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Legislative Information Pullout
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Black Monday Is Coming

(Plan Now To Be At Our Capitol On 12 January)

Denim and leather have been the traditional garb for motorcyclists to greet the opening of the Oregon legislature every two years.

When elected officials and their staffs see riders' black leather in the house gallery during opening session, in every corridor and office space of the capitol building, they begin to realize that we truly are everywhere, that we do matter as part of the general population.

But for this concept to work, we need to have critical mass.

We need you.



Start planning now.

Arrange to get the day off. (It would be an educational experience for young ones if you could bring them along. Many officials don't realize that bikers

have families.)

Get groups together for carpooling. (C'mon, it's January in Oregon. If there happens to be a break in the monsoons, you can ride.)

Arrive as early as you can. (Parking available in an underground lot under the capitol mall. Bring lots of quarters.)

Mill around our capitol building, exploring and seeing what out tax money built. (Note the really cool bronze door knobs with the state seal on them.)

Find out who your representatives and senators are, then go see where their office spaces are located. Give a friendly greeting to their staff members. (Remember, they are the true gatekeepers to power.)

If you can shoehorn yourself into the house gallery, watch the opening ceremonies of the legislature. Otherwise go down to the little restaurant in the

basement to grab some refreshment and relax a bit.

This is the year that Oregon celebrates one hundred and fifty years of statehood, so this legislative session will be a significant event in our state's history.

Come be part of it.

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.



Why Is There An Aircraft Carrier On The Cover Of A Motorcyclist Rag?

And are they really launching a trike ?

Fair questions.

For a mildly reasonable explanation, see the articles on pages 15 and 23.

It's all about the flag it's flying.

(How many ex-Navy types can recco which carrier it is?.)

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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

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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Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

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B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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State Coordinator's Comments

Welcome to 2009!

I hope you all share the same vision for a new year as I do, with a bigger, better, stronger *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Of course, there is only one way that will happen.

Lots of hard work!

But if we spread that hard work around to many hands, it will be lighter and easier. So if you can't take an officer position, at least ask an officer what you can do to help them carry out their job.

Volunteer organizations are only as good as the members who make them great. Volunteers who are at home watching the moss grow on their porch, (and between their toes) aren't really volunteers. They are just moss

watchers. Get out and support your chapter anyway you can. This isn't just with your dollars or showing up to enjoy the run, or event. Lend a hand to those who are leading. (We need it.) And remember, without supporters there are no leaders.

A.B.A.T.E. is about defeating totalitarian enactments. No one here is going to force you to help or participate. However it sure would be a shame to look back one day and have to say "If I'd just got up a little early on Saturday and gone to the capitol, or written my legislator, maybe we wouldn't be in the sad state we are in." (No one will force you to help, but I'll try my best to guilt you!)

We need every hand, foot, bike we

can get to make our voice heard.

You do have a choice: You can be on the winning team telling your friends and family "look what I helped do" or you can be on the sidelines saying, "I hope someone stops those guys from making more stupid laws."

This is getting a little long, so let me wrap it up by saying I hope to see and work with each and every one of you over the coming year. Let's let the past go with it's bickering and gossip and focus on what we can do to make this the best year possible for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.



Jordan Kelley
state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual."

— Thomas Jefferson

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Matt Price

former state
coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

We are community.

It is not realistic to think of ourselves as a group, set apart from others. Within the rank and file of motorcyclists you will find every profession and trade. Our "profile" crosses every social, political, economic, and ethnic definition in America.

At your next meeting, take a good look around. If the members all look pretty much the same, then we have failed. Most of this may be attributed to an attitude of withdrawal, setting us apart from the mainstream of the community.

Yes, we are very big on toy runs at Christmas but, what and where is our focus the rest of the year? How are we seen in the public eye the other fifty-one weekends each year? When there is calamity or disaster is there a motorcycle at the scene with an *A.B.A.T.E.* flag flying, or jackets and sweatshirts in the crowd with our logo prominently displayed?

We have membership applications to hand out at events. How often does

someone approach you and say "I saw what you guys were doing and I want to get involved." We have issues with government agencies. Do people ask to lend their voice to the cry for liberty and justice versus tyrannical legislation?

We will not be here much longer with the attitude that it's someone else's responsibility to get the job done.

Community is a state that exists when people get involved in any cause that's important to their neighbors. Large causes, small causes. It doesn't matter except that it's a concern to someone in need.

Public safety and safe riding won't happen by accident or because there's a government guardian angel looking out

for us.

Will the legislature see us this year and regard us with respect? Can we raise a unified voice to promote the bills that will benefit all riders?

If you make only one resolution this new year, commit your energies to the concept of community.

All of us working together for the public benefit.

All of us presenting a unified front.
All of us in accord as a community.

We have work to do.

See you down the road, K.S.U., let's ride!

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

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

Well I hope everyone had a great holiday. I went on a toy run over here and the run was well attended, which is a great thing to see with the economy in the shape that it is. I am not sure how much money and toys were gathered, but I am sure that they did very well.

Things here are going well.

By the time you read this the Christmas party will be a done thing. I am sure that everyone had a good time. Myself, I will not be able to attend. (Other obligations.)

Well, I guess this is going to be the



shortest letter that I have ever written. Yes, I ran out of things to type and with the holidays upon us and the fact that I have yet to do any shopping, I guess I need to get to it.

Sooo...

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe new year,

Jay Bird

coordinator

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Black Horse Saloon
Bend, Oregon

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Happy New Year from Douglas County,

We are so excited about this year.

By the time you read this we will have new officers elected during our *Third Annual Christmas Party*. I can assure you at this writing that it will have been a blast! Everyone will be busy getting over being so busy over the holidays, and we are already planning our events for 2009.

This will be a legislative year and we hope everyone, I repeat everyone, will get on board with talking to your legislators about your participation in *A.B.A.T.E.*, the fact that you are a voter and a motorcyclist. We need to get their attention. There are many issues, besides the helmet issue, important to us as riders, tax payers, and users of the highways.

Medical insurance, exhaust and other restrictions to modification, road maintenance and safety, over-enforcement of some regulations on motorcyclists over other drivers, etc. So, stay tuned to the monthly newszine and your legislative and state representatives at your chapter

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meetings to stay informed about the issues. Then speak up, write, or e-mail and let your voice be heard.

No doubt we will have our usual biker days at the capitol. It's a great time to shake the hand of your representatives and meet the "biker friendly" legislators and let them know how much we appreciate their support of the biker community and our right to ride.

Stay warm and do spend some time on sprucing up the ride. Bolt on the new chrome and goodies that Santa left under the tree.

Looking forward to spring and seeing everyone out on the roads.

Wishing you all peace, health, and prosperity in 2009.

Blessed new year to everyone,
Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

Hub City



Happy new year to all !

Hoping everyone has had an enjoyable and safe holiday season and had a chance to participate in some of the many toy runs and charity events in their local area.

This time of year is a time for giving and being thankful for our freedom.

Freedom is not free. Be sure to thank all those who have sacrificed so that we can have the freedoms to walk and talk and ride where we want to. Remember to thank those protecting our freedom everyday of

the year.

Locally *Hub City* participated in the *18th Annual A.M.O. Toy Run*. This year 200-plus bikes participated in this worthy cause. It is such a good feeling to see the smile on all the childrens' faces when they are handed a toy from Santa. *Hub City* is very proud of reclaiming the coveted award for being the largest M.R.O. in attendance. In the past few years competition for this award has been on the increase among the local organizations and we lost it last year to another group. *Hub City*, being a

relatively new chapter, has only been participating in this excellent event since 2001. However in that time we have won this award five out of those seven years. Yes indeed, *Hub City* rocks!!!

As of press time new officer elections for the coming year had not happened for the chapter. However, there were many new faces who stepped up to accept nominations and we are looking forward to fresh ideas and input for the coming year.

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

For those out riding this time of year, remember weather conditions when you go riding. Think safety.

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 Fifth Street

Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Josephine County*



Merry Christmas from foggy, overcast "It's the climate" Grants Pass.

Don't know if we will see a white Christmas, but we got our first dusting of the white stuff yesterday. But by noon most of it was gone, as usual.

Starting with our December Christmas potluck meeting, our meeting times have changed to 6 pm. We are hoping to get a few more members to come out by moving it up a little.

The year ended with a bang. A very successful potluck meeting. Elections were held. Most of the same officers will be around again. A full list will be published in the February report.

Lots of toy runs throughout the valley this month. Something going

on every weekend. Two wheels or four, it's always so heartwarming to see so many kids and families being helped at this time of the year.

Polar Bear Run will be held again on January 1st. Three starts, all ending at *Rhino's* in Gold Hill. Grants Pass group will leave from *Herb's La Casita* in Grants Pass. Meet at 10 a.m. on the patio side. Kickstands up at 11 a.m.

Here's hoping 2009 will be the beginning of a new and prosperous year for everyone.

Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Karen
secretary

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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It's beginning here to feel a lot more like Christmas.

When you read this, Christmas will be a fond memory. I hope it was good for you and your family.

Lincoln County is busy getting ready for our family adoptions. This is a wonderful time of the year. Having no small ones left to shop for, a lot of our members enjoy the shopping trip and wrapping the presents. The greatest part though is delivering presents to those that will really appreciate what we are doing.

Our *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* was again a huge success with many seniors enjoying the warmth and friendships that have developed over the years. Sadly several are no longer with us in person but we do remember them with fond memories. Our leftovers went to the local soup kitchen to be used for meals the next day for the homeless. Our favorite musician was able to be with us to provide holiday music while meal. Desserts were being served by a local *Brownie* troop. The city of Newport is very generous by allowing us to use the facilities at no cost to us.

Our elections will be held at the next regular meeting of our chapter in December.

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Lincoln County*



Amidst all that is happening on the chapter level we all have family commitments also. I personally have family in the military in Germany and it can be trying to get packages packed, addressed, and the customs form filled out so that all will know what they are getting for Christmas. Can't wrap the presents because the government won't allow that. Takes a lot of fun out of Christmas for the little ones.

I did read in the Sunday *Oregonian* that the *A.B.A.T.E.* toy run to the *Shriners' Hospital for Children* that occurred on Saturday. You can't much better press than that. The pictures were great and the story was moving. The toughest heart had to feel joy reading it.

I felt pride in being but a small part of this organization. It tells the story of who we are and what we can do to benefit those with the greatest need: children.

Ride proud dear friends. I wish I could have been with you. It did mention a *Vespa* also. That says something also. We all ride.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas with your families and we wish a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Keep the rubber side down, bundle for the weather, and ride on,

Millie
treasurer
Lincoln County Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET- ING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900
(7 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
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Newport

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Yeah!

We are at it again!!!

Six new members.

We are in the process of our canned food drive for *Turning Point* and *H.O.P.E.*, the community outreaches that our chapter has selected to help during the holiday season. We have set out fourteen tubs, seven for each charity. *Lowe's* in Longview Washington most generously donated the tubs for us to use. We are proceeding with more than expectation for the people of these great organizations.

With being so close to the coast, we are busy planning a crab feed for February 14th. Tickets are printed and the cost is \$15 for pre-sale and \$20 at the door. The menu is in discussion but will include one whole crab!

We are also following up on a poker run to Seaside in May. The restaurant in Seaside, *Girtle's*, have been contacted and would be happy to have us reserve a room with them.

We have voted to move our meetings to 2:30 p.m., still on the third. Saturday of each month. Our

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



December meeting will be held at *Colvin's*, across the street from *Big Guy* for a Christmas potluck following the meeting at 2:30.

Submitted by,

Cindy Witmer
chapter secretary

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Saturdays at 1430 (2:30 pm)
Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge

Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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



North Coast Chapter did it!

Our *Spaghetti Feed and Auction* was a big success again.

You would think with the economy in a recession, people would be watching their spending.

Not our bunch of bikers.

Last count we raised close to \$5,000.

Of course Good Don's spaghetti was the talk of the night. None of this would have happened if not for Linda's hard work and organization.

Thanks also goes out to Mary Todd, the owner of the *Workers Bar & Grill*, for her year-long fundraising for the kids. She presented us with a \$4,500 check. Take that

money with the spaghetti dinner money, and add the toy run and donation can money, means 200 plus kids will have a Merry Christmas.

Besides helping the kids we are also teaching them about motorcycle awareness. With Al's perseverance, thirty high school students got their eyes opened to the motorcycle world. With help from Mike, Chris, Don, and Sherrie, they gave kids an insight on what motorcycling is about.

I hope 2008 was a good year for everyone. I enjoyed my coordinator tenure and I'm pleased on the way it ended. Our chapter is in good hands this coming year. I wish them the best.

— 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 18, 2008

Tonight's meeting was wild and crazy.

We did get most of our business done, except for nominations for next year's officers. Oh well, I guess we will do that next meeting.

We did plan to have a Christmas party on December 16, in place of a meeting. Planning is in progress. We added some people to the run committee and are going to do some teddy bear preliminary sales through Avon.

There was no 50/50 tonight.

The membership drawing for \$70 would have been won by Danyella Hildreth, if she had been present. It will be \$75 next meeting.

— Brian

December 2, 2008

We had a busy and productive meeting tonight.

We reelected all officers to their positions. Congratulations to all the committed officers in this chapter.

And got a new member, Richard Carter. Welcome, Richard.

