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2008 State Officers



(back) Howie Long, Bill Foster, Rot Path, Robert Hale, Randy Phipps
 (middle) Dave Meeker, Gene Mortimore, Matt Price, Joye Howell, Pat Williams, Deb Ross
 (front) Geoff White, Heidi Disrud, Nic Oliver, Patricia Carner, Mary Burnett
 (not pictured) Linda Henderson, Quiet Mike, Art Schultz, Debra Lutje, Jeff Schauer, Willie Sanders, Trace Ceccacci, Ray DeMelo, Betsy Ross

[If any names don't match up with faces it's because people aren't where they're supposed to be. Nothing to do with who wrote the caption. -- c.o.e.]

**Be well, Rotten Roger. We're thinking of you.
 (Aren't you glad it didn't happen in the middle of the summer riding season?)**

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

What We're About

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

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

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A.T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

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.

by Bill Bish

(A.B.A.T.E. of California ; executive coordinator, *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*)

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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State Coordinator's Comments



by
Matt Price
state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of
Oregon, Inc.

Happy New Year!

We have before us new opportunities to engage the public and the media with the glaring necessity of respecting the rights of motorcyclists to:

1. Ride to and from any event or location in relative safety.
2. Freely operate our "green machines" at significantly lower rates of fuel consumption than most high-tech cages.
3. Cover or uncover our skulls as we see fit.
4. Be consulted regarding road design and signal functions, and much more.

I appreciate that this is a group whose collective efforts have been a vital part of safe passage on the state's roadways for decades because we could not have come this far on the random acts of individuals. Yet, it is because we are all (rugged) individuals that we will always face new challenges.

Let's face the future head on with an affirming shout that is heard inside

the hallowed halls of the state legislature. Let them know that we absolutely mean business when we approach them with basic, common sense needs that will contribute to *our* inalienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of bugs in our teeth.

Mark your calendar now and set aside Saturday, February 16th for the S.T.E.A.M. conference in Albany. We'll be meeting at the *Eagle's Lodge* because it costs a heckuvva lot less and they like us down there. (Or up or over there.) If you're not ready to roll up your sleeves and get involved, wear a short-sleeve shirt.

Are you a member of *BikePAC*??? 100% participation would be a very good thing. That wasn't just campaign rhetoric. I will constantly urge you to put a few bucks where your mouth is. And it is just a few bucks indeed! If Wall Street could get that kind of return on an investment, we would have bought out the Arabs a long time ago.

I'm certain that the energies of the

chapters will contribute to a year of growth and progress and I look forward to whatever part of that I may be involved in.

Lee Austin has left us for personal reasons. We will all feel the loss of his talent, organizational skills, and dedication to the task set before him.

Be careful and very watchful. Riding during this season is always a challenge. It is very important to remember that at least 50% of rider fatalities are single vehicle incidents.

- Know your ride.
- Know yourself.
- Be safe and make it home.

KSU – Let's ride!

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Central Oregon**

Hello from *Central Oregon*,

Can you believe it we still can see the ground? The mountains are a bit white but not nearly enough to please the skiers.

So here it is already 2008.

Why is it as we get older the years go by faster?

Sure hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

At the December meeting the group decided to hold elections in January with the hopes of a larger turnout than we have had lately. We encourage everyone to come to the meeting and vote for new officers. We do need your opinion.

With the last few months being so hectic, the silly holiday season and all, some of us have might not realized that your memberships may have expired. Even Kev and I are guilty of that one! Remember this organization is fighting for your rights and the larger we are the more power we have.

We will set the dates for our *Rocks, Bridges, Lakes and Teddy Bear* runs at the January meeting along with the elections. Please try to attend and get involved with the chapter.

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last two years. It has

truly been a great experience.

Kevin and Renee'

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE
 2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Douglas County



Boo and hiss!
What is this?
The report's not done?
Cancel any fun!

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-
ING 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



Happy new year,

Hope your holidays were everything you wished for and more.

This time of year is a good time to reflect on the last twelve months to see what we've accomplished, what we've done well, what hasn't gone so well, and what's needed to correct it.

It's also a time to look forward to the new year with expectations of a great riding season, new challenges, and new people.

Speaking of new people, at *Hub City* we will be having a lot of changes in leadership this year with a lot of people new to an officer's role.

In February at the *Eagles* in Albany, S.T.E.A.M. will be held. This is a great tool for any new officer (*any* officer for that matter) to better meet the needs of their position. There are a lot of seminars to choose from and I highly recommend it.

Plus you get free food!

As outgoing coordinator I would like to thank all the volunteers and workers who have given their sweat and blood to *Hub City*. I would especially like to use this space in Rot Path's reverent rag to thank all the officers who have made my job so easy over the last three years. If I've missed anyone, forgive me. It's late at night and the beverage tastes good.

Vice coordinators Steve Sorenson and Fred Tucker; treasurer Sue Mills; membership secretaries Donita Reitz and Mary Burnett; sergeant-at-arms Ray Kintner, Bill Foss, Terry Moe, Randy Muller, Don Nash, Red Scott Nason, Barry Collom, and Rick Wohlers; quartermaster Gary Freeman; run coordinators Richard Andros, Steve Sorenson, Sere Harris, and Don Mason; state board representatives Mel Yeager, Al Sims, and Nic Oliver; public relations



Monika Sims; historians Iris Yeager, Sara Andros, and Rhonda Tucker; legislative representatives Fred Tucker and Jack McCann; education director Carolyn Freeman; web masters Polly Lenon and Don Mason.

I would especially like to thank the two secretaries I've worked with over the years, Mary Burnett and Wendy Muller.

I appreciate and love you all.

Have a great 2008, keep the rubber down.

I'm gone.

[*c.o.e. note* – Yer crusty ol' editor's word processor lacks a Microsloth gibberish translator (which is how the report was received) and the sender didn't respond to increasingly desperate pleas for a plain text version, so *c.o.e.* did the best he could trying to remove all the `<w:r><w:t xml:space="preserve">` and `</w:t></w:r>` gobblity gook from the body of report.

If any items don't make sense or names came out with strange spellings, blame Gill Bates.

P.S. This rag belongs to the members of Oregon A.B.A.T.E., not any one individual. Yer c.o.e. is just a word troll sitting around muttering about report writers' imaginative and creative punctuation while trying to figure out how to italicize periods.]

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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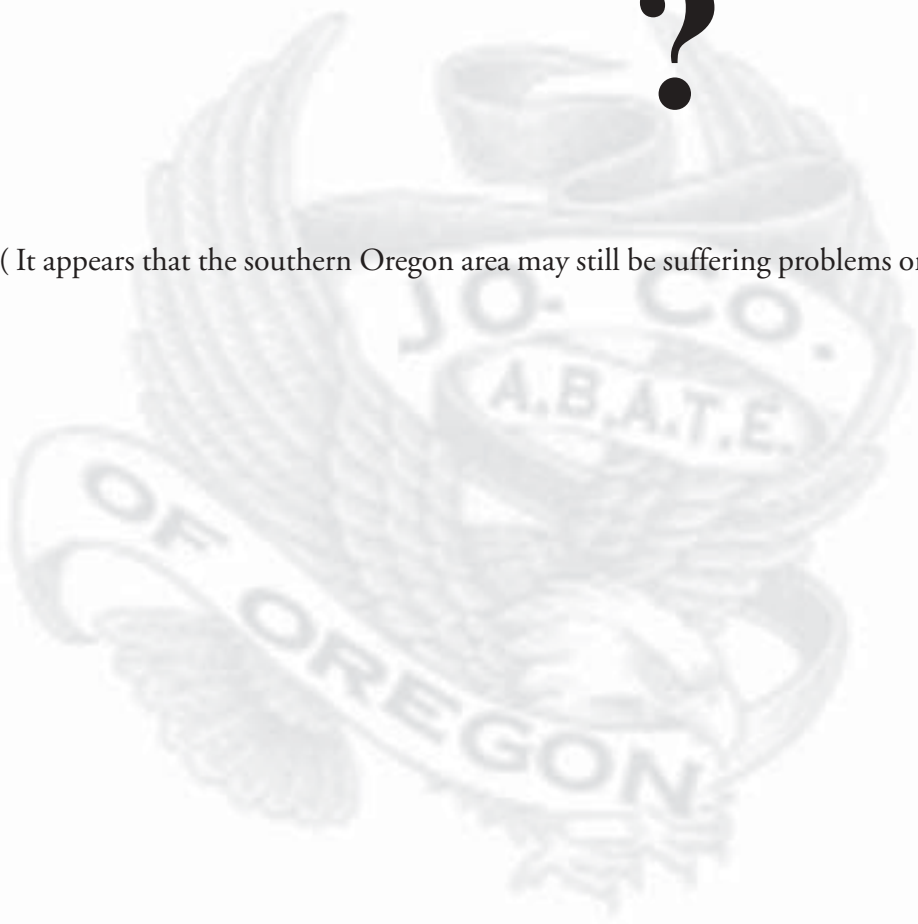
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Josephine County



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(It appears that the southern Oregon area may still be suffering problems on account of the early December storm.)



JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Lincoln County



We completed the final work on our toy run for Mrs. Santa Claus. It was a success, helping to guarantee underprivileged children a joyous Christmas.

Our new officers for 1995 are as follows:

Coordinator:

Vicki Lechner

Vice-coordinator:

Roach

Secretary:

Millie Highfill

Treasurer:

Vicki Lechner

Membership secretary:

Wylene Hendryx

Educational director:

Lee Fouts

Legislative director:

John Ehmer

Historian:

Lyn Sumner

Ways and means co-directors:

Randy Becker, D.J. Ruddiman

Sergeant at arms-1:

Pete and Jimmy Ruddiman

Sergeant at arms-2:

John Ehmer

Public relations:

Brenda Chancellor (north),

Demetra George (south)

State representative:

Gary Lechner

We are planning our anniversary party. It will be held on March 4th at *Moby Dick's*. A poker run is also being planned for earlier in the day.

Hope you all had a joyous holiday season and wishing you a prosperous and safe new year.

'Til next month,

Millie

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900
 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

North Coast



North Coast Chapter survives another blow, literally.

120 mph winds!

I've lived here 54 years and this was the biggest storm I've seen. The sustained winds out-blew the Columbus Day storm. I was lucky and lost only shakes off my roof, but the damage to other locals was amazing. I could write volumes on what happened down here, but the key issue is no lives were lost and the north coast community is resilient and will be back!

Thank God the storm didn't affect our fundraising efforts. I can't say enough on how the *North Coast Chapter* stepped up for the kids. The wishing tree organization is ecstatic with our efforts.

The spaghetti feed went off without a hitch. Good Don and his helpers turned out an awesome spaghetti.

The auction and raffle was a great time.

I received lots of compliments which means the chapter as a whole took care of business.

The toy run also did very well. When I woke up Saturday morning I thought we might have a window in the weather.

Didn't happen.

I figured maybe ten riders would show.

We had forty riders with a lot of support from south county.

I saw wet, soaked bikers all joking and smiling. Two riders showed up from Italy and by their reaction had a terrific time. Mary at the *Workers Bar & Grill* warmed everyone's bellies with chili and dogs.

The effort as a whole raised over \$8,000. Now when the stores get their power back we can take the wishing tree bells and go shopping for the kids!

