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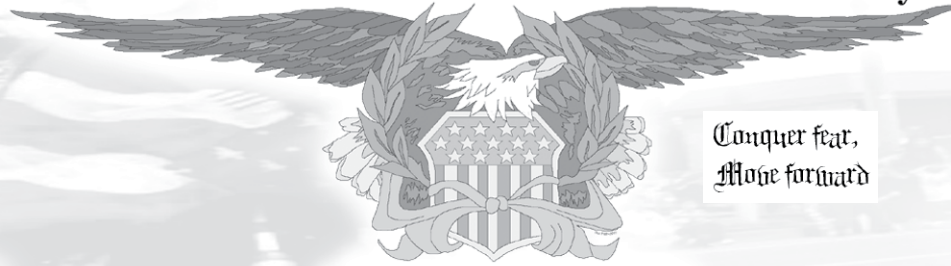
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# Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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

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

### 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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A	A	Single entity.
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



## Al Nichols

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

Another year has passed us by and now it is 2012. A year that will bring us to a crossroads in Oregon politics. We have an opportunity to mold a more motorcycle friendly playing field in Salem, but it is up to us to take that path.

We have heard about the politicians who refuse to take us seriously because we haven't been able to come together as a group. I believe this is because we have approached politics in general as individuals. We come from different parts of the state, different beliefs, or different backgrounds. We need to become focused on a single goal; we need to become united.

As your new coordinator, this is where I plan to start the change. It will be my goal to get us all on the same page, whether our bike is a Harley, Honda, or a Vespa.

We need to realize that we as A.B.A.T.E. are more than the twenty people at our meetings or even the

1,700 members state wide.

We are also a seven year old boy riding his first dirt bike with his father.

We are the nineteen year old college student who rides a scooter to class.

We are the 100,000 registered riders in Oregon!

People, we have the numbers on our side and we need to take advantage of it.

There is going to be a lot of important information put out this year at the state board meetings as well as on the internet.

We need to find out who our friends in Salem are and support them as individuals as well as an organization. If we do this right, we could see more people in Salem who will represent us.

We will have a level playing field and we will have respect.

That is where it all starts – respect. With respect we can accomplish

great things and those who think that motorcycles are “fast enough to get out of the way of danger” or think our children crawl around the garage floor chewing on foot pegs, or think we need to be told who our passengers can be, can go pound sand.

This can be a great year for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and every rider in the state will benefit from it.

Or it can be the same old routine and let the people in Salem keep making our decisions for us.

The time for us to unite is now. I believe the rewards will make the effort invaluable.

Let's become the name that will be respected again.

Let's be an organization that people want to be a part of again.

Lets make it known we will not tolerate disrespect and prejudicial treatment.

Let us unite.

Ride free and ride proud.  
We are A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols  
Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state coordinator

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

## Central Oregon

Hello C.O.,

This will be most likely my last newspaper report as we are electing new officers today, December 12.

I just hope that the new officers will be involved with all the motorcycle functions in Central Oregon.

It has been a great for me doing this but now it is time for me to hand over the gavel.

Thank you all for all your support and all the help that everyone has put forward to help make all this happen for me and for A.B.A.T.E. of Central Oregon.

Thank you again,

Animal  
coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Central Oregon



**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING**  
**TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**



Welcome to 2012!

Hope this year is filled with blessings for all and that with it brings better times for us all.

I know that last year was a tough year for many and so I hope that this being an even year that things will even out.

Chapter officers were elected during our November meeting and we had a few changes. We would like to congratulate those who are stepping up to the challenges of officer positions and thank those who are serving another term.

For those who are stepping away from a position in the chapter, we also want to thank you for all your hard work and service to our chapter.

If you missed out on the annual Douglas County Chapter christmas party and didn't get a chance to meet your fearless officers for next year, here's a list of who is who:

- Coordinator = Jim Waggoner
- Vice-coordinator = Rich Bumcrott
- State, legislative representative = Bob Nichols
- Secretary = Chris Shull
- Treasurer = Bonnie Fender
- Membership secretary = Dan Rice
- Sergeant of Arms = Country Bill and Pat Snyder
- Ways and means = Sandy
- Public relations = Janie, Georgia
- Education = Tom Burns

Until further notice, we will continue to meet at *M's* of Roseburg on the 3rd Thursday, every month. A committee will be planning the chapter events for 2012 so check out the chapter web site for updates and monthly events by visiting

<http://www.dcabateoforegon.org>  
Thanks Dan for updating the web site and keeping us all informed.

Happy new year.  
Best of new year wishes to you and yours.  
As always, "Enjoy the journey and enjoy the ride"

Your secretary,

Chris Shull  
*Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.*

**Douglas County**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Mr and Mrs M's Restaurant*  
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Roseburg  
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**A.B.A.T.E. group report -- Indian Creek  
( members at large )**



**Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in reports.**

**Indian Creek**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
( when and where ever )

**POINT of CONTACT**  
( state newspaper )

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

Happy new year to all you freedom fighters out there!

I hope 2012 is a good year for all of us.

A heartfelt thanks to all the outgoing officers at the chapter and state levels who've given of themselves and their time to support A.B.A.T.E. We all know how little time we seem to have, so stepping up in this manner really speaks to how special these people are.