We will hold our annual Christmas Party in place of the next meeting and we will start early with a run committee meeting (heh, heh), about 3:40 p.m., I believe, at Zim's. The more formal festivities are set for 7 p.m. It will be a white elephant party, so bring a wrapped non-valuable gift.

Rick won the 50/50 tonight at \$9/\$9. Albino Querisa would have won \$75 if he had been present. It will go up to \$80 next meeting. (In January.)

— Brian



Upcoming meetings

January 06, 2009

January 20, 2009

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*

The biker night held in Jefferson was successful for the community.

Sheryl Forrest coordinated both biker nights and did an outstanding effort.

Rick and Heidi Disrud of *Mid Valley Cycles* hosted the event along with the help of many others. Thanks to all who came out to support this event.

Salem Chapter would like your input in developing a *Freedom Fighters Handbook*. How to fight a traffic ticket. (Helmet.) With the current political climate, the only way to fight is through the judicial arena.

Come to a meeting with your idea's.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.



SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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Happy New Year!

Hey, awesome news! Another amazing *Shriners' Toy Run* (06 December 2008) has occurred. It was phenomenal. I can't seem to get enough words to explain it all. It was overwhelming, heartwarming, loud, teary, and touching. I was blown away.

The lucky winner of the 2008 *Harley Fat Boy* (from *Paradise Motorcycles* in Tigard) was Lynn Ihringer from the lovely town of Gresham, Oregon. He is not a current rider but will be getting back in the saddle again after *Team Oregon* classes in 2009. He was so excited that he graced the *Southeast Portland Chapter* with a visit the day after his announced win to say how much he appreciates all of the hard work the toy run does for the children of the *Shriners*. He was proud to have just participated in giving to the kids. By the way, our very own Matt Hobbs sold the winning ticket!

The event is said to have had up to 7,000 bikes, based on an article in the *Oregonian*. I can tell you from

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my own perspective, it was *the biggest* one I've ever had the privilege of participating in. It took forty-five minutes just to unload the *TriMet* parking lot and another twenty minutes to get the bikes going (in the parade) that were parked along the streets as far as you could see.

Toy run ticket sales were brisk. I worked the booth and with the help of some dedicated members (Leona Brewer, Shag, Dick Edmonds, and unsuspecting volunteer Bill Hobbs) along with Melinda McCrossen (who coordinated everyone turning in tickets and checking them out to sell at the event), we managed to sell approximately 1,500. Got to tell you, I was ready for a power nap by the end.

The gals at the t-shirt area, Patti Dahl and Vicki O'Donnell (a.k.a. "Killer") were working fast and furious getting the event materials sold. Wonderful job, gals!

A big thanks to the event security, parade marshals, the crew who donated their time for stage and entertainment, high-lift that was donated for your viewing pleasure (that must have been amazing at the noon hour) and to all the many others who helped make such a memorable, amazing, and successful day.

We need to acknowledge the entire toy run Committee (Ed and Patti Dahl, Mike Friend, Shag, Loren, just to name a few.) They work the entire year organizing, donating many, many hours coordinating, selling

tickets, and working events. What an amazing job, guys!

The hospital staff was "overwhelmed" (in a good way) by the

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S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Twin Rivers*



It's a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon and where was I?

At an *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting.

I'll try not to be so long-winded this time.

We held our elections today so here are the top four new officers for 2009:

Coordinator: Lee Austin

Vice-coordinator: Leona Brewer

Recording secretary: K.J. Brewer

Co-treasurers: Terese Pitney and Kelly Chermault

If you want to know who the rest of your chapter officers are, come to a meeting and find out.

Due to circumstances of which I won't go into, we have moved our

chapter meetings back to the *Spare Room* on NE 42nd.

That's all for now.

Lets hope all chapters have a great year,

— Tom Brewer

Twin Rivers Chapter

TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

Spare Room
NE 42 nd street -- Portland
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Washington County



Hello fellow riders!

The chapter has been very busy with the toy runs recently.

The *Washington County Hillsboro Toy Run* was one of the best turnout yet!

Then there was the *Shriners' Toy Run* in which the chapter participated. This one was probably one of the biggest yet. Some say a couple of thousand to four thousand. Maybe 2,000 bikes, and 4,000 people? Either way everyone who participated brought smiles to those children who are fighting to live, laugh, and just be kids! I just know it was very icy and cold that morning, but turned

out to be a beautiful day for all of those participating in this great cause! Hats off to all of those who braved the weather.

Our chapter meeting last night was our election of officers night as well as our Christmas "free taco night" which always brings in a huge crowd of members that we don't see too often. But the more the merrier!

The meeting went smoothly so we could finalize the chapter's officers elections. Roger passed out certificates to those who held offices this year as a token of appreciation. The results of the officers elected are listed on our web

page. Congrats to our new officers!

I would like to thank everyone within our chapter for the opportunity to be the recording secretary this year. (Which has been a learning experience.) Fun and rewarding but also a lot of work. I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything! But my regular job added more responsibility this summer to my plate (like payroll) so I had to relieve some stress out of my life since my work load runneth over.

We have a great bunch of officers and members with whom I am thankful for being a part of this chapter! And I would also like to thank Lynda Henderson

again for always filling in for me while I was sick or had other obligations.

So happy holidays to you all. December is the time to remember family, friends, and all of those who have touched our lives but who are no longer with us!

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Down the road we go!

— Sharon Mize
recording secretary
WaCo A.B.A.T.E.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30pm)

Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

The word for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* is, simple, shorter meetings for the times. Fun and rides will be the order of the day. We will this year only have a short list of officers. Back to the basics

By the time most of you see this, we will have had our Christmas dinner on December 18th at *Mac's* at the Eugene *V.F.W.* and it should have been a good one. We were hoping for around forty people. If you didn't make it, you most likely missed another good one.

We also hosted two families for the holidays. The first family was for Thanksgiving and it was a family with three kids. At the November meeting we agreed to supply everything from chapter funds. Thanks to Bob, Jeff, and Losten who volunteered to do it.

For Christmas we did another family with four children. They had two boys ages 5 and 8 and two girls 4 and 5. At the Christmas dinner we all brought food, gifts for the children, dry goods, etc. for the family.

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



Nomination and election of officers will have taken place at the December / Christmas dinner meeting and we most likely nominated and elected the following as our 2009 *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* officers:

Coordinator – Michael Taylor;
Vice-coordinator – (Open)
Secretary – Rick Maish
Treasurer – Wendy Taylor
Membership – Lonny Cokeley
State representative – Rod Hatter
Alternate representative – Rick Maish
Legislative – (Open)
Web site – Rod Hatter
Chaplain – Bob Lowell
Casino coordinator – Wendy Taylor
Rbody Run coordinator – (Open)
Activities/promotions – Sunny Hatter
Sergeant-at-arms – (Open)
Road captain – (Open)

We could use some help in filling some of these positions. Come join us at the 2009 January meeting.

Some of these may have changed at the December meeting

A simpler time for our chapter. The plan is to keep our web site as up-to-date as possible. So if you have something for our web site, contact Rod, our web site master, or you can contact me, Rick Maish (chapter secretary), if you want to get an e-mail message out to everyone.

Rod's e-mail:
panheadrod@hotmail.com
Rick's e-mail:
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Discussed the now-defunct *Blackjack's Motorcycle Club* that broke up in November. (Check the *Willamette Valley Chapter* web site for our history and how the *Blackjacks* and *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* first

got started back in 1994.)

Notes from our last meeting.
(Or is that "meetings", since we didn't do a report last month?)

At our last officers meeting it was decided that since no one was interested in doing our chapter newsletter, we needed a "closing message" of the *Willamette Valley* newsletter from your chapter officers.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way; Springfield

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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***13 December 2008 – Eagles' Lodge; Albany, Oregon*

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, state coordinator, at 12:20 p.m. with 8 of 13 chapters represented (*Salem Chapter* representative arrived late). 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: Alan Nichols (*WaCo*), Carliol Wahl (*Lincoln County*), Richard Misener [2009 state auditor] (*River City*).

Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) to accept minutes from November 8th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Matt Price thanked everyone for their contributions over the last year. *We have accomplished a lot that will reverberate through the legislature and the media. We have an upcoming legislative year and a lot of tasks started forward into the new year. When gas was \$4 a gallon, a lot of people bought scooters and bikes and this trend will probably continue. This means more riders and more work ahead. I am looking forward to working with all organizations over the next year but not as Coordinator. Thank you to everyone.*

Secretary report and correspondence: Nic Oliver announced that there were some periodicals for anyone who wanted to see what the rest of the country is up to.

A letter with information for the upcoming *Run To The Wall* was received and is available to anyone interested.

Have some 10% off business cards from *Love Leathers*, if anyone desires one.

Vice coordinator–north: Heidi Disrud – Nothing to report.

Vice coordinator–south: Annette Murray – (Absent.)

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore reported that he will be going to the Fossil city council meeting in January. At that time he will hand them the pledges for the restroom and get the lease agreement

for the storage building.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple reported that we currently have \$12,474.21 in savings, \$16,096.20 in checking and an eight-month CD for \$3,000 for a total of \$32,570.41.

There are still two chapters who have not turned in their December 31, 2007 bank statement and report materials. These two chapters are out of compliance and have no voting rights. The chapters are *Central Oregon* and *Josephine County*.

Chapter and chapter officer contact information is needed for 2008 and 2009. Kay has designed a new form for chapters' to fill out and return to the state regarding this contact information.

Reported that she has talked with Howie regarding *Fossil Run*. Things are moving forward.

She stated that she wants all chapter treasurers at S.T.E.A.M. in February. It is very important, not just for treasurers but also for all chapter officers to attend S.T.E.A.M.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson reported that we currently have 1,684 members. Also, that she had sent out a letter to all chapters to send in a current chapter roster of their officers and contact information.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price (and committee) reported that he has run into a couple of snags in getting the insurance for next year but that they were tiny ones and will be able to keep things rolling without a break.

He has increased our attendance projection for 2009. They have gone up to the 12,000 mark for people attending *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events. That includes *Fossil Run* and sanctioned chapter functions.

State auditor: B.J. Speck (Absent.)

Also attending this meeting was Richard Misener, state auditor for 2009. He said "no report". He was told that we hope that this is not indicative of his future reports.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for being here. He said that he still needs chapter reports from *Hub City*, *Josephine County*, and *Lower Columbia* chapters. Rot Path



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

made sure that he thanked all officers, incoming and outgoing, for all of their work. Also said thank you to the membership of *A.B.A.T.E.* for all of their support and work.

Legislative director: Quiet Mike (Absent.)

2009 legislative director, Justin Handke, said that he had no report at this time.

Sergeant at arms–north: Randy Phipps reported that there is nothing going on right now for him to report on. He did state that he been on-line about this Myrtle Beach problem and has had to let people know that this problem is in South Carolina, not here in Oregon.

Sergeant at arms–south: Bill Foster had nothing to report except that he now has an e-mail address. It is: **BILLSTP@MSN.COM** (All caps.)

Sergeant at arms–east:
(VACANT)

Products director: Dave Meeker reported that the next *Fossil Campout* will be our 32nd annual event. Artwork for the t-shirts will be accepted up to March 2009. They must include the words "32nd Annual" and no more than three to four colors. He said that he will bring this up every meeting.

He also reported that he did not spend any money this month. (This got him a round of applause.)

He stated that he wanted a request form to solicit advertisements and Rot Path stated that he needed help with the advertising. Matt said that all the chapters are supposed to handle things in their area with help and coordination through the public relations director, Debra Lutje, and the newspaper editor, Rot Path.

Education director: Patricia Carner (Excused.) Other Officers gave her reports.

Education director II: Geoff White reported that S.T.E.A.M. 2009 will be at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. Flyer with map will be out very soon. It will be on February 14th, Oregon's birthday as a state. (This is also Rot Path's birthday.) Cost for the location is \$200 and food at \$300. This is way down from previous years. Co-

sponsorship by Southwest Washington and Idaho *A.B.A.T.E.s* is still possible. Slider Gilmore is locked in as the speaker for S.T.E.A.M. 2009. This looks to be a great year with a fantastic speaker.

Ideas for topics and agenda items are still wanted and encouraged.

There is only one problem: S.T.E.A.M. 2009 is at the same time as the state board meeting. We can either have the meeting at S.T.E.A.M. or reschedule. It was discussed and decided that we can't move S.T.E.A.M. to another date due to Slider Gilmore being locked in and having the board of directors meeting at S.T.E.A.M. will not work. (Past experience.) This leaves only moving the board of directors meeting. (See motion #4)

Reported that this is the second half of the school year and he already has one school lined up. *M.A.P. (Motorcycle Awareness Program)* is moving forward. *Georgia-Pacific* wants to see our CD that is being made on the *M.A.P.* program. Discussion on how this new movie CD could benefit other agencies and possibly even some schools.

Public relations director: Debra Lutje reported that we should check out the on-line sites <http://www.lightningcustom.com> and <http://www.Let'sRide.com>

Debra spoke on how we need to cultivate good relationships with the local papers. They will let us then know about publishing sales and deals that are coming up.

She showed an advertisement for *A.B.A.T.E.* that she had put in the local paper in her area. The advertisement was fairly large and very well done and the reported cost was only \$65, a veritable steal. (Job very well done, Debra.)

