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New Motorcycle Regulations Focus On Training

The 2009 Oregon legislature passed several regulations that affect motorcyclists.

Some of the regulations go into effect January 01, 2010. Others are phased in over several years. Most of the regulations are related to motorcycle endorsements for Oregon driver licenses and motorcycle rider training.

Across the nation, motorcycle crashes involving injuries and fatalities are rising. Oregon is no exception. Motorcycle crashes in Oregon have almost doubled from 2002 (443) to 2008 (873). In contrast, during the same time period, the total number of crashes in Oregon for all vehicles decreased 13 percent. [*crusty ol' editor's note: In order for the previous statistics to have context, they need to be referenced to the total number of riders and drivers for that same time period.*]

Previous legislation to require riders under 21 years old to take a training course

has been extremely successful at reducing motorcycle deaths and injuries for younger riders," said Michele O'Leary, O.D.O.T. motorcycle safety program manager. *"We're hoping that as more people go through training, the number of crashes will decrease for riders of all ages."*

Senate Bill 124

Beginning January 01, 2010, senate bill 124 increases the penalty for riding without a motorcycle endorsement from a class B (minimum \$360) to a class A (minimum \$720) violation.

The regulation also requires a court to suspend the fine for the violation if the rider complete *O.D.O.T.-approved* motorcycle training and receives a motorcycle endorsement within 120 days of sentencing.

Senate Bill 546

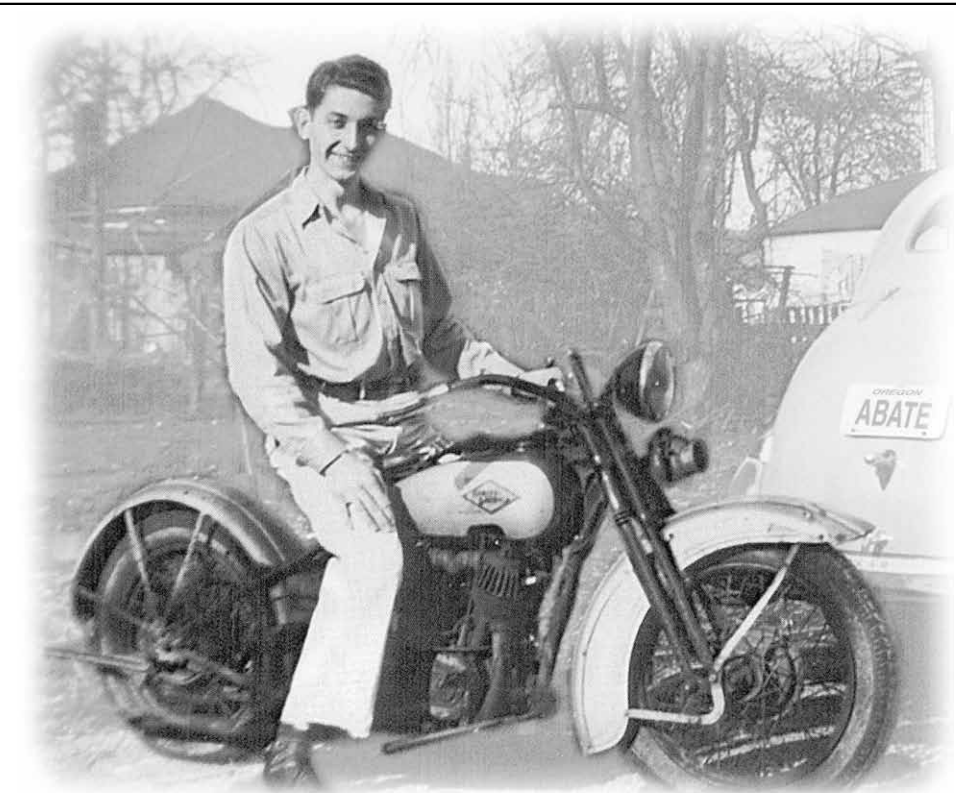
Senate bill 546 will require all new motorcycle riders to complete an *O.D.O.T.-approved* motorcycle safety course before they can be issued a motorcycle endorsement by D.M.V. The law has a five year phase-in period based on the age of the rider.

O.D.O.T.-approved motorcycle safety courses are provided by the *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program.

Since 1997, Oregon regulations have required all riders under 21 to complete a *Team Oregon* basic rider training course as part of the endorsement process. Under the new regulation, mandatory training will be phased in for all new motorcycle riders regardless of age.

Beginning January 01, 2011, new motorcycle riders under the age of 31 must complete the *Team Oregon* basic rider training course as part of the endorsement process unless they have a valid motorcycle-endorsed license from another state. Additional age groups will be phased in as follows:

- January 01, 2012 — All new riders



Elmer Atropes aboard his brown 1927 Harley-Davidson with a 74 cubic inch engine in 1942 Seattle. He's still going strong and just celebrated his 91st trip around the sun. This is a bike he wishes he had kept because it always ran perfectly with no repairs. (*crusty ol' editor's note: This bike looks very similar to the one being ridden by a young lady on the June 2008 state newsmagazine cover. Note the fender ridges.*)

under age 41

- January 01, 2013 — All new riders under age 51

- January 01, 2014 — All new riders under age 61

- January 01, 2015 — All new riders no matter what age.

As of January 01, 2010, senate bill 546 increases the motorcycle endorsement fee for new applicants from \$77 to \$87. (This does *not* include the cost of a class C driver license.)

The new regulation also adds two questions to the D.M.V. regular driver license knowledge test pertaining to the safe operation of cars and pickups around motorcycles.

House Bill 2370

As of January 01, 2010, house bill 2370 requires insurance companies to provide a discount on motorcycle insurance to riders who complete an *O.D.O.T.-approved* rider education course. The amount of discount is not prescribed in the law, only

that a discount needs to be given.

Information And Web Resources

For more information, contact Sally Ridenour at (503)-986-3359 or Michele O'Leary at (503)-986-4198

For more information about the new regulations and motorcycle endorsements and training, visit one of the following web sites:

- *O.D.O.T.*'s motorcycle safety program, including a fact sheet about the new regulations:

<http://www.oregon.gov/O.D.O.T./TS/motorcyclesafety.shtml>

- License requirements and vehicle registration information :

<http://www.oregondmv.com>

- Motorcycle rider education:

<http://www.team-oregon.org>

- Oregon regulations, including text of new legislation:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us>

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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 Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron

Roloff of the *M.M.A. of California* and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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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.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

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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officers at work

State Coordinator

I walked into my first *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting with my friends Bill and Bill in 1994. There were about fifteen people in the room. Back then, *Washington County Chapter* met at the *Pizza Hut* on 185 th avenue.

I did not know what to expect.

I was elected sgt.-at-arms.

Through the years I have held many positions, and for many years I was chapter coordinator.

After a few years I was elected state board representative and started attending state board meetings. Again, I have held many different state officer positions and in 2000 I was elected state coordinator, a position I held for three years.

I learned many years back that *A.B.A.T.E.* members were the best people in the world. I have made many friends in many chapters, and they are the salt of the earth. They are dedicated, loyal, fun, and hard working. A man could not ask for better people to be around.

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

To accomplish our mission statement, we need to do the following: Elect a new education director to continue the fabulous work that has started. Pat Carner made great strides toward motorcycle awareness, education, and safety.

Our community involvement is very evident: Toys runs, adopt-a-road, and our many other charitable works prove that we are a very caring and generous group.

We really need to step up our legislative action efforts. We need to get to know our representatives in Salem. We need to keep and help get elected our supporters. Take them out for coffee and really get to know them. Pound in lawn signs for them and they will never forget you. Make as many visits to the capitol as you can. Together, we can truly make a difference to protect our rights.



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

This year, we need to put aside our petty differences, stop our infighting, and start concentrating on making a difference. We need to start having fun again. We need new members and we need to make our current members feel extremely proud to be members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.*

I know we can do it.

If we all pitch in and wisely use our collective energy we can again make *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* a fun and viable organization.

Together we can make *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* one of the best state motorcyclist rights organizations in this country.

Please feel free to contact me any time you have suggestions or concerns.

I will sum up by quoting that great philosopher, Frank Zappa, who in 1969 said:

"You'll be absolutely free only if you want to be."

Take care,

Ted

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



Hello C.O.,

This will be a short letter. Not much going on but freezing our asses off!

We will have elected our new officers for this next year, 2010. Can't believe I have made it this long in my life.

Don't forget to put that bike on the charger, on a lift if you have one, put some fuel additive to the gas, and change that oil! And if you have a chance, wax it up also. (The bike that is.)

Sure glad the holidays are over with. Hope you all had a great time. Did Santa bring a new bike to anyone?

Be safe, be careful, and enjoy the shit out of this next year.

Bring on the spring!

Animal
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Northside Bar & Grill
62860 Boyd Acres road
Bend, Oregon

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Oregon Litho Press Goes “Sprong!”

The reason that our December state newspaper came out a bit later than planned was that the printing press (pictured to the right) used to create it broke down. The round objects in the foreground are rolls of pa-

per that become the pages of our fine publication. Considering how enormously complex the press is, the press crew at *O.L.P.* do a wonderful job of keeping it running year-round.



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



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DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Josephine County**

Happy new year everyone,

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

Congratulations to all the new state officers. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Congratulations to all the new and to the returning chapter officers.

Congratulations and welcome to the new *Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. We look forward to riding with you.

And hopefully soon: Congratulations to a new *Klamath Falls Chapter.*

The new year is all about looking forward. Forward to new members. Forward to new chapters. Forward to new adventures.

Josephine County monthly chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass at 6:30 p.m. Potluck

meetings are in March, June, and December.

Major events of the year include:

- *Southern Oregon Swap Meet* in either May or June.
- *Run to the Coast* in August.
- Co-sponsoring of the Wolf Creek *S.O.S. Campout* in August.
- *Last Chance Social* in September.
- *Grants Pass Toy Run* in October.
- A couple of poker runs in-between other events.

We are a busy chapter that likes to keep active.

Please come out and join us.

See ya' down the road,

Karen



JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 pm)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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P.S. One very sad note to report, we lost a long time member, long time friend.

Mike Flaherty, chapter state rep and newly elected sgt-at-arms south passed away Saturday, 12 December 2009, after a massive heart attack. Our condolences go out to his family.

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Hub City*

Greetings all and welcome to my final report as coordinator of *Hub City*.

I just want to take a moment here to reflect and share with the organization locally and around the state my appreciation for what *A.B.A.T.E.* has done for me as an organization and what *Hub City* members have done for me personally. Hopefully what I say causes each of you who have been around for a while to take a moment and do your own remembrance yourselves as to how you got here and all of those in this M.R.O. who have affected you as well. And on the other side of the coin, if you are new to *A.B.A.T.E.* of Oregon or are perhaps reading this news rag for the first time, maybe I can welcome you with my words.

The first time I encountered *A.B.A.T.E.* and *Hub City* I was attending a little get-together that you may have heard of called *Run-21* in 2002. I didn't know anyone there but dug in a campsite and proceeded to mingle with the natives. It didn't take long to notice a large group of folks next to us who seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely and I eventually started shooting the breeze with a couple of folks who invited me to join in the festivities at their camp. The weekend progressed as anyone who has been to *Run-21* can imagine and I was welcomed into this close-knit bunch as if I had known them for years. As we all packed up and loaded our scoots on Sunday, they told me to come out to a meeting of the

chapter in a few weeks, which I did.

Since that fateful meeting, I have attended your weddings, celebrated your triumphs, stood by you in the challenging times, and have bowed my head with you as we have laid our own to their eternal rests.

You are my brothers and sisters now and words cannot truly express the lifelong impact that you and this chapter have had on my family and myself. I went on to take positions at *Hub City* as web master, run coordinator, and finally, coordinator for the last two years. It is difficult to bear the responsibility of organizing, of leading. Your friendship and dedication to what we do, and to each other, made it easy. This has been a true testament to your dedication to our mission, but more importantly, to the quality of people that are in this group.

Moving forward I want to welcome all of the new chapter and state officers. Al Sims will be again taking on the role as coordinator of *Hub City* for 2010 and you could not be in more competent hands. It was he who was at the helm back at my first meeting and it is only fitting that life often fills in those circles. I will be assuming the position as legislative representative in the new year and hope I can bring competence and enjoyment to this position for the chapter and for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. Thank you for your votes of confidence.

Hub City wants to invite all area riders to our next event which will be a biker night to



keep the awareness going, even in the winter months, and to hopefully raise a few bucks as well. This event will be January 23rd at the *Front Street Bar and Grill* in Albany starting at 6 p.m. There will be door prizes, 50/50, and dinner on site.

Hub City rocks!

- Don

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Ciddici's Pizza
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Albany

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

Happy new year!

I sure hope the beginning of 2010 finds all of you happy, healthy, warm, and dry.

Myself, I'm waiting for my tin to come back from my friend Norman Cole primed and ready to mock-up. I just might have to run primed for a while so I can get some riding in before I tear it down again to paint.

Sorry I can't report on our toy run as it hasn't happened yet.

Our anniversary party is coming up soon. I'll report on it later also.

Talk to you next month.

Ride safe,

Shirley



LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-->ING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Happy holidays form *LoCo*,

It's getting pretty busy down here on the lower Columbia.

Our *Second Annual Food and Toy Drive* is now under way. And while that's going on, we're planning our crab dinner that will happen on the 13th of February. Flyers are on their way to Matt for sanctioning as I type this letter.

We have a couple of new officers coming into play: Dave Witmer as vice-coordinator and Phil Warnke as treasurer.

Also we've added three sgt-at-arms, for a total of five: Big Mike, Willy, Dave Witmer, Rick Indergard, and Carey Curtis.

I have a feeling it's gonna be another great year.

We've just had our December meeting including a potluck dinner that started an hour before. We were lucky enough to have Kay, Patricia, and Howie from state to join us and give us a few words of wisdom.

Patricia and Howie joined up. So I guess now they're *LoCo* too.

We finally decided on a chapter patch.

What I am particularly proud of is that through our search for a charity that we can call our own year-after-year, we have decided on a scholarship for our local high school.

Dave Bridges
coordinator
Lower Columbia Chapter



LOWER COLUMBIA
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- River City

November 17, 2009

Very wild and rowdy meeting tonight in *Rufus*.

Next meeting will be at *Spooky's* in the Dalles on December 01, at 7 p.m.

We talked about the state board of directors meeting and the proposed guideline. Several members are working on reviewing them.

Richard presented all about selling *See's Candies* and we committed to the project beginning the day after Thanksgiving, then on into the Christmas season.

We held no drawings tonight because we ran out of time.

-- Brian

December 01, 2009

We had a dozen people with an expired member renewing. Welcome back, Rhea.

Most of the meeting was taken up with operations of our candy sale, which started last Friday. It takes lots of planning and discussion to work it all out.

Richard won the 50/50 at \$7/\$5 and donated \$4 back to the chapter. Thanks, Richard.

There was no membership drawing tonight, but the prize will be \$40 at the next meeting.

Our Christmas party is next, on December 15 at *Zim's*.

-- Brian



Upcoming meetings

January 05, 2010

January 19, 2010

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
(to be announced)
-- The Dalles
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **North Coast**

We might as well be the *North Pole Chapter*.

So much for global warming and balmy coastal winter weather.

North Coast bikers have been under a veil of record low temps for a couple of weeks. That veil lifted for a while when we had our *Annual Toy Run* on December 5th. The turn-out was overwhelming. We had more riders than our *Fall Run*. (Imagine that; more bikers riding in 30 degree temps than the t-shirt weather fall offers.) The auction we had along with the raffle and other ride ending ceremonies bought our wishing tree funds up to a point where we can make a bunch of kids in this area a super! christmas.

Thank you to the businesses who donated and thank you to the bikers in this area.

Our last chapter meeting in Seaside wasn't quite a warm and fuzzy affair. After some personnel disputes were aired and several "coombya", moments we were on track with a new attitude toward

chapter functions. This led to some new blood stepping up to fill officer positions. We still need a recording secretary and someone to bite the bullet and fill the run coordinator position.

Rick has asked me to send in the state newspaper article for our chapter, so I will try to do as good as he did last year

So all of us up here at the north pole hope all *A.B.A.T.E.* bikers have a safe and healthy new year!



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd 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 -- **Salem**

Biker night at *Tommy's* in Jefferson was a success due to the participation of so many groups and independent riders. Thank you all for being there.

Two of us and three potential members traveled to Albany for the November state board meeting. One of our guest's asked if the meeting were always like this. I said no, sometimes they are worse. Needless to say, they chose not to sign up as members.

A real need to refocus where the organization is headed is in order. Please come to a state board meeting and see for yourself. As we sat there , my brother asked me how much time have we spent there witnessing the antics of a few to the detriment of the whole organization. Way too many I replied. You can count on us to still be there, but your help is needed.

However the worst thing I hear is, what is *A.B.A.T.E.* doing about a particular issue. What are you doing about it!

A.B.A.T.E. is not some entity, it is made up of its volunteers on the front line. These same people who give their time and resources to the betterment of the organization are the same familiar faces time and time again. We see it



here in Salem. I'm sure you see it at your level also.

Pressing forward is the only option. To do otherwise will result in defeat.

Primary elections will be here in May 2010.

Another four years of John Kitzhaber M.D. are unfathomable from a motorcyclist's point of view.

Bruce Hanna is now considering a run for governor. The torch is relit.

A former professional basketball player is also raising funds and is already ahead of the pack in money.

Name recognition is the name of the game in modern day politics.

And money, lot's of money.

Run for office yourself or help your local representative get elected and you

just might have a friend in office come 2011.

Become a precinct committee person, volunteer for campaigns in your local area.

Politics is not a spectator sport. Get involved or suffer the consequences.

N.C.O.M. and the *Confederation of Clubs (C.O.C.)* now has a program to reach another side of the motorcycle world. The *U.S. Defender* program is now signed up here in Oregon. Congrats to the *C.O.C.* in Oregon and thanks to it's members for stepping up.

May the new year provide us with a new sense of urgency to protect our constitution and our individual rights.

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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Salem, OR 97309

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

Hope this finds all you good people doin' well in this new year!

I was so glad to see so many people at Portland A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon chapters' 30th Annual Shriners' Toy Run.

All I can say to you all as I have said so many times before is thank you one and all. You guys are what it's all about.

With this year's donations, there is no longer an equipment waiting list at the Portland Shriners' Childrens' Hospital.

I will have more information in our next report.

I was so glad to see so many of our chapter members present at our last meeting. Thanks to you all's participation in our chapter elections, our 2010 Southeast Portland A.B.A.T.E. officers are:



Coordinator: Richard Colwell
 Vice-coordinator: Barry Skinner
 Recording secretary: Tami Pitkin
 Treasurer: Vicki Odonnell
 Membership secretary: Christain Finton
 Legislative director: Bob Terrill
 Legislative director: Leroy Creel
 State representative: Lee Austin
 State representative: Leroy Creel
 BikePAC representative: Leroy Creel
 Education director: < Open >
 Run coordinator: Vicki Odonnell
 Vice run coordinator: Richard Colwell
 Chapter C.O.C. representatives
 Mike Friend, Lee Austin
 Web master: Jim Niece

Historian: Scott Kendall
 Chapter chaplain: Mike Friend
 Road captains: Barry Skinner, Brad Smith
 Public relation director: Bill Cameron
 Ways and means director: Rich Ebbing
 Products director: Rich Ebbing
 Toy run representatives Edd Dahl, Patty Dahl, Mike Friend, Vicki Odonnell, Tami Pitkin
 Canned food drive coordinator: Craig Blair
 Sergeant-at-arms: Jackson Clarke

Love and respect,
 Mammy Tami

Welcome all.

S.E. Portland MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
 M&M Restaurant & Lounge
 137 N. Main -- Gresham
POINT of CONTACT
 Turtle (503)-960-8295
 E-mail: old_guys_rule@live.com

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 Portland, OR 97290

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

Happy New Year!

Hope your holidays were filled with family, friends, and celebration.

Welcome to our 2010 officers. We thank you for stepping up to serve at both the chapter and state levels. We know you'll make this a very successful year.

January is always a time for renewal and resolutions, and there are some important ones to add to your list. While the shop is still too cold to work on your bike, consider getting some "inside" chores taken care of. Now is a great time to get to know your local political representatives and how their views will help or hurt our goals. Now is when they have time to see you, hear your concerns, and try to gain your support. So take advantage of the down time to make your voices heard.

We are, first and foremost, a brotherhood, and our strength depends on supporting our neighbor chapters as well as our own. In

these tight economic times, we're all trying to put on successful events and fundraisers to keep our chapters viable. So please plan to attend as many events as you can, including other chapter events. WaCo had 22 members attend the *Twin Rivers Anniversary Party* on November 21st and we had a fantastic time. Let's keep that momentum going into 2010.

And with that shameless segue, it's time to mention our *Sixth Annual Anniversary Party* coming up on March 6. The Hillsboro Elks are opening their doors for us again this year, and we've lowered the price of admission to \$6 each or \$10 for two people. Come join us for a fantastic time with auction items, balloon pop prizes, 50/50, and dancing to *Megan James Band!* Look for the flyer in this issue for details.

We hope to see you at a chapter meeting soon.



Get the latest happenings on our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow

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POINT of CONTACT
 (503)-643-4725
CHAPTER ADDRESS:
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 Cornelius, OR 97113

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

Greetings from *Twin Rivers*,

We're still here and holding on.

We had ten members at our last meeting and things went pretty well. When it came time for officer nominations, the majority of our officers stepped up for another year.

So here we go.

Lets hope we can build up our chapter.

Our anniversary party was a huge success and we would like to thank the members of *Southeast Portland* and *Washington County* chapters for attending. Everyone had a great time and Megan James rocked the house.

By the time you read this, we will be in a brand new year.

So to kick the year off with our *Cabin Fever Party* January 30th, 8 p.m. at the *Spare Room*. The *Megan James Band* will once again rock the house for us.

We hope to see everyone there.

So mark your calendars.



Everyone welcome.

That's it for now,

Tom Brewer
Twin Rivers Chapter

TWIN RIVERS MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1200
(noon)

Spare Room
NE 42 nd street -- Portland
(503)-285-3718

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Portland, OR 97228-5792
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Willamette Valley*

No report this month.

Nothing to report..... yet.

The Christmas meeting next week [17 December] will determine it all.

Status report next month should have something to say though.

Michael



WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Far Man Resaurant and Bar
3111 Gateway; Springfield

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Rod Hatter
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Our Officers at Work

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

12 December 2009 – Eagles Lodge; Albany, Oregon

Greetings,

It is my job to now pass on to everyone that the December state board of directors' meeting scheduled for 12 December 2009 has been canceled.

There is no replacement meeting planned so everyone can take a break until the 09 January 2010 meeting.

The road conditions are precarious [freezing rain on 12 December] and, as we all know, ice and two wheels do not go well together.

There is nothing that can't wait until next year. Everyone's safety and well being is much more important

**CANX
Due To Weather**

So, until next year,

Merry christmas and a happy new year !

Nic Oliver
state recording secretary



Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

Our Officers at Work

Membership Secretary

As previously mentioned, there is a second mailing coming everyone's way regarding the accidental death and dismemberment policy.

If you have already responded to A.I.L.[insurance company], there is no need to send the card again. It is not necessary to respond to have the coverage. So long as your dues in A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. are current, you are covered in the event of dismemberment or death due to accident. (With limitations.)

If you have questions about the coverage, feel free to call the state

membership secretary toll-free number at 1-(877)-552-2283 and leave a message. I return phone calls in the evenings, on weekends, or whenever I get a day off.

I have also had calls or had to follow up on Team Oregon reimbursements. Please send a copy of your tuition cost (bank statement, receipt, etc.) and a copy of your course completion card to the state post office box. (On front cover of this newspaper.) Once I have confirmed information and filled out the necessary paperwork, I forward that

on to the state treasurer (Kay Sipple) and to your chapter treasurer, if necessary. Missing information delays the process.

Additionally, I have received requests from members wishing to renew their membership by credit card. While we are working on being able to use programs such as PayPal in the future, we are not yet at that point. Please do not send me your credit card information. That information is immediately destroyed and you will be contacted to send a check or renew through your chapter membership secretary.



Linda Henderson
state membership secretary

There are over 1,760 members as of December 2009.

Together we can do great things. May we all enjoy a safe, prosperous new year.

Respectfully,
Linda Henderson
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(May 2009)

(June 2010)

River City Chapter Participates In Veterans' Day Parade



From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Here we are in 2010 and another year has gotten away from us. I wonder where it went. Time seems to have speeded up and I have slowed. Takes me longer to get things done than it used to. Or is it just my imagination? Nevertheless here comes this month's pearls of doubtful wisdom with the hope that this coming year is prosperous for us all and some way, somehow peace will come for this world we live in.

Newsbits—N—Pieces

Oregon — Wow ! We have a police combat village replica of a Salem neighborhood in our state. This is being used as a training facility teaching police how to deal with unruly bikers. To top it off Canadians are planning to copy the idea. Here's a sample of what goes on: Salem -- Bikers in leather vests and jackets curse and yell in the front yard of a house on Harry Minto court. Four police officers try to break up the gang, but the bikers manage to split up the cops, and a full-blown ruckus ensues.

Training coordinators interrupt the scene. Gathering the officers in a circle, offering solutions to the problem, the "bikers" are mostly retired officers, and the cops are rookies from across Oregon. Gotta tell ya, this smells of a Gestapo syndrome to me.

California — From John Del Santo of *California A.B.A.T.E.*, local 6, comes this jewel: Their D.M.V. is sending letters to registered owners of motorcycles whose licenses aren't motorcycle endorsed, "suggesting" they do so.

On the one hand, generally biker organizations urge us to be licensed. On the other, this seems like an intimidating move by California D.M.V.

There's a subtle threat (I think) that you'll somehow get in trouble if you have a registered motorcycle and aren't endorsed to ride, when D.M.V. sends you a letter and asks you why you're not endorsed. You could have bikes in storage and not ride them, but feel intimidated into getting endorsed, even if you don't ride at all.

Is there something suddenly wrong with owning vehicles ya don't drive?

Philadelphia — They want bicycles to be registered like cars because they are tired of cyclists ignoring traffic regulations. Two Philadelphia city

councilmen want bicyclists to start getting the same treatment as motorists. Watch for the new bill before their city council.

Australia — Members of at least 21 of their motorcycle clubs (they call them "bikie gangs" there) are preparing to sue the 53 pubs, clubs, hotels, and cocktail bars from Wollongong to The Entrance where they are banned if they turn up for a drink wearing club colors or their trademark bikie jewelery. They claim the bars are breaching the *Anti-Discrimination Act*, the *Human Rights Commission Act*, and probably the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* which has been adopted by Australia. More power to 'em.

Anti-Texting Rage

Drive Safely Corporation (D.S.C.) is unveiling its unique anti-messaging technology (A.M.T.), which will enable the U.S. government to enforce proposed legislation that seeks to eradicate driving while texting. Using cell phones while driving is getting downright dangerous.

Tokyo, Japan — Harley-Davidson Japan to turn *Buell* dealerships into service sites. They're converting the Japanese dealerships for the *Buell* brand of sports bikes, which *Harley* discontinued in October, into service centers that will repair the motorcycles. It will take place gradually as each of the locations exhausts its inventory. Look for the same kind of thing here in the U.S.

Another Sorry Result In Court

Tammy Marie Bellamy (22) of Moss Point, Mississippi told investigators she didn't see an on-coming motorcycle before the crash that killed a biker and seriously injured his passenger.

Bellamy pleaded no contest Monday to a failure-to-yield traffic infraction. The judge fined her \$166.

The penalty angered Gary VerCrouse, president of the local *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter, who said his organization is lobbying state lawmakers to implement stiffer penalties in such cases. "*Our issue is with the penalties,*" he said. "*We're looking for something more serious when it results in a death.*"

Advancing Helmet Protection

Lazer is launching the *Lazer Superskin*, a new motorcycle helmet that they claim marks a breakthrough in brain protection. They claim to offer more protection from the deep, devastating, and inoperable damage



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

that can occur deep inside the brain during a motorcycle crash when the head rotates after hitting a solid surface. The helmet's skin somehow rotates instead, it seems.

Now, just maybe, a helmet would be a good thing with this device. This new process shows real promise, I'm told. There are three designs available in the U.K. Not sure if it's available here yet.

New York Police Department Amps Up Street Noise With the "Rumbler"

With the constant cry that our motorcycles are too noisy, here comes big brother with a noisemaker of his own. In the name of public safety, New York police are about to test the "Rumbler" to replace the old sirens on their vehicles. Apparently they feel the old siren is ineffective because people ignore it nowadays. This low-frequency thing rattles your very bones when it goes off.

Big Brother Gettin' In The Way Again

The Oklahoma department of public safety plans to set up cameras to photograph plates at random to check on insurance coverage. If you don't have insurance on your rig and are photoed, they will send you a notice to comply. Could be a lot more expensive than carrying the coverage to begin with. It has been estimated that nearly one in four Oklahoma motorists are currently driving without vehicle insurance.

Recession anyone?

Automatic Auto Driver Is Reality

Audi's driverless T.T.S. coupé is set to tackle the *Pikes Peak Hill Climb*. This might solve the drunk driver problem if ya had one of these rigs.

"Honest ossifer, the car was driving, not me!"

More New Lid Technology

A patented brain-cooling device for crash helmets has been developed at *Sussex University's* innovation centre in the U.K. It performs like an instant ice pack when activated by sudden impact, reducing brain swelling and the risk of long-term brain damage. It also extends the critical window that

paramedics and emergency teams have to perform their life-saving skills.

Remember that "golden hour"?

The helmet's developers think it could save hundreds of lives each year. The prototype is now undergoing trials and, upon their successful completion, is expected to go into full-time production by May 2010.

Moscow On Wheels

They held a road safety conference in Moscow, Russia recently. The motorcycle group *F.I.M.* represented bikers all over Europe and brought the concerns over the use of wire rope barriers between opposing lanes of throughway highways. Long been an item of contention here in the U.S. We call them "cheese cutters" because if you hit one you may be dismembered.

Gunny Again

Are you listening to me?

If ya have a legal problem call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney, especially if ya have a crash.

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E-mail him at: **SamBikeLaw@aol.com**

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Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

In order to be ready for next year's legislative session, we have to begin preparing *now*.

There are elections in May and November where we can proposition candidates who actively work to maintain or regain peoples' liberty and freedom.

Late in the year we need to have motorcyclist bills in the legislative hopper. Waiting until the legislature convenes in January 2011 will be too late. The main background work needs to be done this year starting *right now*.

Every chapter needs to report on what action they've undertaken each month to further the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement and liberty.

We need to have our membership pushing impatiently for legislative action.

We need leaders at chapter and state levels to direct action effectively or to step aside for others to take the lead.

The time of obstructionism and in-fighting is over.

Ride with us or park while our PAC roars by.

When the politicians converge on our capitol early next year,

motorcyclists will be there too.

Every day legislators and their staffs will see bikers walking the halls of our capitol.

We'll hold rallies in front of our state capitol.

We'll testify at committee meetings.

We'll fill the house and senate galleries with black leather when our bills are debated.

We will be the leather-clad storm of freedom.

legislators and prospective members that would cause them to take us seriously and to get involved in our activities.

The personal goal of yer c.o.e. has been to produce an issue with no mistakes or omissions. Elusive as that quest has been, there is always hope that the next issue will be "the one".

To make this rag work for everyone, we need involvement from members. We need articles and photos of events so others can read and see for themselves how wonderful we all are. We need people to speculate on the future of motorcycling and where they see us being twenty, fifty, a hundred years from now. (

Originality counts.

Write it yourself.

Seeing your name in a by-line makes you feel six inches taller.

(Don't bother forwarding crap from web sources; it will be trashed quicker than a rear wheel losing traction on a patch of oil.)

This state newspaper is about us, by us.

**From The Past,
Into The Future**
*We learn from where we've
been so our present actions
can take us to where
we want to be*

With this issue of the state newspaper, yer crusty ol' editor completes eight years of stewardship.

From his first issue ninety-six months ago, the primary vision has been to produce a monthly state publication that would keep members of our far-flung organization informed and involved

in what was going on, and to have something we could hand to

As for 2009, we lost too many good people at all levels of our lives, so it's good to see the back of that year. It's time to look and move forward.

The one thing about motorcycles is that, with rare exception, all the transmission gears are for moving forward. That's something we can learn from the machines we ride.

Be the bike.

Thank you to everyone who worked to get their reports in early during November so that we could get our December material to the printer before the onslaught of holiday advertising printing engulfed them.

Sadly, despite everyone's best efforts, the printer's press broke down.

Under good news/bad news, we weren't supposed to get our newspapers until 08 December. But the good folks at *Oregon Lithoprint* managed to get them printed and out to us a week earlier than planned. Thank you, *O.L.P.*

JANUARY Cryptogram

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 16)

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



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BikePAC Report



December 05, 2009

Meeting opened at 12:05 p.m. by executive director, Nic Oliver. There were nine attendees present.

Opening comments by Nic Oliver: Working on voting records from last session.

- Get rid of unfriendly politicians. [Democratically]
- Push individual rights issues.
- Look into the possibility of getting a comment into the voter's pamphlet.
- Get support from other groups, such as bicyclists, etc.

Discussion followed about vulnerable user issues and others.

Introductions of attendees followed. Organizations represented were: *A.B.A.T.E.*, *U.F.R.*, *Gypsy Jokers*, *A.M.O.* Jeff Wood, new attendee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available. Secretary Mel Yeager explained that the previous minutes had been corrupted when installing *Windows 7*. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as explained. Passed.

A treasurer's report was also given to all attendees by Mel Yeager in printed form. After study, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial report.

An interim membership report was made by Mel Yeager: A complete report will be made at next meeting to reflect the number of active members and those who have been dropped.

Bill Foster sent a letter of application as our new membership director.

Motion made and seconded to allow executive director to appoint Bill Foster as membership director until term of office expires. Passed.

Heidi Disrud (legislative director) then reported on her efforts in furthering *BikePAC's* issues and intentions during this election campaign year.

30 representatives and 16 senators are coming up for election this term.

Issues and subjects to be asked of candidates were discussed:

- Freedom of choice issue. (Helmets)
- Second amendment.
- Taxes.
- Government.
- Motorcyclists.

Comment: *BikePAC* needs to reach out to other motorcyclist organizations.

New Business

- Mel proposed that we allow up to \$300 to print an item in the voter's pamphlet. Seconded and passed. Discussion followed. All motorcycle organization will be invited to write a paragraph about motorcycle issues to be sent to *BikePAC* by e-mail or U.S. mail by 15th of January 2010. The results will be massaged and final results submitted to be printed in the voter's pamphlet.

- An important item brought to our attention by Vern Stanley was the *U.S. Defenders* program of an organized letter-writing program. Letters could be sent to a specific politician at a designated time.

We will check out the web site: <http://www.usdefenders.com>

www.usdefenders.com

BikePAC may be interested in linking up with them.

- *May Awareness Rally*: we need flyers made and a free band established. Some freedom rights organizations are to be invited and will bring their banners or flags for their gazebos.

- Ideas to increase attendance:
- Have real issues.
- Have trifolds, information about *BikePAC* and what we do.
- Make a big list of people to send information to when activities happen.
- Make personal contact with other rights groups.
- Talk about *P.I.P.*, etc.
- Enforce existing regulations about personal protection issues.

- Milkman Mike will ride to Creswell to make contact. Mel will send information to him.

- Several names were discussed as possible candidates for Oregon governor. Precinct committee persons will go to local party meetings to find out who is being promoted.

- Mel made a motion to send two people to non-profit board meeting January 23, 2010 in Corvallis at a cost of \$176.

www.financialsteward.org

Next meeting will be February 6th 2010, at noon at Salem public library.

Mel Yeager
secretary



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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

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



rights.

News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Night of Honor A.M.A. Motorcycle Hall of Fame Class of 2009 Inducted

It was a night of heroes and legends at the 2009 A.M.A. motorcycle hall of fame induction ceremony Saturday, December 5, as nine of motorcycling's brightest lights were honored by fellow riders for their contributions to the motorcycling lifestyle.

Celebrating in high style at the *Hard Rock Hotel & Casino* in Las Vegas, hundreds of riders from across the country converged to pay tribute not only to the class of 2009, but to all members of the A.M.A. motorcycle hall of fame, based at A.M.A. headquarters in Pickerington, Ohio. In all, more than three-dozen members of the A.M.A. Hall of Fame, including the nine members of the 2009 class, were among more than 500 enthusiasts in attendance.

2009 A.M.A. Motorcyclists of the Year

The A.M.A. today announced the 2009 A.M.A. motorcyclist of the year with a departure: This year's recipients are a group, rather than an individual. The winners? Kids who ride motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s).

America's youngest riders were at the center of the biggest story of the year in 2009, as the *Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.)* enforced a ban on selling youth-model off-highway vehicles (O.H.V.s).

"The core of the A.M.A. mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling, and few threats have taken a more direct aim at that lifestyle than the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (C.P.S.I.A.), which effectively banned the sale of youth-model O.H.V.s," said A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman. *"The A.M.A. motorcyclist of the year is the person or persons who have had the most profound impact on motorcycling in a single calendar year.*

Although they were unwitting victims, kid motorcycle and A.T.V. riders were thrust into that role in 2009."

The January 2010 issue of *American Motorcyclist* magazine, which will arrive in members' mailboxes within the next week, includes an in-depth examination of the issue, as well as a report on the importance of motorcycling to young riders and their families.

A.M.A. members can buy peace of mind for less with *ContegoDirect*

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The A.M.A. member benefit with *ContegoDirect* offers two discount levels. A.M.A. members who are enrolled in the A.M.A.'s auto-renewal program receive a \$50 discount on *ContegoDirect* policies. In addition, members who purchase a *ContegoDirect* policy within 90 days of purchasing or renewing their A.M.A. membership also receive a \$50 discount. Current A.M.A. members who are not enrolled in the A.M.A.'s auto-renewal program will receive a \$25 discount.

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When you're not busy sending flair, taking the "Which '80s Sitcom Star Are You" quiz or harvesting your pumpkin crop in Farmtown, check out our fan page on *Facebook.com*.

We post images, videos, news and information about what's cool in the world of motorcycling.

Search for "*American Motorcyclist Association*" and remember to write on our wall.

A.M.A. Roadside Assistance

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- Free trip routing.

Should've left
the training
wheels on, eh?



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis.)

Sign up for
Team Oregon classes
and enjoy riding.



Answer to January CRYPTOGRAM

Let us remember that "if we suffer
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we encourage it,
and involve others in our doom."

-- Samuel Adams

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

New Head Of N.H.T.S.A.



Washington, D.C. — President Obama, on Friday, announced that he has nominated David L. Strickland to be the new administrator of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. (N.H.T.S.A.)

Strickland has served for eight years on the staff of the U.S. senate committee on commerce, science, and transportation. As the senior counsel for the consumer protection subcommittee, he is currently the lead staff person for the oversight of the N.H.T.S.A., the *Federal Trade Commission*, and the *Consumer Product Safety Commission*. He has also served as the lead senate staff person in the formulation of the corporate average fuel economy (C.A.F.E.) reforms and standards included in the *Energy Independence and Security Act* of 2007, and in a staff leadership role in the reauthorization of the N.H.T.S.A. in the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act* of 2005. (S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.)

His work in advising commerce committee members led to the inclusion of several significant vehicle safety mandates, including the electronic stability control mandate for every passenger vehicle. Mr. Strickland advised congressional members on safety reforms and funding increases for the N.H.T.S.A.'s seatbelt and drunk driving grant programs. Mr. Strickland earned his J.D. degree at *Harvard Law School*, and his B.S. degree in communication studies and political science at *Northwestern University*.

Strickland's nomination was the subject of a senate hearing yesterday where he faced no opposition.

The M.R.F. looks forward to continue to work with Mr. Strickland once he is approved by the full senate. We hope he takes a sensible approach to motorcycle safety.

2010 Grant Money

The last round of the 2010 grant money was dispersed recently. \$7 million dollars total was sent to individual states to be used for motorcycle safety purposes. All 50 states received at least \$100,000 with some of the more populated states getting more than \$300,000.

State FY 2009 Motorcyclist Safety Grant

Oregon = \$100,000

On Another Note . . .

It has got virtually nothing to do with motorcycling but many riding organizations have kept a close eye on the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act*. [*Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism* is the act's "short" title. -- c.o.e.]

The *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* is a federal surveillance program designed to give greater abilities to federal investigators when working on international terrorism issues. Some fear that giving the ability to the feds to intercept private information will eventually be used on other groups of individuals, not just terrorists.

Three key provisions of the act were expiring at the end of 2009 and lawmakers were looking to include their extension in an upcoming omnibus bill. An omnibus bill is giant piece of legislation that lawmakers are unlikely to vote against.

Congress typically includes controversial provisions in omnibus legislation and the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* is controversial, to say the least.

One of the expiring provisions allows the government to seek orders from a special federal court for "any tangible thing" that it says is related to a terrorism investigation, such as business records. Another allows the government to seek court orders for roving wiretaps on suspected terrorists who shift their modes of communication.

The third provision, which the Justice Department told lawmakers in September has never been used, allows the government to apply to the special court for surveillance orders on "lone wolf" terrorists not necessarily connected to a larger organization.

The M.R.F. has no position on the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act*.

F.H.W.A. M.A.C.

The *Federal Highway Administration Motorcycle Advisory Council* met Thursday November 5th, in Washington D.C.

The council convenes twice annually in the nation's capitol to develop recommendations to the secretary of transportation on road and highway infrastructure and how it can affect motorcyclists.

The council, formed under the S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U. legislation, is in its third year of existence.

The council received an interesting briefing from a *George Washington University* Ph.D. on roadside hazards.

Some startling statistics were shared with the group. Here are a few:

- Roadside hazards account for 50% of all motorcycle fatalities.
- The roadside itself accounts for 40% of all fatalities.
- If a motorcyclist lays the bike down and doesn't leave the road they are more likely to survive the ordeal.

One of the N.H.T.S.A. presenters had some less startling numbers for the group based off her work at the *University of Massachusetts*:

- Men make up 95% of all fatalities.
- Failure to yield by passenger cars accounts for about 25% of all fatalities in crashes involving motorcycles and four-wheeled vehicles.
- Most crashes occur on dry pavement.
- 21-34 year old riders make up most fatalities. (In Massachusetts.)
- And lastly, most injuries and fatalities come from intersections or striking an object.

Sounds like the Ph.D. community is finally catching up to what the motorcycle safety community has been saying for years.

The M.R.F. will keep you updated on all issues from Washington D.C. as they affect motorcyclists.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Bad Driving Is In The Genes

Medical researchers say they've unraveled the mystery to bad drivers, and their genetic makeup may be to blame. In a study recently published in the journal of *Cerebral Cortex* led by *University of California* (Irvine), neuroscientists found that people with a certain gene variation performed more than 20% worse on a driving test than those without the gene and they also retained less of what they had learned.

About 30 percent of Americans have the particular gene variant, though a test to determine whether someone has the gene variant is not commercially available.

"This gene variant limits the availability of a protein called brain-derived neurotrophic factor (B.D.N.F.) during activity," according to the senior author, Dr. Steven Cramer, neurology associate professor at *U.C.I.* *"B.D.N.F. keeps memory strong by supporting communication among brain cells and keeping them functioning optimally. When a person is engaged in a particular task, B.D.N.F. is secreted in the brain area connected with that activity to help the body respond."*

Earlier research had found that in those individuals with the gene variant *"a smaller portion of the brain is stimulated when doing a task than in those with a normal B.D.N.F. gene."*

The driving test was taken by twenty-nine people: twenty-two without the gene variant and seven with it. They were asked to drive 15 laps on a simulator that required them to learn the nuances of a track programmed to have difficult curves and turns. Researchers recorded how well they stayed on the course over time. Four days later, the test was repeated.

Results showed that people with the variant did worse on both tests than the other participants, and they remembered less the second time.

"I'd be curious to know the genetics of people who get into car crashes," Cramer said. *"I wonder if the accident rate is higher for drivers with the variant."*

Increased Motorcyclist Deaths Blamed On Bad Economy

Since gas prices increased, experts say more inexperienced riders have hit the road – literally.

Because of the fuel efficiency of motorcycles, more drivers are switching from four wheels to two, and what used

to be a symbol of freedom and adventure is now also a symbol of thriftiness. *"Last year, our sales were the best we ever had for 33 years,"* said Al Lamb, owner of *Dallas Honda*, pointing out that bike sales peaked last year before dipping and rising again this year.

But Dr. Fernando Wilson, a professor at the *University of North Texas* health science center, said for every dollar increase in gas prices, 1,500 more motorcycle riders die each year nationwide.

Some say car drivers need to hang up their cell phones and pay more attention, but many bikers attribute higher crash rates to the influx of new, inexperienced riders on the road.

"If you mess up on a motorcycle, it's probably a lot more tragic than in a vehicle," motorcyclist Stephen Dutcher told *TV-33 News*, recommending that new riders should get trained beyond state testing requirements. *"I would recommend everyone to take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course."*

Motorcycle Sales Are Running Out Of Gas

[Notice: The following item contains 300% of recommended daily statistical dosages]

Last year, fuel-efficient motorcycles proved to be a viable option for motorists facing higher and higher gas prices, but following more than a decade of steadily increasing sales figures, the economic downturn has caught up to bike makers.

For 14 years, through 2006, U.S. motorcycle sales had increased every year. Sales started to drop in 2007 but still topped the one million mark.

A year ago, as gas prices pushed toward \$5 a gallon, fuel-sipping two-wheelers got a boost. Despite the worsening economy, street bike sales were down only 3.3% in 2008 and smaller scooters enjoyed their best year ever, posting a 41.5% gain, according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*.

Now, little seems to be working for motorcycle manufacturers as sales have plunged 38% in the third quarter from the same period a year ago (falling from 218,242 last year to 136,876), with the biggest drops coming in two of the industry's biggest product lines: cruisers and sport bikes. Scooter sales are also down 62% through the first three quarters of 2009.

The only bright spot was that sales are dropping at a slower pace: The number



of bikes sold in the second quarter fell 53.5 percent from the same period a year earlier. Historically, the second and third quarters are strong for the industry because the weather generally is warm and buyers are gearing up to ride, according to an article appearing in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Despite a federal stimulus that allows bike buyers to write off the sales tax, sagging sales have prompted bike builders to begin cutting staff and other expenses.

Last week, publicly held *Harley-Davidson Inc.* reported an 84% drop in quarterly earnings to \$26.5 million. The company said it was getting out of the sport-bike business, shutting down the longtime *Buell* line and selling its *M.V. Agusta* operation, a high-end Italian brand it bought last year.

Already this year, the Milwaukee manufacturer joined the likes of *Honda*, *Kawasaki*, *Yamaha*, *Suzuki*, and *Victory* in laying off employees, reducing production and dropping prices to help dealers shrink swollen inventories.

Mark Blackwell, vice president of *Victory Motorcycles*, which suffered a 56% decline in the July-September period, told the *Los Angeles Times* *"We haven't laid everybody off. We haven't totally stopped advertising. We've kept up the product development because we're positioning this business for when the market stabilizes and grows."*

Harley-Davidson and *Victory*, a division of *Polaris* in Minnesota, hope to stem U.S. losses, in part, by growing overseas sales. *Harley* is pursuing emerging markets such as India and China; *Victory* is going after Europe.

But with the riding season over for much of the country, summer 2010 can't come fast enough for the industry.

New Motorcycle Emissions Standards Taking Effect

As 2010 motorcycles hit dealer showrooms, new *E.P.A.* emissions standards will be making them greener — both environmentally and economically.

Starting next year when stricter *Environmental Protection Agency* guidelines on motorcycle emissions come into effect for all new two- and three-wheelers built or sold in the U.S., the *E.P.A.* projects a 50% reduction in pollutants emitted at their tailpipes. But such drastic reductions come with a bigger price tag: According to a 2003 *E.P.A.* report, the average estimated cost per highway motorcycle to meet

the 2010 standards is \$45, which is likely passed along to consumers. At the same time, motorcyclists are likely to save money at the pump as the new technology brings with it better fuel efficiency.

Increased use of technologies demonstrated as effective in 4-stroke motorcycle engines, such as the catalytic converters, secondary air injection and electronic fuel inject systems, are expected to decrease harmful emissions, according to a 2003 *E.P.A.* report. The report also reads, however, that the standards will not result in universal use of catalytic converters.

Catalytic converters are pollution control devices that reduce nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, and while not specifically required by the *E.P.A.* rules, catalytic converters will have a hand in reducing emissions in the new standards.

"We already have the 2010 models coming in, and they all have the catalytic converters on them," Steve Tuchschildt Sr., owner of *Mid-America Harley-Davidson*, told the *Columbia Missourian* newspaper. *"That's new."*

The more stringent *E.P.A.* standards won't affect existing motorcycles. The emissions limits will only apply to motorcycles and scooters manufactured after the effective date.

Quotable Quote

"For years governments have been promising more than they can deliver, and delivering more than they can afford."

-- Paul Martin
(1938 - ?)
21st Canadian
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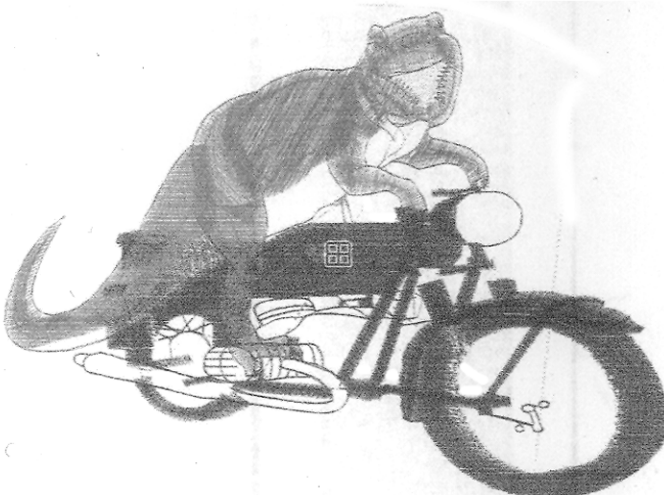
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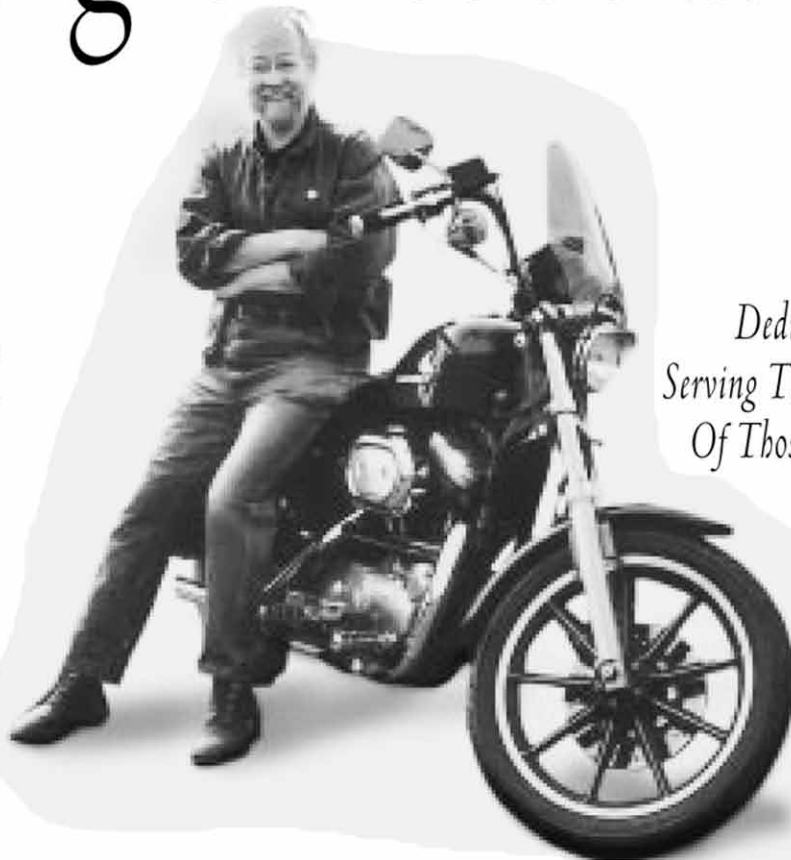
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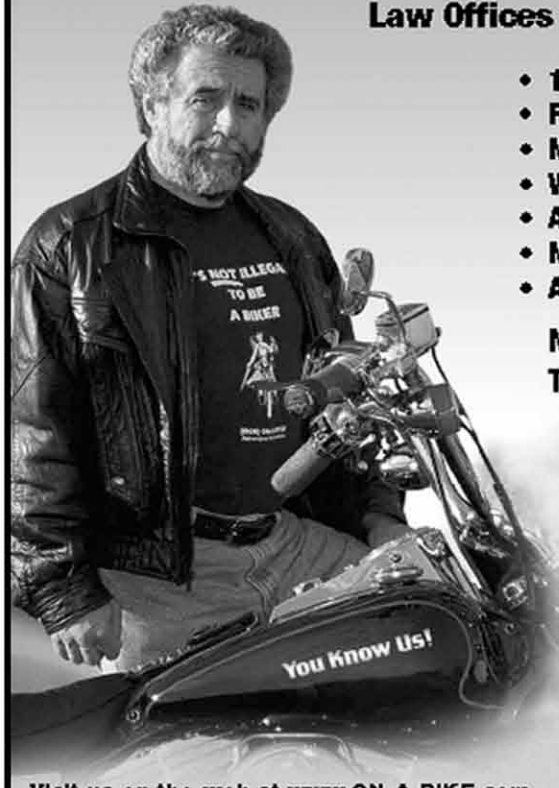
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DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

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If no explain: _____

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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 _____

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WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 09 Jan 2010
noon – *Eagles* Lodge
127 Broadalbin street NW
Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting – 1100
Open computer training – 1100

Upon precipice bike and rider wait,
To plunge down into their new year's fate,
Although tempted by drink,
It is better to think,
The best choice is to antici . . . pate.

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2010 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
23 Jan 2010	Biker Night – Hub City	Albany	(541)–719-1919
30 Jan 2010	Cabin Fever – Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)–
13 Feb 2010	Crab Dinner – Lower Columbia	Clatskanie	(503)–728-2069
06 Mar 2010	Anniversary Dinner – Washington County	Hillsboro	(503)–643-4725
25 Apr 2010	Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)–
May or June	Southern Oregon Swap Meet – JoCo		
Aug 2010	Run To The Coast – JoCo		
Aug 2010	S.O.S. Campout – JoCo		
Sept 2010	Last Chance Social – JoCo		
Oct 2010	Grants Pass Toy Run – JoCo		

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)–383–0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Jackson County (JaCo)	[Newest Chapter Forming — welcome to A.B.A.T.E.]			
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	(to be announced), The Dalles	(541)–
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2nd & 4th Sun	1200 (noon)	Spare Room; 4830 NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Far Man Resaurant and Bar; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)–935–4632