As for chapter business, we had officer nominations. Some new faces stepped up for officer positions, but we can always use more people and help so no ones gets burnt out.

A last note: There was some skepticism before the spaghetti feed but with hard work and sticking to the job at hand, everything turned out better than we could have expected.

Blown away,

Howie

NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

River City



November 20, 2007

We had a very long meeting, due mostly to the lengthy state board of directors report and the review of officer candidates so our representative can vote at the next meeting.

We also talked about HR-1955. (*Important:* Look it up on the web.) It looks like more of your constitutional rights going out the window. All of our federal representatives have voted for it already and it has been sent to the senate. Contact Wyden and Smith.

We had eight people in our *Veteran's Day* parade. They represented us well.

Debra won the membership drawing tonight at \$55 and donated \$25 back to the chapter. Thanks Deb.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:04 p.m. Ten people present, one arrived later.

Rick read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: Rod Runyon.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Matt because they were presented in

written form.

Correspondence: Bank statement, chamber mailings.

Treasury report \$195.72 in checking and \$1682.35 savings. Bills submitted: \$25 for state board of directors meeting attendance.

Membership report: 73 wonderful members.

Board report: Long report, reviewing candidates for officers.

Legislative report: HR-1955. Very scary stuff.

Ways and means report: Starlight Parade?

Public relations report: Ideas to advertise the poker run.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

- Group riding protocols
- Planned rides: New year's day.
- Patches: No news.
- St. Vincent holiday food drive.

Motion by Teresa to send \$100. Passed.

New Business

Christmas party December 18.

50/50 was not held this time.

The chapter membership drawing for \$55 was won by Debra Lutje, who donated \$25 back to the chapter,

thanks, Deb. It will be \$5 next meeting.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1929 *Cleveland*.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

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December 4, 2007

Sue Mills joined tonight for our meeting. Welcome, as usual.

We had a short meeting and planned our Christmas party at *Zim's* on the 18th. It will be a white elephant gift exchange. We talked about S-1959, which is the same as HR-1955, but in the senate. Calls or e-mails in opposition to Smith and

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RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
Roadstop Restaurant
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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

Salem



Our November meeting had twenty-five fine folks in attendance.

The discussion centered around the *N.T.S.B.* proclamation that a nationwide helmet requirement would reduce the deaths of motorcyclists.

Our *Salem A.B.A.T.E.* state representative Heidi Disrud and Pat Ryan went to the U.S. capitol to lobby the Oregon delegation on this matter.

From the feedback I have seen in the *M.R.F.* bulletins and *bikersrepublic.org*, we have some allies. We thank Heidi and Pat again for their efforts and sacrifice.

The next issue was SB-1959, formally HB-1955. This is the *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* directed at the citizens of our country. I know this isn't a motorcycle issue, but to ignore it and not make you aware would be wrong. The *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* is being used for increased sentences against in-country citizens already.

Write both senators now.

This is cowardice and our entire Oregon representative delegation voted in favor. The vote was 410 to 10. (There are 435 members in the house.)

Read the bill for yourself.

It creates a crime to even think about civil disobedience.

The only state office in contention is state coordinator. I read the statement from Lee Austin and let Matt Price respond. The chapter then voted on their

choice.

Nominations were held for Salem officer positions. All positions were uncontested, but no one stepped up for secretary. This is a required position. The people currently in office need your help and the load needs to be shared if you want an efficient organization.

The helmet requirement has been in effect in Oregon for twenty years. (That is a generation.) Your children know of nothing else.

In North Carolina it cost the state \$875 to prosecute a helmet violation from start to finish.

875 times 2,000 equals \$1.7 million.

Put that in front of your local court.

Just got word that representative Peter Defazio sent a favorable-to-us motorcycle riders letter to the *N.T.S.B.*

Wendy Moon tentatively will be our guest speaker at S.T.E.A.M. Wendy is an advocate for rider training.

Go to:

<http://www.journalspace.com>

and put "moonrider" in their search engine. The amount of information is staggering.

She has the most up-to-date information on the current lawsuit between *M.\$.F.* and *Team Oregon*. She has informed those who are interested that *O.S.U.* has been dropped from said lawsuit. I called her for permission to pass this along to you.

I earnestly encourage you to read her material so you will have the same appreciation that I have for the effort she has made for the *Team Oregon* program and her outlook on training across the U.S.A. All concerned motorcycle riders of this state should be at S.T.E.A.M. to thank Wendy for all she has done.

My e-mail is: quietmk@yahoo.com if you need help linking to Moonrider.

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

(See *Salem Chapter* toy run photos on pages 38-39.)

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Southeast Portland**

Merry Christmas,

I don't have a lot to say this month.

Due to the prediction of snow, our toy run turnout was a little less than hoped for. Thanks to all of you who braved the cold to turn up. It really makes a big difference in the kid's lives.

Our own Soft Tail sold the winning ticket.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who make this event the success it is. Our outstanding toy run committee who put in many hours of preparations for this day, the members and vendors who sell tickets, and everyone else. (I want to thank Tony – who got up early on his day off from school to go sell tickets at the *Easy Rider* bike show, and Elizabeth – who showed up with an extreme hangover to magically work the crowd and sell tickets at the run.)

Thanks to Dick Edmonds and Mike Friend who have put years of service into this event to bring it to what it is today.

Thanks to all who show up and give what they can to our special kids at Shriners'.

And a special thank you to Shriners' for allowing us to be part

of their lives.

Read the rest of the newsmagazine for the legislative actions now upon us. These are too numerous for me to print here, but take the time and write your congressmen. Don't allow this kind of atrocity to take place.

Finally, attend the meetings and let your voices be heard.

We are a brotherhood and need everyone to actively participate. Just because it's winter doesn't mean the gears of A.B.A.T.E. cease to run.

Love you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Deb "Honey Buns" Ross

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

Twin Rivers

Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



Well, by the time you read this, we will have already had our annual toy run for the Shriners' Hospital as well as Christmas and new year's.

I hope all is well with you.

As far as the toy run, I was once again glad to see all of you who attended, despite the scary weather report. I will admit that, yes, it was definitely cold. Fortunately however I was not the only person who was smart enough to dress in layers.

Considering the fact that you are reading this in January, happy new year!

Oh yeah, I almost forgot to thank our state officers, old and new.

Now, since the holidays are once again behind us, we still have a number of really important activities to prepare for.

For example:

- S.T.E.A.M. – Saturday, 16 February 2008 in Albany. (I hope to see all state and chapter officers this year.)
- Spring swap meet – Sunday, 27 April 2008.
- May awareness rally – Saturday, 03 May 2008.

I realize that I only gave a few examples, however I really hope you understand what it is that I am trying to say. After all, I am not nor will I continue to be, the last person to

remind you of its importance.

Well okay, I know that you may not be used to getting this kind of a comment from me. However, I have come to realize, over the several years that I have personally been involved in A.B.A.T.E., that it is no less important, no matter who it is that is reminding us.

Anyway, see you down the road, somewhere.

Until then, stay safe, *please*.

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Outgoing state coordinator, Ed Vaugh, presents the Twin Rivers Chapter charter to Randy Phipps during the December 2007 state board meeting in Albany.

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Saturday January 19, 2008 8pm to close
TWIN RIVERS CHAPTERS'
CABIN FEVER PARTY COOK FRIENDLY
 at THE **SPARE ROOM** FOOD PRIZES RAFFLE & 50/50 RAFFLE
4830 NE 42nd Ave Portland, OR
 LIVE MUSIC BY THE **SOUTHERN GOLD BAND**
 spaghetti, salad, garlic bread for \$4.75
 \$6. Single \$10. Couple, Donation at Door
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT your local chapter or call 503-960-5421
<http://www.abateoforegon.com> or look up The ABATE of Oregon
www.abateoforegon.com/twinrivers
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TWIN RIVERS MEETING
TIME and PLACE
 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300
 (1 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Washington County**

Winter is in full swing, with snow drifting down amongst the merry shoppers and weary travelers. It is also time for chapter elections and I sit here late at night writing my last newsmagazine submission.

Washington County has elected their new officers this evening along with sharing many happy and sad moments together as a group.

December has been difficult for some members, especially Sunny and Papa Joe Supkes. Their home in Vernonia was swept away by the fast rising waters. Their friends in the community and in *A.B.A.T.E.* have come together to help them salvage the small amount of personal possessions that could be found, donated time, money, food, clothing and support (including a temporary home in a motor home) and the friendship based on good hearts and fond memories. While Papa Joe and Sunny were not the only family devastated by the December flood, they brought to our attention the needs of the outlying members and

isolated families in that area. While most of the donations and help were being sent to the city center proper, there were hundreds of other families out of town in the same or greater need.

I am proud of the efforts of *WaCo* and *North Coast* for helping out less fortunate people in the area, whether they were members or not. This kind of community support is indicative of the type of people I have found in *A.B.A.T.E.* It makes me proud to be a part of this organization.

This same support was shown to me when I went down recently. I thank everyone for their thoughts and calls and hope to be back on the road soon.

In the meantime, I will not be a chapter officer this year, but will be available if the need arises.

So, without further ado, here are the new *Washington County* officers for 2008:

Coordinator:
Roger Yarnell

Vice-coordinator:

Rick Skaggs

Treasurer:

Sharon Yarnell

Recording secretary:

Sharon Mize

Legislative director:

Jordan Kelley

State board rep.:

Jordan Kelley

Membership secretary:

Cindy Henderson

Public relations director:

Veta Holscher

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
(503)-357-3040

CHAPTER ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 202
Cornelius, OR 97113

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

Wow, we actually had a pretty good turnout at the last meeting, with about 26 people showing up.

After our usual formalities, Jeff discussed the need for members to pitch in giving to the woman with four children we picked to help with a Thanksgiving meal. Besides all the boxes of goods members brought and the turkey Bob Lowell donated, we passed the hat around and raised \$130 to donate to them.

We also discussed upcoming elections and took nominations for offices. So far here are the nominations:

Coordinator:

Jeff Schauer

Vice-coordinator:

Hal Fletcher

Secretary:

Rick Maish

State representative:

Rod Hatter

Treasurer:

Anne Cokeley

Legislative director:

Mike Boggs (still needs to accept)

News editor:

Sue Burnes

Web editor:

Rod Hatter

Sergeant at arms:

Gary Jackson

Membership secretary:

Lonny Cokeley

Activities coordinator:

Sunny Major

Casino night coordinator:

Wendy Taylor

Chapter chaplain:

Bob Lowell

We then talked about several upcoming runs, including the *Free*

Souls toy run December 8th at *Yukon Jack's*, the *Blackjacks* potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange held December 15th at the Walterville Grange, and the *New Years Day Polar Bear Ride* in Portland leaving from *Portland Touring* by Stark and highway 205.

We still need to confirm the *Rhody Run* date and Sunny has secured the location by *B.J.'s Ice Cream* for the information booth.

State board representative Rod reported that a motion to [move] the state officer elections to October so new incoming officers could interact with the annual planning session was made, with all representatives to discuss with their chapters and vote on proposed motion at the January state board meeting.

The purpose of these proposed changes is to give a short period of overlapping time to the incoming officers for mentoring, and have both incoming and outgoing officers involved in the planning session, as well as getting the whole membership encouraged to be involved.

Rod also reported concern over the anti-terrorist bill HR-1955, and told all they need to look into this and get hold of their senators.

S.T.E.A.M. will take place February 16th, 2008 at the *Eagles Lodge* on Broadablin in Albany.

Rod also mentioned that the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* is seeking a roster of all past, present,

and future interested instructors and to get hold of Geoffrey White to get signed up.

Our chaplain Bob Lowell told us about George Modaff having a serious stroke and not looking like he'd survive. I am sorry to report that George did not make it through the night. He passed away around midnight of the 15th. Our hearts go out to his brother Fred and his family. He will be missed by many.

We also discussed the *V.F.W. Veteran's Day Parade* and how it had a great turnout. Everyone seemed to enjoy being involved in it. Bob mentioned that how we treat people and live our lives affects how we are remembered and encouraged all to be thoughtful and to treat others well.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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Our Officers at Work

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

08 December 2007 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn, Coordinator, at 12:10 p.m. with eleven of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: None.

Motion made by Brain to accept minutes from November 10th state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine with corrections pointed out by Nic. (Newsmagazine copy was from the rough draft. Few actual changes made.) Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Ed Vaughn held a roll call. (As requested.) Apologized for not getting out appreciation certificates this year as usually done. Asked that anyone knowing of one being needed to please let him know so that he can get one out to them. Ed thanked everyone for their dedication and work this past year and stated that it was an honor to work with everyone. So much good work was done.

Ed Vaughn, state coordinator, made a special presentation of the charter for *Twin Rivers Chapter*. Randy Phipps accepted the charter on behalf of *Twin Rivers Chapter*. This charter is active as of November 24th, 2007. Welcome to our new chapter!

Correspondence: Correspondence was given to the newsmagazine editor and recording secretary for handling. A number of out-of-state newsletters are available for anyone that wishes to look at them or take them if they want.

Vice coordinator–north: Richard Colwell (Absent.)

Vice coordinator–south: Jim Jones (Absent.)

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore reported that he had the opportunity to talk with Greg Walden, state representative, at a meeting in Fossil. Gene spoke more with Coby Marshall (Walden's aide) and got a commitment to sign on as a co-signer for the *N.T.S.B. (National Traffic Safety Board)* to give proper consideration to motorcycle crash review thanks to the efforts of Heidi Disrud.

Brian spoke on Walden voting for HR-1955 but didn't remember doing so. Brian talked with Walden in The Dalles when he was there. Brian stated that many of the votes taken at the federal level are actually votes that the representative has not closely looked at. This means that they are voting for something that they know nothing about and this needs to change.

Reported on communications at Bear Hollow. There is no wi-fi access or phone service at Bear Hollow. Did say that across the road was a pole that had the necessary wiring to have a phone installed but that the cost would be on us, like new phone service. There are also no cell phone towers in the area. Hoping for some to be erected this summer.

Reported that Rotten Roger is still using a walker but is doing better.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson (Excused.)

Ed reported that we have 1,962 current members. There were 99 expired members in the last month. This total is more than 300 down from the same month last year. Report handed in.

Treasurer: Sue Mills reported that currently in checking we have \$3,193.01 and in savings \$33,928.98 for a total of \$37,121.99. Reported that we had an interest income this year of \$431.00. Sue thanked everyone for all of their help at the swap meets and other functions.



Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

State auditor: Deb Ross asked that everyone go back to their chapters and see if their information was correct. She had her computer crash and the information didn't come out right. Reported on moneys in the amount of \$114,194.77 being reported on for 2007. She reported that things should be back to normal by the next state board meeting.

Deb stated that she has a new job working for an accounting firm and that she needs all relevant information in as soon as possible for future use.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for getting their reports in early this month. It helps in getting the newsmagazine out quickly to everyone. Reminded everyone that Monday is the 10th of the month and that all reports are due by then. Rot Path thanked all of the officers (old and new) for their service to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Legislative director: Mel Yeager and Brian Stovall had a special letter writing session at the board of directors meeting today. They put samples and contacts on the wall. (No, they didn't write on the wall. They put up paper.) They also provided the necessary materials for the letter writing and Mel said that he would collect all letters and put them in the mail personally. Brian said that this could also serve as a training for chapters having a letter writing session.

This is directly related to HR-1955, which has now gone to the senate and has been given their designation of S-1959.

We need to let our senators know what this really says and what they will be voting on and to oppose it. The information on contacting our senators

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will follow but both need to be contacted by everyone as both senators represent all of Oregonians, unlike representatives who represent only their district.

To contact your senators use the following information. (Local information contact available on request by contacting Brian or Mel.)

the honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
230 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3703
Phone:
1-(202)-224-5244
FAX: 1-(202)-228-2717
e-mail:
<http://wyden.senate.gov/contact/>
web page:
<http://wyden.senate.gov/>

the honorable Gordon Smith
United States Senate
404 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 1-(202)-224-3753
FAX: 1-(202)-228-3997
e-mail:
<http://gsmith.senate.gov/>

Brian also asked how many board of directors attendees had free weekend minutes on their cell phones and upon seeing a lot of hands raised, he stated that this is a good use for those minutes. A call may not get a live operator or the senator or his office staff but that your comments will be recorded and the number of calls will be tabulated. When you call, you should ask them to oppose S-1959 and give at least one reason to do so. The reason could be such as "it takes away some of my rights" or "this bill stops due process of law". Letters are still good but they are the slowest form of communication right now and every letter has to be inspected for any possible danger to the senators before they are forwarded to the senators. We need to

make as much noise as possible that this is a lousy law and hurts more people than it does any possible good.

The issue was also raised about some A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon members living in Washington state and that Washington state senators need to be contacted also. If you need more information on contacting them you could call Brian or Mel and they will help you get that contact information. This needs to get out *now!!*

Sergeant at arms--north: Randy Phipps – No report.

Sergeant at arms--south: Bill Foster – No report.

Sergeant at arms--east: (*vacant*)

Products director: Dave Meeker. Two raffle prizes were donated by Bill Foster in the form of hand carved wooden plaques. The proceeds of this are going to benefit Rotten Roger as well as the 50/50 drawing. Dave turned in \$113 to the treasurer. Reported on \$54 income last month. Reported that he has can coolers for the *Fossil* volunteers to be given out, so all the volunteers of record should contact him to get your can cooler. Dave did an inventory and has a total of 3,426 items on hand for sale. This includes such things as the rockers, pins, patches, etc.

Education director: Patricia Carner reported that she has taken A.B.A.T.E.'s questions and comments to *Team Oregon* and the issue of range aides is due to logistics and that only certified instructors are allowed on the ranges.

She did state that *Team Oregon* needs assistance in locating sites for training. These sites need to be paved and approximately 200 feet by 300 feet and have less than a 5-degree slope. This is about the size of a football field. If you see an area, please contact Geoff or Pat so they can get the information to *Team Oregon*. The site spotted needs to include location (longitude-latitude or address) information.

Team Oregon will be asking for the reserved funds very soon, so everyone who has reserved funds for *Team Oregon* sites should be ready to provide those funds. *Team Oregon* has two mobile units that go anywhere but they need sites to put on the training.

S.T.E.A.M. is ready to go. Moonrider has confirmed her attendance as the guest speaker and the *Eagles' Lodge* is confirmed as the site for S.T.E.A.M. The flyers are now done and ready to be distributed. The classes for officer training and general help sessions will be scattered around the lodge. (Possibly separated by partitions.)

The sessions will include legislation, leadership and one with information on *Gunny Sack* by Gunny with Sam Hochberg's office. Also information on communication and how to work together.

Education director II: Geoff White reported that he now has available updated materials that need to get out to all the current instructors. In order to do this each chapter needs to supply a contact person so that information can be passed quickly and efficiently to everyone.

Geoff introduced the newest certified instructors, Matt and Teresa Price, and Heidi Disrud. Congratulations and welcome aboard.

Public relations director: Joan McCarty (Excused, medical reasons)

Lee Austin reported that Joan still wants to be considered as a candidate for this office for next year.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*):
(*vacant*)

State run coordinator II: Howie Long reported that he is currently working on the 2008 flyers. He has found a printer for about half the cost of last year's flyers. He is still looking for bands for *Fossil*. The printer has already stated that the flyers could be done now and once bands

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have been finalized they could be added to the flyer at a later date for no extra cost. Well done, Howie!

Also reported that at this time he has no further information to report on the biker rodeo. Suggested areas under consideration include St. Paul, Bend, Redmond, and Fossil.

State swap meet coordinator: William Sanders (Absent.)

Lee stated that the flyers are being done.

Historian: Mary Burnett brought a lot of the photo albums from past events for everyone to look at. They include past *Fossil* runs. She did say that she would like a group photo of the A.B.A.T.E. officers taken after today's meeting to add to the books.

Sanctioning officer: Lee Austin report handed in. Sanctioned runs now include *Twin Rivers Sweetheart Dance*, *Douglas County Christmas party*, *Salem Chapter's toy run*, and *River City's Mystery Ride*, *Cherry Blossom Festival*.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman (Excused, working.) No report.

Quartermaster: Robert Hale (No report.)

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps reported that the next meeting will be January 5, 2008, at the *Salem Public Library*. Everyone is welcome. Brian Stovall will chair the meeting.

Reported that the special session of the Oregon legislature is coming up and issues being considered are state funded all day kindergarten, handgun restrictions in schools as well as other items. Quiet Mike added that the special session will start on February 5th.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams reported that the November meeting basically consisted of nominations of officers. Nominations include:

- Coordinator: Showman (*Brother*

Speed), Old Poop (*Outsiders*), Big Kat (*Gypsy Jokers*).

- Vice coordinator: Rich (*Bikers for Christ*)

- Secretary: Jim Gibbons (*Christ's Disciples*)

- Treasurer: Whistle Bill (*Flying 15*), Bruce (*Flying 15*)

The next CoC meeting will include elections on January 13, 2008, at *Brother Speed's* clubhouse in Portland at 1 o'clock. The officer's meeting will be held at noon. Report handed in.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Ray DeMelo (Absent.)

Unfinished Business

2008 officer nominations were opened for additions to current list and they included:

Coordinator

Matt Price – Accepted

Lee Austin – Accepted

Frank Saxton - added

Vice coordinator–north

Heidi Disrud – Accepted

Vice coordinator–south

None

Vice coordinator–east

Gene Mortimore – Accepted

Recording secretary

Nic Oliver – Accepted

Membership secretary

Linda Henderson - Accepted

Treasurer

Joye "Grace" Howell — Accepted

State auditor

Deb Ross – Accepted

Newsmagazine editor

Rot Path – Accepted

Legislative director

Quiet Mike — Accepted

Sergeant at arms–north

Randy Phipps – Accepted

Sergeant at arms–south

Bill Foster – Accepted

Sergeant at arms–east

Art Schultz – added

Ray DeMelo - added

Products director

Dave Meeker – Accepted

Education director I

Patricia Carner — Accepted

Education director II

Geoff White — Accepted

Public relations director

Debra Lutje – Accepted

Joan McCarty - added

State run coordinator (*Fossil*)

Howie Long – Accepted

State run coordinator II

Jeff Schauer — Accepted

State swap meet coordinator

Willie Sanders – Accepted

Historian

Mary Burnett – Accepted

Sanctioning officer

Lee Austin – Accepted

Web page editor

Marty Soehrman – Accepted

Trace Ciccacci (pronounced "sekatchi")

Quartermaster

Robert Hale – Accepted

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative

Randy Phipps – Accepted

Confederation of Clubs representative I

Pat Williams – Accepted

Confederation of Clubs representative II

Ray DeMelo – Accepted

Voting then took place with the ballots provided by our secretary, Nic. While Nic tabulated the ballots, discussion ensued regarding voting for a state motorcycle rights organization representative for the

M.R.F. that was received in a letter given to Nic to hold until next month. Brian and Ed led the discussion on the job and how it affects us and the *M.R.F.*

Ballot counting is done and the results are:

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2008 State Officers

Coordinator:
Matt Price

Vice-coordinator (north):
Heidi Disrud

Vice-coordinator (south):
(None, still vacant)

Vice-coordinator (east):
Gene Mortimore

Recording secretary:
Nic Oliver

Membership secretary:
Linda Henderson

Treasurer:
Joye "Grace" Howell

State auditor:
Deb Ross

Newsmagazine editor:
Rot Path

Legislative director:
Quiet Mike

Sergeant-at-arms (north):
Randy Phipps

Sergeant-at-arms (south):
Bill Foster

Sergeant-at-arms (east):
Art Schultz

Products director:
Dave Meeker

Education director I:
Patricia Carner

Education director II:
Geoff White

Public relations director:
Debra Lutje

State run coordinator I (Fossil):
Howie Long

State run coordinator II:
Jeff Schauer

State swap meet coordinator:
Willie Sanders

Historian:
Mary Burnett

Sanctioning officer:
Lee Austin

Web page editor:
Trace Ceccacci

Quartermaster:
Robert Hale

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:
Randy Phipps

Confederation of Clubs representative I:
Pat Williams

Confederation of Clubs representative II:
Ray DeMelo

Congratulations to all new officers !

The motion from last month that is held over for voting until January was discussed. This included a statement from *Southeast Chapter* being read and the result was that the discussion that ensued, combined with opinions being given, resulted in a very heated discussion. As instructed, the motion and the statement are being reprinted verbatim:

Motion: Made by Rod Hatter of *Willamette Valley Chapter* and seconded by Brian Stovall. "That *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* change it's by-laws so that state officers will be elected at October board of directors (B.O.D.) meeting. Incumbent officers will remain in office until December to create a two-month overlap of incoming and outgoing officers. That the annual meeting will be held Saturday evening following the planning session in October, after the general board meeting but before the November B.O.D. meeting and an extra B.O.D. meeting be added on Sunday directly after the planning session to vote on planning session issues. The vote on this motion to be made in January 2008 after proper publication of proposed bylaws changes have been printed in the newsmagazine prior to B.O.D. vote."

Statement: "The *Southeast Chapter* feels that this motions fails to take into account the chronic situation where state officer positions, including state representative positions, are rarely contested. The exception being the state coordinator's position which has had at least two people running for that position on a biennial or triennial basis. Thus there is no real merit in changing the elections dates to accommodate an imagined situation that requires a situation where all or the majority of officer positions are contested and the subsequent election results in new people assuming those positions. The *Southeast Chapter* also opposes the idea of having an extra board of directors meeting on the day after the Saturday session to implement the "suggestions" or "ideas" brought forth in the planning session. We feel that the "ideas" or "suggestions" need to be thoroughly looked at and discussed before any action is taken. A 30 to 60 day period of exposure of these "ideas" to the membership would be appropriate. The *Southeast Chapter* feels that this motion is poorly conceived and will adversely affect the membership."

All chapters are instructed to look at this carefully and be sure that your representative is clear how they are to approach this matter at the January state board of directors meeting when the vote is scheduled to take place on the aforementioned motion. Brian Stovall reminded everyone that any changes in the by-laws technically need to be turned in to the state of Oregon and fees paid due to possible changes in status.

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New Business

- *M.R.F.* ballot to be held by Nic and made available upon request to anyone that wishes to read prior to voting which is to take place at the next board of directors in January 2008.

Motions

1. Made by Pat Williams, seconded by Randy Phipps. To approve both *Confederation of Clubs* representatives, Pat Williams and Ray DeMelo, to attend the *N.C.O.M.* convention in Houston, Texas, from May 8–11th. Need air fare, hotel, and registration to be paid for.

After discussion, total cost to be determined when air fare is locked in and it was agreed that the best rate for air fare should be utilized. Vote then took place and passed unanimously.

2. Made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Steve Herman. To create a position of **public relations #2**. After discussion, the vote took place. Motion failed. (8-3)

3. Withdrawn.

- Dave Meeker presented to Gene Mortimore a 30th anniversary t-shirt from *Fossil*. This is due to Gene living in Fossil, working to secure the site and other arrangements for the *Fossil Run* and as a “thank you” for his tireless efforts to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* in the area. Dave also felt that as Gene was representing us, he should have a shirt from us to show off. Dave also gave Gene two items from the 30th anniversary *Fossil Run* to present to

the Fossil museum for their inclusion.

- Quiet Mike reported that now the *D.M.V.* (*Department of Motor Vehicles*) has available, for the first time ever, disabled veteran motorcycle plates. These are for veterans who are 40% or more disabled and have a one-time registration fee of \$18, which is for as long as you have the license plate.

- At this point a very unfortunate incident occurred. Lee Austin, our past and newly elected sanctioning officer resigned as sanctioning officer and turned in his materials and his membership to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: January 12, 2008. *Eagles' Lodge* on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon at noon.

- Come support the family of Robby Pfeifer, the son of Bob Pfeifer, at the trial for the murder of Bob Pfeifer on 14 January 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Multnomah county courthouse located at 4th avenue and Main street in downtown Portland. (Judge Wilson's courtroom.)

- 09 December 2007: *Salem Chapter* toy run.

- 15 December 2007: Rotten Roger benefit at the *M&M Restaurant and Lounge*, 137 Main street in Gresham from 3 p.m. until ?? Come support our beloved, downed but not out, brother.

- 19 December 2007: *Twin Rivers Cabin Fever Party* at *The Spare Room*,

4829 NE 42nd avenue, Portland.

- 19 January 2008: *Governor's Advisory Council* meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Union street in Salem.

- 09 February 2008: *Sweetheart Dinner*. Watch for flyer in next month's newsmagazine.

Raffle Drawing Results

- Large handmade *Harley-Davidson* wing wood plaque (donated by Bill Foster) winner: Quiet Mike

- Small handmade *Harley-Davidson* wood plaque (donated by Bill Foster) winner: Howie Long

- *Harley-Davidson* sportbag winner: Quiet Mike

- 50/50 Drawing (\$56) winner: Mel Yeager

Meeting adjourned 2:41 p.m.

Next item: Food to be consumed at the after-meeting annual party. Good food and good friends and good times.

Thank you to all who attended.

And to those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you.

Until next year – Merry Christmas, Happy New Year !!

From Nic,
your humble recording secretary



<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>



New Vision For A.M.A.

Rob Dingman

A.M.A. president and C.E.O.

December 13, 2007

The mission of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* is to serve the interests of motorcyclists by pursuing, promoting, and protecting the future of motorcycling. This is the primary reason I went to work for the association in 1994 as its Washington D.C. lobbyist. Although I chose to leave the staff of the *A.M.A.* in 1998, I continued to promote the interests of motorcyclists and remained a dues-paying member of the association to help ensure that motorcyclists would have a strong and effective voice in the preservation of the freedoms that so many riders take for granted.

Earlier this year, I was named chief executive officer of the *A.M.A.* Honored as I was to be entrusted with the leadership of the *A.M.A.*, I quickly came to realize that I had returned to a much different organization than the one I had left just eight years previously. The *A.M.A.*'s core mission had become diluted because it had taken on more than it could reasonably accomplish. Today, the *A.M.A.* attempts to be a rights protector, publisher, member services provider, sanctioning body, promoter, entertainment firm, event management company, and sports

sponsorship and marketing outfit. The *A.M.A.* has never had the appropriate resources or infrastructure to be all of these things.

I recently presented a new vision for the organization to the association's board of directors. With the support of the board, over the course of the next twenty-four months, the *A.M.A.* will complete a thorough refinement of its business model as well as a comprehensive restructuring of its resources. The primary objectives are as follows:

Rededicate the association to its core mission: First, and foremost the *A.M.A.* is a membership organization. We must provide service to our members in the pursuit, promotion and protection of the future of motorcycling.

Strengthen and improve the menu of member benefits: This effort begins with being a better partner to the motorcycle industry in general. We must be humble and work harder to develop and maintain relationships. We must be more collaborative and do more to take the needs of our partners into consideration. We must also recognize what motorcyclists want from their association and provide an enhanced menu of benefits that will attract greater numbers to the *A.M.A.*

Team environment and staff accountability: Each department and staff member will be responsible for adding value and benefits to the *A.M.A.* membership. Staff must work together as a team rather than individual departments competing

with each other for attention and resources. I have described this to staff as *OneA.M.A.*. This *OneA.M.A.* concept provides a unifying theme that will drive staff development. Our members and our partners deserve a unified support team.

Improved communications: As an advocacy organization, the

A.M.A. should have top-notch communications functions. The ability of the *A.M.A.* to communicate both internally and externally will be enhanced and the organization will consolidate communications efforts so that we can present coherent and consistent messages. During our restructuring you will see major improvements in these areas.

Government relations: The government relations activity is the marquee benefit of the *A.M.A.* and must be resourced accordingly. We will be exploring a variety of options to enable the association to be even more effective in protecting the rights of motorcyclists. We hope to expand the size and scope of the government relations department and plan to increase the resources we have on the ground dedicated to our lobbying efforts. This includes establishing a greater voice in Washington, as well as regional and local representation.

Racing services: We are getting out of the racing promotions business and are already actively searching for series promoters for all race disciplines except for *A.M.A. Supercross*. We recognize that this transition will not

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occur overnight. In the future, we will continue to sanction events and provide operational staff to assist qualified series promotions groups in the growth of the sport.

To expand on this last point, success in the *A.M.A.*'s racing endeavors has proven elusive because the *A.M.A.* has mingled its role as sanctioning body with its role as series promoter. This has confused and frustrated the motorcycle racing community and as a result, the *A.M.A.* has regularly found itself at the center of racing controversy. This has caused the motorcycle industry not to support the *A.M.A.* to the degree that it could. This lack of support has impeded the *A.M.A.*'s ability to grow to its full potential and has therefore kept the organization from being as effective as it could be executing its core mission: pursuing, promoting and protecting the future of motorcycling.

The entertainment business is inherently very risky and as a nonprofit service organization we do not have resources to risk promoting series and events. Other sanctioning and series promotions organizations have hundreds of staff members to manage only a handful of series. By comparison, our racing infrastructure currently consists of 27 full time staff members who are managing 46 various types of racing activities.

It is important to point out that our plan is not a negative response to a difficult problem but is instead a comprehensive plan for positive change. The decision to get out of

the series promotion business is not an abandonment of the *A.M.A.*'s long racing tradition. It will transition the commercial aspects of racing to responsible groups and companies that will have the required resources and expertise to foster growth.

Over the coming months we will identify and engage partners who have the infrastructure to grow the racing disciplines that we wish to continue to govern as a sports sanctioning body. Entities who are interested in securing the promotional rights to any of our racing series are encouraged to contact us at their earliest convenience.

Now that our objectives have been clarified, we know that others may have insightful ideas that could help us improve our service levels and assist with our future growth. In order to be a better provider of services to motorcyclists, we will be reaching out to our partners in the motorcycling community to seek guidance and input. We have established a special e-mail address for questions or comments and I encourage you to write us at oneama@ama-cycle.org

I have a great deal of optimism about the future of the *A.M.A.* There is a clear realization among the *A.M.A.*'s leadership that change is essential. We are rededicating ourselves to our core mission of serving the interests and protecting the rights of motorcyclists. In doing so, the *A.M.A.* will transform itself into a world-class member services

organization. Challenging as it may be for our staff and stake holders, the process has already begun. The value of the vision will be determined by its execution.

Ride safe.

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Questions and Answers

Why is the A.M.A. making these changes?

The primary mission of the *A.M.A.* is to service its members in the pursuit, promotion and protection of the future of motorcycling. Over time the *A.M.A.* has drifted away from that mission because the association tried to accomplish too many things for which it didn't have the necessary resources. This has resulted in disappointment and dissatisfaction with the *A.M.A.* among the motorcycling community. *A.M.A.* Senior management and the Board of Directors now recognize that it is not in the best interest of the company to continue in this direction and that it has become necessary to effect serious change to the organization.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. Call To Action Delivers Results



Motorcyclists from across the country descend upon nation's capitol

Washington D.C. felt a little more crowded than normal last week, and it's because of all of the motorcyclist advocates in town to meet with their members of the House and Senate. At the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's* (M.R.F.) request, several state motorcyclists' rights organizations (S.M.R.O.s) sent teams of lobbyists to D.C. to address the issues surrounding the *National Transportation Safety Board's* recent motorcycle safety recommendations. Over 45 meetings with congress occurred last week alone, and even more motorcyclists are expected this week. The states that have sent representation to D.C. so far are: West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Maryland.

The M.R.F. would like to extend sincere thanks to the freedom fighters who have walked the halls of congress on this important issue. Thus far, eight members of the house of representatives have sent letters to the N.T.S.B. asking them to reconsider their motorcycle safety recommendations. Of those eight representatives, two are chairmen. A full list of letters will be available in the near future.

M.R.F. Holds Successful Washington D.C. Press Conference

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* held a press conference in the Cannon house office building the morning of November 15, 2007. The event was the capstone of a multi-week lobbying effort to encourage members of congress to send letters to the *National Transportation Safety Board* (N.T.S.B.) to ask them to reconsider their recent recommendations for motorcycle safety. The intense

lobbying effort brought over 25% of the M.R.F.'s sustaining member organizations to Washington D.C. Those organizations sent over 60 motorcycle lobbyists to attend over 100 individual meetings with members of congress and staff.

To date those meetings have yielded ten letters from congressmen to the N.T.S.B., and the M.R.F. predicts that number will continue to grow. The list of congressmen sending letters so far includes chairman Bob Filner (D-California), Randy Kuhl (R-New York), chairman David Obey (D-Wisconsin), John Shimkus (R-Illinois), Tim Walberg (R-Michigan), Baron Hill (D-Indiana), Zach Wamp (R-Tennessee), Mark Kirk (R-Illinois), Walter Jones (R-North Carolina), and Leonard Boswell (D-Idaho).

The purpose of the press conference was to inform the public of the M.R.F.'s position on the N.T.S.B.'s recommendations and to express appreciation to the congressmen sending letters on behalf of motorcyclists. The event was also an opportunity for members of congress to go on the record in support of responsible and appropriate motorcycle safety measures.

Congressman Zack Wamp (R-Tennessee), in attendance at the event, had this to say about owning, riding, and modifying motorcycles, "This is a slice of American history. And I hope that in this day of political correctness, we don't forget that. Exactly what bikes mean in terms of American history and liberty and freedom and all those things that we hold dear. Because this is something that the people around the rest of the world look at America and identify us with and it's important to preserve it."

Perhaps congressman Tim Walberg (R-Michigan), who was also in attendance, said it best when he said, "While we can debate the issue of the necessity of a helmet or the lack of a necessity of a helmet, it would be better that we debated the issues and work together on putting something between the ears as opposed to on our head. Those are the issues of concern that make a difference."

The M.R.F. would like to extend sincere thanks all of the members of congress who attended the press conference. In addition, the M.R.F. would like to thank the other organizations in attendance, including the *Motorcycle Industry Council* (M.I.C.), the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* (M.S.F.) and the N.T.S.B., as well as the numerous reporters and photographers who covered the event.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* would like to thank everyone who came to D.C. to lobby this important issue and also to those who worked on this issue from their home states.

M.R.F. Meets With N.T.S.B.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* along with the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (N.C.O.M.) and *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* met with *National Transportation Safety Board* (N.T.S.B.) chairman Mark Rosenker, vice chairman Robert Sumwalt, the chairman's chief counsel, and some of the lead researchers at the N.T.S.B. headquarters in Washington D.C. The productive summit spanned a full three hours.

The topics discussed included the N.T.S.B.'s recent motorcycle safety recommendations and the future steps the N.T.S.B. will be taking with respect

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to motorcycle safety. Chairman Rosenker is a likable gentlemen with endless stories of his 37 years in the Air Force and his service to president Bush as director of the white house medical office. He also shared that he served as a representative of the *Motorcycle Industry Council* and talked of his part in designing the *M.S.F.* logo, so it wasn't a surprise when he insisted on clearing his schedule until we, the motorcyclists, felt our voice was heard.

The fact remains that the *N.T.S.B.* stands behind their recommendations and supports them entirely. The *M.R.F.*, *N.C.O.M.*, and *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* made it clear that we would continue to oppose any recommendations that call for personal protective equipment regulations and crash mitigation. It was also made clear that motorcyclists would support any recommendation that calls for further crash avoidance, rider education, and motorist awareness campaigns. (Except when those methods are at a disadvantage to motorcyclists or passengers on motorcycles, or in any way require the rider to employ unnecessary counter measures such as illuminated helmets, specific colors for certain items of clothing, etc.)

It was at that point in the meeting that chairman Rosenker insisted that we not focus on the items that we disagree on, but rather on the things where we are, in his words, in "violent agreement", things like crash avoidance and current motorcycle crash data.

"A dialogue was opened, and that's a good thing," said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations for the *M.R.F.* "The chairman honestly wants to save lives and he wants to be responsible when he attempts to do so. The *M.R.F.* looks forward to a productive working relationship with the chairman and vice chairman as they serve their terms of office. The chairman made it clear that his door was always

open to the motorcyclists of America."

Chairman Rosenker, whose term ends new years eve 2010, pledged to work with the motorcycling community as the *N.T.S.B.* continues to improve our roadways.

The *M.R.F.* would like to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* and *N.C.O.M.* for helping arrange the meeting. Special thanks to James "Doc" Reichenbach for making the trip to D.C.

N.T.S.B. Update

Letters from key members of congress continue to be sent to the chairman of the *National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.)*. All of the congressional letters are important, but a few of them have some distinctive roles.

For instance, house subcommittee on highways chairman DeFazio (D-Oregon) and ranking member John Duncan (R-Tennessee), house committee on appropriations chairman David Obey (D-Wisconsin), and house committee on veterans affairs chairman Bob Filner (D-California) have all sent letters.

Other house members who have sent letters are (as of press time):

Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin),
 Leonard Boswell (D-Idaho),
 Walter Jones (R-North Carolina),
 Mark Kirk (R-Illinois),
 Randy Kuhl (R-New York),
 Zach Wamp (R-Tennessee),
 Baron Hill (D-Indiana),
 Tim Walberg (R-Michigan),
 Tim Ryan (D-Ohio),
 James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisconsin),
 G.K. Butterfield (D-North Carolina),
 Mike McIntyre (D-North Carolina),
 Robin Hayes (R-North Carolina),
 Brad Miller (D-North Carolina),
 John Shimkus (R-Illinois).

The holiday season is upon us and from everyone here at the *M.R.F.* let me wish you a season full of family and friends generating some fond memories.

Happy holidays!

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Michigan Legislature Passes Helmet Requirement Repeal, Bill Goes To Governor

A helmet requirement repeal bill has passed both houses of Michigan's state legislature, and proponents are mounting an intense lobbying effort aimed at governor Jennifer Granholm who vetoed a similar measure last year citing safety concerns.

This year's version, house bill 4749, was approved by the senate by a vote of 23-15, and by the house 69-39, and is similar to a bill passed by both chambers last year but with an opt-out clause designed to allow qualified riders to purchase a permit allowing them to ride without a helmet.

The law would allow riders over 21 to purchase a \$100 one-year state permit or a \$200 three-year permit. The rider must carry at least \$20,000 in insurance to pay first-party medical benefits in the event of a crash, have been licensed for at least two years to operate a motorcycle or have completed a motorcycle safety course. Riders who do not purchase a permit and ride without helmets face a fine of up to \$300.

"Modernizing Michigan's outdated helmet regulation will bring in much-needed revenue, jobs, and investments," said Jim Rhoades, legislative director of *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan*. "We urge the governor to put aside her personal objections to modernizing Michigan's helmet regulation."

A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan and the *Confederation of Clubs of Michigan* are among the groups who support the bill, arguing that helmets offer little protection and hurt tourism, and pointing out that revenue from the sale of permits would generate an estimated \$15-20 million a year for the cash-strapped state.

State representative Barbara Farrah (D-Southgate) who sponsored the bill, said thirty other states, including all of Michigan's neighbors, allow some form of helmet-free riding, giving them an edge over Michigan in attracting tourism dollars from out-of-state motorcyclists.

The governor will have 14 days to sign or veto the bill when it hits her desk, or let it become regulation without taking any action, but proponents of the legislation intend to further lobby the governor for her support before sending the bill to her office.

Concerned riders are being urged to contact governor Granholm at (517) 335-7858 and request that she sign HB-4749 into effect.

Feds Announce Campaign To Curb Rider Fatalities

To combat the rising trend of motorcycle injuries and fatalities, U.S. secretary of transportation Mary E. Peters recently announced a comprehensive new federal initiative to improve motorcycle safety with more rider education and training, tougher standards for helmet certification labeling, regulation enforcement training, and road designs that consider motorcycle dynamics.

Secretary Peters, an avid motorcyclist herself, also released a television public service announcement promoting rider safety and use of personal protective gear, referring to her own crash on a two-lane highway near Tucson in 2005 when she suffered a broken collarbone.

Peters said the motorcycle safety initiative will create new national safety

and training standards for novice riders, curb counterfeit helmet labeling so that consumers can be certain they are buying D.O.T.-certified helmets, place new focus on motorcycle-specific road improvements, and provide training to regulation enforcement officers on how to spot unsafe motorcyclists. In addition, Peters said, the plan includes a broad public awareness campaign, including the P.S.A., on safe riding techniques.—

Honda Bags Safety Award

Honda engineers were honored for their contributions to the development of vehicle safety systems at the *20th International Technical Conference on the Enhanced Safety of Vehicles* held earlier this year in Lyon, France.

Honda development engineer Satoshi Iijima was recognized at the safety conference for his research into motorcycle crash safety and the development of new devices, including the first motorcycle airbag system. His team began their research into motorcycle airbags in 1990, and *Honda's* flagship tourer, the *GL1800 Gold Wing*, in 2006 became the first production model to be equipped with this airbag system.

The conference is one of the leading forums attended by researchers, engineers and government officials at which vehicle safety is discussed. Other topics discussed at this year's event included lighting systems for improved motorcycle visibility.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Prince Charles Rescues Crashed Biker

British royal prince Charles has been praised for stopping to help a motorcyclist who plunged fifteen feet off a mountain road in Scotland. The prince of Wales was en route to his private retreat in Scotland when he witnessed motorcyclist Hugh Simpson skid on gravel and drive off a steep bank.

The prince immediately stopped his *Land Rover* and instructed his bodyguards, who are all trained first-aiders, to help Simpson who sustained a broken wrist and foot.

Simpson, 52, says, "I cannot thank prince Charles enough. He asked his protection officers to come to my assistance. They were very good."

News Of The Weird Malaysian Motorcyclist Killed By Lightning While Talking On Cell Phone

A Malaysian man who was talking on a mobile phone while riding his motorcycle was killed when struck by a bolt of lightning, according to news reports from Kuala Lumpur.

The man, 39, was believed to have lodged the phone between his ear and helmet and was speaking on the phone when the lightning struck. Passersby said he was thrown from the motorcycle after being struck by the bolt, the *New Straits Times* daily reported.

The victim was immediately sent to a nearby hospital in the southern Seremban city, but was pronounced dead on arrival, a police spokesman was quoted as saying. Police are investigating the accident.

N.C.O.M. Convention

The 23rd annual *N.C.O.M.* convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 8-11, 2008 at the *Sheraton North Houston*, George Bush intercontinental airport, located at 15700 J.F.K. Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032.

This is expected to be the largest *N.C.O.M.* convention ever, so reserve your room now for the special *N.C.O.M.* rate of \$79 by calling (281)-442-5100. Airport/hotel transportation is provided 24 hours.

Hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Texas*, the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.-II)*, and the *Texas Confederations of Clubs*, this annual gathering will draw nearly two thousand motorcyclists rights leaders from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders. Meetings, seminars, and group discussions will focus on safety issues, legal rights, legislative efforts, and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and freedom of the road.

Registration fees for the convention are \$75 including the *Silver Spoke Awards Banquet* on Saturday night, or \$40 for the convention only.

All motorcyclists welcome.

To pre-register, call the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at 1-(800)-525-5355 or visit <http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com>

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* is requesting that motorcycle rights organizations, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who

have died since May 2007 so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "ringing of the bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be e-mailed to NCOMBish@aol.com

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item for the *Freedom Fund Auction*, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists rights movement nationwide through *Getting Our People Elected* donations, speaker program, lobbying activities, and other projects as determined by the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

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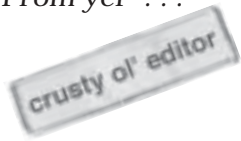
"Morality cannot be legislated but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless."

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What Are We About?

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by
Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

[*crusty ol' editor's note: The following ink-on-pulp is going to anger some people while causing other folk to say "ah ha" in an enlightened sort of way. The views expressed below are strictly those of the writer based on a dozen years of participating in Oregon A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC activities and don't represent official policies. Do us a favor though – if you vehemently disagree with these views, don't go inventing statements that aren't actually in the article.]*

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments.

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

If amending or repealing helmet regulations is the sole function of A.B.A.T.E., why isn't that stated as a guiding principle?

Nowhere in A.B.A.T.E.'s acronym definition or mission statement is the word "helmet" used.

That's because A.B.A.T.E. is not solely about helmets.

Our issues have never been *just* about helmets.

The helmet requirement represents the point at which Oregon motorcyclists decided they weren't going to allow themselves to be pushed around by the legislature any longer. We decided to take a stand and proclaim, "An uninformed majority cannot be allowed to dictate how a legal minority expresses its freedom."

It's not about helmets, it's about basic freedoms.

One reason we had a helmet requirement reinstated in Oregon is, ironically, because initial motorcyclists' efforts were tightly focused on *just* overturning the helmet legislation. Most people working on the issue weren't looking beyond that outcome.

Riders achieved their goal and drifted apart because they had no political motivation to stay together — their work was done.

*Helmets are failure devices
— they only come into play when
humans have made mistakes.*

So when the Oregon legislature, under pressure from special interest groups and blackmailed by the federal government, revived the issue there was no large scale motorcyclist structure already in place to educate legislators or oppose their actions. And unfortunately, most Oregon riders were too slow to wake up to the political threat that hovered over their liberty.

So when the legislature ducked facing the helmet issue and referred the matter to an uninformed public, it was easy for special interest groups to outspend and adversely publicize the efforts of motorcyclists who couldn't even hope to reach and educate the public on the underlying issues concerning the helmet measure before the election took place.

That, as yer crusty ol' editor understands it, is how we came to be where we are today.

We've been successful in reacting to and turning back other legislative proposals that would have placed additional burdens on riders. And we've initiated legislation that's made life better for bikers. We've even come close to getting a helmet amendment (not ban) through only to have it vetoed. And because we lacked an overwhelming majority in house and senate, we were unable to override the governor's action.

We need to address the underlying principle of liberty concerning the helmet requirement, not the headgear itself. When legislators and the public understand the issue in those terms, they tend to side with us because we've given them a solid reason for supporting our efforts.

(For another option, see page 41.)

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2008 RUN LISTINGS

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19 Jan	Cabin Fever–Twin Rivers	Portland (503)-650-8369
09 Feb	Sweetheart Dance – Twin Rivers	Portland (503)-764-9877
16 Feb	S.T.E.A.M.	Albany Eagles (503)-774-7558
26 Apr	Mystery Ride–River City	The Dalles (541)-296-9303

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Murder Trial Set

The murder trial for Robby Pfeifer, son of Bob Pfeifer, who was the membership secretary for *Northeast Portland Chapter* has been rescheduled.

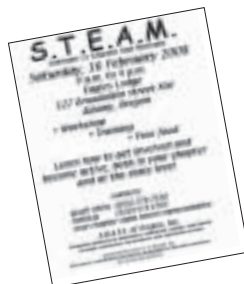
It is now scheduled to start Monday, 14 January 2008 at 10 a.m. in Multnomah County Courthouse at 4th. avenue and Main street in downtown Portland, judge Wilson's court room.

In addition, it is important that you *do not bring weapons* of any kind!

Please attend, and spread the word. It is vital that we go and show our support, for the prosecution.

Please come and support a fellow A.B.A.T.E. member.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events . . .

January 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm) new year's day (Did ya ride in the nude year?)	2	3	4	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>BikePAC meeting</i> NOON <i>Salem public library</i> </div>
6 Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	7	8  new moon Northeast Portland 1900 (7 pm)	9	10	11	12 STATE BOARD MEETING Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
13 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	14 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	15  2nd quarter moon Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	16 Josephine County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm)	17 Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm)	18	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <i>Twin Rivers</i> Cabin Fever <i>Portland</i> </div>
20 Southeast Portland noon	21 Martin Luther King day rowan tree of the month begins	22  cold moon Salem 1900 (7 pm)	23	24	25	26
27 North Coast 1000 (10 am) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	28 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	29	30  4th quarter moon	31		

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Saturday, February 16, 2008

Albany Eagles Lodge
127 Broadalbin St. NW
Albany, Oregon

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, coffee and donuts
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Welcoming session:
• Coordinator's comments: Matt Price
• Guest speaker: Wendy "Moonrider" Moon
• Announcements
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

Session 1

10:45 – 11:45

Officer and Volunteer Training

Officer training will break out to tables: Membership, secretaries, legislative reps, state board reps, treasurers.

All other attendees are invited upstairs to learn about volunteering at runs and events. Discussion will include reducing our risk through observation, communication and action, working together to share the workload and responsibilities.

11:45 a.m.– 12:45 p.m. Lunch provided.

Session II

12:45 – 1:45

Motivating Your Volunteers

Break out into work groups: Fund raising, officer shadowing, run planning.

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Break.

Session III

2:00 – 3:00

- Legislative Affairs – Brian Stoval
- *Gunny's Sack* – Gunny Hutchison
- Leadership – Ken Ray

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

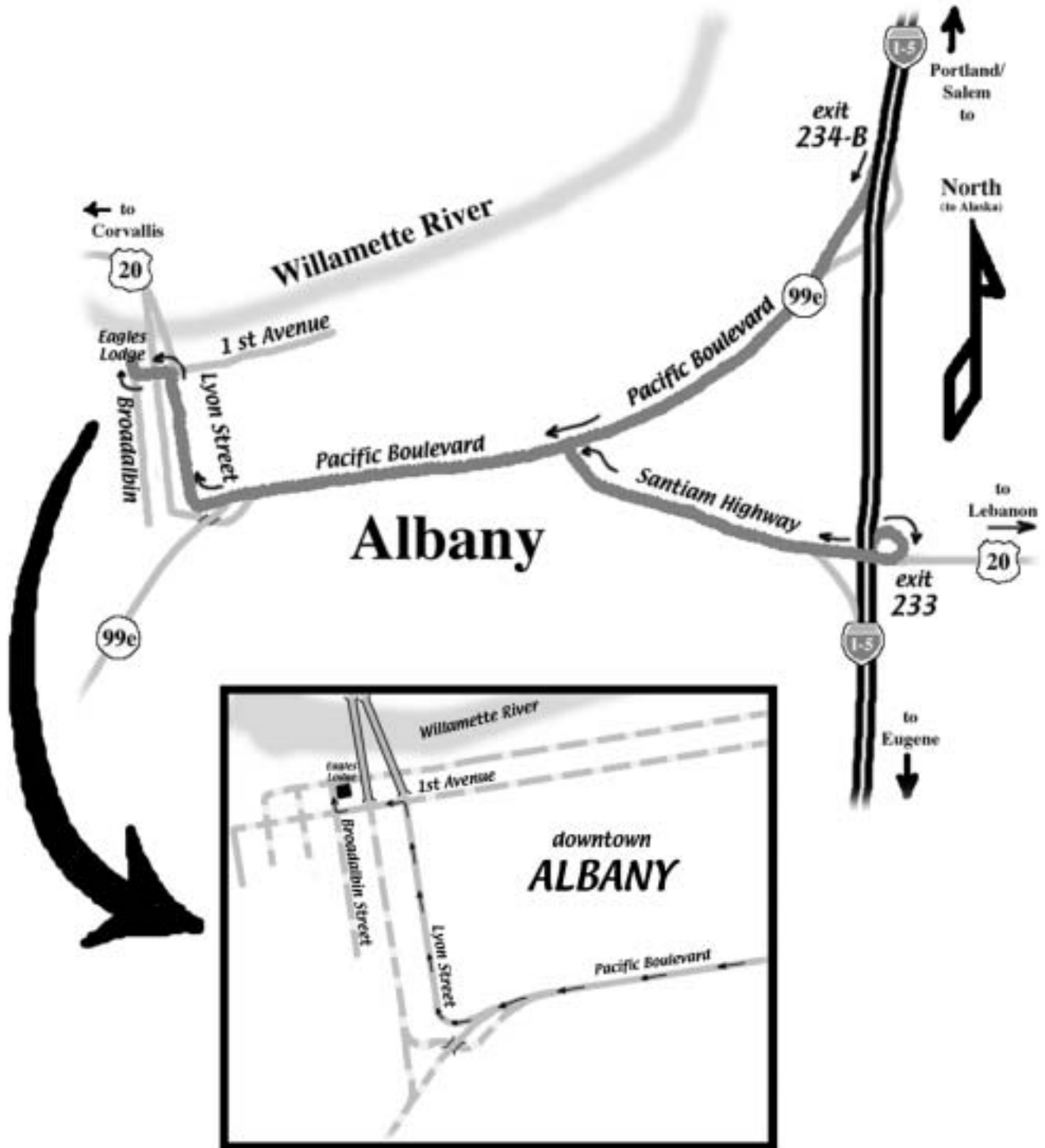
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Closing session: Communication and putting it into practice.

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16 February 2008



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Sat. April 26
2008



Sign in at
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after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM

Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

Donation Requested

Door Prizes

Our Officers at Work

Education Report Choices



Patricia Carner
education director

I usually tell people that I only have three vices in my life.

The first is my bike and riding. It's only a vice as I enjoy it so much that I forget to take care of the important things in life, like getting to work on time or cooking dinner. (Good thing my boss is tolerant and the other job involves my bike!)

The second vice is dark chocolate. I was given a *Dove* dark chocolate the other day. The saying inside the wrapper was "Go against the grain". Friday, I was reading Frank Saxton's article in the November issue (yes, I'm a little behind in my reading) when one of the kids gave me another *Dove* candy and the saying was the same "Go against the grain". Very timely as I was recognizing myself in some of Frank's article. I have been focused on the riding education portion of this job while ignoring other parts of our mission statement. I've stayed away from discussions of the "helmet regulation" as it's outside the scope of my rider training and I have always tried to promote safety and ride by example. But here goes, I'm going to go against the grain.

I *choose* to wear a helmet, normally a full face, flip up, *D.O.T.*-approved helmet. That's my *choice*. I used to say that it was because it was the law or because I teach so I want to walk the walk that I talk. In reality, it is because that is what I have found I am most comfortable wearing, it's the level of risk I am willing to accept – my *choice*. I've tried a lot of different helmets and have about five different

styles and makes in my closet, but I *choose* to wear the *Nolan* flip up.

I also *choose* to live in Oregon which has a helmet requirement. Thanks to *A.B.A.T.E.* a rather loosely worded regulation, but it's still a helmet requirement. I could *choose* to live in Washington and be forced to wear a *D.O.T.*-approved helmet.

Next, I love the sound and feel of loud pipes. I have *chosen* to run with quiet pipes on this bike for three reasons: first, out of consideration of my neighbors; second to enjoy the great stereo system on my bike; and third, if I'm riding double up, I can chat with my partner.

Frank's article helped me appreciate the fact that I currently have the *choice* to pick my ride, set it up to fit whatever is my current life style, wear the gear I'm comfortable wearing, take off and go where I want, when I want, and if I want to carry a gun, I have still have that *choice*.

What I am not willing to do is give up these *choices*. I have been guilty of avoiding the "helmet regulation" issue and in the process have not done my part in staying aware of issues and attempts to erode our freedom of choice and then guilty of not taking enough action to counter these attempts. Sometimes it is easier or more comfortable to just go with the grain.

S.T.E.A.M. 2008 is coming up on February 16th at Albany *Eagles Lodge*. Our guest speaker is Wendy Moon, a.k.a. "Moonrider". She is a prolific writer on the motorcycle rights issues. I enjoy reading her perspective on issues relating to rider education. You might enjoy reading her blogs on <http://www.Journalspace.com> We have previously been referred to her site as a current source of what's happening in the *M.S.F. vs Team Oregon* lawsuit. We look forward to having her at S.T.E.A.M. 2008.

What is S.T.E.A.M.?

It is a Seminar To Educate And Motive.

While the agenda includes officer training, we are broadening the scope of some of the sessions to involve more members who are not officers. The focus is on improving communication within our organization, between and within chapters.

I have felt the same frustrations that Frank mentioned about volunteers not being welcome unless they are willing to sing out of the official, old, worn-out song book. Okay, so let's shake it up a bit. One session is on utilizing our volunteers.

Please, if you fit that description of a "blustery, high-energy mover and shaker" please come to S.T.E.A.M.

Find out how to get involved.

Let's hear your ideas.

If you don't like the way it's always been done, say so, step up, and help change things.

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Education Report

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The October planning meeting had some great idea. Please read the minutes in the December issue.

Now let's not drop the ball.

Let's use the S.T.E.A.M. to push forward with some of these ideas.

Two of the sessions have been set up to follow up on ideas raised at the planning session.

Read your news mag, review the motion that will be voted on in January, be sure your state board representative understands your chapter's views. If the motion passes, let's use one of those sessions to brainstorm and set up a plan of action to implement the proposed changes.

Let's go against the grain.

Let's make something happen in 2008.

Patricia

(If you want to know what my third vice is, ask me at S.T.E.A.M.!!)

Dumped Yer Scoot?



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays half the cost.)

Shriner Toy Run Raffle Winners

01 December 2007

First Prize

2007 *Road King*:

Ticket # 4106

David Patton of Oregon City.

(He was present at the drawing, the first time that has happened in years.)

Second Prize

2007 *Schwinn Collegiate* scooter

Ticket # 0482

Allen Gross

Third Prize

Set of leathers from *Renegade Classic Leather*

Ticket # 3099

Randy Allen of Sandy, Oregon.

Fourth Prize

\$500 gift certificate to store of choice.

Ticket #0607

Eric Moore of Salem, Oregon.

— Mike Friend

Why I Did What I Did

I am not very good at letter writing but here it goes.

Maybe most of you heard about me resigning from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and probably heard things.

Now here is why I did it, the reasons why I gave over twenty years of my life to *A.B.A.T.E.* and accomplished things that I was told could not be done.

I found myself not trusting *A.B.A.T.E.* any more.

They put a man in charge of *A.B.A.T.E.* who quit twelve years ago because he was for helmets, did not like *A.B.A.T.E.* parties, the way we generated our income, and most of all did not like the wet t-shirt contests.

Now he is your coordinator elected by your state board of directors

members.

You're stuck with him.

I am not.

I will not work for a man I can not trust or would be fighting with at every board meeting.

So I did what I do best: I quit *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

So I will now put my talent and ideas into another organization called *A.B.A.T.E. North* ("One body, one brotherhood.") for which I am compiling a membership list. We will hold a meeting soon.

Sorry *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. You don't listen to your members and lost your focus.

It's my turn to say good bye.

Lee A. Austin
organizer for *A.B.A.T.E. North*

Salem Chapter



Arriving at the Almsville fire station on 09 December.



Ya know, helmets ain't required for standin' around shiverin' an' shakin'.



Trying to warm up after the ride.



*Some of the toys
For good girls and boys.*



*There's gotta be hot coffee up there
somewhere.*



Still trying to warm up.



Two Santas? Does that mean I get twice as many toys? (Or do I have to be twice as good?)

Toy Run

(Photos by Marlene of Silverton)



Coffee drinkers make such good wind-breaks.



Ric from Salem H.O.G. with his lighted and decorated Harley.



Rick Ault's Honda-Davidson.



Real men don't feel the cold, right?



Where's yer gloves, dummy?



Hmmm . . . Wonder if I could drop that spare Panhead mill into that thing?



Getting ready to head out for the next stop.

River City

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Wyden are in order, as soon as possible.

We raised some money for Rotten Roger and sent additional money from the chapter. He is just sitting around mending and would love to talk to you. Call him at (503)-657-7444.

We did not have a membership drawing but Mariah won the 50/50 and donated \$2 back to the chapter. Thanks, Mariah.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:00 p.m. Fourteen people present, one arrived later.

Rick read the mission statement

Guests and new members: Sue Mills.

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

Correspondence: Bank statement, chamber newsletter, Roger flyer.

Treasury report \$190.72 in checking and \$1532.35 savings. Bills submitted: \$75 for sanctioning.

Membership report: 73 fine folks.

Board report: None.

Legislative report: S-1959. Very scary stuff.

Ways and means report: None.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

- Group riding protocols.

- Planned rides: New year's day, Roger fundraiser, Portland Bike Show (Expo Center).

- Christmas party, December 18.

New Business

Motion by Rod to send \$50 to Roger, passed. Plus \$235 in the hat.

50/50 was won by Mariah, who donated \$2 back to the chapter. Thanks Mariah

The chapter membership drawing for \$5 was not held tonight.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1932 *Norton International*.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Upcoming meetings

04 January 2008

18 January 2008

WaCo

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Education director:

Patricia Carner

Newsletter editor:

Chris Daley

Web page editor:

Robert Beadle

Historian:

Trace Ceccacci

Quartermaster:

Paul Hering

Chapter products:

Dave Meeker

Ways and means:

Luke Stocker

Run coordinator:

Jay Keel

Run coordinator II:

Len Punzel

Sergeant at arms:

Rick Stocker

Sergeant at arms II:

Luke Stocker

Chaplain:

Len Punzel

We will have an officer meeting on January 7 at the *Prime Time Sports Bar*. At the December meeting, we also drew names for the membership drawing until the person was present. It did not take long at all for Gary Kniss to jump up and announce his presence on the first draw! He won \$351 just for coming to the meeting!

Congratulations to all the new officers, both at *WaCo* and throughout the organization. I have enjoyed my turn at being the recording secretary, but I am glad to pass the torch on to someone else. So,

for all outgoing officers in all chapters and at the state level, please let me extend a heartfelt "thank you" for your service.

I normally sign off with a reminder to watch out for the other guy.

Please still do.

But also watch out for yourself because you never know when a whole bunch of little problems will turn into one big headache.

Take care and be kind to each other,

Linda Henderson
former recording secretary
WaCo Chapter

Willamette

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Sue Burnes (Gypsy Sue) has volunteered to be our newsletter editor and has been meeting with Hal to get going on that. If you have any ideas for Sue, come to a meeting and let her hear them. Or you can call her at (541)-743-1601 or e-mail wvaiditor@yahoo.com

Another of our own is having serious health issues right now. Gary Pyne is suffering from cancer and isn't doing well. Hal Fletcher motioned to donate \$400 from the *Downed Riders Fund* to Gary Pyne and his family for what he is going through. Gary has been a very active member and it was unanimously passed.

The 50/50 drawing was held and Lonny Cokeley won \$25 which he gave as part of the \$130 raised for the family we helping on Thanksgiving.

Membership drawing was for \$30 and the member drawn was Christy Gray. It looks like she missed out because she was not at the meeting.

The next meeting is going to be the annual Christmas dinner and it is also the last time to give nominations for chapter officers.

We do need someone to step up as legislative representative.

We always could use anyone who wishes to help as officers, so if you have someone in mind now is the time to nominate them for election.

We will be having the *Annual Christmas Banquet* at *Mac's* in the *Memorial Veteran's Building* around 16th and Willamette in Eugene on December 20th. We are paying the Veterans \$200 to rent the room and dinners are \$15 for members, with the actual cost to the chapter of \$27

for each dinner. We need a head count ahead of time so *Mac's* knows how many people to prepare for, so get hold of Jeff or Lonnie if you cannot make the meeting but plan on coming to the dinner.

If you want to be on the gift exchange, then bring an inexpensive gift to put in the pot. It adds fun to the night to see what kind of insanity members come up with for gifts and then watch the drawing while members get to steal someone else's gift.

Here's hoping you all have a great holiday season, and make the best of family and friends.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter

WV web site editor

<http://www.wvabateoforegon.org>

New Group, Different Focus

Do you believe *A.B.A.T.E.*'s sole goal should be to end helmet requirements?

Unfortunately that would require a complete restructuring of the organization and lots of government paperwork.

Founding a separate organization devoted just to helmet regulation amendment or repeal may be a better solution.

And what could be a better name for such a focused group than the very device they oppose: *H.E.L.M.E.T.*

How Would You Define *H.E.L.M.E.T.* ?

Hellbent on Ending Legislative MEddling Today !	Hapless Earthlings Loving Motorcycling Extra Terrestrials
Headgear-Evaders Limiting Mindless Enactments and Tyranny	What other definitions can your group come up with?
Helping End Legislative Mandates Every Time	_____
Headgear-Evading Legal Motorcyclists Exalting Themselves	_____
Helping Educate Legislators, Mitigating Every Threat	_____
Headgear Endlessly Limiting Motorcyclists Evading Threats	_____
Having Enough Legislative Mettle to Evade Tyranny	_____
Halting Every Legislative Mandate Every Time	_____

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Wow! The month of December here in Oregon has been a doozie. A freak storm has raised all billy hell on our coast and as far inland as the Portland metro area. Rivers and creeks over their banks and into streets and some homes. Trees down all over the place and one tree in particular was really hurt. That was our own Sitka Spruce, the tallest in the country at over two hundred feet. That tree was around for 700 years, like, back around the crusades! Now, it will probably be logged out to save the remaining lumber. A real shame.

The storm also took at least two lives I'm aware of. Homes were damaged and flooded and people were left without electricity or telephone service for days. Kind of a nasty early Christmas present from ma nature. I guess it really doesn't pay to fool mother nature.

Our toy runs and adopted family programs went off as planned, so the Christmas obligations in the biker world were well taken care of.

Of course we all get older so we see a lot more platinum heads at our club and association meetings. We need to bring in the younger crowd and fire them up like we are about our freedoms.

I put thirty years in our country's uniform and thought I was done when I retired. Didn't take me very long to realize that wasn't the case.

Our constitution and bill of rights are constantly under fire and we need to sit up and take notice that our way of life is rapidly being taken from us by unscrupulous people we have elected to guide our country.

I talk to folks all the time and many have no idea what's going on and care less. I don't have the answers folks, but I think we need to get young folks involved and educate our neighbors or we are going to hell in a hand basket.

Newsbits–N–Pieces

Regional Daily Paper Locks Horns With Police Chief Over Dead Biker Pics

Australia: It seems the police chief here disagrees with the newspaper outcry over the publishing of a decapitated biker picture. The *Daily Post* locked horns with him over the incident citing the family grief already being suffered.

The police idea was to illustrate their *Arrive Alive* campaign. The paper said it was in revoltingly bad taste.

Apparently this guy thrives on annoying people. Earlier, he'd showed the picture without the family's permission and was in hot water there too.

The *North Wales Police Authority* is looking into the matter. I think he should have at the very least consulted with the family involved. I understand he has since apologized.

Don't Be A Drip, Ride One

Wilton, Connecticut: Here is the newest in biker weird-stuff. It's a faucet for your sink that has handlebars to control the water flow and a spout that looks like a bike's gas tank. Check it out at <http://www.cyclefaucets.com>

B.P. Relaxes Motorcycle Helmet Rules At Petrol Stations

Great Britain: *British Petroleum*, or "B.P.," has announced it has relaxed rules for motorcyclists using the gas stations owned and operated by the firm in Britain. They *were* making



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

you take off your helmet before putting gas in your tank. God knows why.

So, you can now fill your bike with "petrol," as they call gasoline there, without having to take off your helmet.

"The safety and security of our staff and customers is always our top priority. We have taken on board feedback from our customers and hope this will address their needs."

Signs asking customers to remove any headgear will remain in place, as "These are seen as a request rather than instruction."

Always somethin' to pick at us with, huh?!

Australian State Outlaws "Motorcycle Gangs"

Canberra: An Australian state said it will ban motorcycle clubs, like the *Hells Angels* and the *Bandidos*, in what they said will be the world's toughest crackdown on "terrorists within our community."

And we think we have problems here, which we do, but jeez. When is the general public gonna just leave us alone and let us ride our scooters?

Eight clubs were named as terrorist organizations.

"We are coming after them and we will hit them where it hurts by taking away their ill-gotten gains, their *Harley-Davidsons* and their liberty," Mr. Atkinson said.

Sounds way too much like what Hitler said about Jews.

GUNNY'S SACK (continued)

Cancer Of The Harley

A new book out claims our scooters are radiating cancer into our bodies. It claims that the engine's radiation could be giving us cancer of the prostate, testicles, colon, bladder, kidney, liver, pancreas, and stomach, as well as infertility. (Sexual dysfunction, erectile deficiency and loss of libido.)

I find this a bit on the far-fetched side meself. Check out their web site at:

<http://www.motorcyclecancer.com>

Talk about weird law!

Rhode Island: In Scituate, it is illegal to drive with beer in your vehicle even if it is unopened. So when ya buy a six pack maybe you'd better walk home. If yer a beer delivery driver I guess yer screwed.

Helmet Troubles

Hanoi, Viet Nam: Thousands of bikes swerving at high speed with near-misses at every corner can make the streets of Hanoi a terrifying place for the uninitiated. But for Vietnamese teenagers, this is a party on wheels. Ever-shifting streams of small displacement bikes screaming through the streets is a normal Friday evening of *luon lo* (literally "wandering"), the nightly ritual where these kids cruise, flirt, and flaunt their finest fashions.

They refuse to wear helmets, however, and the authorities are getting upset, seeing as how it is required in Viet Nam.

Motorcycles and scooters are 90%

of the traffic here and only about 10% of the riders wear helmets. The girls say if they wear helmets, no one will see their stylish hairdo's and make-up.

Soon, though, they won't have a choice.

A new, stricter requirement taking effect in December requires riders and passengers to wear helmets on the road. 13,000 Vietnamese died in traffic crashes last year alone, 80% of them from head injuries. (If their statistics are to be believed.)

The motorbike is the symbol of Viet Nam's economic transformation. Fifteen years ago, they had only a half-million bikes. Today, there are 22 million bikes on the road in Viet Nam.

According to their government, 23,000 riders each year suffer debilitating brain damage from injuries that could have been prevented by helmets. (I wonder how that compares to car crashes in Western countries?)

E.C. Drops Headlight Requirement

Europe: The European Commission (non-elected, I remind you) will drop their call for the use of daytime dipped-beam headlights in Europe. They finally listened to reason and to motorcyclists. The E.C. proposal to use these things throughout Europe has been abandoned.

F.E.M.A. welcomes the E.C. decision and recognizes that this dialogue has led to positive results for bikers.

Gunny Again

Still gotta put in my two cents about getting in any vehicle crashes or other problems of a legal nature.

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Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny
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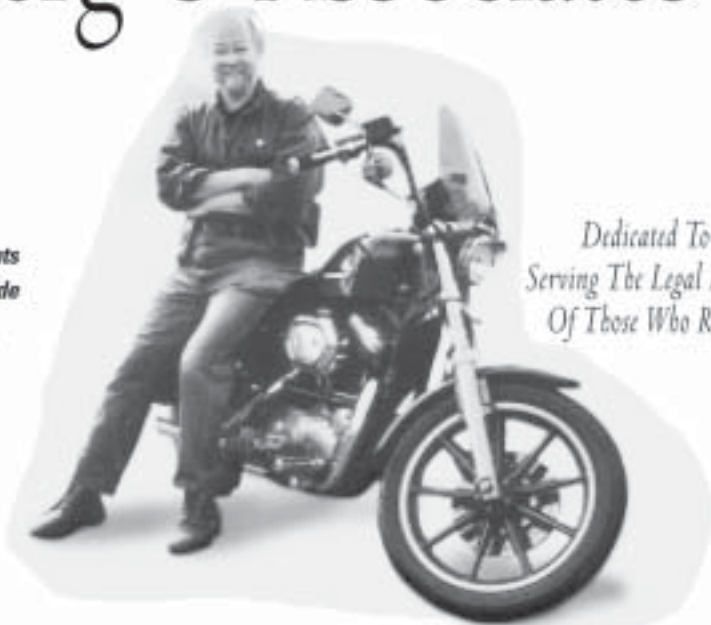
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and bound the free
And holiday-rejoicing
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Membership Application

PO Box 5612
Salem, OR 97304
www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
Full \$30+	Supporting \$300	Supporting \$150
Family \$40+	Platinum \$750	MAB* \$300
MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$_____ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates

(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

I am in state senate district _____

I am in state representative district _____

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

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

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

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

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

1) Have you ever been a member of the MRF? Yes No
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Mail with remittance to: **Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc.**, 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002-4980
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

**Please keep your information up-to-date.
Contact yer crusty ol' editor with any changes.**

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name: phone number: location:

Central Oregon area

John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X			
Bigfoot Powerlift	(541)-617-1691	Bend	X	X	X	X			
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X		
Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X		
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X		
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond		X	X	X	X		X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X			

Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)

Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X		
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hilda	(541)-265-9376	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X
Dan the Wizard (?)	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X
Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X
Randy and Deb Becker (?)	(541)-563-7191	central coast	X	X	X	X	X		X

North Coast area

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

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

South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point						X	
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay						X	
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X	
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X	

**Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
Please call (503)-838-6893 if your information changes.**

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

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

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name: phone number: location:

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South Coast area (continued)

Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X

Portland area

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X		X
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	

Southern Oregon area

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-0686	Roseburg					X		
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X

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Willamette Valley area (continued)

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

other areas

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)

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

Road and weather information:

1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site:

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

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? **(YES) (NO)** If no when is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ _____ COUNTY \$ _____ CITY \$ _____

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

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

If modified describe: _____

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(March 2008)

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(Mar 2008)

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(No business ads, please. This is personal.)

January Cryptogram

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YEAR NUTTZ CSIIP, UDYPP RNS PAFK:
RNS ZSUY EP RFEAR, ISR NEW RF;
YEAR FOR RNS MUIPS, YEAR EA RNS RYOS.

— R S A A Z P F A

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

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

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 44)

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TREASURER Joye Howell			
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NEWSMAGAZINE EDITOR Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net	(503)-838-6893
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1 Pat Williams	(360)-852-8890	PatWilliams55@aol.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2 Ray DeMelo	(503)-551-8627	redvtwin79@yahoo.com	

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

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

Total number of members: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Date paid: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
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Portland, OREGON

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Then met with a *C&S* biker,
It uplifted her mood,
She rode the year in nude,
Something she'd never do unsober.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 12 January 2008 at noon

Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard;	(541)-688-4268