Reported on the *Mucinex DM* advertisement that she found in the newspaper that mimicked the one on the TV in which big, green bikers threaten to take over a town. She suggested a call to action by having people contact the manufacturer to stop this advertising. You can contact them at:

Consumer Relations
Rickitt – Benckiser,
PO Box 224
Parsnippany, NJ 07054
or you can call:
1-(866)-682-4639

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Reported on a seemingly growing problem with patch holders confronting non-members becoming a common occurrence and rampant. We need to look into this now as a potential public relations nightmare. This could seriously hurt our credibility.

Brian pointed out that *A.B.A.T.E.* getting a *Confederations of Clubs* representative was a long time coming and now that we have them they need to make sure that our relationship with the *C.O.C.* remains good, but we will not take part in “club business”.

It was pointed out that even though *A.B.A.T.E.* is not a club, we are on their list as a member which put us on the federal hot list as a potential problem under R.I.C.O. or whatever statute they decide to use.

Matt stated that we need to continue to focus on our issues of safety, education and legislation and that is all that we do. We are not a “club”, we are an organization and we represent all bikers in our endeavors. Gunny stated that he will speak to the *C.O.C.* about this and see what he can do. *A.B.A.T.E.* has a good relationship with the *C.O.C.* and we want that to continue.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long (Absent) Report given by Kay that he has been in contact with Laurie about flyers and tickets for *Fossil*.

Gene Mortimore suggested that instead of trying to figure out what to buy for someone, why not buy them a membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* for \$25? These can be given as Christmas gifts or birthday presents or whenever. Instead of trying to think of something that you might even have to spend more than \$25 on, try giving a membership as a gift. (Tremendous idea!)

State run coordinator II: Jeff Schuaer (Absent)

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner (Excused)

Historian: Linda Marteney (Absent)

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci (Absent)

Quartermaster: (VACANT) Report given by Randy that there

has been an understanding reached between us and Robert Hale. We have until the end of the month to get things moved from where the stuff is to the new site in Tualatin. There is a lot of old stuff that will need to be looked at and a decision made what to do with it. (Like old computers and things like that.) The trailer is getting set up to be moved, so things are progressing.

A.B.A.T.E.’s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps reported that he was at a toy run and Mafia Joe filled in for him.

Joe announced that he was elected to the executive director position in *BikePAC*.

Reported that this session we have legislators already on board to present modification of the *Vulnerable User Act* and our helmet law bill.

Also announced that there will be a meeting on December 20th at his house (1956 Lockwood Pl. SE, Albany) of the rally committee for the *May Awareness Rally*. Anyone who wants to take part in putting on a tremendous event is more than welcome. Meeting time is about noon. We are planning music, food, and a group ride for this event. There will also be *Fossil* discount tickets available at the rally. We already have commitments from different newspapers regarding coverage.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams (Excused for medical reasons.)

Kay read report, then gave to Nic. Report as written:

“Sorry I couldn’t make it today. Just got out of the hospital and need to rest. No C.O.C. report because there was no meeting in December.”

The next C.O.C. meeting has been changed to the Brother Speed club house in Portland on January 11th, 2009. Officers meeting at noon (closed) and general meeting (open) at 1 p.m.

The Brother Speed club house is located at 2800 SE 92nd Ave, between Powell and Division in Portland.

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

Kay Sipple: 2009 *C.O.C.* II, reported on the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* convention. It is happening in May.

She and Pat are both wanting to go. The board decided to look into this further at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Operations manual committee report given by Nic Oliver. Reported that work is still moving and we are trying to get it done as quickly as possible. Nic suggested another sit-down together meeting soon and Brian offered his place on December 28th, in The Dalles. The word will go out to the rest of the committee about this and see if we can do it.

- Budget committee report given by Bob Highfill. Reported that they are still collecting proposals and looking at them.

- The remaining officer positions to be filled are vice coordinator north (Heidi stepped down), run coordinator I (Fossil), quartermaster. We need these officer positions filled.

New Business

There was a discussion on the problems being faced with the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site and getting *PayPal* or someone else set up to handle payments by electronic means for memberships or *Fossil* tickets and whatever else. Also discussed was making the site more “user friendly”.

New Motions

(as turned in)

1. Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*), seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*):

“Move the state establish a form for advertising for the state newspaper to be used by all chapters. listing ad sizes and costs and deadline for printing.”

A discussion ensued until Debra Lutje volunteered to make a form to cover this. Once that happened, Bob then (with the second’s agreement) withdrew the motion.

No action taken.

2. Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers*), seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland*):

“That we task the state officers with maintaining a record of specific actions and tasks they

performed. This would be condensed into an annual report due out in December 2009.”

An old report from 2002 was shown and discussed. It was a good way to see what was happening in 2002.

Voting results: 5 – yea; 0 – nay; 3 – abstentions.

Motion Passed.

Our coordinator, Matt Price, then appointed Randy Phipps to be in charge of producing this manual, which he accepted.

3. Motion made by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*); seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*):

“To pay the dues for CoC that is due by the next meeting on 11 January 2009. Dues are \$100 a year. A check needs to be made out to the Confederation of Clubs and given to Kay Sipple.”

As Jordan pointed out, this is an ongoing expense and needs to be prompt.

Voting took place and resulted in: 8 – yea; 0 – nay. (Unanimous.)

Motion passed.

4. Motion made by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*); seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*):

“To move the February 2009 meeting to the 21st of February to allow S.T.E.A.M. to occur at its currently scheduled time.”

This motion addressed the problems brought up in the education report.

Voting results: 8 – yea; 0 – nay. (Unanimous.)

Motion passed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: January 10, 2009 at the *Eagles Lodge*; Albany, Oregon at noon. Come welcome your new officers!!

- 14 December 2008: Toy run Sunday. Meet at 10 a.m. at the *K-Mart* at Mission and 25th in Salem. Leave at 11 a.m. and delivering in Jefferson about 1 p.m. For information, call Quiet Mike at

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• 04 January 2009: *Cabin Fever Run* at the *Kenton Club* in Portland. See flyer in state newspaper.

• 14 February 2009: S.T.E.A.M. Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. Officer training and motivational speaker, Slider Gilmore. You can't miss this one.

• 02 May 2009: *May Awareness Rally* and bike show at the state capitol in Salem.

• 12-14 June 2009: *Meeting of the Minds* conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Calls to Action

It is time to step up and make your presence known. This is the beginning of the legislative session for 2009. This is what this organization was founded upon. What all of us volunteered for when we joined — legislative action.

12 January 2009: *Black Leather Day at the Capital.*

This is the day that we show up as a group and let the legislature know that we are watching them. It is the

opening day for the upcoming legislative session. Meet on the capital steps at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009. Mark your calendars!

29 January 2009: Annual gathering to get to know your legislator.

Normally this is done on February 14th, Valentines Day and Oregon's birthday as a state. Unfortunately, this year's schedule at the capital prevents it as their schedule is totally full.

So, we have moved it to January 29th starting at 9 a.m. Contact your legislator beforehand and make an appointment, even if you don't know what to say. There will be help there to assist you in every way. Contact your local chapter's legislative representative or go on line to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s legislative representative or *BikePAC*'s site. Lots of help for those who want it but what we need are "bodies" to talk with their legislators.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.

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volumes of toys and participants. The parking alone was challenging. I heard that they even had to close some of the roads off at the hospital and open up another parking structure to house all of the bikes!

We have a lot of new events coming up. Remember to support *Twin Rivers Cabin Fever* and *Sweethearts Dance* located at the *Kenton Club* in Portland.

Southeast Portland Chapter is having a food drive fund raiser on Saturday, 21 February 2009 at the *M & M Restaurant and Lounge* from 3 p.m. to *whenever* with seven bands before the house band that evening. We are attempting to bring in the money we need to purchase the bulk foods for the *Harbor light Mission* on 14 March 2009.

We need help.

Suggested donations are at the door: \$6 per person or \$10 per

couple.

There will be 50/50 and hourly drawings.

Be sure to gear up for the winter weather and be safe traveling in/on whatever!

— Soft Tail

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(DON'T FORGET THE CHECK!)

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Please make sure you print clearly and fill in all the information. Also, include a note with your info for the card. Gift Memberships are an excellent gift for anyone not already a member or someone who is not current.

Willamette Valley

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Michael Taylor volunteered to make it happen and as usual he did a great job.

We will all miss the newsletter.

It's been one of the best of its kind, especially after Hal Fletcher took it over from me in 1999 after I had been doing it for four years. And what a newsletter he made it. Hal maintained it for the next nine years as it grew to a twelve-page newsletter that was supported by some twenty advertisers.

In 2008 Sue Burnes took it over from Hal and did a great job in keeping the tradition going, but the November/December issue will be our last.

Thanks to all who helped and made this newsletter what it was.

Had a lengthy discussion on what we wanted to spend some of our yearend money on. We talked about *BikePAC*, *Fossil*, many charities, members down or in need, *Team Oregon*, and others. Since this was a less active year (no *S.O.S. Run*), we are down on chapter funds. So we have much less to give.

1. Motion and agreement to support *Team Oregon* with \$350.

2. At the officers meeting we agreed to support a member in need during an ongoing medical crises for \$300. (Donations were also collected by those present at the officers and chapter meetings.)

3. Support of a cancer group in Oregon. Motion to support the Lane county *Relay For Life* and give them \$250.

4. *BikePAC* chapter membership is due. Lots of discussion followed. Questioned what the direction of *BikePAC* was versus other issues that were discussed back in April. We still feel there is too much focus on the helmet issue and we question what the real direction is for *BikePAC*. Back in April the direction was spelled out as per that *BikePAC* meeting. (April *BikePAC* notes.) "Items of importance to *BikePAC* this session are: vehicle assault, the mandatory training issue, and the helmet issue. Voted to not re-up membership at this time in lieu of more information on *BikePAC*'s direction for 2009.

Other Notes

1. Next *Casino Night* to take place April 11th. Wendy is looking for a different location. Has anyone got any good ideas?

2. We are also looking for a new meeting place. *Sizzler's* hasn't worked as well as we had hoped. We can't use the large meeting room without guaranteeing them at least thirty meals. Got any ideas, let us know.

3. With our chapter news letter now going away, we would like to get all of our *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* members on our e-mail list. Please help us get this list together. We'd like everyone to be on it.

The e-mail list will be used for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* communications only!

Contact me via this e-mail address: LynandRick@msn.com

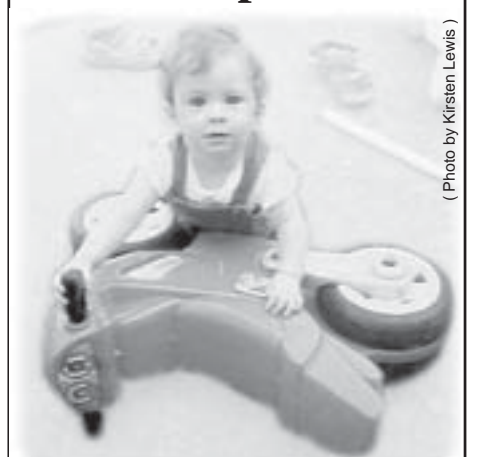
4. It was also decided at both the *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* officers and *Willamette Valley Chapter* meetings that we will continue with our spring and fall *Casino Nights* and our *Annual Rhody Run* for 2009.

May you all have had a great Christmas holiday and a great start on the New Year!

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up,

Rick Maish
Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.
chapter secretary
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Oops!



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

**Maybe it's time for a
Team Oregon class.**

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays part of the cost.)

BikePAC Report

06 December 2008

Meeting opened at 1210 chaired by legislative director Quiet Mike. Eleven people in attendance.

Minutes approved as presented.

Financial report approved as printed.

Election of executive director: Joe Maffei was elected unanimously.

No report from the development director, Nic Oliver. He explained that there is has not been any positive response from dealers and repair shops he contacted. Joe and Nic will try to get the development director position actually doing something. Nic feels that it is very difficult to get shops to respond. Joe suggested getting in contact with corporate headquarters for support. (Perhaps major oil companies, etc.)

Quiet mike reported on a wreck on I-84 that had a response jurisdiction problem. Joe pointed out that E.M.S. response is set up by the county E.M.S. program. There is no clear jurisdiction boundary. (When there is a problem such as this, both E.M.T.s should respond.)

Joe says his experience as E.M.T. in California was that the program is political and the service is awarded to the lowest bidder. Our legislators should make it the responsibility for the closest E.M.T. to the problem should respond. Brian Stovall pointed out that in Oregon the city and county fire stations are the responders. The E.M.T.s are public employees instead of private responders.

Special license plates for motorcycles. This request should be handled through O.D.O.T.

The next issue to be discussed was who may be the next candidate for governor after Ted Kulongoski. Some possibilities were named.

Membership report – Marge Gunter. She has processed twenty-two renewals for members and organizations over the last two months. Our membership in *BikePAC* is presently 100 active with fourteen motorcycle clubs participating. There are 117 potential renewals pending. Joe discussed the apathy problem in *Hub City Chapter*. The chapter has 134 active members and very little response for political issues. There is a need to get members involved. There was a good chapter turnout for their bike show, however.

Marge will begin to begin to clean up the *BikePAC* web site. In the meantime she will install an “under construction” sign until the web site is ready to go.

Legislative report – Quiet Mike and Wayne Schumacher.

• The mandatory training bill is in

legislative draft form.

• Vulnerable user bill: Andy Olson has not communicated with Wayne about it. Joe stated that he had received e-mail from Andy Olson about the bill. Andy had reviewed it and was ready to move forward. Wayne wants Andy to sign on as a co-sponsor for the bill. Joe will talk to Andy Olson about it. Campaign signs program was a problem, in that there was not a good response from our members. Sturdi’s political program did not work well in Oregon. It seems the large area and spread-out population is problematic when trying to implement the program. The program is a good one and does work quite well in states and areas that are more densely populated.

A discussion about past political issues and involvement was then presented by several members at this meeting.

Ken Ray explained some of the past efforts in handling our issues in political party conferences and in the legislature. Ken extended an invitation to Brian and Teresa to attend the 25th *Meeting of the Minds* in Minnesota in 2009, as they were formers of the program.

Mel read communication from Butch Harbaugh, former legislative director of *BikePAC of Oregon*. Mel shared Butch’s address information with the attendees.

Quiet Mike brought up the point that the beginning of the session should be attended by as many bikers as possible. A plan is to have a mass gathering on January 5th [12th] at the capitol. (There is no room available on that date. We will have to meet elsewhere). January

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FAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th

KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September

28th will be the next mass rally both start at 9 a.m. (We have been penciled in for conference room 350 on that date from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

May Awareness Rally is planned and is being arranged at this time. Assignments have been made. A completely different event is planned. Watch for more

information. (Teresa has been contacted about making the flyer again.)

Next meeting: January 3, 2009 at noon.

Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Mel Yeager
secretary, treasurer
BikePAC of Oregon



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From The . . .

Another year has passed us by and we are looking forward to better days to come. Here in Oregon, we've been blessed with unusually good weather for this time of year, so bikes are still on the road. Just keep a sharp eye out for the wet leaves on the road and the gravel around curves that have been frosted over.

Going down at this time of year is more painful than at any other time and more dangerous because of the chance of hypothermia setting in. Roads are slick from frost, rain, and crazy cage drivers.

Our tires might be worn from all the summer riding and due for replacement, yet we still want to squeeze those last few days in before the winter maintenance must be done. Don't shirk the time it takes to be safe, brothers and sisters. It's not worth getting hurt because we are lazy. Check your rides out and make sure they are in good condition before ya hit the road. Dress according to the conditions. Shivering while riding is a dangerous distraction called hypothermia that can hurt ya.

'Nuff of the sage advice from the Gunny. On to news this month.

Newsbits—N—Pieces

A ban on motorcycles – it could happen.

In England, there was an attempt to advocate for the banning of all motorcycles from the public roadways. The idea came from a recommendation of their associations of police. The bikers very quickly took action and the idea was quashed. Nevertheless, in that recommendation they said that motorcycles are "motorized toys," and this dangerous notion is still in the minds of many folks around the U.S.A., too. They have no idea how much those "toys" contribute to our economy in the form of jobs and family security, let alone the fundamental freedom issue at stake. Keep your eyes peeled.

Chicago, Illinois – The start of foreign countries owning and having control of our highway systems has reared its ugly head again. Elevated toll roads are beginning to be built in the midwest. Traveling one such road provides a way in and out of the windy city for millions each day, but this 7.8 mile highway was recently leased to a Spanish company for 99 years to the tune of \$1.8 billion. The Spaniards are responsible for maintenance of the road but get to keep any and all tolls.

Can the new owners invoke a helmet

law for their road despite the fact that Illinois doesn't require a helmet?

Can they raise tolls as high as they want?

The answers to those questions will vary from agreement to agreement, but it's also difficult to overlook the issues involved with putting a foreign company in charge of our infrastructure. Not only does it send profits overseas, it reeks of an anti-American ethos. Whether we like it or not our country is being sold to the highest bidder and that guy is not American. If that doesn't scare the skivvies off you I don't know what will.

Japan – Riding giving you the willies? Check this one out folks. Many scary consequences are thrown at bikers. Family and friends complain motorcycles are dangerous, doctors give riders the nickname of organ-donors, and now a group of scientists are linking riding to erectile dysfunction.

Doctors in Japan have published studies on the dangers in the *International Journal Of Impotence Research*. They claim that the seats on most motorcycles put undue pressure on the perineum, the area between the anus and the scrotum, and that this restricted blood flow to the penis.

Guys, you really think that's yer problem? Almost 46 percent of the 150 men in the study who rode their bikes for about three hours every weekend reportedly had problems gaining an erection or emptying their bladders. Or maybe it just happens to Japanese guys, or because of the crouched riding position on a lot of Japanese bikes. I dunno. Could it be that bourbon ya fed yourself and the gal to get her on yer ride?

Canadian kid stuff – Now they are trying to prevent kids under the age of fourteen from riding on the back of motorcycles. This bill is in the reading stage in Canada. If it passes, it could become law in the spring. Remember what I say when I tell ya this sort of stuff migrates to this country so fast it will make your head spin.

It's true, kids are sometimes hurt or killed as passengers on motorcycles. How many of the few problems that did occur with children passengers would have been prevented if the parent had followed existing laws? How many of these accidents were joyrides by non-licensed riders or involved alcohol? We may never know, but we do know that another law won't stop irresponsibility.

Ontario's government has gone crazy with laws that are said to protect its

citizens from harm with helmet requirements and all sorts of big daddy restrictions. And that population seems to turn a blind eye to what's happening to them.

Freedom of choice is precious here in the U.S.A., and we must keep our guard up folks or we lose our freedom altogether.

Change for bikers: Your voice is needed!

Contact president-elect Obama on his transportation secretary appointment. This is a time of year when motorcyclists' rights move to the back burner for some riders. This is understandable with the weather in many parts of the country not being conducive to motorcycle riding.

It may be winter, but it's not the time to hibernate. President-elect Obama is in the process of naming his cabinet members and white house staff. Most of those appointments have nothing to do with motorcycling. Several cabinet level positions do, however. Especially secretary of transportation.

As of this writing, it's not too late to let our new president know your thoughts about what type of person we would like to see named to that position. It may not be a bad idea to also thank president-elect Obama for siding with bikers in his vote in the senate against the *Lautenberg Amendment*. That amendment, offered by the New Jersey senator during the last re-authorization of the interstate highway funding act, was an attempt to pressure states into passing mandatory helmet requirements. Don't be surprised if we are fighting such legislation again next year. It is not too early to start raising that issue. An easy way to get a message to the president-elect is through his transition team's web site. Please don't delay, as the process is well under way. President-elect Obama's web site is:

[http:// www.change.gov](http://www.change.gov)
Gunny Again

I wish everybody a prosperous and happy new year. This year is a tough one, being in a recession and all that goes with it, but we are a resilient people and bikers are especially flexible at dealing with the world as it is. We will survive this mess. We always have, so keep a stiff upper lip and lets work together to keep our freedoms and regain the freedoms we have lost over these last several years.

Remember, especially, that we have a crew of lawyers who ride with us and



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

are there for us in some of the legal situations we get ourselves into. Be sure and call on them when we need them. They are there for us. The number to call is 1-(800)-531-2424 for the national office and they will point you to your local A.I.M. attorney. More information is online 24/7 at <http://www.aimncom.com>

Our Oregon A.I.M. attorney is Sam Hochberg at 1-(800)-347-1106 He's got some biker information on-line as well at:

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Have a safe and happy new year!

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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crusty ol' editor

Tribute To A Fine Lady

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Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

At ten a.m. on the last day of this month a highly decorated magnificent military lady will retire after fifty years of active service to this nation, protecting us in peacetime and war. The following Monday she will become an organ donor.

Her name?

The *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*, an aircraft carrier that saw combat service in Viet Nam and the Persian gulf.

Why is she significant to riders?

Aside from all the motorcycles her crewmembers brought back onboard from overseas deployments, for the last ten years of her life she has been authorized to fly the Gadsden flag, more commonly known as the "Don't Tread On Me" rattlesnake flag.

By Navy tradition, only the ship with the most active duty service may fly this flag. The flag's history dates back to our nation's revolutionary war where it served as a warning to the British that any attempt to interfere with their former colonies would result in grave harm.

In what's left of yer crusty ol' editor's mind, this flag and image should be adapted by all state motorcycle rights organizations

(S.M.R.O.) as a symbol that our concerns are not to be ignored.

For that to happen, we need to have teeth.

That's where each of you come in.

It is only through member involvement that anyone outside our organization takes us seriously. Each of us determines whether our snake will be respected when it rattles its tail or dismissed for the yellow strip running down its back.

As for the *Kitty Hawk*, after such an incredible career of service to this nation, she is scheduled to be cut up for salvage.

It's sad to see what was an incredibly complex melding of human and machine reduced to dispersion and scrap metal.

From a distance, the most distinguishing features of an aircraft carrier are her flight deck and island.

But as you get closer, one begins

to see little bumps and protrusions all over the hull and island, each with a purpose, each with crewmembers trained to operate its equipment at the highest efficiency possible, the entire crew tightly integrated into a complex interweaving action that allows it to launch and recover aircraft at sea while defending against attack.

All the effort it took to create and maintain *Kitty Hawk's* crew and ship for half a century will now be set aside.

It really is sad.

U.S.S. Kitty Hawk
CV-63



Why is yer crusty ol' editor's so concerned about the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk? This is the ship his brother-in-law served on during the Viet Nam war. To find out more about this fine ship, check out: <http://www.kittyhawk.navy.mil/>

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 32)

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This is a priority for A.B.A.T.E. We must show the legislators that we mean business!

Black Monday is just a warm-up.

January 29, 2009 is the time to meet and greet your legislator. Meet at the capitol at 9 a.m. Call your legislator in advance to make an appointment.

(The sooner the better.) Their staff is usually helpful.

(If you don't know what to do, contact your chapter legislative representative or the state BikePAC representative.)



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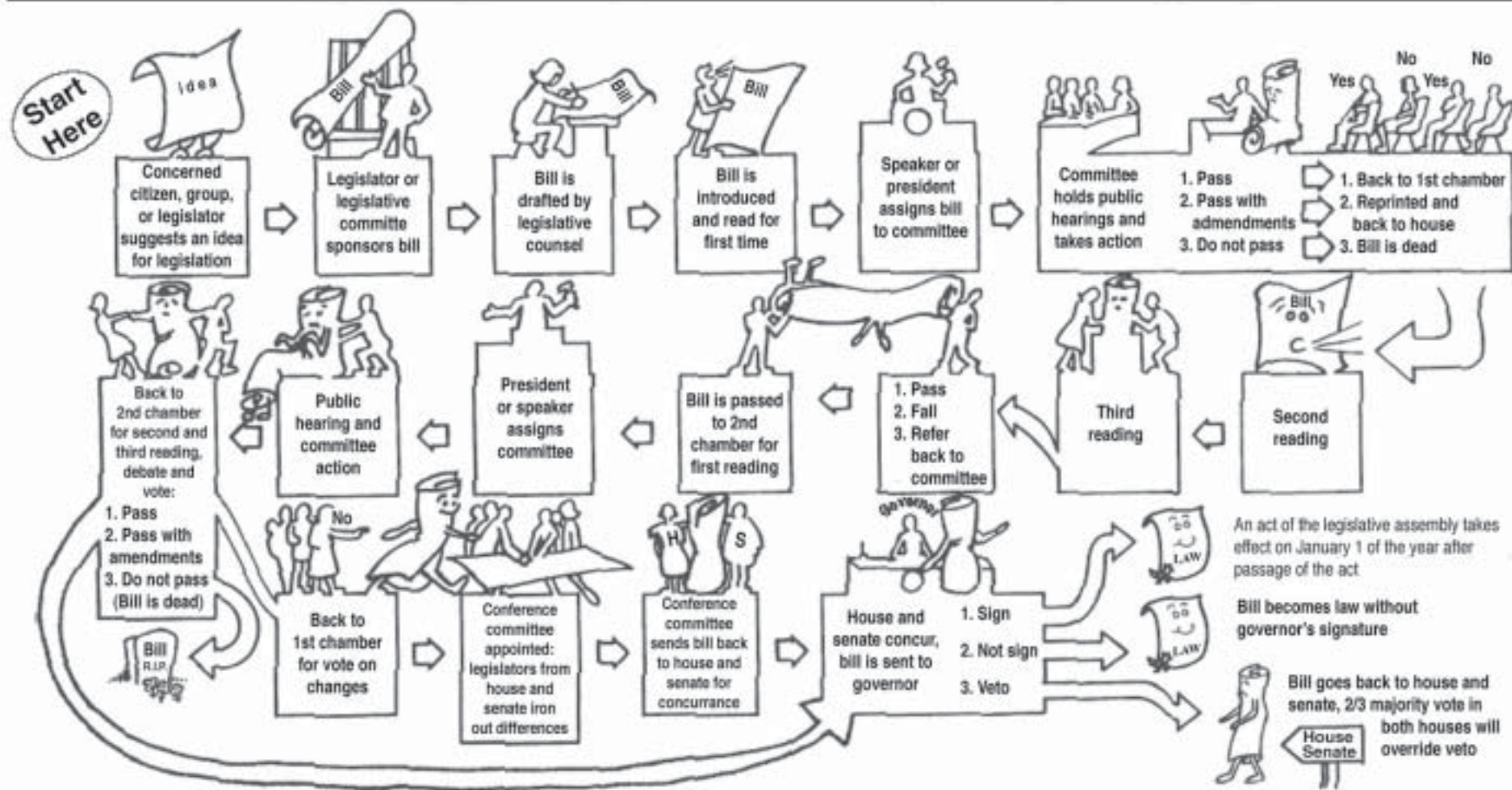
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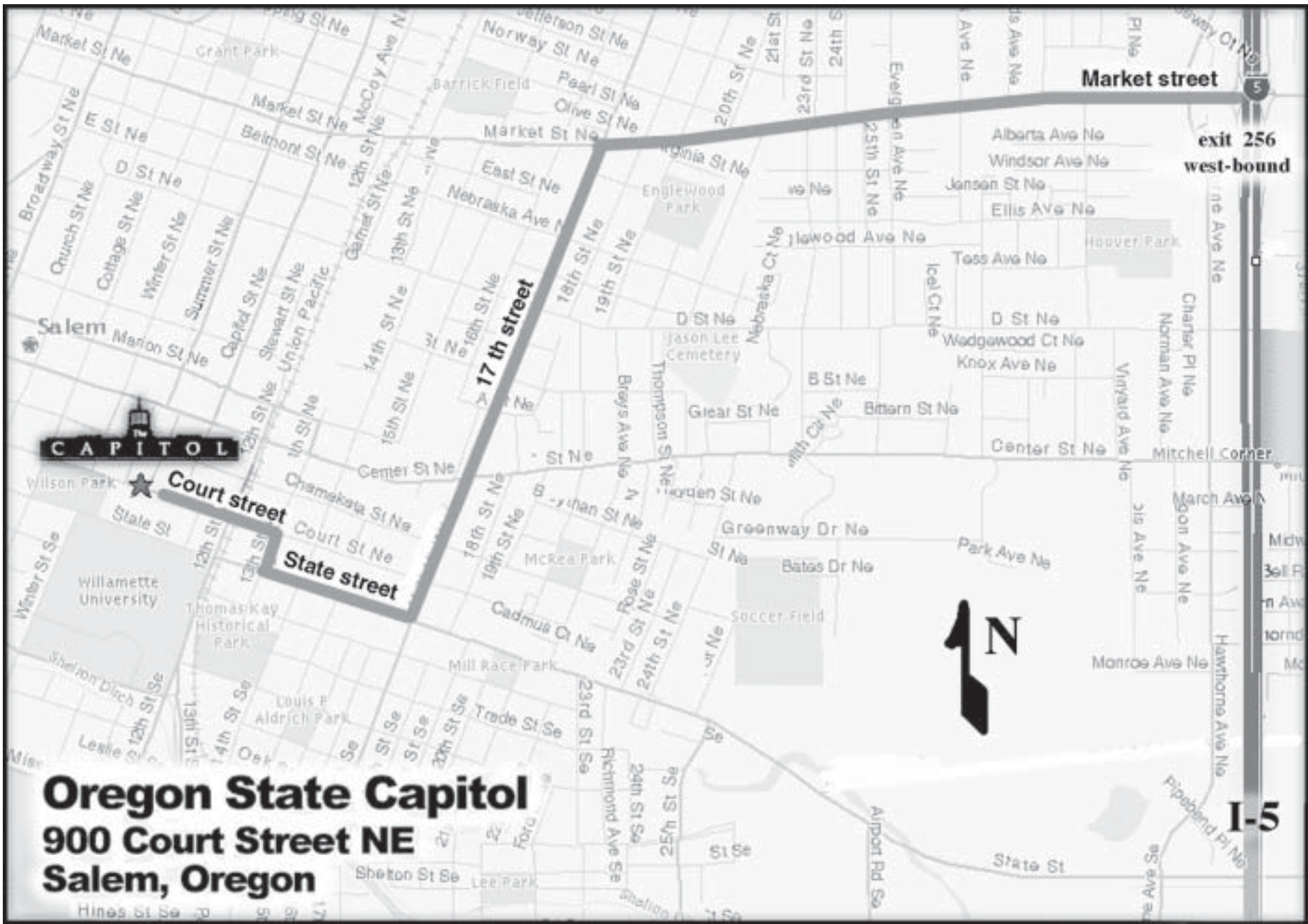
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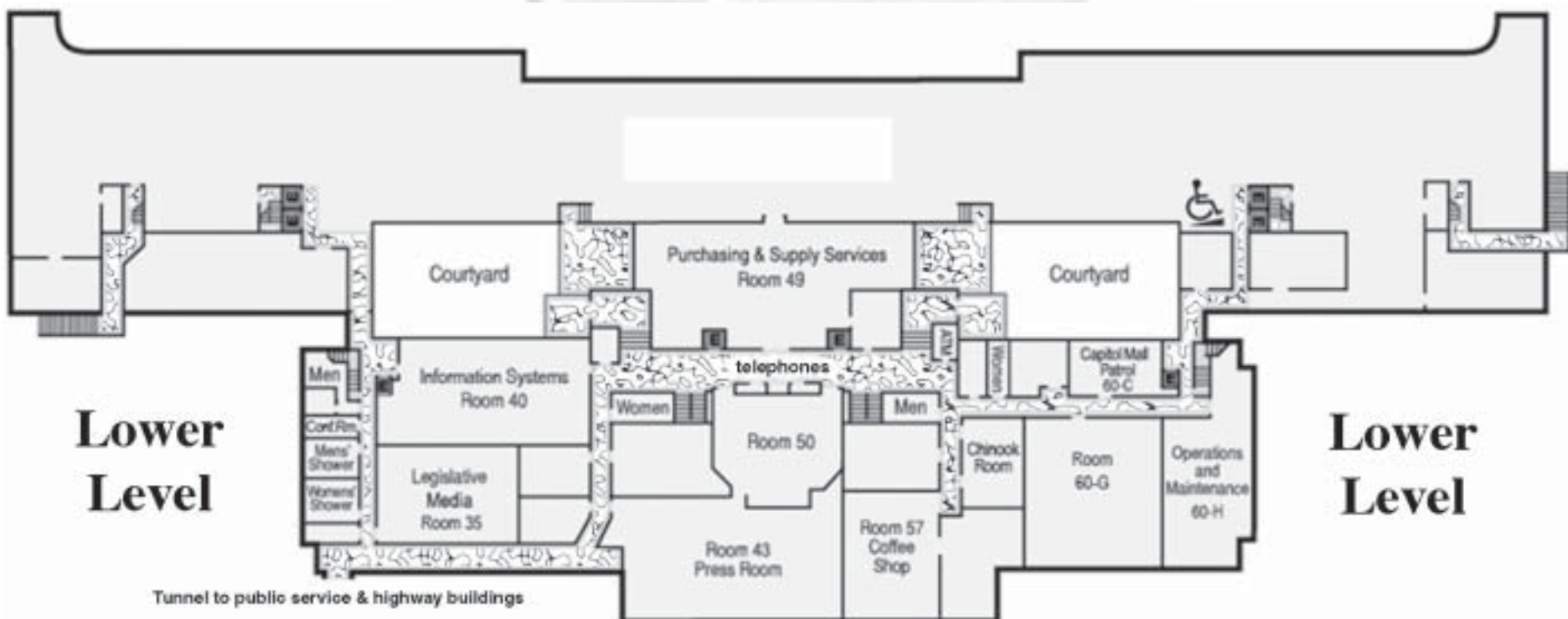
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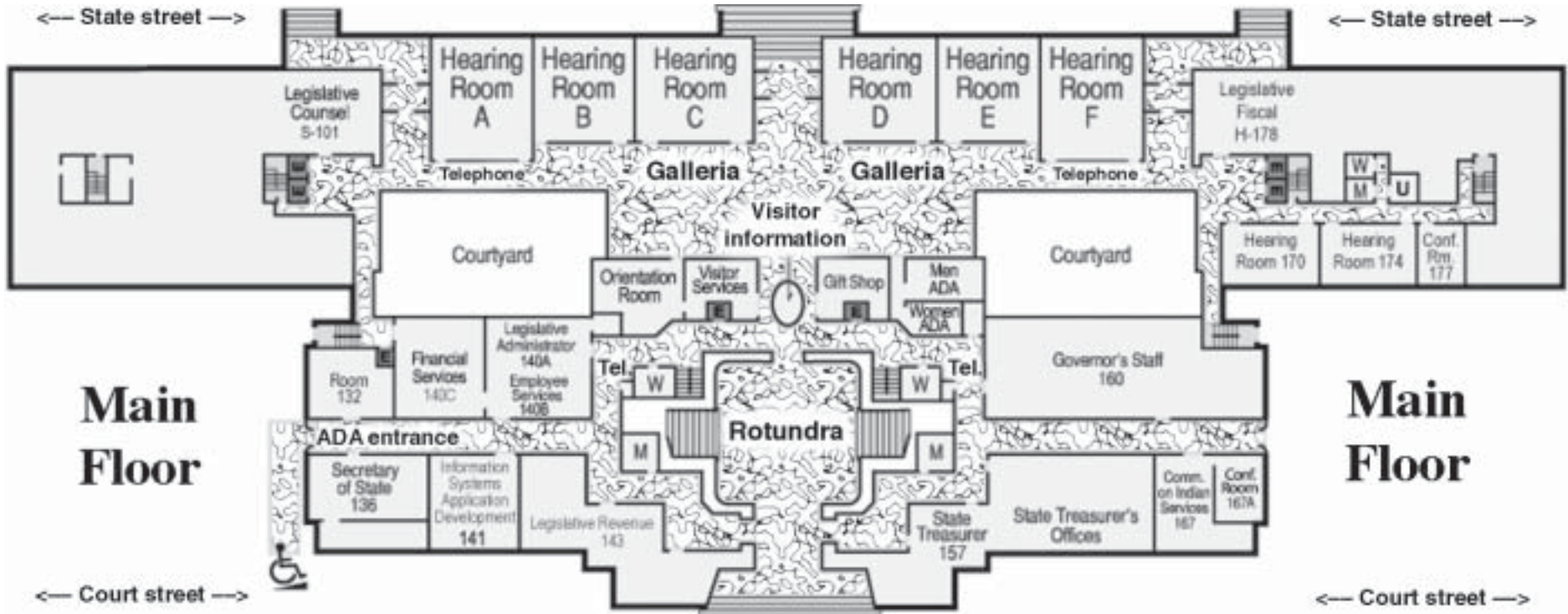




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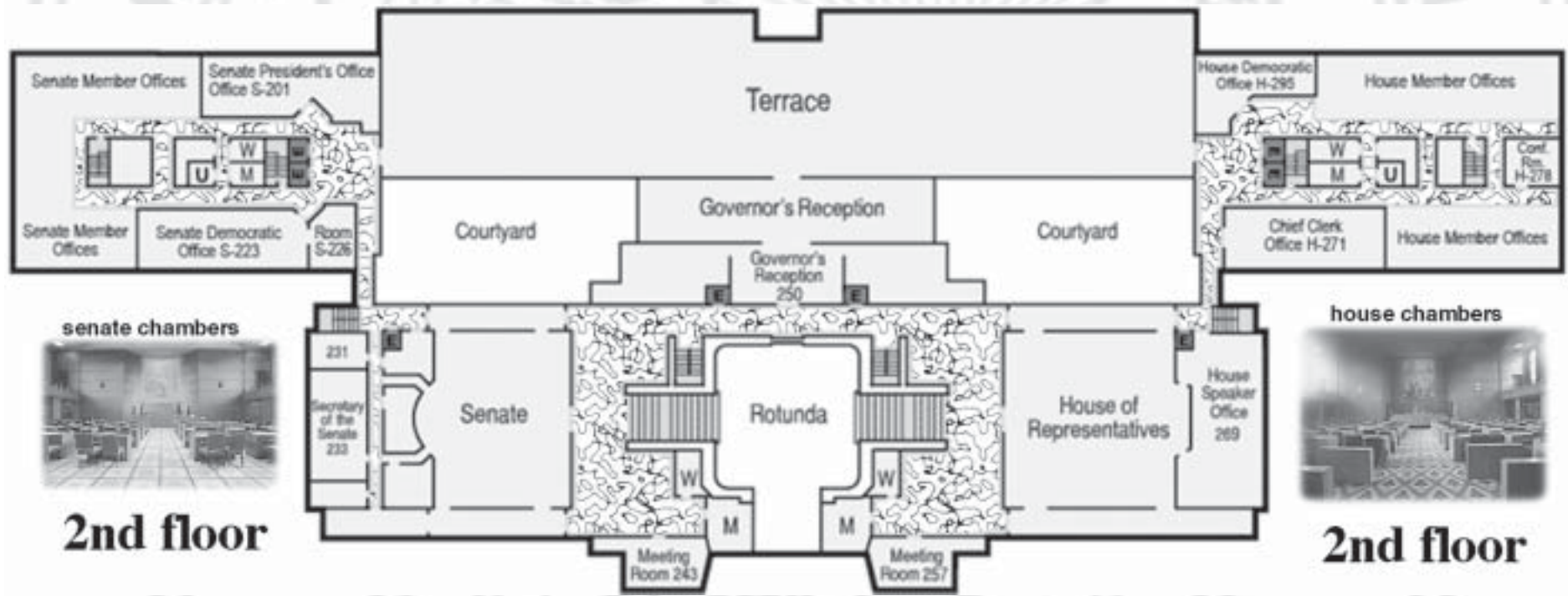
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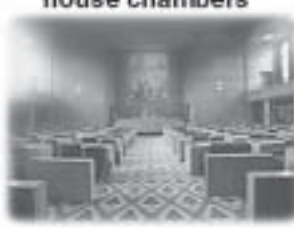


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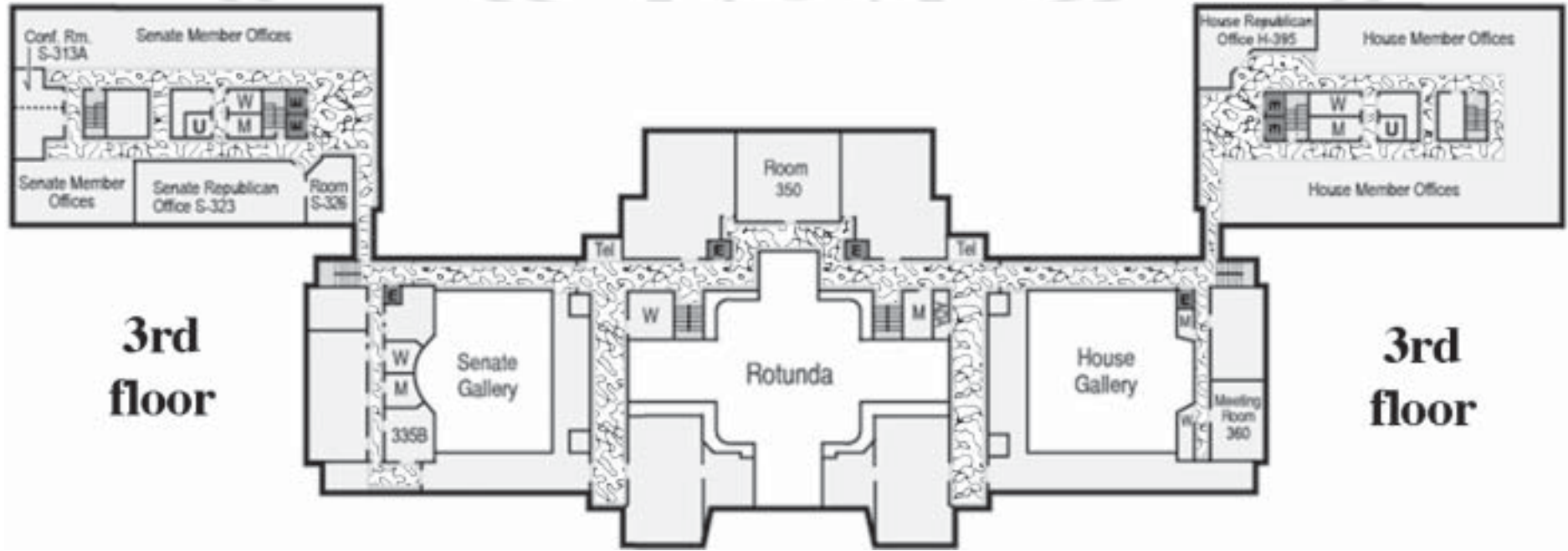
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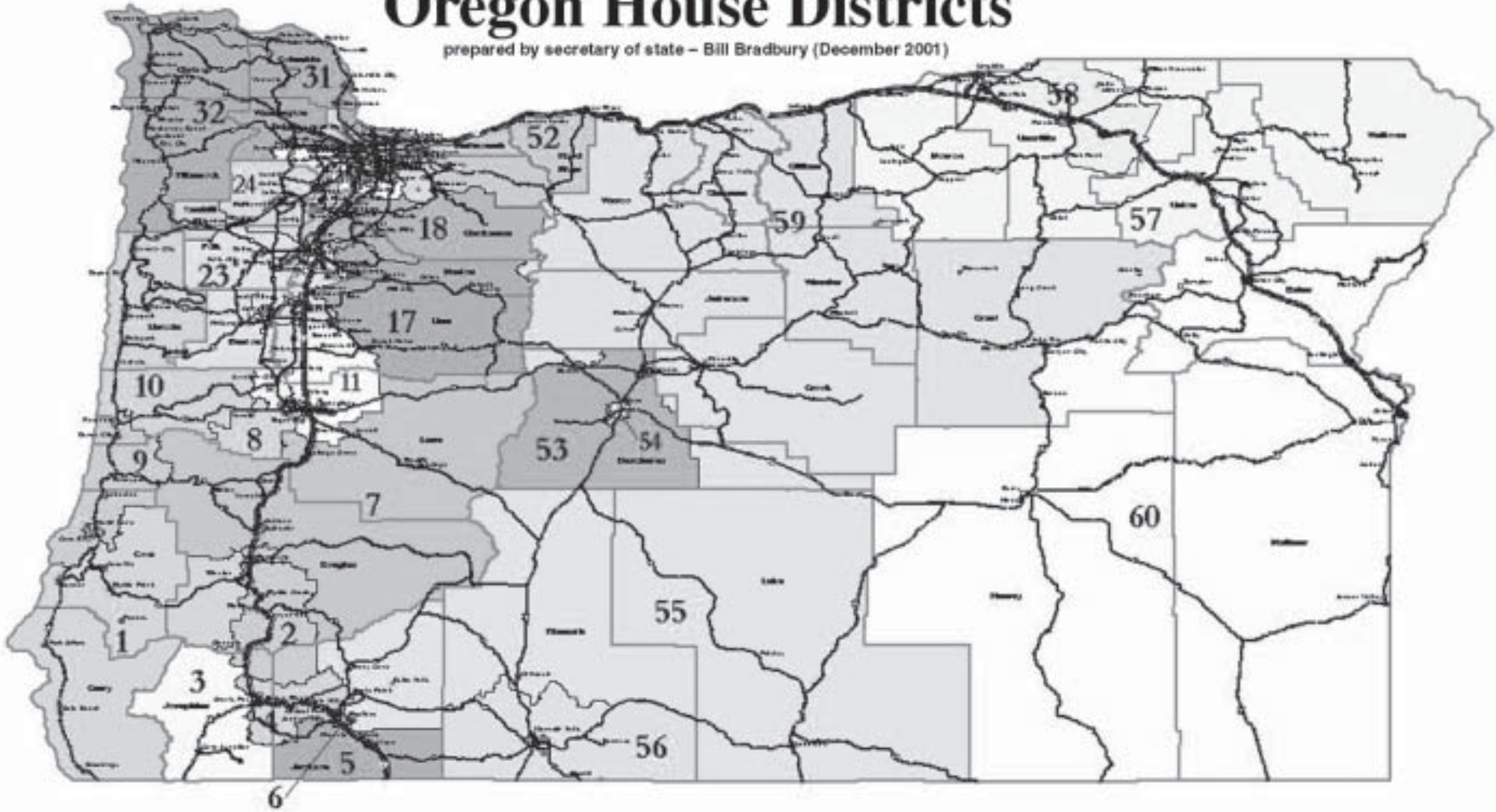


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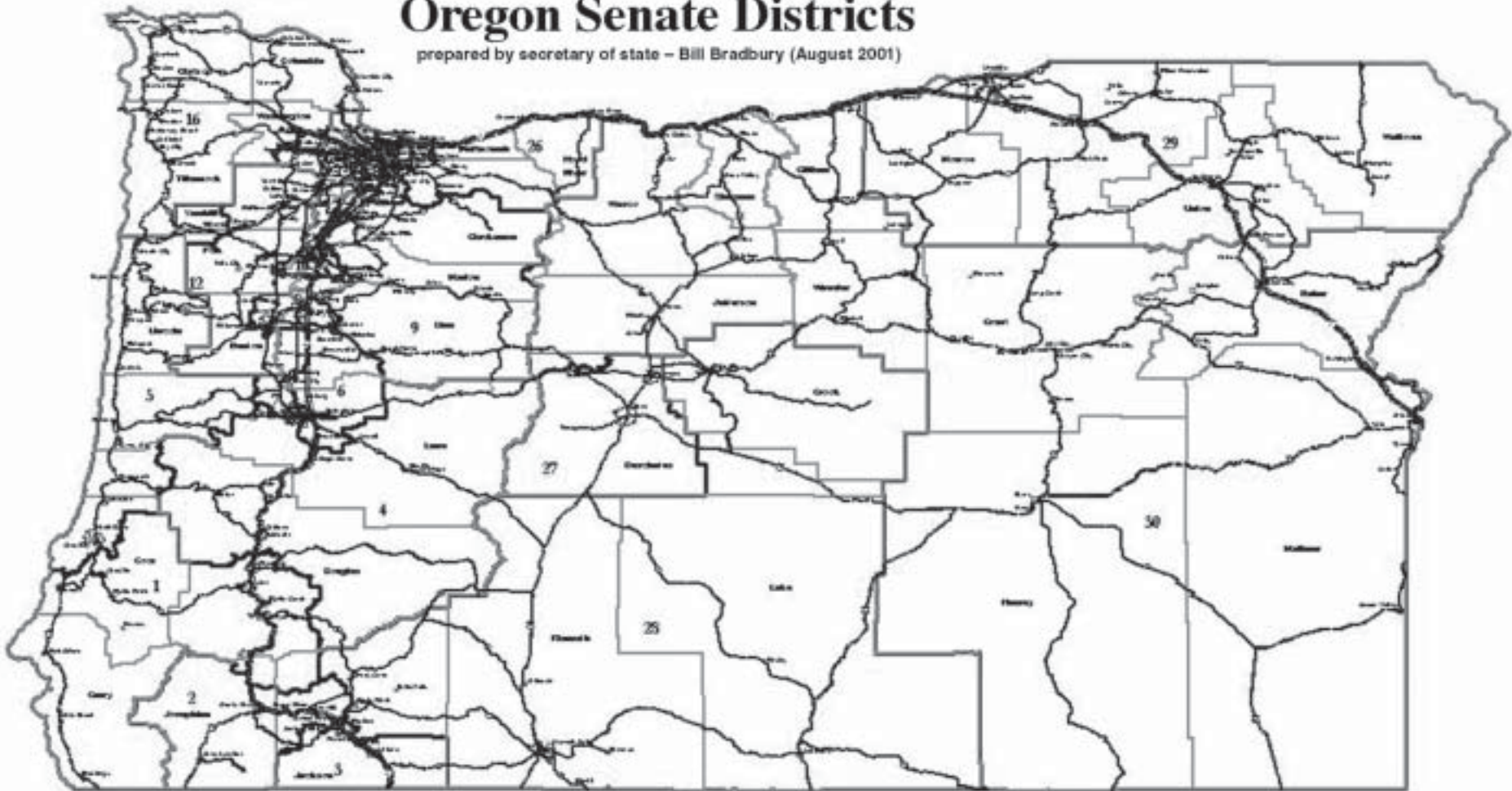
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February 14, 2009

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21865 NW Quatama Road
Hillsboro, Oregon

guest speaker:

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"Accident Scene Management"

--> Also a 2008 update from O.D.O.T.

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Fossil Announcement

The planning session *Fossil Campout* committee, after review and due consideration, feel that the space limitations at Bear Hollow require that only groups of ten or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length.

Fossil is, after all, a *motorcycle* event.

We want everyone to participate and enjoy *Fossil*. There are plenty of alternative recreational vehicle camping and parking sites near Bear Hollow. Any questions or comments would be greatly appreciated.

Contact *Fossil* coordinator II, Howie Long, at (503)-325-4376 or hll@pacifier.com

Thank you,

— planning session *Fossil* committee

Meeting of the Minds Report

I would like to thank all members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for the opportunity to attend the *Meeting of the Mind* conference in Denver, Colorado.

This national conference was organized by the *M.R.F.* and hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado*.

The first seminar I attended addressed states issues.

Here is a rundown:

Share the road campaigns, vulnerable road user laws, city and county ordinances concerning noise, red light bills, bike week bans, battling the press, passenger limitation requirements, mandatory drivers education requirements, scooter regulations, impaired riding regulations, political relationships, and roadway repair regulations. Some cities are even considering efforts to limit motorcycle riders to no more than two in a group.

Many of these issues are important to the motorcyclists of Oregon.

In the last legislative session, bicyclists were able to pass a "vulnerable road user" regulation that imposed stricter penalties when a bicyclists' right-of-way was violated. When our state legislative body convenes this month, motorcyclists must be included in that regulation.

Concerning the "share the road" campaigns, I admire the *Hub City Chapter* for their excellent billboards. What a great use of chapter energy.

On the federal level, the *M.R.F.* is watching many new regulations that may be put into effect.

One, the *E.P.A.* is forever breathing down our necks. If they had their way, all new bikes would have catalytic converters. They do not want us to be able to change our exhaust or intake systems.

Of course, the *M.R.F.* is always watching the "safetycrats". They would love to have a national helmet requirement, and are concerned more about safer crashing instead of crash avoidance. We need to ride responsibly. We need to ride respectfully. This will help to keep them off our backs.

The *M.R.F.* is also working for us on *H.I.P.P.A.* issues. Currently, there is a loophole for employers to omit insurance coverage for certain injuries, depending on how they occurred. HR-1076 mandates insurance coverage for any injury from any legal means of transportation.

The seminar that really caught my attention was titled *Impaired Riding*. In 2006, 34% of fatally injured motorcycle riders had a positive B.A.C. (blood alcohol content)

41% of motorcyclists who died in a single vehicle crash had a B.A.C. of 0.08% or greater.

That statistic rises to 59% on weekend nights.

Percentage of driver fatalities with a B.A.C. of 0.08 or greater was 23% for car operators, 24% for truck operators, and 27% for motorcyclists.

N.H.T.S.A. commissioned a study on the *Effects Of Alcohol On Motorcycle Riding Skills*. The subjects

had at least five years of riding experience and all drank alcohol at least once a week. Riders were tested on standard exercises from the

M.S.F. beginning rider course, including slalom, hazard avoidance, curve negotiation, and emergency stops. The test motorcycle was a 2000 *Honda Shadow VT1100*.

The conclusions: a decrease in riding performance was evident at B.A.C. 0.08%.

However, many of these impairing effects were also evident at B.A.C. 0.05%. The effects included longer response times and task performance errors.

A male weighing 160 pounds who consumes two drinks in one hour has a B.A.C. of 0.05%.

A woman weighing 140 pounds who consumes two drinks in one hour has a B.A.C. of 0.07%.

Countermeasures that have been suggested for curbing impaired riding include confiscation, impoundment, police checkpoints for motorcyclists, and lower B.A.C. limits for motorcyclists.

Either we address impaired riding, or the government will. I imagine we will not like their solutions.

Traditions, Behaviors, Attitudes

Is it time for change?

A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin has an excellent impaired riding program, and I have all the details. If *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* can secure some funding, maybe it is time to start our own.



Ted N. Tracy

The *M.R.F.* is hard at work to protect motorcyclists' rights. The *M.R.F.* is the most effective, and efficient M.R.O. in the world. It is amazing what this group can accomplish with only two paid staff members. The *M.R.F.* works very closely with the *European Motorcyclists Association*. Europe has much stricter controls than the US, and the *M.R.F.* pays close attention to new rules and regulations coming out of Europe.

Many of those regulations find their way to the US, and the *M.R.F.* is forever vigilant.

The *M.R.F.* also works closely with the *A.M.A.* As many of you know, the *A.M.A.* has recently restructured to focus more on motorcyclists rights. There were many top people from the *A.M.A.* at the *Meeting of the Minds*, and they even made a substantial donation at the banquet.

The *M.R.F.* can't do it alone.

They work closely with all of the states motorcycle rights groups, such as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. The *M.R.F.* needs new members, *now*. I've been asked to sign up thirty-five new members, so please consider joining this exceptional group.

Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul.

Sincerely,

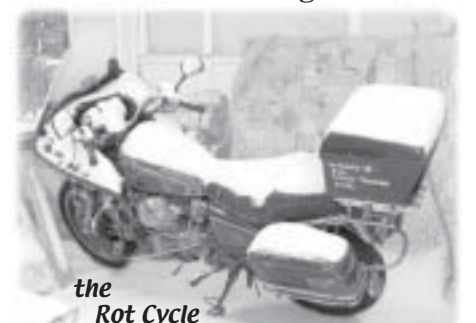
Ted Tracy
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Early Fossil T-shirt Designs Unearthed Thanks To Jim Middleton (River City Chapter)

Make your own design for 2009 and become a part of Fossil Run history too

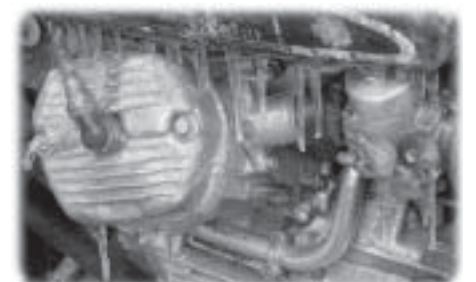


December Riding Blues



the
Rot Cycle

(I think my carb may be iced up.)





January 31, 2009.

There's a lot to do with the holiday season just around the corner, and the 2008 season in the books.

The A.M.A. is celebrating the accomplishments of our 2008 champions and special award winners. Video from our 2008 A.M.A. Racing and A.M.A. Pro Racing end-of-year banquets is just a click away.

There are also several opportunities to pick up some stocking stuffers. And if you're interested in some inside tips from the experts in the A.M.A.'s government relations department, the 2009 government relations seminar in Washington, D.C., is just around the corner. We also need your help in recognizing a special road rider.

The year isn't over yet, however. Still riding? Great! A host of local and regional events are just a mouse click away at

<http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com>

Plus, we've been hard at work expanding our ever-growing list of member benefits and discounts. We're proud to offer some generous

new deals from *Garmin*, *MAD Maps*, *SPOT Personal Trackers*, and more.

In The News

- The A.M.A. *Speed Athlete of the Year* talks about his record season
- On-line auction offers rare chance at historic memorabilia. Bid now!
- Learn how to protect your right to ride.
- Tell us who should be the *Road Rider of the Year*.
- Racing news.

2008 A.M.A. Racing and A.M.A. Pro Racing Banquet Videos

The 2008 A.M.A. *Speed Athlete of the Year* talks about his historic season. The fastest woman motorcyclist in the world recounts her record run. The speediest mother/daughter/daughter combo in America talks about family and overcoming challenges.

Check it all out in videos from the A.M.A. Racing and A.M.A. Pro Racing end-of-year banquets, held at the *Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum* in Birmingham, Alabama,

November 22-23.

2009 Government Relations Seminar Scheduled For February 21-24, 2009 On Capitol Hill—

Are you tired of politicians not representing your views as a motorcyclist?

Are you willing to do something about it?

Whether you're a veteran lobbyist or just a concerned motorcyclist who wants to be heard on capitol hill, the—*American Motorcyclist Association's Washington, D.C. — Ride Into Political Action* seminar is for you.

Nominate A Rider For The A.M.A. Road Rider of the Year Award

The A.M.A. *Road Rider of the Year* embodies the spirit of A.M.A. road riding through involvement in A.M.A. clubs, leadership in road riding activities, community involvement, and protecting motorcyclists' rights and supporting the association as a whole.

Know somebody who fits the bill? You can nominate them through

Racing News

Troy Herfoss claims the A.M.A. *Supermoto* championship, while Steve Drew wins A.M.A. *Supermoto Unlimited* and Brandon Currie takes A.M.A. *Supermoto Lites*.

Jason Raines wins A.M.A. *East-vs-West Hare Scrambles Shootout*.

Featured Benefit

A.M.A. members save 20 percent on *Garmin* G.P.S. navigators, including the top-of-the line *Zumo!*

Rough Time Ridin'?



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays part of the cost.)

Gadsden Flag

A Brief History of the U.S. Navy Jack by commander Michel T. Poirier *Undersea Warfare* (the magazine of the U.S. Navy submarine force)



In August 1977, the secretary of the Navy specified that the ship with the longest total period of active service display the first navy jack until decommissioned or transferred to inactive service, at which time the flag shall be passed to the next ship in line with appropriate honors.

The U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) received the distinction from the U.S.S. *Independence* (CV-62) November 20, 1998.

The *Kitty Hawk* was commissioned April 29, 1961 and still proudly displays the flag.

2009 State Board Officers



Some of the new and returning state board officers for this year.

Meanwhile . . .



. . . December state board attendees practice holiday munching.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Obama Names Transportation Secretary



President-elect Barack Obama has given the nod to republican Ray LaHood to head the United States department of transportation.

Ray LaHood, a seven term member of the United State house of representatives from Peoria, Illinois has always been a strong supporter of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* and has been named a *M.R.F. Champion of Motorcyclists' Rights and Safety* in the past.

After being elected to congress in 1994, LaHood earned a well respected reputation for his stern style and his centrist voting record. Last summer, the veteran congressman announced that he would not seek re-election and retire at the end of the 110th United States congress.

By appointing LaHood as transportation secretary, Obama will be fulfilling his pledge to form a bipartisan cabinet. Precedent for naming a member of the opposite party as the secretary of transportation was set in 2000 when George W. Bush appointed democrat Norm Mineta to the post.

It may not be a bad idea to thank President-elect Obama for his vote in the senate against the *Lautenberg Amendment*. That amendment, offered by the New Jersey senator during the last re-authorization of the interstate highway funding act, was an attempt to pressure states into passing mandatory helmet requirements. Don't be surprised if we are fighting such legislation again next year. It is not too early to start raising that issue.

What better place to kick off our lobbying efforts for 2009 than by contacting the president-elect of the United States of America?

An easy way to get a message to the president-elect is through his transition team's web-site. Please don't delay, as the process is well under way.

President-elect Obama's web site:

<http://change.gov/>

Write your comments here:

<http://change.gov/page/s/contact>

Regulatory Update *M.R.F. Advocates For Motorcyclists*

Recently the federal government requested comment from the general public on two important motorcycle related issues. The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* submitted comment to the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* and to the *United States Trade Representative (U.S.T.R.)*.

The *E.P.A.* comments were requested to address the supreme court ruling *Massachusetts v. E.P.A.* In that case, the supreme court ruled that the *Clean Air Act (C.A.A.)* authorizes the regulation of greenhouse gases (G.H.G.) because they meet the definition of an air pollutant under the *C.A.A.*. The *E.P.A.* notice of proposed rule making (N.P.R.M.) is a lengthy document that attempts to address every segment of the polluting population affected by the court's decision including ships, aircraft, and off-road vehicles such as farm and construction equipment, stationary sources, and motorcycles.

The N.P.R.M. does address the fact that motorcycles occupy a very small segment of the polluting population. However it then goes on to state that it is the *E.P.A.*'s belief that most motorcycle engines are tuned for performance and not efficiency. Therefore, it is the opinion of the *E.P.A.*, motorcycle engines can be adjusted to pollute less. The *M.R.F.* comments suggest that is categorically not true.

Options laid out in the N.P.R.M. are to lead manufacturers to increase the use of electronic fuel injection (replacing carburetors); reducing permeation from fuel lines and fuel tanks; and eliminating the use of two-stroke engines in the small scooter category.

The N.P.R.M. goes on to encourage manufacturers to incorporate more precise feedback fuel controls; controlling enrichment on cold starts and under load by electronically controlling choke operation. Also allowing lower idle speeds when the opportunity exists; optimizing spark for fuel and

operating conditions through use of a knock sensor; and, like light-duty vehicles, reducing the engine size and incorporating a turbo-charger.

The *M.R.F.* believes that the employment of any of these options, especially turbos, will result in added expense and therefore discourage Americans from choosing motorcycles as transportation and therefore reducing motorcycles fuel-saving benefit to the country.

The *M.R.F.* asked that motorcycles be removed from the *E.P.A.* plan to limit G.H.G.

U.S.T.R. Has "Beef" With European Motorcycles?

In 1999 the European Communities (E.C.) decided to ban any importation of beef products from the U.S.A.. The E.C. claimed that due to the use of growth hormones being used in U.S. beef production, they were unfit to be consumed by citizens of the E.C., thus resulting in a \$116 million shortfall for U.S. beef producers.

The U.S. trade community decided to retaliate – not by banning items for sale in the U.S. but by increasing the tariff paid on specific items from specific countries in the E.C. The first list came out in 1999 and it contained many beef and agricultural products as well as a few non agri-products such as hair clippers and small displacement motorcycles (50-500 cc). The final list came out in 2000 and the motorcycles had been removed.

The U.S.T.R. is at it again and this list also contains motorcycles. The U.S.T.R. is proposing to double rates of duty *ad valorem* which translates into twice the declared value of the motorcycle imported from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. So that means the price of *Vespa*, *Piaggio*, *K.T.M.*, and *Husqvarna* scooters and motorcycles will double.

The *M.R.F.* asked that the motorcycles be removed from the final list of tariff retaliation tactics.

New York City Council Pulls Motorcycle Noise Bill

Late last week the New York city council committee on public safety held a hearing on introduction no. 416A titled: *A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the parking of motorcycles equipped with straight pipes on the streets of the city of New York.*

This bill gives law enforcement the ability to issue fines of \$1,000 and temporary impoundment for the first infraction and a fine of \$2,500 and permanent forfeiture of motorcycles without *E.P.A.* approved or stock exhaust pipes.

The committee, chaired by council member Peter Vallone a democrat from Queens, did vote in favor of the bill which sent it on to be considered by the full council one week later.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is pleased to report that for now the bill has been pulled from the schedule for December 18th, when it was to be voted upon by the full council.

The *M.R.F.* thanks speaker Christine Quinn for realizing that this issue requires much more than one week worth of consideration.

"*This legislation raises far more problems than it solves*" said Jeff Hennie vice president of government relations for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. "*What about older bikes that predate the 1979 clean air act or motorcycles from neighboring states, just to name a few?*" he added.

The council will be entering the fourth and last year of the current four year session. So this bill is still live and could be considered at any point during the 2009 calendar year.

The issue of motorcycle sound can be controversial and is certainly one of the most complicated of all issues related to motorcycles.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Biker Magazine Erroneously Reports on the Current Status of the M.R.F.

In the February 2009 Issue of *Biker Magazine* it has been erroneously reported that the M.R.F. will no longer be engaging in issue advocacy or lobbying of any kind and that the M.R.F. has been "reorganized" into a charity.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth. Our 501c4 status remains firmly in place, and we remain as focused as ever to being the Washington D.C. voice exclusively devoted to the street rider that champions the cause of rider safety and rider freedom" stated M.R.F. president Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

Willard goes on to state that the M.R.F. has actually taken steps recently to strengthen our government relations and lobbying efforts in order to be in the best possible position to positively advocate for street motorcyclists as we face a change in administration in Washington D.C. and will begin to see new bills that include motorcycles

and motorcycling moving through congress shortly. It is noteworthy to point out that the M.R.F. has also made recent investments in the D.C. office located close to the U.S. capital in an effort to be well poised to serve our state motorcycle rights organizations and M.R.F. members as they travel to D.C. in early 2009 to join the M.R.F. and lobby their members of congress and relevant secretaries on their annual lobbying trips.

The confusion was likely the result of the recent announcement that the M.R.F. was successful in also forming a 501c3 called the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation for Awareness and Education (M.R.F.A.E.)* which is a tax deductible organization. This is a separately run organization accepting donations and grants that will be providing educational information, fund legislative and historical research, develop motorcycle safety campaigns, and assist in sponsoring a portion of the workshops put on by the M.R.F. at regional and annual conferences held each year.

It should be no surprise to anyone

that the entire motorcycling community is seeing tougher economic times than we have in the past several years including the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. In anticipation of that, a few years ago the M.R.F. conducted research into well funded advocacy organizations and found a common theme that they all had a tax deductible element to them. In response to that, the M.R.F. began last year to pursue a similar tax deductible element to provide valuable service to the motorcyclists rights movement now known as the M.R.F.A.E. as described above.

This separate organization is the entity that will not be engaging in issue advocacy or lobbying, not the M.R.F. as reported.

The M.R.F. is focusing on individual membership growth and state motorcycle rights organization funding to combat these tougher times.

Willard ends by saying how disappointed he is that *Biker Magazine* did not contact anyone at the M.R.F. for the story and feels this article does a genuine disservice to the



bikers rights movement and that they will be officially requesting that the editor of *Biker Magazine* print a clarification in an upcoming issue to correct this misconception that has been created.

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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Governor's Advisory Council on Motorcycle Safety

The *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* has established the following schedule of meetings for 2009. All meetings will be held at 235 Union Street NE; Salem, Oregon starting at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

January 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th

June 19th
July 17th and
October 16th

Changes usually do not give me enough time to get information in the reports to you, but we do try to e-mail those on our list when needed.

It is the goal of this committee to help the motorcyclists be safer on the roads and to be able to continue to use the roads. Remember that we are responsible for our own safety by

making sure we do our best and to have others look out for us. Since public impression is important, we riders need to be good neighbors on the road.

Since we motorcyclists see the problem areas in road conditions, etc. close up, we need to make the transportation department aware of those problems.

Please let me know of those areas you feel concerns for. My ability to remember all I am told while several

others are around and conversing is limited, so just write down the items for me.

You can e-mail me the information at: mel_yeager@msn.com or send it by *U.S.P.S.* to
921 12th Ave SW
Albany, Oregon 97321

It is good when public attends our meetings. We need and like to hear from you, the riding public.

Iris Yeager
member
G.A.C.M.S.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Government Seizes Club's Colors

Dozens of *Mongols Motorcycle Club* members were arrested under a federal racketeering indictment in a multi-state sting operation on October 21. But even before a single case has gone to trial, federal prosecutors have succeeded in getting a court order stripping the club of their trademarked logo. *Mongols* members can no longer wear patches or other items bearing the club's insignia following what appears to be an unprecedented injunction barring members, their family and associates from wearing, licensing, selling or distributing the logo.

"If a Mongol is wearing a vest or jacket bearing the *Mongols* patch, that item is pursuant to seizure based on this order," said assistant U.S. attorney Steven Welk.

"This was an ingenious move to try and strip a club of its identity under the guise of civil asset forfeiture," said Richard M. Lester, founder of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (N.C.O.M.), "but it sets an extremely dangerous precedent if allowed to stand. All the government would have to do is show that a few members were involved in criminal activity and they could take away your name and logo, and it could affect any organization from A.B.A.T.E. to H.O.G. to the Elks."

Explaining the implications and ramifications of the federal action, Sam Hochberg, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (A.I.M.) attorney for Oregon, said the reasoning behind the court order was "The government made a showing to the federal judge that they have a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits of the criminal case, including the R.I.C.O. charge, which is required to get this sort of order. If the club loses on the criminal/R.I.C.O. charges, they could be subject to the civil forfeiture laws — the same laws that allow the government to take away cars and houses from drug dealers as 'instruments of the crime'. Here, the

government argued that the patch has value, and since they think they'll ultimately be entitled to a civil forfeiture, they want to hold on to that asset, the patch. That was the basis for their legal argument, though publicly and to the press the A.T.F. has admitted they're doing this to break the back of the club."

According to Lester, who also helped to found the *Confederations of Clubs* across the U.S. and Canada to help organized patch holder clubs to fight for their legal rights, N.C.O.M. will be working with the C.o.C.s to help overturn the patch seizure by hiring an expert on trademark and civil liberties law.

Fuel Conservation Continues Despite Falling Prices

Prices at the pump have fallen to half the high watermark of \$4 per gallon, begging the question whether the driving and lifestyle changes people made in the past year to conserve gas will stick.

Americans drove 15 billion fewer miles this past August than in August 2007, says the *Federal Highway Administration*, the largest one-month decline since figures have been collected. An increasing number are using public transportation. Car sales are at their lowest national levels since 1991, and the federal government projects U.S. fuel consumption will decline this year by the largest amount since 1980.

O.P.E.C. has cut its output in an attempt to stabilize prices, but the global recession is pushing down worldwide demand even further.

Many drivers have said despite the recent decline in gas prices, they have indefinitely changed their habits such as running fewer errands, combining trips, driving slower, and riding more motorcycles instead of S.U.V.s. Although sales of cruiser models have fallen with the unstable economy, small motorcycles and scooters have

posted record sales because of their mileage ratings.

And even though new motorcycle sales have flattened recently, sales have picked up in other areas, including clothing, merchandise and other accessories, parts and service. Bike owners who might have traded in their older motorcycles during better times are opting to keep them and put more money toward service and maintenance, reflecting a national trend.

Whether Americans will continue to be more fuel conscious depends largely on the economy, because despite the price of gasoline there's still a need to conserve money.

More Toll Roads Coming

Federal transportation officials are lobbying state governments to convert their freeways into toll roads, and expect the new administration to continue supporting public private partnership (P.P.P.) initiatives. The *Federal Highway Administration* has announced the creation of a new office to pursue more toll roads in the future, and placed the new *Office of Innovative Program Delivery* atop their organizational chart to emphasize its primary place within the federal transportation department.

"The director of Innovative Program Delivery provides advice, guidance, and research support related to tolling and pricing initiatives and administers tolling authorities," outgoing transportation secretary Mary E. Peters wrote. "[The office also] promotes the development and use of techniques associated with providing transportation in terms of innovative and non-traditional funding sources, innovative contractual processes, and changing roles and responsibilities involved in designing, constructing, operating, maintaining, financing, obtaining, and procuring highway facilities."

Pushing Parking Protections

It used to be bad enough to find someone sitting on your motorcycle, but with more people riding bikes

and parking them, an increasing urban problem appears to be with drivers moving two-wheelers out of their way to make room to park in congested downtown areas. To top it off, they seem to be wheeling them into no parking zones or onto sidewalks where it's illegal to park.

Recognizing this troublesome trend, the city of Seattle, Washington recently enacted an ordinance making it illegal to move another person's vehicle without their knowledge or consent.

Ordinance number 122761 passed unanimously on August 4 to "prohibit a person from moving a motor vehicle not lawfully under his or her control when the motor vehicle is occupying a parking stall or space on city property."

In addition to a hefty fine, police also warn that "If you damage it, you'd be liable."

Honda Demonstrates V2V Motorcycle Safety Technology

In its efforts to improve safety for everyone, especially vulnerable road users, *Honda's* leading motorcycle to car communication system was recently demonstrated for the first time in Germany at the *Car-2-Car Communication Consortium*. The *Vehicle to Vehicle* (V2V) system generates warnings to riders and drivers of other vehicles by continuous exchange of positioning data from satellite G.P.S. sources. This is particularly relevant as road users approach intersections, alerting them to other vehicles that are potentially on a collision course, allowing avoidance maneuvers. Research data shows that the majority of crashes involving a motorcycle are caused by perception failures and this system will reduce these failures.

The majority of motorcycle collisions are caused by the simple failure of other motorists to detect the presence of a motorcycle on the road until it is too late, or to correctly assess its distance and speed. V2V communication rapidly relays information in a simple and concise





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manner, which supports motorists' and bikers' recognition processes. Information including position, direction, and vehicle dynamics coordinates is exchanged between vehicles.

Motorcycle riders can safely receive warnings about vehicles near them on a head-up indicator display (H.U.D.), and can receive information through an in-helmet audio system, neither requiring them to take their eyes off the road.

Drivers can view information on the status of cars and motorcycles in their vicinity and receive warnings on, for example, their navigation system display.

Honda's life-saving V2V system is interoperable and facilitates communication with vehicles from eight other manufacturers.

Tougher New Motorcycle Laws Down Under

Finding the freedom of an open road on two-wheels could be a little more difficult for some would-be Australian motorcycle enthusiasts next year, as Queensland authorities get tougher on new riders. As with Europe, some Australian legislators are looking to tighten restrictions on novice riders of all ages. The changes taking effect next July in Queensland include restricting new riders to less powerful motorcycles and prohibit them from consuming any alcohol while riding.

Queensland's premier Anna Bligh told parliament that novice riders will

have to carry "P" plates, there will be a ban on pillion passengers, and there will be a zero-alcohol limit for all ages of learners.

In the past only new riders under the age of twenty-five faced zero-alcohol restrictions, with those older allowed to have up to the legal 0.05 limit. Also, the law that restricted new riders to motorcycles of 250 cc engine size will be expanded to an approved list that takes power-to-weight ratio into account.

"Given the significant increase in fatalities from motorcycle crashes, it's clear that we need to rethink our licensing system," Bligh said, "The evidence that many older people are starting to ride motorcycles and their inexperience is contributing to serious injuries and fatalities, we can't ignore that."

New riders face the restrictions for one year before going onto an unrestricted license allowing them to ride any motorcycle and fall under the regular traffic laws.

Police Organization Calls For Bike Ban, Power Limits

The Association of Chief Police Officers (A.C.P.O.) in the United Kingdom has called for motorcycling to be banned from certain areas of the country in evidence it submitted to the recent house of commons transport select committee report, entitled *Ending the Scandal of Complacency: Road Safety Beyond 2010*.

The A.C.P.O. submission said:

"There is a need for radical thinking in respect of motorcycles, including consideration of engine cap ability and the creation of protection zones where all motorcycles other than those specifically permitted, would be prohibited." This apparent call for power restrictions on motorcycles and their prohibition in some areas of the country flies in the face of substantial independent evidence that there is no correlation between a motorcycle's power output and its likelihood of being involved in a crash.

A further inaccuracy presented to the committee by A.C.P.O. is that, "Production machines are readily available for use on our roads with top speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour." In fact there are no production bikes capable of more than 200 m.p.h., even without the motorcycle industry's voluntary 186 m.p.h. speed limitation.

"That A.C.P.O. can present such nonsense brings into question its suitability as a source of reliable information for the transport committee," criticized *The Telegraph* newspaper, adding that the law enforcement organization's testimony regarding motorcycles is "demonstrably unreliable."

Weird News Stunt Video Busts Biker

A biker in England was brought down by the internet and his own video evidence. He was sentenced for speeding and performing stunts on his motorcycle. The 28-year old rider

became the talk of the British press for being arrested after he posted video footage of himself riding a motorcycle at more than 130 miles per hour as well as performing stunts on the popular video site, *YouTube*.

Last year similar events took place in Spain when a group of riders videotaped and posted their speeding rides between two small towns. They were also convicted by authorities who used the footage posted on *YouTube*.

Quotable Quote

"Most change in America doesn't come from politicians. It comes from people inventing things and creating. The telephone, the telegraph, the computer — all those things didn't come from government. Our world is going to get better and better, as long as we keep the politicians from screwing it up."

— David Boaz
Cato Institute

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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: _____

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2008

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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

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

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

Chapter: _____

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

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Comments:

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>January</h1> <p>(winter)</p> <h1>2009</h1>			1 new year's day	2	3
4  Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	5	6 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	7	8	9	10  STATE BOARD Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
11 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	12 Oregon capitol Black Monday legislature opens Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	13	14	15 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm)	16	17  Twin Rivers Cabin Fever Portland Lower Columbia 1430 (2:30 pm)
18 Southeast Portland noon	19 Martin Luther King day	20 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm) inauguration day	21 Josephine County 1900 (7 pm) rowan tree of the month	22	23	24
25 North Coast 1000 (10 am) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	26  Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm) chinese new year (ox)	27 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	28	29 Meet Your Legislator Day Oregon capitol	30	31 

2009
RUN LISTINGS
(boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event-Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
01 Jan 2009	Polar Bear Run	Grants Pass	
17 Jan 2009	Cabin Fever– <i>Twin Rivers</i>	Portland	(503)–839–9295
14 Feb 2009	S.T.E.A.M.		
14 Feb 2009	Sweetheart Dance– <i>Twin Rivers</i>	Portland	(503)–839–9295
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Oregon ABATE	Salem	

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 January 2009 at noon
Eagles' Lodge – 127 Broadalbin street NW – Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting at 1100

D.R. saw the new legislature,
(Politics always left her unsure),
But instead of her rants,
She's giving them a chance,
They're learning about bikers from her.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)–389–2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thurssday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia	3 rd Saturday	1430 (2:30 ^{pm})	Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)–296–8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Spare Room; NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)–688–4268