I know A.B.A.T.E. state officers and BikePAC are breathing new life into A.B.A.T.E.'s political agenda and strategy, so be prepared to support A.B.A.T.E. for the reasons the group was founded. See page 2 of your state newspaper for details if you don't know why A.B.A.T.E. was born. It wasn't for charity work, even though that's a noble cause we enjoy supporting.

<http://www.RepealMachine.com>

will give you a primer of the tack that A.B.A.T.E. will be following as our political strategy gets in tune with the times we live and struggle in. Get ready to work and see success. That's a strong motivator.

Hub City Chapter worked through the christmas holidays supporting local toy

runs so the less fortunate could enjoy some warm clothes and a new toy. We even had eight bikes head north from Albany in 21 degree weather to support the Southeast Portland Chapter's toy run. What a turnout. I heard the official count was 6,100, even on a day that cold. Huge parade. And how about that lunch at the Red Barn afterward?

While Hub City Chapter carries much more focus on A.B.A.T.E.'s political founding, we have plenty of compassion for those who suffer, especially at this time of year.

On February 11, Hub City and Riley's Billiards (124 Broadalbin street, Albany) will be hosting a biker night with the Dammit Jim Band supplying great rock and roll. There'll be lots of prizes with all proceeds going to support Hub City's biker safety billboard campaign. See the flyer at

<http://www.hubcityabate.com>

or elsewhere in this fine edition.

Keep that bike ready for riding, as we know the fickle Oregon weather will present an opportunity here or there for a little two-wheel mental therapy. If you



watch your tire pressure and such, you won't turn those chances into physical therapy.

Get your chapter to sign up twelve members for a Team Oregon class and you can have a class all to yourselves. It's a lot of fun to learn with your friends. The training will save your life someday. A.B.A.T.E. will reimburse you for most, if not all of the cost. How can you lose?

Let's plan for a great 2012 and work to make it happen,

Simba



### Hub City

#### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)  
Ciddici's Pizza  
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

Howdy and happy new year,

Believing, as I do, that you should get the new year started off right, I ask you to ponder upon your life, love, ride, the pursuit of happiness, and this all important question: If a chicken and a half lays an egg and a half every day and a half, how long would it take a blind monkey with a wooden leg to kick all the seeds out of a dill pickle? \*

We had two toy drives on the same day down here – December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Rogue Valley Toy Run was huge and ginormous with a ton of bikes, riders, and toys ending up at the Eagles Club. Great job from Gene, Lori, and every other set of helping hands.

The second, U.S. Marine Corps' Toys-For-Tots, was later that afternoon at the Sportsmans Warehouse. We managed to miss out on most of the excitement 'cuz of a physical condition or two, but saw lots of bikes and way more toys at

both places...

Next up is Wreaths Across America. The gentleman is not a veteran but remembers being awed at Arlington national cemetery when he was younger. He, his wife, and their company donated 25,000 wreaths this year and sold another 300,000. Their goal is to cover all of the 220,000 grave sites at Arlington. They've been at it for twenty years and hope to have their goal met in year twenty-five. Over 700 cemeteries are now involved and at a measly fifteen bucks, you can be a happy participant yourself next year, please. Thank you truly.

No, I can't really say how it went 'cuz it's tomorrow (last month) and the deadline for the fine newsletter [paper, dammit!] is now (last month). Time travel is here to stay, ladies and gentlemen.

The Polar Bear/Frosty Pumpkin/Boy-Am-I-Cold-Crazy-and-Havin'-A-



Blast Run was on January oneth and a good time was had by all, I hope.

Enuff said.

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

See you out there.

Aloha from Mikey and the entire Jackson County Chapter.

\* [ crusty ol' editor's note: The answer is 42. (The answer is **always** 42.) ]

### Jackson County

#### **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 pm )  
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Medford  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**

# Josephine County

There is no news to report out of *Josephine County*.

Weather has been cold, so there doesn't seem to be anyone wanting to do much outside. Maybe next month will bring some warmer riding weather.

If you are riding be careful of those icy roads.

Here's hoping everyone has a very merry christmas,

Karen Headley  
secretary  
*Josephine County Chapter*



**Josephine County  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830  
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkdale Drive  
Grants Pass

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

Happy new year!

What a new year it is down here on the *Lower Columbia*.

We have had our elections for the year 2012.

Congratulations to:

- Coordinator = Dave Bridges
- Vice-coordinator = Donnie Vittetoe
- Recording secretary = Angie Keeler
- Membership secretary = Eva Bridges
- Treasurer = Christina Austin
- Sgt-at-arms = Rick Indergard
- Historian = Laura Brown
- Run coordinator = Rick Indergard

We have been busy with doing our annual christmas dinners and gifts for ten families in our area.

We also have been getting everything ready for our annual

crab dinner on Valentines weekend. Ticket are on sale for \$15 before the event or \$20 at the door.

Remember to keep the rubber side down,

Dave Witmer  
2011 coordinator



**Lower Columbia  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 -- **Lincoln County**

*Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.* is feeling the cold here in Newport. It seems funny to wake up to the white grass and frozen cars. By 10 a.m. or so, it is starting to melt at our house.

The *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* was a success again this year. Does not seem possible that we have been doing it for thirty years. The seniors loved the new salad, which is the salad I took to the planning session.

There is not much going on here right now. Everyone is getting ready for christmas holidays.

The temperature makes us feel like it may be christmas season. Cold and crisp.

Some of us are helping wrap presents for the christmas party for children that our *American Legion Auxiliary* does each year.

Our anniversary party will be coming up in April and we are talking about what we want to do this year. No firm ideas, just planning stage.

A few of us rode to Yachats with

a member for lunch at the *Adobe* to celebrate a members birthday. Cool ride but it was dry and a beautiful day to overlook the ocean while eating.

Having one meeting a month is still feeling different but it seems the best thing to do during the winter months.

Sorry to miss the December state board but with Bob in the hospital I wanted to be here with him. I'm sending copies of the salad recipe with Jack so that those who wanted it would have it.

We do hope that all of you had a safe holiday season and enjoyed friends and family. It is a time for families to reconnect and friends to enjoy time together.

Ride safe and warm,  
Keep the rubber side down,

Millie  
secretary  
*Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.*



### **Lincoln County** **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 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**

Short report this time.

My sincerest thanks to all our chapter members who worked so hard this past year and our supporters, both old and new. It's because of all of you that we make a difference each year at Christmas time, supporting the families and kids less fortunate than us.

Looking forward to another great *North Coast Chapter* year ahead and may it be a better year for everyone who has been touched by the effects of our economy.

All the best and happy new year from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques  
chapter coordinator



### **North Coast** **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 ( 5:30 pm )  
*Moose Lodge*  
420 17th Street  
Astoria, Oregon  
Children are welcome

#### **POINT of CONTACT**

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Astoria, OR 97103

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

**November 15, 2011**

Most of the meeting time tonight was taken up with plans for our upcoming candy sale. Everything is ready except the trailer and we are working on that.

No membership drawing was held tonight.

John won the 50/50 at \$7/\$6.

-- Brian

**December 6, 2011**

The restaurant gave us a smaller room tonight, so of course, we had a bigger meeting than usual. (Sixteen people.)

Most of the meeting was about our holiday projects, selling candy and adopting a family for Christmas.

We will have a pot luck tailgate party at the candy trailer on December 17 in the afternoon.

We made plans for our holiday party on December 20.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$10/\$10 and donated his share to the holiday project. Thanks, Rick.

Chris Vieira would have won the \$40 membership drawing if he had been present. It will be \$45 next meeting.

We still have a new year's day ride. Meet at the *Columbia Portage Grill* parking lot at 11 a.m.

-- Brian



### Upcoming meetings

**January 03, 2012**

**January 17, 2012**

**River City**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Shiloh Inn*  
The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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



"Wow!" is about all I can say.

The fantastic turn out at the *Shriner's Toy Run* was amazing.

To all of you who rode or caged it in the cold weather, we thank you. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time to make this the huge success that it was this year.

Sally Bouron won the *Harley*. She works on site at the *Tri-Met* bus barn and has helped set up for many years, so it is wonderful that she won this year.

Ryan Owens won the *Honda* scooter and Ray Wolf won the \$500 gift certificate

Many thanks to the toy run committee for all your work. It's a pleasure to be there with you all.

We will be holding the *Cabin Fever Revisited Party* on January 14, 2012 at the *Spare Room* at 7 p.m. We can use some help with door prizes. Come on

out and have a good time with us.

Well, another year has come and gone. Hope everyone has a good and safe new year.

Ride safe and warm.

Deb "Honeybuns" Ross-Herman

I would like to thank everyone who helped and showed up for the *Shriner's Toy Run* this year. We had a lot of people out selling tickets, as well as my crew selling shirts and pins. The weather was cold, but dry.

The parade went well and the equipment and toy give away were spectacular.

I would like to add a special thank you to others:

*River City Chapter A.B.A.T.E.* displayed the bike at their annual candy sale. Yummy candy. Thanks guys. All help is appreciated.

*Rose City H.O.G.* did an outstanding job as parade marshals

The Portland police.

*Star Rentals, J.B.L. Sound, Schultz Clearwater,* and *Day Wireless* for the big discounts that they give us on our rentals.

The Tuers children, my helpers at the t-shirt/pin booth, rocked.

The Shriners for their coffee/cocoa trailer to help keep us warm.

All of the staff from the hospital, who came down to accept toys at the bus, and for all of the help that they give us and the children all year long.

*Tri-Met* for donating the lot for us to use.

If I missed anyone, thank you.

Without all of this help, we would not be able to do this for the children.

Thanks,

Vicki

**Southeast Portland**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon)  
*M&M Restaurant & Lounge*  
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Salem

At our Tuesday night meeting in December, we elected a new coordinator, giving Rick a long deserved rest.

As the current coordinator, I plan on getting in touch with all the members we haven't seen for awhile and getting them back to our meetings with whatever it takes.

We also have new and different runs and campouts in the works for the year coming up, so we will have funds for *BikePAC*.

We want to wish every *A.B.A.T.E.* group in Oregon a very merry christmas, and the best of new years to come,

Lynn B. DeSpain  
Salem Chapter



### Salem

#### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

It's a brand new year here in *Washington County* and the theme is new beginnings.

If word hasn't reached you yet, our favorite watering hole and meeting place, *Prime Time* in Forest Grove, suffered a total loss in a fire the day before Thanksgiving. The community has rallied in support of the employees who have taken such good care of us over the years, and I'm proud to say that *WaCo* members have made significant contributions. *Prime Time* will rebuild and we're told we will have a bigger meeting room to come back to.

In the meantime, our chapter meetings will be held at the *Grape Vine Restaurant* at 11525 SW Barnes road in Portland. (At Barnes road and Cedar Hills boulevard.) The *Grape Vine* has generously welcomed us for as long as we need. They have a full menu and bar, and a separate meeting room with plenty of room for us. We hope to see all of our regulars, as well as many of you who have not been to a meeting for a while.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. The

meeting room will be open from 5:45 p.m. for anyone who wants to come early for dinner.

The run committee has already been hard at work to shake things up and bring us some new things for the new year.

Mark your calendars for March 31, when we'll host biker night at the *Vine*. There will be a dinner menu, live music, dancing, prizes, auctions, and *free admission!*

Also changing this year is the date for our *End of Summer Run*. We've moved it back to August to bribe mother nature for better weather. Stay tuned for more information.

It's going to be a busy legislative year with elections and many opportunities to contact our representatives.

Remember, it's our job to educate them about our issues and they'll only pay attention if we ask them to. Please take an active role in making sure your voice gets heard.

Register to vote, encourage your friends to do the same, and then vote.



One person can make a difference.

As always, get the latest news and information on our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow



### Washington County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30 p.m. )  
*Grape Vine Restaurant*  
11525 SW Barnes – Portland

#### **POINT of CONTACT**

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

10 December 2011

*Ciddici's Pizza*—Albany, Oregon

**Call to order, welcome:** The meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy, state coordinator, at 12:05 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Not present:  
Excused – *Douglas County Chapter*  
Unexcused – *Lower Columbia Chapter*

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence for downed brothers and sisters, service people.

**Guests and first time attendees:** Debbie (Spanky's fiancée), Rocky (*Jackson County Chapter*).

**Reading, approval of minutes:** Motion made by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Jack (*Lincoln County Chapter*). **Motion passed.**

**Coordinator's comments:** Ted Tracy opened by reminding everyone that pizza and extras were available, purchased by the state board.

Ted showed an old copy of the state newsmagazine (March 2001, provided by Rot Path) and went over it with comments.

He said that he liked the "Terminator Ted" shown in the December state newspaper and said it was funny.

He then spoke on the quality of the newspaper back then.

He then complimented Rot Path for breaking the record for most years as state newspaper editor, trouncing Gordon. He also stated that Rot Path turned out excellent newspapers and thought that Oregon's were the best. A standing ovation was given the crusty ol' editor.

Ted gave a brief report on the *Meeting of the Minds* conference in Detroit that he and Allan Nichols attended. There are lots of pictures

available if anyone is interested. Stated that it was well done with a lot of great information being passing around. It is worth the trip, even if you only go once.

Ted stated that he had some certificates of appreciation to hand out at the end of the meeting and asked for everyone's indulgence at that time.

He also stated that although he is no longer state coordinator after today, he was elected as *Washington County Chapter's* education director so he will still be active and offered his assistance to Geoff where ever Geoff needs him.

**Secretary report and correspondence:** Nic Oliver had nothing to report other than there are newsletters from other states if anyone wants them. Please come and take them.

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

**Vice-coordinator (north):** Allan Nichols stated that *A.B.A.T.E.*'s attendance to conferences should be decided upon sooner so that it will save us money in air fares. Wished everyone happy holidays.

**Vice-coordinator (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen asked about the availability of the plastic holders for our tri-folds.

There seems to be some problems with road signage in southern Oregon. The Oregon department of transportation has stated it is not allowed, but there are some discrepancies with that. Was told that banners would be okay. This issue is still being researched.

Spanky challenged every chapter to increase their membership. A state-wide membership drive is needed and maybe a prize could be offered by the state. Spanky stated that we need numbers if we are going to make our voices heard and our efforts work. We are one big team and need to be able to show it.

**Vice-coordinator (east):** Robert Terrill stated that east side riders need to be careful. The road conditions are treacherous with varying problems showing up. These include ice in

shady areas, gravel, wet, leaves, and others.

**Treasurer:** Kay Sipple's report turned in. Kay reviewed written report.

Checking balance \$3890.91

Savings balance \$22,666.83

*PayPal* balance \$300.15

*Southeast Portland Chapter* handed Kay a check for *Run-21* in the amount of \$3,020.

Ted Tracy added that we are lucky to have Kay and Connie. (We all agree with that one.)

**Membership secretary:** Linda Henderson indicated that we currently have 1,516 members with 45 expired.

Spoke about the trifold holders. We have a lot of those in the trailer and all anyone needs to do is ask and some will be brought to the state board meetings. Any chapter who needs supplies, contact Linda and she will bring them to the meeting and give to the chapter representative.

**Sanctioning officer:** Matt Price excused. Riding in honor guard in Salem to lay a Marine in his final resting place.

**State auditor:** Connie Ceccacci  
(Excused)

Kay gave report that two chapters are in the red: *Douglas County* and *Lower Columbia*. *Jackson County Chapter* treasurer contact information needs to be turned in to Connie as soon as possible.

All chapter representatives are to be sure that current contact information with their chapter treasurer has been turned in to Connie.

It is the critical time of year. All year-end reports, conciliation forms, and any other information is to be turned in to the auditor no later than the February state board of directors meeting. (February 11th, 2012) There will be no grace period. Year end reports up to 31 December 2011 are necessary.

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path thanked everyone for attending. Also thanked those who got their reports in on time for the December issue. Welcomed all new state officers and stated that most chapter reports are in but some are still needed. Suggested that reports be turned in by each chapter whenever they have a function or event to be publicized so that people can see some of



**Nic Oliver**

*acting state recording secretary*

the things that we do. Rot Path showed off an old edition of the newsmagazine when Gordon was editor. (March 2001)

**Legislative director:** Randy Phipps reported that the *A.M.A.* has on their web site a report on the damaging effects of the E85 or E15 gasoline blend.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north):** Randy Phipps reminded everyone that help with security will be needed at the April 29th state spring swap meet in Portland. He also asked chapter representatives to remind their chapters that they are to provide help for all state events/functions.

**Sergeant-at-arms (south):**  
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**Sergeant-at-arms (east):**  
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**Products director:** Dave Meeker needs artwork for the *35th Annual Fossil Run* t-shirts. Other styles and colors of t-shirts are available for order. Have magnetic signs, bumper stickers, and other items available now.

**Education director:** Geoff White reported that the S.T.E.A.M. committee met again and things are going great.

The first session will be officer training.

The legislative session will be done by Don Mason and will be available twice.

There will also be two sessions on public relations.

Bob Hudson is now on contract as the guest speaker.

Goeff reminded everyone that *Run-21* has free booth spaces for any chapter who wants to avail themselves of the opportunity.

**Public relations director:**  
< vacant >

(The new 2012 public relations director, One-Eyed Bob, is already

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## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 10 December 2011 (continued)

getting started by working on *FaceBook*.)

**Fossil coordinator:** Howie Long opened by announcing, “I’m back!”

Reported that he is working closely with Gene on *Fossil*. The flyers will be out in about two weeks. There will be limited, small recreational vehicle spots.

Officer support: Chapter representatives are to let the chapter vice-coordinators and sergeant-at-arms know that they should be ready to help out. Others who want to help are always welcomed. The more helpers, the less work.

Getting the stage and tarps together.

Howie stated that he would appreciate someone stepping up and helping out with the secretarial needs for *Fossil*. He would also like to see more involvement with the southern chapters.

Howie turned the report over to Gene Mortimore.

Gene reported that there will be eight spots available for RVs. They will be \$60 each and if wanted, need to be reserved with payment. Contact Gene at (541)–993–3725.

Gene would like to see more use of the quick response code block (QR code) in promoting *Fossil* and other A.B.A.T.E. events. Could use the word “Party” on the top to attract attention and then the box would be downloaded, taking the person to the A.B.A.T.E. web site where they can get tickets, products, membership, videos, look at pictures, and other stuff.

**Swap meet coordinator:** John “Wheel” Betts reported that the armory is secured for the April 29th spring swap meet. Randy is handling the vendors.

Randy reported that a deposit of 75% is required for vendors prior to the swap meet to reserve a space. Too many no-shows last year.

The flyer is being worked on and will have some color this year.

The portable sanitation unit issue has been dealt with and they will be available the night before the swap meet.

**Historian:** Jennifer Brackman (Absent)

**Web page editor:** Trace Ceccacci (Excused)



**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba (Absent)

**BikePAC representative:** Randy Phipps reported that there was no December meeting. The next meeting for *BikePAC* will be January 7, 2012.

**M.R.F. representative:** Allan Nichols reported an issue being watched at this time is article 1031. This is bad for everyone as anyone suspected of terrorist activities can be locked up without warning or preservation of rights. This is tied into the *National Defense Authorization Act*.

Also being watched is New Hampshire, where their noise problem issues are being dealt with.

**Confederation of Clubs representative (north):** David Hicker-son (Excused)

### Unfinished Business

- **State officer openings:**
  - Sergeant-at-arms (south)
    - No nominations.
  - Sergeant-at-arms (east)
    - No nominations.

• Motion made by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) seconded by Bob (*Douglas County Chapter*):

“That A.B.A.T.E. modify the title of Indian Creek Chapter and add ‘member at large’ to the previous designation.”

This issue was discussed and it was decided that the chapters need to discuss this. Tabled at the planning session.

Tabled. Not enough time to get to chapters.

Discussed again and Rot Path reported that he had a report turned in for *Indian Creek* by “Sturdi”. (Douglas Findley) It was noted that there already is wording in the tri-folds that states *Indian Creek* means member-at-large.

**Motion withdrawn** by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*)

• Motion made by Nic (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Richard (*Salem Chapter*):

“Any chapter that gives up or loses their charter must turn over all assets, debts, bank accounts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. due to all chapter assets belong to the state to begin with but are held in toto by the chapter. No funds or other assets are to be ‘given away’ or transferred to another organization or chapter without the A.B.A.T.E. board of directors approval beforehand. Discussion at planning session had Nic explain that first of all in toto is latin for ‘altogether’ and used in this instance similar to legal use meaning ‘part of the whole.’”

This motion closes a loophole that had been used in the past. This also stops any unauthorized “merger” as that term does not work within our organization. Any charter loss makes the chapter die and assets revert to the state for redistribution as needed.

Nic asked that this motion be tabled to go to the chapters for discussion.

Motion tabled at planning session  
Motion tabled again due to not all chapters having had the opportunity to discuss this issue.

Discussion was very short.

Vote took place.

Results: 8 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

**Motion passed.**

### New Business

• *Salem Chapter* presented a helmet initiative idea to the board for consideration. It was agreed that *Salem* meet with the executive board and *BikePAC* after regular meeting due to conflicts with plans already in motion.

• Don Mason (newly elected 2012 legislative director) presented an outline that had been worked out with regards to plans to deal with the helmet reform bill.

Representative Andy Olson along with *BikePAC* and A.B.A.T.E. representatives have worked out a process to achieve our goal.

Don spoke on the tactics for the initiative process and it was shown that we lost the right to choose by this tactic in the lowest voter turnout in Oregon history. We were also at a severe disadvantage when the media supplied air free time for the insurance institutes but we got nothing. With our money situation, there is no way that we could consider this tactic. We would be outspent by millions of dollars.

Don also reported that we may take advantage of the *Ames Institute* for writing the bill.

Don spoke on a supplied *Google* map along with pins and motorcycles portrayed on it. It shows where we are and will show far more in the future as to our supporters and those against us.

He also pointed out that only issues that impact the budget are even being heard during the 2012 short Oregon legislative session. Therefore our plans are covering a larger area than ever before and getting involved in the elections process will go much further to seeing us meet our goal. There are plans of attack being discussed and methods to deal with other problems considered.

The helmet reform bill *will* be introduced in the 2013 Oregon legislative session.

### Announcements

• *River City Chapter* is holding their annual candy sale. For more information, contact Brian Stovall or any chapter member.

• Geoff White reported that Darryl has already done a lot of *FaceBook* stuff for the *North Coast Chapter* web site.

• Ted Tracy proceeded to hand out certificates of appreciation to the state officers for 2011. He also verbally thanked each chapter representative for their service to A.B.A.T.E.

• The next A.B.A.T.E. state board of directors meeting: Noon, Saturday, January 14, 2012, at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

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From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK

Another new year, and another time to take stock of where we are and where we're going, as motorcyclists and as Americans.

As the political season heats up toward the upcoming presidential and congressional elections, we should be asking ourselves and our candidates where we stand on our issues of freedom, and that's not just freedom of the road. Keep your eyes, ears, and minds open!

### Newsbits–N–Pieces Federal Judge Upholds New York Motorcycle

#### Checkpoints

*Albany, New York* – Here's some news we didn't need. Federal judge Sharpe has rejected motorcyclists' claims that their constitutional rights were violated by New York state police highway checkpoints that stopped thousands of riders and ticketed many of them.

These stops looked like they were timed to disrupt folks riding to rallies in New York state. They were stopped supposedly for motorcycle safety checks. Cars were not stopped.

Four motorcyclists sued troopers, claiming safety was a mere pretext in looking for criminals and that the practice was intrusive and unfair to riders as a group.

Our *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* attorney for New York and Connecticut, Mitch Proner, said many motorcyclists are interested in the case, the only such federal suit nationally, though some other states have similar checkpoint programs. Mitch says he will appeal the case. Mitch came to our *N.C.O.M.* regional meeting a few months ago, talking about this case.

According to the judge's ruling, 5,342 vehicles passed through 17 motorcycle-only checkpoints in 2008. Authorities inspected 2,278 bikes and made four criminal arrests in addition to issuing 1,064 tickets, including 365 for helmet violations, 99 for other safety violations, and 600 for non-safety violations.

The ruling cited state data

claiming an increase in motorcycle fatalities the preceding nine years, and an increase in tickets issued for illegal helmets from 35 in 2007 to 796 in 2008, almost half at the checkpoints. The judge also cited a 17 percent decrease in motorcycle fatalities from 2008 to 2009.

Lt. James Halvorsen, the detail commander of the state police motorcycle unit, claims the ongoing program, similar to seatbelt enforcement, succeeded in raising safety awareness. Most riders with approved helmets are waved through the checkpoints, where they slow but don't stop, he said.

"*The intrusion on civil liberties is something that shouldn't be countenanced,*" Proner said. The New York checkpoints have continued, even though in New York, all cars and motorcycles are already subject to annual safety inspections, he said.

"*It's obvious just from their own internal documents they're looking for criminal activity,*" Proner said. A checkpoint near Buffalo's Peace Bridge included border patrol agents, and one in central New York near a rally sponsored by a motorcycle club included gang task force officers, he said.

"*The fact they didn't find crime doesn't mean that wasn't what they're fishing for,*" he said. "*That just shows you've got [regulation] abiding citizens on motorcycles primarily being inconvenienced.*"

*Recall* – Here's a big one for *Honda* motorcycle owners from *N.H.T.S.A.* This *Honda* recall covers 126,000 *GL-1800* motorcycles from the 2001 to 2012 model years. A problem with a secondary brake master cylinder can cause the rear brake to drag, possibly causing a crash or fire. In documents sent to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, *Honda* said that 26 complaints have been received, including two about fires.

**A.I.M. and N.C.O.M. DVD** – There's a new DVD from *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* I'll be dropping them off for you at bike shops and at biker events. Check it out. Lots of

information about what *N.C.O.M.* does, rights issues, and even a clip from our own *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg. They're free.

*Portland, Oregon Toy Time* – Thousands of bikers made their way to the *Shriners Children's Hospital* for the *32nd Annual Toy Run*. Every year *A.B.A.T.E.* delivers toys and games to the kids at the Portland hospital. Several streets closed down while the group rode across the city to the hospital. They said it also used the proceeds from a raffle to donate \$30,000 worth of equipment to the hospital. They expected 2,000 riders, but estimated that 6,500 riders actually took part. (A sunny day in Oregon will bring out the bikes.)

*Shriners Hospitals for Children* provides care and services regardless of any patient's ability to pay.

*Buffalo, New York: The Un-Chosen Few* – When the government announced its case against the *Chosen Few Motorcycle Club*, 2-1/2 years ago, the charges sounded like something out of a crime movie. It said the *Chosen Few* were in a "war" against the *Lonely Ones Motorcycle Club*. All told, nineteen current and former members were arrested, some being held for several years.

The government dropped all of the charges against the *Chosen Few*. Seems their informant was unreliable and some of the information the informant obtained was "not factual." (Sounds like a polite way of saying their informant lied a lot.)

The prosecutor put out a one sentence statement: "*Our office moved to dismiss the presently pending indictment in light of information that recently came to light.*"

Uh-huh.

### Gunny Again

*A.I.M.* attorneys are working hard for us all the time. They often work without charge, such as coming to all the *C.o.C.* meetings.

I know here in Oregon, Sam Hochberg has been down at the state capitol, on his own nickel, advocating for biker-friendly



**Gunny**  
chief of staff  
*Oregon A.I.M.*

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# A Long Goodbye

## Nicknamed or labeled

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**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor

Normally yer crusty ol' editor prefers writing about what is going on in *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* or the motorcycling world before indulging in personal material. But after one hundred—twenty issues and ten years, Rot Path feels inclined to make an exception.

This was to have been yer crusty ol' editor's farewell editorial after a decade at the helm of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*'s state newspaper.

In one of those back room deals one hears about, the state board gained a public relations person while retaining an experienced editor, so not all deal-making is corrupt or undesirable.

Such is life.

Yer c.o.e. recalls being younger and eager to make his mark when taking over editorial duties from Gordon Hieronimus.

Sadly, that mark tended to be smudges on the reams of copy proofs that needed to be printed out in that era of print production.

Over the years, the printing industry has changed until now everything up until the presses roll is created electronically within computers and uploaded via the internet.

The result is the same: processed wood pulp plops into the letterbox every month inked up to inform and possibly even entertain members of the Oregon motorcycling community.

Now, as then, yer crusty ol' editor is still striving to produce an issue without any mistakes in it while trying to figure out how to italicize a period.

Getting people to think, then act is a bonus.

At the end of this rant editorial is part of Rot Path's very first editorial, back when he was a crusty young editor.

It's instructive to what goals had been set by a younger self and how they are still relevant in another decade and century.

*Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is home to some incredibly wonderful people. (You are one of them, no doubt.) It's easy to lose sight of that fact by getting bogged down with what's wrong rather than celebrating what's right in people and organizations.

Looking back over the years, yer crusty ol' editor gets a little misty thinking about some of the fine folks he has met as a result of being involved with *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

Makes it all worthwhile.

*new opportunities  
abound in the  
new year*

One fundamental lesson yer crusty ol' editor has learned during his years in *A.B.A.T.E.* is that if a person doesn't create their own nickname, others will create one for them.

But it may not be particularly flattering.

Trouble is, if a nickname proves too successful, others may try to co-opt it. (Such as someone who wanted to be

a "crusty ol' web page editor" a while back.) Such duplication just leads to increased confusion, anarchy, or the toppling of civilizations. (Ask the crusty ol' Myans.)

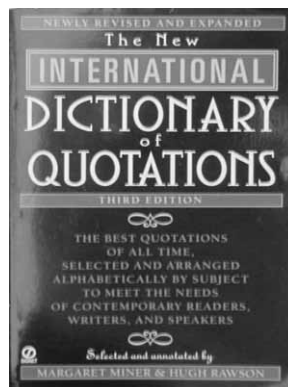
Interestingly enough, many people take Rot Path's name far too literally. (When they aren't calling him "Rod".)

In truth, it's two sets of abbreviations: Richard O'Toole (a pen name) = "Rot", and Pat Henderson (real name) = Path when shortened.

The name "Rot Path" came about for the credits of a video about the Oregon state penitentiary. Then the name was retained when joining *A.B.A.T.E.* (A true double "pen name".)

Like yer crusty ol' editor, when some fine folks in *A.B.A.T.E.* see something that seems right for a particular person, they go ahead and get it, then pass it along to the one they figure could use it.

Such was the case at the December state board meeting when our products director *extrodinaire*, Dave Meeker, presented yer c.o.e. with the *Directory of Quotations* pictured below.



It so happens that c.o.e. makes up a cryptogram every month based on particular quotations that strike his fancy, so this book will help the cause considerably. (And cut down on the number of Daniel Quinn or Cesar Millan quotes which people don't want to think about.)

Thank you, Dave, and hopefully your holidays were very merry indeed.

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— from first editorial —  
coe-001 (Feb 2002)

Welcome to our newsletter.

The publication that you're holding in your hands belongs to all of us, not the person planting their mitts on the grips, not your elected officers.

This newsletter is for you and (hopefully) by you, the members of A.B.A.T.E.

The editor, crusty or not, assembles reports and articles to help keep you informed about what is happening in our towns, counties, state, nation and the world concerning motorcycles. The principles that the founders of the United States wrote into the nation's Constitution concerning a free press and citizen involvement in government apply to this newsletter as well. It is only when our members know what is going on that they can make informed decisions and direct their energies productively.

To that end, yer crusty ol' editor will not publish rumors. Every story submitted must be verifiable. Rumor chasing just dissipates our resources.

This publication will not be "owned" by any group. A.B.A.T.E. is for all its members no matter what they ride or believe. You may not personally agree with how someone else lives their life, but in this country people can live as they like as long as they are not harming others.

Just remember, we're against totalitarian enactments.

-- Rot Path

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

### JANUARY Cryptogram

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# 2012 A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference

Nowhere is the passion and dedication of women motorcyclists more apparent than at an A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference. The popular event returns July 26-29, 2012, this time in Carson City, Nevada, one of the west's premier motorcycling destinations.

The A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference focuses on educating, encouraging, inspiring and mentoring women in the lifestyle and sport of motorcycling. Early registration of \$125 is available now exclusively for A.M.A. members.

After April 30, 2012, registration will increase to \$175 for A.M.A. members and be available to non-A.M.A. members for \$235.

*“Regardless of bike brand, riding preference or background, women motorcyclists are bound together by their common passion for life on two and three wheels,”* said A.M.A. marketing manager Tigra Tsujikawa. *“The A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference provides all of us the opportunity to connect with, and learn from, other women riders. Through seminars, activities, training classes, and organized rides, we’ll work together to gain knowledge and skills to better navigate where the road or trail leads next.”*

Previous A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling conferences have been held in Keystone, Colorado; Athens, Georgia; Buckhannon, West Virginia; Athens,

Ohio; and Westerville, Ohio. They featured targeted attractions for women motorcyclists such as seminars, workshops, speeches, product and motorcycle displays and demonstrations, recreational riding, and networking.

*“I am personally looking forward to this special gathering of the women’s motorcycling community, a community that has increased significantly in recent years,”* Tsujikawa said. *“The 2009 event was an unforgettable experience, and the 2012 conference will offer even more camaraderie and fun.”*

Event information is at: <http://www.womenandmotorcycling.com>

## Hall of Fame Las Vegas Bike Show

Classic, historic, and gorgeous motorcycles were on full display at the Las Vegas’ Red Rock Casino, Resort, and Spa on Saturday, November 19, when more than 100 bikes took center stage at the 2011 Motorcycle Hall of Fame Dave Mungenast Memorial Concours d’Elegance.

The event, organized by the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation (A.M.H.F.), which raises funds for the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, welcomed some of the country’s most stunning restored and original motorcycles from nearly all eras and disciplines. The juried show recognized the most outstanding motorcycles in a number of categories.

*“The support that this show is receiving is growing every year, and we’re pleased to recognize so many wonderful motorcycles today,”* said Tom White, A.M.H.F. board member and emcee. *“The setting here in Las Vegas, held in concert with the Motorcycle Hall of Fame’s annual induction ceremony, really makes this show special.”*

Winning the Jim Davis Best in Show Award was Bob Mitchell, whose black and chrome 1947 Indian Chief amazed the crowd and judges with its attention to detail and the craftsmanship evident in the restoration.

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## Maggie McNally Elected Vice-Chairwoman Of A.M.A. Board of Directors

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce that Maggie McNally, the northeast region member representative on the A.M.A. board of directors, has been elected vice chairwoman of the board. McNally, who has served on the board since 2009, is the first woman to hold the position.

*“Maggie McNally has played an invaluable role in the leadership of the A.M.A.,”* said A.M.A. chairman of the board Stan Simpson. *“She’s been an active member of our nominating, state chapters and awards committees. We welcome her expanded responsibilities on the board as we strive to find new ways to promote and protect the motorcycling lifestyle.”*

A longtime resident of Albany, New York, McNally is the third woman elected to the A.M.A. board of directors. She follows Hazel Kolb, elected to the board in 1978, who served as secretary. Following Kolb’s death in 1990, Patty Mills replaced her on the board and later served as secretary. Mills remained on the board until early 1999.

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<b>Southeast Portland</b>	1st and 3rd Sunday – noon	<b>M&amp;M Restaurant</b>	Gresham
<b>Washington County</b>	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Grape Vine</b>	Portland



# