738-5475	Seaside	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Salem area

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X			X
Ray & Kathy DeMelo	(503)-393-2201	Keizer		X	X		X	X		
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Ted Minden	(541)-327-2192	Jefferson		X	X		X	X		
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South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point						X		
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Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X
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Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
Craig Rawly	(503)-761-1391	Portland			X		X		X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Debbie and Brian Done	(503)-357-5620		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

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Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X			X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-686-6768	Eugene	X	X		X			X	
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X			X
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Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael & PeggySchneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X				X
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X				X
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_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
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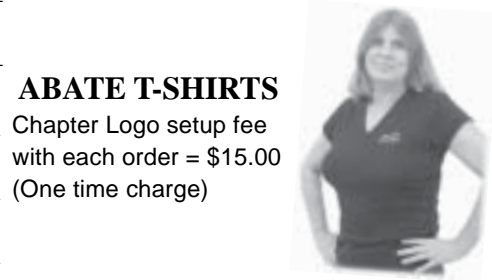
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NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

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

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Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

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January Cryptogram

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S F W D W D O J N A T T F X D S F X ,

R P F R P N C P R C A X N C A

R N X N A D R C T F S F R D S F X .

— F I R S T M D R J F S R A T

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

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Answer to December CRYPTOGRAM

Next to naps,
Sleep is one of the
most important activities
of the day.

— Uncle Mike Burgess

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 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
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Like the dawn of yet another new year,
It's hard to take sober,
Yet it would be bolder,
To face it clear-minded and without fear.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 January 2005 at Noon
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Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Jubitz Truck Stop</i> ; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 st Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Thusday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ; 335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Chalet Restaurant</i> , Market Street, Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	2 nd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene