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Saturday

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No Black Monday This Month

Due to the Oregon legislature switching annual sessions, the 2011 session won't open until Wednesday, 02 February.

**Be Ready For
Black Wednesday
At The Capitol On
02 February**

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Legislator Of the Month Meet Representative Andy Olson

District 15 (Albany to Corvallis, and surrounding area)

Representative Andy Olson has been working closely with leaders from *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* on giving Oregon motorcyclists back their right to choose regarding helmets. He spent time talking with Texas legislators regarding recent changes to motorcycle regulations.

<http://www.Thunderroadstexas.com> is worth taking a look at.

Representative Olson was with the Oregon state police for 29 years during which time he worked to make the agency efficient and accountable. He has effective leadership qualities and works to bring people together.

He loves to teach.

He's a lifelong learner with a passion for reading and writing.

He's been married for more than 30 years, has three daughters and one grandchild.

I have seen for myself how representative Olson works to bring people together. He seems to start with the premise that Oregon motorcyclists know what they want regarding individual freedom and understand



what they need for personal responsibility. (That's a change from the previous nanny state theory that non-motorcycle riders know what's best for motorcyclists!)

His leadership qualities are evident from the moment you meet representative Olson. He has a commanding presences.

He's aware of opposing opinions and brings those concerns to the table.

Best of all, representative Andy Olson values and encourages constituent input.

I like the progress that I've seen.

Let's keep moving forward towards equal rights and protections on Oregon highways.

After all, fair is fair.

Good job *Hub City Chapter* and representative Olson. I look forward to pitching in on this quest for freedom and fairness.

Heidi Disrud
legislative director
Oregon BikePAC

What The Heck Is S.T.E.A.M.?

And Why Should We Attend?

Once a year the members of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. like to step back from their mission of educating others to take some time to train our own people on how to do their chapter and state jobs with as little grief as possible.

We hold a series of information sessions on a variety of topics from figuring out how to turn on that new laptop to methods for helping elected officials understand our concerns. Information is also

shared about adverse legislation that could hamper our happy riding times.

We call this annual training day, S.T.E.A.M., which stands for Seminars To Educate And Motivate.

It's also one the greatest opportunities we have during each year to get members from all over the state in one place, sharing ideas, meeting each other, putting faces to the names.

By the end of the day, most folks attending are certain that the "E" stands for "Enthuse" because they're all fired up to get home and start making things happen locally, at the capitol, and nationally.

Why should we attend? Because after all the hard work we do throughout the year, we deserve to have some time together without pressure, a few hours to enjoy each other's fine company.

Make the trip.

You'll enjoy the warm glow it gives you through the rest of winter.

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

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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 newspaper. 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!"

*Easyrider*s 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.)*

*Easyrider*s 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 HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

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 from *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 requirement 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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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.

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.

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 regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS	FREEDOM

officers at work

State Coordinator

Happy new year everyone,

The new year presents many new opportunities for all of us to support our mission statement.

We need *every motorcyclist* to help promote our legislative agenda.

Don Mason (*Hub City*) has been working closely with representative Andy Olson to introduce an adult choice (21 and over) bill.

We will need all of you to spend as much time as you can to contact your legislator about this important issue.

Visiting our state capital is a very rewarding experience.

We will also need all of you to write letters, make phone calls, and to help encourage others to do the same.

S.T.E.A.M. is on February 26th at *Chemekata Community College* in Salem.

This is a great event to get educated and motivated.

Geoff White, our state education director, has many great breakout sessions planned to help us all to do a better job within this organization.

All chapter treasurers are *required* to attend.

I would very much like to meet all the new chapter officers for 2011.

I would love to meet with all chapter coordinators.

Better yet I would love to meet each and every one of you.

Hope to see you there!

Your new 2011 state officers are capable, enthusiastic, and ready to accomplish our goals for the new year.

They cannot do it alone.

They need your help.

They need your participation.

If we *all* do *all* that we can do, we will have a very rewarding, fun, and extremely fantastic year.

Take care,

Ted



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



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

Hello *Central Oregon!*

Well, it is the new year. 2011.

What the !!#?

Hope that you all had a great xmas and a hang over new year. Ha ha.

As for me, I don't remember, but that was last year. He he.

This might be my last newspaper report because we will have elections this weekend, December 12th. But have to get the newspaper report out to all of you.

Just want a say big thank you to Arron and Bonnie for putting on the A.B.A.T.E. xmas party the 18th of December. We sure all had fun and great food and party favors. He he he. (Hard to write about a party when it hasn't been here yet. But you all get the point.)

This is a new year and it should be a great time for all of us here in Central Oregon.

We have a lot of plans and getting

a head start on our runs this year. The state will be happy with that. (Maybe?)

Just want to say thank you all, for all your help to make it possible for me to have fun doing this job and be your coordinator. We have had our ups and downs, but it all comes together at the end.

I have stirred the pot a few times but what the hell? That's what I do best.

Winter is here, so let's do a little to help our bikes while they are in lock down.

1. Hope that you put some fuel additive in your tank. (And I am not talking about booze.)
2. Let's make sure that we have a trickle charge on that battery. This will really help in the long run,. (Batteries cost how much money?)
3. Maybe a fresh oil change?
4. If you have a stand, lift the bike off the ground and let some air out of the tires also.
5. If you want, you can put some cable spray on your cables. Just a thought.



6. And sometimes what I do also when the bike is in the air, is start it up and stick in gear to get that tranny oil moving inside. Also remember that there are seals inside that could get dried out from a cold winter. It can't hurt. But just don't let your bike idle. Keep the RPM up a little. (One grand if you do start it up.) Just letting it idle does not charge the battery.

Okay, enough of my bike winter lesson. Maybe it does help, maybe it doesn't. But what the fu##?

Hope to see all of you in January 2011 for a great year in Central Oregon,

-- Animal
2010 coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2: p.m.)
Northside Bar & Grill
62860 Boyd Acres road
Bend, Oregon

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

**Douglas
County**

Greetings from *Douglas County*,

As I write this, chapter elections are a week away. There is no way to predict, but I hope others around our fair but soggy state have stepped up and become involved in serving A.B.A.T.E. as officers. It is well worth the time spent.

Personally speaking, I have spent the last several years serving our chapter as secretary. It's been both fun and rewarding.

I anticipate that at our upcoming election someone else will fill this role, and I hope they enjoy it as much as I have.

I appreciate the grace I have been given as I have not always been "Becky on the spot" with getting things done on time. I would love to stay on, but due to a job change and just *life*, I am in need of a break.

I will continue to be involved in everything I can, and I encourage all of our members to do the same, officers and general members alike.



Douglas County has great members and officers!

If you haven't been to a meeting for "awhile", I would encourage you to come on down to the *Del Ray Cafe* on the third Thursday, 7 p.m. and get to know some really nice people.

Our chapter has really stepped it up in terms of community service, providing holiday meals, supporting Roseburg Rescue Mission, our service men and women, and especially our honored veterans. And, in addition to everything else they do, this team is an integral part of pulling off one of the **best** runs in the state — **S.O.S.** (Yes, planning meetings are already underway for next year's event. They don't waste any time.)

I hope that your Christmas was blessed, and that 2011 finds you and those you love happy, healthy, and prosperous.

See you down the road,

Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Del Ray Cafe

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

[*c.o.e. note* — Josephine County's December report was overlooked by yer crusty ol' editor, possibly because its subject line of "Trying... AARRGGGHH...your patience @ Jackson County Chapter" looked more like spam than an actual chapter report. The report is reprinted below.]

December 2010

Howdy friends and neighbors,

As many of you Oregonians know by now, the weather sometimes predicts whether or not we'll ride. The scene that we had seen just 38 days ago is now blanketed in snowfall, with each snowflake just as individual as your fingerprint or your retina.

As I write this near Veterans Day, I'd like to first thank many of you for serving your country. I know some really great guys who "made it back", including one out of the Navy who

moved up here from destinations south of here and took over the helm of c.o.e. Thanks to ya all.

The patch sez it all:

All gave some,

Some gave all.

We will never forget.

Jesus was a great example when he said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Down here in the south of the state we seem to be taking more than our fair share out to the Eagle Point veteran's cemetery.

This time it's Kathleen Suther (A.B.A.T.E. #441) last month and Spanky's father, Ed Allen, who served in the South Pacific during wartime. May they rest in peace.

Saxton's annual christmas party is December 11th starting at noon. See this paper if you don't have the

address.

The halloween party by two chapters was great over at the Fruitdale grange. Thanks so much to all who helped out and came. The karaoke was cool too.(Thanks, Janey. And no, I won't tell who won best couple costume.

Some of you need to get off da couch and get involved.

Yuppers, you know who ye be.

See ya later or see ya sooner, it's your call now, ain't it?

Thanks to all of you, belatedly, and wishing you a very joyful thanksgiving and a very merry christmas.

So, rubber down, chrome up and be brutally aware of the terminally unaware.

Take care out there.

Mikey

secretary

Jackson County Chapter

January 2011

Happy 2011 and greetings to everyone,

Please pardon our double column, as some of the material is slightly dated by now. I missed the deadline last month by a day, which put us into veterans day. Rot Path and I may have missed each other in the melee. By now you've all unwound from your christmas/new year parties.

I don't know all of you or your reading habits, but as a member of A.B.A.T.E. with 5 1/2 years as

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JACKSON COUNTY MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)

Saxton's

4618 N. Pacific highway

Central Point

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

And so another year comes to an end.

And a new exciting year is before us.

One of the most exciting things legislatively is the *Adult Choice Helmet Reform Bill*. Thanks to state representative Andy Olson who has spent a lot of time on research and talking with other states about adult choice laws. He has written a draft that will be introduced in the next session to give experienced motorcyclists the freedom of choice to wear a helmet in Oregon.

This is huge.

Andy Olson recently spoke at a *Hub City* meeting and was excited about the possibility of getting the draft out of committee, through the house and senate, and all the way to the governor's desk.

The one thing Andy Olson stressed was that he can not do this by himself. He *must* have our help and support to make it happen.

In the coming months, please contact your representatives and let

them know you support adult choice and encourage them to support the bill when it comes up for vote.

Watch for "call to action" notices from *BikePAC* and others to call legislators and go to Salem to show support.

Spread the word to all the motorcyclists you know.

We can make this happen!

Remember, legislators as elected officials work for us. We must be good employers and tell them what we expect of them as defenders of our rights and freedoms.

However, they are not mind readers. They will not know how you feel about issues unless you tell them.

Remember — this is not about helmets, it is about choice.



- Call your representative.
- Go to Salem and talk to your representative.
- Tell your friends to do the same.
- Support adult choice helmet reform bill.

Happy new year from *Hub City*,

Night Lady

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Well, it's not official yet, because we have not had elections yet, but it looks like I might get some relief. It looks like someone has volunteered to be chapter recording secretary. It looks like I might get a small break and get a little help.

Yeah!

Thank you, Karen. (Yes, there are two Karens in our chapter and they both will sit up at the head table.)

Very quiet so far this winter. Not many riding days.

Some of our members rode over to Medford last week for the *30th Annual Rogue Valley Toy Run*. In the past they have had 600-700 bikes. This year between the economy and the weather, they had 318 bikes on the ride with another 20-30 at the event. The sun actually came out just as the ride was getting staged. So it turned out to be a very nice event. Sprinkled a little on the way home, but what the heck — this is Oregon. The ride was well organized. Very few problems. Thank you John Huffman and the *Eagle Riders* for putting together a

great toy run.

Our chapter christmas potluck meeting will be December 15th. Fix food, everyone come out. Hope to fill the room.

We were afraid that we might be losing our meeting place. The Fruitdale grange in Grants Pass was in trouble. They did not have enough members to hold a legal meeting. (According to their by-laws. They only needed seven voting members at a meeting to constitute a quorum and could not get that.) So their state board was going to shut them down. They put out a plea to the community and were able to gain 50 new members. Now they are hoping that a couple of those new members will step up and take an office. (Sound familiar?)

January 1st will be the the local *Polar Bear Ride*. At least two starts. One from Grants Pass and one from Central Point. If you read this in time and want to ride, give Spanky a call at (541)-659-8715.

Our monthly chapter meetings continue to be the third Wednesday



of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Fruitdale grange. (Corner of Parkdale and Rogue River highway in Grants Pass.) Guests are always welcome. Members of other chapters are always welcome. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by.

Remember to ride safe.
Keep an eye out for the other guy.

See you down the road,

Karen
secretary/treasurer
Josephine County Chapter



JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830
(6:30 pm)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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

Lincoln County's senior Thanksgiving dinner was a success once again.

Vicki (a.k.a. "Mrs. Beaver Creek") stepped forward and made the dressing. We received a multitude of compliments from the seniors who remembered what it used to be like. Thanks Vicki.

Wanda introduced a new salad that was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to each volunteer, new and old, who helped. You were greatly appreciated.

Volunteers were from our *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.* chapter, hospital staff from *S.P.C.H.*, and the *4 Square Church* in Toledo.

The friendships that blossomed were wonderful.

The *Stone Soup Kitchen* for the homeless accepted what leftovers we had.

We served more people and delivered more home meals than we have in several years.

Our musician, Robert, was again at the piano.

Our Girl Scout troop made all the place mats that were used, served the seniors, and provided vocal Christmas carols.

It was a wonderful day.

A big Thank yo to the city of Newport for allowing us again to use the senior center.

We have decided that the family adoption plan for Christmas had become too costly and are helping the *American Legion Auxiliary* with the cost of doing a Christmas party for children. We can reach a lot more children at less cost. The chapter is excited about this.

New officer elections will be held at our last meeting in December. We are looking at new faces who have been nominated. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces on the board.



By the time you read this, it will be 2011. We hope you had a merry christmas and a happy and safe new year.

On a personal note, Bob redid the front of my trike and it is now licensed and insured and waiting for better weather. We hope to do some trike riding with Ralph and Wanda who now have a new *Harley* trike.

Get your bikes tended to while the weather is messy so we will see you on the road when the weather improves.

Best wishes to all.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season filled with good food, good cheer, family, and friends.

Once again the *North Coast Chapter* had a successful fund raising season concluded with our *22nd Annual Toy Run*. The proceeds of our events were used to purchase eighty bicycles in support of the *Clatsop County Wishing Tree Program* providing a merrier Christmas for many north coast children. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to our chapter members for their hard work in support of all our annual events, great work once again.

As Don Kelly, our run coordinator, indicated in last month's chapter report (many thanks to Don for writing the monthly chapter reports for much of last year) we have a mix of old timers and new members who have stepped up to fill the chapter officer's positions this year. I am very pleased to see not only the mix of

chapter officers but the fact that all of the positions are filled.

I anticipate 2011 will be a great year for the chapter with renewed energy, fresh ideas and solid support by our chapter members. Discussions have already started about staging new events, growing the chapter membership, getting back into the schools to deliver the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* and expanding our support for charitable organizations during the holiday season. This is how the *North Coast Chapter* supports the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement in our community — "promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement."

All the best to everyone in 2011.

Have a very safe and happy new year,

Al Jaques



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 -- Lower Columbia

Happy holidays from Lower Columbia,

Things have been going well for us on the Lower Columbia.

We've gotten our food and toy drive just winding down. In fact Chris, Angie, and Laura are picking up the totes today.

Again this year we are sponsoring a number of local families for Christmas and that is finishing up now. Still a couple of weeks before Christmas.

Our college scholarships were just finalized and okayed by the membership last meeting. They were turned into the local scholarship foundation.

So we have a lot going on.

We had our Christmas potluck at our December meeting as well as our election of officers.

As I have stepped down as coordinator, our vice coordinator Dave Witmer has been chosen as coordinator, with Donnie Vittitoe as vice-coordinator. I believe they will

both step up and do the job well.

Get ready for our *Third Annual Crab Dinner*. Flyers are out, tickets are printed. Now all we have to do is catch the crab. And when it comes to catching crab Donnie V. is the best in the west. The dinner will be at the Clatskanie American Legion Hall again.

The February state board meeting will be held in Clatskanie again so the officers may attend.

Hope you all had a good holiday season,

Dave Bridges
coordinator
Lower Columbia Chapter



LOWER COLUMBIA MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

November 16, 2010

This is being written on time, but will be sent later due to my broken internet connection. I will go out to a hot spot and send this tomorrow.

Tonight we covered a lot of ground.

We start our candy sale soon and do the *Adopt-a-Family* that we raised money for by selling candy.

We will have officer elections at the next meeting.

We are planning our annual christmas party for December 21, location to be announced.

One of our chapter members, Rod Runyon, has been elected as a county commissioner.

Congratulations, Rod.

Bob won the 50/50 at \$7/\$7 and donated \$2 back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

The chapter membership drawing for \$35 would have been won by Samantha Prentice if she had been present. It will be \$40 next meeting.

-- Brian

December 7, 2010

Tonight we had visitors who are musicians interested in our *Fossil Run* and in joining our group. We hope to see and hear a lot more of them.

Most of our meeting was taken up with holiday plans, our candy sale, and annual officer elections. All of our officers have now been reelected for another year.

We are having our annual holiday party on 21 December, in place of our next meeting. We also decided to have a tailgate party at the candy sale trailer on Sunday, 19 December, starting about noon. Bring some food and come on down.

Richard won the 50/50 at \$10/\$10 and he donated his share back to the *Adopt-a-Family* project. Thanks, Richard.

The membership drawing for \$40 would have been won by Sue Wiiebalk if she had been present. It will be \$45 next meeting.



Upcoming meetings

January 04, 2011

January 18, 2011

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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



Eight people braved the the incredible chilling weather to meet and discuss such trivial matters as the coming legislative session, lane sharing and filtering, the need for improved communication from the coordinators at the state and chapter levels, and the need for immediate active response to call-outs from state and national M.R.O.s.

It's a shame if you missed it but, if you snooze, you lose!

Starting in January, the Salem chapter will meet at *Almost Home Restaurant* on Market street on the *first* Tuesday of the month in order to keep more timely links to the state board of directors meetings.

Hope to see more members there.

Note date change →

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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

Happy New Year from *Washington County!*

Hope all your holidays were blessed with family and friends, good health, and great times. Now that we've gotten through the festivities, it's time to get to work.

WaCo chapter held its officer elections on December 13. The deadline for this issue prevents me from listing the 2011 officers this month, but by the time this hits your mailbox, the new officers will be listed on our chapter web site and the new contact information will have been submitted to the state board.

We have big work to do this year on the legislative front. It's important that our chapter officers are in close contact with their state counterparts to make sure we're all up to speed.

The next big event in the state is our *Seminar To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)* on February 26. This is such an important event

for all our members across the state. Whether you're an officer, a committee member, or a member who's never worked an event, this is a day that will be packed with great information. It's a no-obligation chance to get together with members from different chapters, share ideas, attend seminars on many areas of interest, and learn something new. Traditionally, it's been free to participate, and it would be a shame not to take advantage of such a great opportunity. Mark the date on your calendar. We plan to have a huge showing from *WaCo*.

We're gearing up for our annual birthday party on Saturday, April 2. We're looking for donations for balloon pop prizes and auction items. No prize is too big or too small, and all donations can be brought to a chapter meeting. That Christmas gift that doesn't fit or just isn't you could be a treasured door prize for someone else.

As always, you can find the latest



news, contact information, and photos of chapter events at our web site: <http://www.wacoabate.info>

**Wait . . .
there's more →**

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow

The chapter voted to *cancel* our January 10th chapter meeting.

We hold our meetings in a sports bar and that day is the big B.C.S. football game between the Oregon Ducks and Auburn. No parking, no seating, and the noise level will be prohibitive.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

The toy run was a great success this year.

There were approximately 1,700 bikes.

Gideon, who received a wheelchair last year, was the grand marshal. He has also joined the *Southeast Portland Chapter* as a member.

Through the years the toy run has helped over 115 kids with wheelchairs, 32 power chairs, and many other items.

There were 1,100 tickets sold at the toy run.

We give thanks to James and Della who were the only volunteers at the run. They were given t-shirts as thanks for their greatly appreciated services.

Ticket # 1029 won the bike.

There was a suggestion made in our last meeting to purchase whistles for future toy runs to aid in directing traffic.

Our chapter is against the state's increase of membership dues. Lee Austin intends to express this to them.

Our 2011 officer elections were held during our last meeting and they are.



Now Three Great Chapters In One !

Coordinator – Wayne “Turtle” Pitkin
 Vice-coordinator – Mike O’Donnell
 Treasurer – Vicki O’Donnell
 Secretary – Deb Glaspey
 Membership secretary – Kristin Fenton
 Historian – Phil Jones
 Legislative representative – Randy Phipps
 State representative – Randy Phipps
 C.O.C. representative – Mike Friend
 BikePAC representative – Randy Phipps
 Education director – Geoffrey White
 Chapter chaplain – Mike Friend
 Public relations – Bill Cameron

Ways and means director – Tony McDowell
 Products – Tony McDowell
 Road captains – Brad Smith, Alex Romanoff
 Canned food drive – Craig Blair
 Run 21 event director – Vicki O,Donnell
 Sergeant of arms (primary) – Brad Smith
 Sergeant of arms – Alex Romanoff, Tony McDowell, Richard Ebeling, Donnie Taylor, Bruce Hurt, Phil Jones, Scott Kendall, Kristin Fenton, Deb Herman, Steve Herman, Darren Tuers, Tom Brewer, Leona Brewer
 Webmaster – Jim Niece

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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Washington County Chapter officer list:

Chapter coordinator – Roger Yarnell
 Vice coordinator – Rich Virchow
 Treasurer – Connie Ceccacci
 Recording secretary – Margo Virchow
 Membership secretary: Stephanie Barnes
 State board representative – Gordon Sahnw
 Sergeant at arms – Bill Michels
 Sergeant at arms II – Brian Campbell
 Public relations – Greg Vaughn
 Ways and means – Tina Stocker
 Chapter historian – Mike Darnielle
 Run coordinator – Ed Vaughn
 Run coordinator II – Jerry Cruz
 Quartermaster – Gordon Sahnw
 Newsletter editor – Greg Vaughn
 Webpage editor – Robert Beadle
 Products director – Dave Meeker
 Legislative director – Steve Coffman
 Education director – Mark Schnetzky

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secretary in three southern Oregon chapters, I'm more than willing right now to go out on a limb with some suggestions:

1. Read all of the state newspaper that you possibly can. I read each page and miss nothing you all have to say. There are some very bright and witty people out there and if you ain't reading you ain't, getting all of it.
2. Throw an open house party. Get flyers out everywhere you can for all interested riders. Pool some chapter monies, donations, and a fundraiser to put on a party somewhere and tell everyone why we're here. (Hi Kim.)
3. Have a multi-chapter ride. Make it a day ride or an overnigher, but advertise it, and open it up to guests. Ride safely and have a blast!
4. Ask if you can meet all *Team Oregon* graduates. A few years back some of us got through a class at S.T.E.A.M. put on

by Geoff White and became motorcycle awareness program (M.A.P.) instructors. We went and asked the *Team Oregon* instructors if we could have five minutes and handed out information on *A.B.A.T.E.*, telling 'em what it's all about. Remember folks, these people (*Team Oregon*) still give *A.B.A.T.E.* credit for coming up with this safety gig.

5. Get M.A.P. certified and take it to the high schools. If you and I want these people (all of them) to stop running over us in traffic, we need to get the message out there. Can we get an audience with an older crowd, some of whom should have retired from driving? Maybe, but not if we're all too busy sitting on our couches thinking in our lethargic complacency that somebody else will do it for us. S%*t folks, that's how we're losing our whole country. Everybody in government gets their raises and perks because we did not say: "No. Enough. No thanks and no

more, no way". Send 'em back to work without their pork package.

Okay, thanks for your time, and let's all pitch in and try to do what we were really sent here to do for ourselves, our country, and *A.B.A.T.E.*

Rubber down, chrome up and be brutally aware of the terminally unaware,

Mikey
 secretary
Jackson County Chapter

Our Officers at Work

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes — 11 December 2010

Ciddici's Pizza – Albany, Oregon



The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:15 p.m. with eight of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present will be eligible to vote.

Not present: *Douglas County, Jackson County, North Coast, and Central Oregon.*

No calls from: *Jackson County or Central Oregon.*

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Gordon Sahnaw (*Washington County*) and Hypatia, daughter of Jack (*Lincoln City*).

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Allan to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Lee Austin. Motion passed.

Coordinator's comments: (Ted Tracy) All chapters need representation at the board of directors meetings.

North Coast is excused because of their toy run today. Also, they have sent in a roster list.

Ted requested a new officer roster list from all the chapter representatives.

Secretary report and correspondence: (Yvonne Sahnaw) Please send in your new chapter officer rosters once elections are completed.

Officer's Reports

Vice-coordinator (north): Allan Nichols thanked everyone for being there. We are going into the holiday season, please watch out for each other.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" has missed the last few

months meetings due to a family member's death. He is excited for the new year and glad to be back. *Klamath County* memberships have been transferred over.

He also encouraged enthusiasm to get everyone involved in the coming year.

Vice-coordinator (east):

>> VACANT <<

Treasurer: Kay Sipple reviewed income and expense report. Checking account has a balance of \$6835, savings a balance of \$21,002 and checking #2 \$944. We are being charged \$12 monthly for the last. The monthly fee would be waived if \$10,000 was in the account. She recommends closing the account before incurring any more charges.

Kay and Rot Path have contacted most of the advertisers using the state newspaper to inform them of the advertising costs. Sam Hochberg, *A.I.M.* attorney and *Professional Realty, Inc.* have paid for a full year of advertising.

Kay spoke with Connie on what will be needed for the end of year reports.

1. December 31, 2010 bank statements
2. *Quicken* reconciliation report for the above bank statement.
3. *Quicken* files on a thumb drive need to be received no later than the February 12, 2011 state board meeting.

The Portland armory has been reserved for July 30 and 31 of 2011 for the swap meet.

Lastly, please be sure to include e-mail addresses on the new chapter officers roster that each chapter will be turning in to Yvonne.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path

thanked everyone for being here. He still needs *Josephine* and *Douglas County* reports.

He apologizes to *Jackson County* for not including their report in the last issue. It seems the subject line in the e-mail sent was not legible. Therefore ignored. He will include both reports in the next issue.

Currently trying to create an *A.B.A.T.E. Auxiliary* to promote mission statement for areas where chapters have folded due to lack of membership. Neither costs or money handling will be necessary to keep people involved at some level. Retain and increase membership is the goal.

Brian suggested using a standby status for our mission as a tool. More details to be worked out.

Rot Path will be passing out certificates at the end of the meeting.

Ted would like to note a particular letter sent in by a *Washington County* member. He encourages membership to please read it. It's a very good article, further emphasizing the need for each chapter to submit a good report. A suggestion might be to have the individual chapter secretaries write their reports. Members who don't attend all meetings find out what is happening through your chapter reports.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – Membership report reviewed.

She has requested a couple of bids for the tri-folds. No estimated time of arrival yet.

Klamath County memberships have been transferred to *Indian Creek*. Members may change chapter memberships upon renewal.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price – Sanctioning certificates will be issued after the first of the year when all is in place. Everything is current. *Washington County* poker run is not in conflict with the current Portland swap meet date.

State auditor: Connie Kintz (Excused.) Her report read by Kay. Congrats to *Hub City* and *North Coast* on being green. In addition to our green chapters, we have four yellow, four orange and two



Yvonne Sahnaw
state recording secretary

red. Meaning 50% are acceptable. The reports are necessary for tax purposes. We need hard copies of bank statements for the year.

Legislative director: Randy Phipps – Washington D.C. is speaking on taxes and unemployment. The legislature begins their new year the 8th of January. We have some new representatives as well as old, and it's time to show up and educate them of our wants.

Please get acquainted with your new legislative body.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south):
>> VACANT <<

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Jim Middleton – No report.

Products director: Dave Meeker – No report. Geoff White submitted art work for the 34th annual *A.B.A.T.E. Fossil Run*. Hoodies and sweatshirts with state logo are being looked into.

Education director: Geoff White – *Chemeketa Community Collage* has been reserved with three classes and the use of the hallway if needed. We will have opening session at the event. There will be four break out sessions and time in the hallway if we need. Twelve or more classes in the day is an option.

In the spirit of S.T.E.A.M., we need people to show up bringing a collection of minds to facilitate discussion and inspire each other in more of an open-type forum. Geoff will look into a brief history for opening session as part of the welcome. Rooms reserved are 118, 119 and 120. Rates for the event run \$25 per hour for each room used. The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with *no* complimentary lunch. Coffee will be available. Total costs for the event, \$525. This is a great

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 11 December 2010 (continued)

location for the break-out sessions.

S.T.E.A.M. topics will include:

Legislation at state level, national legislation, state board representative position, chapter/state secretary positions, public relations, coordinators leadership, education and safety, events and activities, treasurer training (two sessions), membership generation and administration, and computer training.

Please let your chapters know what we are planning. Getting membership participation is key to a successful S.T.E.A.M. event.

Public relations director:

>> VACANT <<

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long - No longer a state board representative. His current e-mail address and phone number are listed in the state magazine if you wish to contact him.

Fossil did make money last year. No spreadsheet yet, so he's still waiting for a summary on the event. He bought a new generator for the event. He and Gene try to keep expenses down.

If it rains, sometimes we do not make money. The date will remain on Memorial day weekend.

He is currently working on the fliers and getting the bands for the event. Patricia's son will do sound. He does a great job. *Lock, Stock and Barrel* band scheduled for Sunday. The deck will be made for the stage and we will use the old tarp for the top.

Howie will start having *Fossil Run* committee meetings an hour before the board of directors starting in January. The stage is currently in Sherwood.

Ted will be sending measurements to Gene for the construction of the stage. Cost for the event have increased to \$750, from the \$500 in past years for property rental.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols – He encourages all chapters to join *M.R.F.* The *M.R.F.* is monitoring federally funded road side checks. The state of Utah currently has on-going road side checks.

Our federal tax dollars are being used to lobby the public. Please

write to your representatives on measure NT-98. *M.R.F.* has sent out an e-mail to membership including information on current events.

Rot asked Allen to follow up with *M.R.F.* as to why the magazine was not receiving their news submission.

Allan pointed out that we are a sustaining membership, and we should be receiving a newspaper submission for January.

Allan will be setting up an *M.R.F.* booth at some of the runs. If you would like to have an *M.R.F.* information booth at your run, please let him know. He will also be available for any chapter meetings to present *M.R.F.* information.

Fall/spring swap meet coordinator: (See motion #6 under "New Business".)

Historian: Jennifer Brackman – No report.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – Excused.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba – No report.

BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps – Nic was given the floor. Still not settled on the helmet bill. Insurance is the problem because they are not all standard. A call-to-action will come up immediately. We have 120,000 registered riders in the state of Oregon. We have no excuse for not being able to put something together.

The basic liability insurance rates will go up by \$20. Is this palatable to pay increased insurance in order to not wear our helmets? This has to be written before our next meeting. Don would like help writing up something to present to Andy Olson before our next meeting.

Brian informed the committee that different insurance companies need to get their programs passed through their state insurance commission. That's why some companies do not offer P.I.P. If there is anything we do, we need to include same price guidelines. In addition, some of our health insurance covers this and we do not need P.I.P. insurance. Everyone may need to carry proof of health insurance.

February 2nd will be *Black Wednesday*. Mel Yeager will have room #50 downstairs. People are

asked to come and make a visible impression.

Oregon State Police would like to change the mandatory training bill. No information was given as to what the changes might be. The state police were contacted to get a definition of legal group riding and the response was, "to observation of safe distance". No requirement to be staggered.

BikePAC representative: Mel Yeager – No report.

Confederation of Clubs representative (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen – No report.

Confederation of Clubs representative (north): David Hickerson – Currently working on group rides, and limited power of attorneys for use in recovering motorcycles and other personal property at the scene of a crash. Also advocating for clubs to become sustaining members of *M.R.F.* Kevin Sterip was present at the last meeting and spoke on the topic of "what constitutes a legal carry". Further information can be found on his web site: <http://www.OregonFirearms.org>

As previously stated, *Black Wednesday* will be February 2nd, downstairs, in Room 50.

January 20th is *Black Thursday* for Washington state.

Unfinished Business

- Kay reminded the chapter representatives of treasurer training at 11 a.m. prior to 08 January state board meeting as well as at S.T.E.A.M. Unless you are excused, all treasurers should be willing to be trained. Ideas to be shared will make everyone's job easier.

- There was much discussion on the choice dates for spring swap meet. Ted will follow up with John(Wheels) Betts and Rick of the Portland Armory on availability.

New Business

Motion #1

Motion made by Al (*Hub City*) and seconded by Howie reads: "That we give Ciddici's Pizza a complimentary advertisement the size of a business card."

Motion passed with six in favor.

Motion #2

Motion made by Allan (*Washington County*) to move funds from *PayPal* account to checking account, and close *PayPal* until *PayPal* is needed again.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion #3

Motion made by Al (*Hub City*) and seconded by Lee (*Southeast Portland*) reads: "A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon Inc. to dedicate the chapter event tithing, (10% of each fund raising event) to the legislative fund. Moneys to be used to support A.B.A.T.E. legislative efforts."

Motion was tabled.

Motion #4

Motion made by Al (*Hub City*) and seconded by Randy (*Southeast Portland*) reads: "A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon Inc. to create a fund dedicated to legislative expenses only."

Motion passed with seven in favor.

Motion #5

Motion made by Lee (*Southeast Portland*) and seconded by Randy (*Southeast Portland*) reads: "Swap meet April 9th and May 7, 2011."

Motion tabled.

- *Lower Columbia* received official documentation noting their charter.

- Ted passed out recognition awards to all state officers and thanked everyone individually.

- John Betts (*Southeast Portland Chapter*), known as "Wheels", has wanted to take over swap meet coordinator. Richard Caldwell will be helping Wheels with the swap meet. Ted asked the board of directors members on a vote on Wheels doing the position. All in favor, **passed**.

- As requested by Don, Ted will be forwarding all pertinent information on our legislative directors.

- Brian auctioned off a box of *See's* candy for a family living at Trout Camp. Geoff White was the winning bidder at \$55.

- Ted reminded everyone that we still need a public relations director. Please speak to your local chapters for anyone interested in the position.

- We also need a vice-coordinator (east) and sergeant-at-arms (south) for the coming year. Anyone interested, please call Ted.

Announcements

- Kay reported that Leroy of *Southeast Portland Chapter* had a heart attack. He is doing better, but that's all we know.

- Vacant positions for 2011 board of directors:

Vice-coordinator (east)
Public relations director
Sergeant-at-arms (south)

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Next state board of directors meeting; January 8th, 2011 at *Ciddici's Pizza*, 133 5th Ave SE, Albany, Oregon.

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

As you read this, Christmas is already past and the new year is upon us.

Weather is still in the basement and, unless you're in sunnier climes than Oregon, time now to check the ride out and get it ready for the riding season. Put those new boots on it that you have been putting off because ya wanted to ride worse than taking care of the butt in the saddle.

Time also to look into that riding course you've been thinking about but didn't want to spend the money on because ya already know how to ride a motorcycle. I know that because you told me so. Yet this last season for some reason it seems like ya had a lot more close calls. Maybe the Gunny is right and a course might be fun to do even though ya know ya won't learn much. Give it a shot. You might be very surprised.

And, it might be a good idea to change the oil and check out the cooling system if ya ride a metric. Probably wouldn't hurt to give the old girl a bath. Funny how the color comes out when ya do that plus it will run a lot cooler not having to deal with all that road grime. Nuff said? Hope I gave ya something to do besides sitting around wishing you were riding.

News Bits–N–Pieces

Russia: These folks must be tired of vodka-drinking riders. They developed a device, either hand held or mounted in a police rig, that somehow detects whether yer crocked while riding. If ya are, they will send you a ticket or pull you over on the spot and escort you to a safe place to sober up, and issue a summons. The safe spot no doubt being the lock-up.

Been there, done that, and it isn't as much fun as you might think. Wasn't riding though, driving a cage at the time. I've never let it happen again. It's embarrassing, expensive, and dangerous.

Texas: Panel to consider crackdown on motorcycle racing, stunts. Don't be surprised when enforcement grabs yur butt when you're going down the road at 70 doing wheelies here. People here are sick and tired of the terror they feel on the road when this happens and they are demanding action.

North Texans are citing serious crashes and even fatalities caused by this behavior. I know none of us do those things so we don't have anything to worry about.

Look out folks. It's just this sort of thing that focuses public attention on

motorcycles. We can do a lot to curb this stuff by bringing these folks into our fold and pointing out the error of their ways. Maybe we could set up competitions or hold events of some sort. It's all looking out for our own welfare.

Honolulu: January 29th is the date for the west coast region I *N.C.O.M.* conference, which will dovetail with the *A.I.M.* attorney conference. If you can go, it's only \$80 a night at the *Ocean Resort Waikiki*, at (808)-922-3861. The rate is good for three days either side of that date, in case you want a vacation, too. Otherwise, save your sheckels for the big nationwide *N.C.O.M.*, this year in early May in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Australia: The *United Motorcycle Council* of New South Wales is pleased with a high court decision handed down concerning draconian regulations that restricted association of motorcycle riders here. Called anti-bikie legislation, they prohibited folks from getting together in groups just because they ride motorcycles.

Many ordinary citizens were up in arms over it as well as motorcycle clubs.

High court says these regulations are unconstitutional and therefore unenforceable.

F.E.M.A.: (*Federation of European Motorcycle Associations*) The european commission, an unelected regulatory body, has finally done something bikers in europe approve of. The new rules manufacturers have to comply with to be road legal with are well thought-out and make sense to the masses.

An important victory for *F.E.M.A.* – the discussion to limit the maximum power of motorcycles to 74 kw finally came to an end. The commission reached the only logical conclusion and acknowledged that “*the anticipated correlation between safety and absolute power limitation could not be confirmed*”. Well hallelujah.

Newly sold motorcycles will have to comply with the Euro 6 norm from 2020. Additionally, manufacturers will have to inform their customers about fuel consumption and the amount of CO2 emissions for every model they offer, which was another request voiced by european riders.

Remember folks, we have said for years that what happens overseas comes our ways a lot faster than we would expect.

I remember in Oregon when bikers said we would never be under lids here because it couldn't happen in Oregon.

Oops! Never thought that could happen. Guess we found out, huh?

Ocotillo, California: Authorities were looking for the driver of a car that tried to pass a group of motorcycles and caused another car to lose control on a desert highway, triggering a crash that killed five people and injured six others. Members of the *Saddle Tramps Motorcycle Club* out of San Diego were on a 10th anniversary ride when the crash occurred.

We need legislation in every state and maybe on a national level that calls this murder and sets appropriate measures to deal with it. This sort of thing happens too often for us to ignore it any longer.

N.T.S.B.: (*National Transportation Safety Board*) Several years ago, we went to congress to stop *N.H.T.S.A.* from lobbying congress on helmet requirements and succeeded.

Now it looks like we need to do the same thing again with the *N.T.S.B.*

This organization ordinarily just investigates commercial crashes, but now with outside *N.H.T.S.A.* urging, the *N.T.S.B.* is calling for states to initiate helmet requirements. They are massaging numbers and making it seem that if ya ride without a lid you're gonna die. They don't look closely at the numbers.

Motorcycle fatalities in Florida have fallen by nearly 50%, when you factor in that rider-ship has increased immensely.

According to the U.S.D.O.T., head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes.

The *N.T.S.B.* therefore now recommends that everyone aboard a motorcycle be required to wear a helmet that complies with D.O.T.'s federal motor vehicle safety standard 218. It doesn't matter to these folks the the E.M.V.S.S.-218 is a manufacturer engineering standard that the average consumer can't figure out.

We took care of that in Oregon years ago and somehow we still stay alive. Twenty states, the District of Columbia, and four territories have universal helmet regulations that apply to all riders. Twenty-seven states and one territory have partial regulation that require minors and passengers to wear helmets. Three states – Iowa, Illinois and New Hampshire – have no helmet requirements.

I say *freedom of choice*. I have nothing against a helmet if ya want to wear one.

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Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

A new year, like an unused day, offers us a new chance to start over, an opportunity to change what isn't working, an occasion to scratch that itch of dissatisfaction that's been making us a little bit crazy.

A fresh start, the roof slate wiped clean of yesterday's chalk scribbles.

What's happened before may be sending ripples forward, but our time is now. Our chance to change the pattern of the present.

Sometimes when we're out riding, it helps to get up on a vantage point to study the lay of the land before deciding where to ride. It's difficult to see our direction and make destination decisions as we're twisting and turning down corkscrewing roadways.

So it is on the political highways as well.

Stepping back in our viewpoint allows us to see overall patterns

Before we become embroiled in the muddy ways of getting things done politically, we need to fix a clear vision of what we want the outcome to be. Only then can we be hopeful of having a successful legislative session.

Sadly, modern politics seems to be increasingly concerned with self-interest, personal or corporate, and less to do with what is in the best interest of we, the people.

We need to change that.

We the people are the source of power for all political and corporate maneuvering.

Without our support, they are powerless.

Without us, there is no "them".

Personal, political, and corporate self-interest came into existence to take advantage of us, to use us.

We need to deny them that power. *Our* power.

How do we do that?

By holding them accountable for their actions every step of the way.

By using our money for what is best for us rather than what they want us to believe.

We, the people, need to reject fearfulness and regain the courage to retake control of our lives, to participate at every level of governing our lives, to ensure that government and business serve *our* needs, not their's.

This issue marks the close of Rot Path's ninth year as crusty ol' editor for this fine rag.

Many things have changed since he took over the job from Gordon Hieronimus (computers) while others have remained considerably consistent. (Rot Path finally found a green plastic visor, the *L.C. Smith* typewriter in his photo still collects its fair share of dust, and he still annoys folks by referring to his fine self in the third person.)

It's quite a stumble down memory lane to read through a copy of the February 2002 newsmagazine.

Guess who was state coordinator back then?

Ted Tracy.

(In deference to the lofty office he holds once again, yer c.o.e. won't publish the bikini t-shirt photo . . . fer now.) It took half a dozen *A.B.A.T.E.* members to supervise changing Ted's flat tire after the January state board meeting.

The long-standing though unintentional tradition of making mistakes every issue began on page three.

Work on major events was done by committee rather than individuals, a successful concept we are returning to.

Geoff White was just as involved in organizing S.T.E.A.M. (Simon Milward was guest speaker that year, 2002.)

Back then we were setting up political caucuses in the major political parties while attending platform conventions.

We were working for the assisted fueling legislation as red light cameras were being considered by Beaverton.

The "cash for clunkers" program was in its initial planning stages, unintentionally depriving shade tree mechanics of perfectly good parts for older vehicles.

Back in the present, yer crusty ol' editor has matured as a writer due to all the editing and proofreading he's been doing.

And he still abides by the words of Kingsley Amis : "If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing."

One year to go.

Talk about a bigger blast from the past . . .

Just uncovered (as opposed to discovered) an *A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine from August 1997 when Gordon was editor. (That was back when Rot Path was newsletter editor for the *Salem Chapter*.)

Larry Schalk was state coordinator, vice-coordinators were Ken Ray and Chris Vieira, Mother was membership secretary, Jill Tracy was recording secretary, Brian Stovall was handling legislative matters, Bill Foster was sgt-at-arms (south), Rotten Roger was run coordinator while his wife, Angie, sold us products. (We didn't have an historian back then either.)

Of all the state officers from 1997, only Brian Stovall and Bill Foster remain active at the state level.

Some chapters have remained strong through the years while others have gone away. Remember *Blue Mountain Chapter*, meeting in LaGrande? How about Columbia River? We also had *South Coast* and *Southern Oregon* chapters as well.

Welcome to our past's future.

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TOW ONZA UNTI'E PRIWE TPTYA TORALNI CRYDN,
TOW AR FTHN TO NOW YE AR FTHN T GNBYOYOB.
--A.E. NSSYRA

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 22)

What does it tell us when yer crusty ol' editor sits down to edit reports while breakfasting on macadamia nuts and a can of diet soda?

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Moving Beyond Protests

BikePAC of Oregon sent me to a training session on 11 December entitled *Moving Beyond Protests*.

What got me excited after reading the course description was the phrase, “come to the conference, leave prepared for battle”.

Any Oregon motorcyclist who doesn't feel we are in an all out battle for our rights either doesn't care, or has lost heart.

I am inclined to believe we lost heart.

Here is why I haven't, nor will I ever stop fighting for the helmet bill repeal:

It's not about the helmet.

It never has been.

It's about the individual freedom.

For those of you who know me, my issue is the “helmet bill”. The silly, beating-a-dead-horse, we-have-more-important-things-to-worry-about helmet bill.

I have instinctively known since I was ten years old that something was wrong with the government telling me what to do for my own good. That weekend at the *Moving Beyond Protests* conference, I was able to figure out why I am so dead set focused on this one issue.

It's about principle!

It's not about safety, insurance or public burden.

We don't really talk about principles much anymore, do we? Yet our nation's founders created the constitution on basic principles.

I believe in individual freedom and personal responsibility.

I see the helmet bill as a government seize of my individual freedom.

And to add insult to injury, I see it as a clear sign that government is saying that I am not responsible enough to make this decision on my own.

To me that's the very definition of totalitarian, hence the “T” in *A.B.A.T.E.* And as long as those regulations are being made, I vote we keep the name.

(That reminds me, I need to renew my *A.B.A.T.E.* membership. I enjoy reading the newspaper. Could it be better? Yes, but that's on us. There is that “personal responsibility”. Submit what pertains to motorcyclists.

Speaking of that, I better get back on topic. The awesome conference/training session.)

Representative-elect Katie Eyre Brewer of Washington county was a guest speaker. She sat across from me at dinner and I did not know that she and her husband ride, but I did manage to slip her a *BikePAC* card and I send her an e-mail the next day telling her how much I enjoyed hearing her speak and that *Washington County A.B.A.T.E.* was our second largest chapter.

Watch this strong rookie legislator. She is a C.P.A. and she is going places.

Washington county, if I didn't have such a great representative in Vic Gilliam, I'd be jealous.

What I gleaned from Katie Brewer was valuable.

She said legislators are very busy. Sometimes every minute of their day is booked. I can relate I'm a teacher.

The other point she made was that legislators are ordinary people. They go home at night, change into comfortable clothes, and feed the dog.

Which brings me to contacting your own legislator.

Here's what I learned:

1. Legislators get a lot of crappy calls. People are upset and they are not so polite about expressing themselves. If you call or write, be polite and respectful. The person answering may just be the person you need later on. It goes along the lines of not being rude to the cook.
2. In-person meeting or writing is the most effective way to get something done. Legislators are only acting on your behalf. If you vote and they are your representative, they're interested. (As much as they are interested in being re-elected.)
3. If you make an appointment (which I recommend), even just to meet them, be on time. In fact, be early.



Heidi Disrud

legislative director
Oregon BikePAC

4. Be prepared. Make a fact-based argument or give a personal story. How a does this affect you?
5. Tell them what you want them to do. Be as specific as possible. “I want you to vote for the helmet amendment bill”.
6. Tally's are kept on house bills, senate bills, and on how many times you're rude or polite. (Okay, I added that last one.)

That is the sum total of what I learned from the *How To Lobby Your Legislator* session taught by Matt Evans.

One thing I might add is that a legislator is not an expert on every issue.

Sometimes we are the experts.

Who can tell them more about riding a motorcycle on Oregon highways than someone who rides everyday?

Educating becomes our responsibility.

I had four more training sessions that day, but only one applicable to motorcycling. That was *How To Testify Before A Legislative Committee*. I will cover that as I learn more.


Finally, in closing, I would like to make a couple of requests:

- Contact your legislators.
- Plan on coming to S.T.E.A.M. (I will work on getting Matt Evans or Richard Burke to do a lobbying training session.)

Take care,

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation N.H.T.S.A. Meeting

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* recently participated in a regularly-scheduled meeting with the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)*. The government safety group continues to deny that the recent drop in motorcycle fatalities could have anything to do with education and awareness, instead maintaining that that the decrease was a result of people riding less.

However, the *Motorcycle Industry Council (M.I.C.)* reported that during the same time period, 2008-2009, vehicle miles traveled for motorcycles were up 6.8% or 27.6 billion miles in the U.S. The *M.I.C.* also reported that tire sales, a unique measure of motorcycle use, were also up 9.6% in 2008-2009.

N.H.T.S.A. also continued to defend their discriminatory practice of funding motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints, including their recent \$40,000 award to Georgia's department of public safety. The idea is based on no science or research, but simply the notion that pulling every motorcycle off the road at the discretion of police will "save lives."

New Speaker Of The House

It is safe to presume that representative John Boehner (R-OH) will become the next speaker of the house once the vote is taken by the 111th congress when they are sworn in this January. With republicans taking control of the house, it is likely that Boehner will garner the majority of the votes.

The *M.R.F.* recently met with Mr.

Boehner's staff to congratulate him. Representative Boehner has been a longtime friend of the *M.R.F.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio*, and we look forward to continuing working with him in his new role.

New House Transportation Chairman

The new chair of the powerful U.S. house committee on transportation and infrastructure will be John Mica (R-FL). Representative Mica has been a constant supporter of the *M.R.F.* and all of our initiatives, as well as a very staunch advocate for *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida*. When it comes to anything motorcycle, Mica has an open door policy for the *M.R.F.*, and the *M.R.F.* meets regularly with Mr. Mica and his staff.

Mica is tasked with the awesome responsibility of writing the next surface transportation bill. This mammoth piece of legislation has been the vehicle for such things as the national helmet requirement repeal, *N.H.T.S.A.* lobby ban, motorcycle education and awareness grants, and the motorcycle advisory committee.

The *M.R.F.* will be working hand-in-hand with Mica and his team over the coming months as the bill is drafted, to make sure that motorcyclists continue to benefit from it.

The *M.R.F.* wishes you, your families, and your friends a happy new year.



M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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Shriner Toy Run Letter

Say, it was a very nice *Shriner's Toy Run* this year.

That's all I can say, very nice.

This guy told me, he said to me on the toy run, "Isn't this better than when you guys had eighteen people?"

You know, I think he's right.

Even though I don't like the route being changed by Sam Adams, I don't like some of the politics, it's a lot better for the kids, especially this year.

When they lined up all the kids that were from *Doernbecher's* and *O.H.S.U.* and I saw a lot of them from the chemo and the cancer wards standing up there. It's a pretty tough fight. So our aches and pains and ailments as we get older ain't shit as what these kids have to endure. It's really humbling, it's just amazing.

-- George Boardway



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Voters See Red

Fueled by discontent, record voter turnout nationwide not only gave the republican party the nod in local and national races, but they also saw red at the ballot box as red light camera initiatives lost big on election day.

According to <http://www.TheNewspaper.com>, “Regardless of who you voted for, November 2nd represented a major win for everyone who opposes the use of red light cameras. In a handful of pockets across the nation, voters decided they were sick of the automated machines and by voting against the use of these devices, sent a message to law enforcement, as well as the companies that manufacture red light cameras.”

These cameras are often viewed as a revenue-generating scheme rather than safety devices, and many citizens feel that red light cameras even represent a violation of our constitutional rights. On election day, cities and districts across the nation decided to ban the use of these cameras, adding to a growing list of towns that have already voted to do so.

“The outcome of the voting is a major blow for American Traffic Solutions, the company that manufactures a large number of the cameras,” reported <http://www.Autoblog.com>. “A.T.S. tried hard to block these measures from even appearing on the ballot, but it was denied. The company was then forced to spend millions of dollars to attempt to sway the public to vote in favor of the cameras, to no avail.”

In Houston, Texas, which happens to be one of A.T.S.’s most important accounts, a campaign was run against the camera company by brothers Paul and Randy Kubosh through their *Citizens Against Red Light Cameras* organization. A.T.S. reportedly spent over \$1.7 million, ten times more than the Kubosh brothers, yet A.T.S. still lost the fight in Houston. Following Houston’s lead, red light cameras are now banned in Mukilteo, Washington; Anaheim, California; and Baytown, Texas.

New York Riders Fight Discrimination

In addition to the unprecedented harassment on highways by police manning motorcycle-only checkpoints, which is the subject of on-going litigation by *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Mitch Proner, Big Apple riders are now faced with elimination of legal bike-only parking spaces.

As if it weren’t difficult enough for New York City motorcyclists, over the past decade bikers contend the city has turned up the heat on regulatory and legislative fronts, leading to growing complaints of harassment and accusations of discrimination.

There are only about 37,000 motorcyclists in a city of over eight million people so they are a tiny minority, but the motorcycle community has begun to organize and fight back with a group known as *The New York Motorcycle and Scooter Task Force (N.Y.M.S.T.F.)*, working to ease some of these problems. Most large cities in the U.S. provide biker-only parking for good reason: Bikes and scooters take up less room and are more environmentally-friendly than passenger vehicles.

O.S.H.A. Tells Oregon School District To Ban Motorcycle Travel

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health division officials have recommended that school employees be prohibited from using motorcycles as transportation to work-related activities after principal Tiffany O’Donnell was seriously injured September 13 in a motorcycle crash en route between two rural schools.

O’Donnell, principal of both Elk Trail elementary school and Shady Cove school, was seriously injured while riding her *Suzuki* motorcycle between campuses when she was struck by a *Nissan* pickup truck that was making an illegal U-turn, police

said.

State O.S.H.A. officials said the school district has not violated any regulations, and no citations have been issued, but cautioned that allowing employees to ride motorcycles for work activities presents a hazard to employees, as well as a liability to the school district. The school board is mulling over the recommendation, which is not mandatory.

School administrators are expected to drive their personal vehicle for work purposes, but it hadn’t occurred to district officials to dictate what kind of vehicle they drive, said Eagle Point schools superintendent Cynda Rickert, adding that “We don’t know if the board will move forward on a policy not allowing you to [ride] a motorcycle if you are doing school business.”

Scottish Bikers Protest Fuel Hikes

Hundreds of Scottish bike riders formed a rolling roadblock into Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, on Saturday, September 25th to protest skyrocketing petrol prices and increase public awareness of a proposed 1p increase in fuel duty.

Members of *Fife Bikers* blocked sections of the M90 as around 600 bikers slowly rolled into the capital, and organizers say they are prepared to do so again. Member Jim Seymour told the *Courier* newspaper that he thought the bikers had received a “fantastic” response from the public who lined the streets and overpasses to watch the demonstration.

Petitions handed out that day and signed by members of the public are still being gathered, and will be handed in to ministers in Parliament who will be asked to take legislative action.

Weird News Actor Fatally Shot Filming Motorcycle Getaway Scene

Actor Kirk Abella was masked and filming a getaway scene for the British film *Going Somewhere* when a watchman mistook the performer

for a real bandit and fatally shot him.

The *New York Daily News* reports that when the director shouted, “Action,” Abella ran to his waiting motorcycle (and masked stunt driver) to make his film getaway only to be grabbed by his shirt and shot in the back at close range by volunteer village guard, Eddie Cuizon, in front of dozens of spectators.

Police told the media that when the crowd heard Cuizon fire the gun they believed it was just part of the film, not realizing they were witnessing the actor’s slaying.

The shooting took place in the Parian district of Cebu in the Philippine Islands, where criminals often use motorcycles to escape law enforcement.

However, the shooting was no simple mistake. Firearms are illegal in the Philippines, and before the incident the guard borrowed a friend’s .357 handgun and went to the police station where he was informed that the filming was taking place. The watchman, accompanied by a police officer, then made his way to the film set to help secure the area. Police chief Alexis Relado said, “I don’t know why he still accosted them.”

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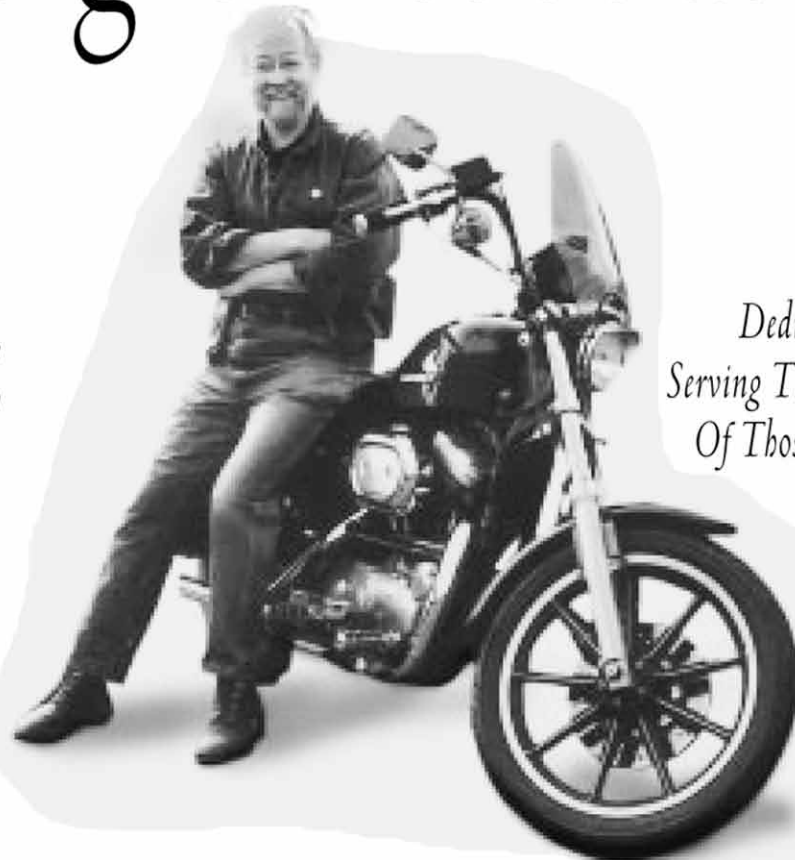
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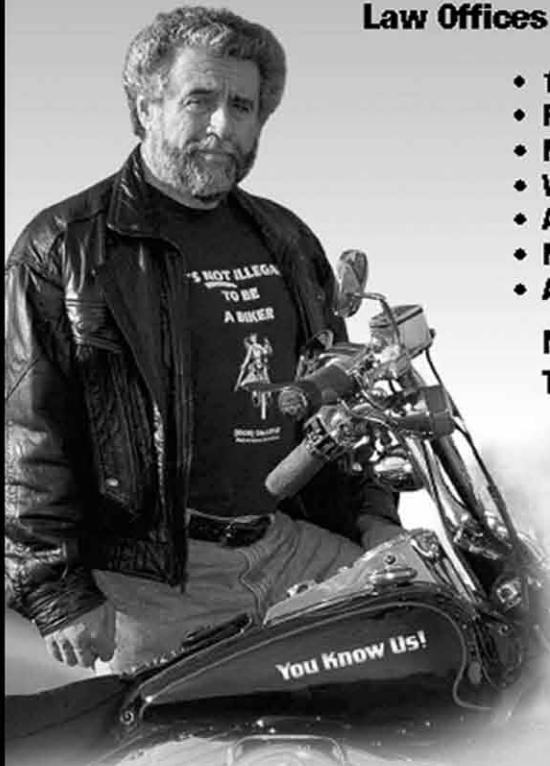
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Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X			X		X	X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/sCorvalli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X		X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X

other areas

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your **local** community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale



1997 custom built softail. Former Katrina victim. Hidden belt primary, Vance & Hines pro pipe exhaust, electric air horn, custom headlight, powder coated frame. Too many new parts to list. **\$8,000** or best offer. (Much more invested but have new Heritage and wife says one must go.) Pictures available. Was at last Hub City Mall Show. Call Nic at (541)-223-3827 or e-mail to: **nic_oliver@peak.org**

(Mar 2011)

For Sale

T-bags, The Sac brand, great shape **\$60.**
Harley two-up tufted saddle with matching pad and sissy bar from 1989 Sporty **\$50.**
Above prices or best offers for A.B.A.T.E. members.

Concho Billy (503)-256-6284

(Jan 2011)

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To first million Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members.
Your Oregon A.B.A.T.E. membership lets you reach hundreds potential buyers for three months, all for the measely price of ... free. That's right, member classified ads are one more perk of belonging to A.B.A.T.E. So use the application inside the rear cover. Phone/FAX your ad to: (503)-838-6893
E-mail to: **statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net**

For Sale



2009 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Classic 17,400 miles **\$15,500** (Blue book = \$18,200)

Cruise control, performance exhaust, stage 1 upgrade, trailer hitch, wind deflectors, trunk rack, new ME880 rear tire. Serviced with Amsoil synthetic. I have all service records. Factory warranty until May 28, 2011.

Richard Headley (541)-234-4212 or (541)-660-1158

(March 2011)

Found

Chance to talk with other members of A.B.A.T.E. from throughout the state at S.T.E.A.M. on Saturday, 26 February 2011. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chemeketa Community College, building 3 in Salem. And it's free.

Employment Wanted

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs. Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.

Arthur West (503)-351-5054

Teamster driver looking for union driving job. (503)-282-6285



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

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statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V)
or
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
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P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 ATTN: Gunny

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN _____ VERBAL _____ BOTH _____

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: _____

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
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(Return address)

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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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

Membership Rates:					
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	_____ Lifetime	\$300			





(please circle desired duration of membership.)

How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments:

January 2011

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 08 Jan 2011
1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SW Fifth street

Albany, Oregon

Fossil committee meeting - 1100 (11 a.m.)

2011 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event - Chapter / Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
02 Feb 2011	Black Wednesday / BikePAC	Salem	
12 Feb 2011	Crab Dinner / LoCo	Clatskanie	(360)-430-2508
26 Feb 2011	S.T.E.A.M. / ABATE of Oregon	(T.B.A.)	(503)-774-7558
12 Mar 2011	Anniversary Party / SE-PDX	Portland	
31 July 2011	Swap Meet / ABATE	Portland	
02 Apr 2011	7th Birthday Party / WaCo	Hillsboro	
May 2011	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	
22-24 July	Run-21/ SE-PDX		
~ Oct 2011(?)	Fall Swap Meet / ABATE	Portland	
03 Dec 2011	Toy Run /		

D.R awoke full of new year's woes,
Uncertain what had become of her clothes,
She remembered a dare,
But why is she so bare?
She had a skinfull and now it shows.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

>> Location <<
Phone:

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	<i>Northside Bar & Grill</i> ; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Del Ray Cafe</i> ; 5669 NE Stephens St; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1300 (1 p.m.)	Riverside or All Sports Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	change → 1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684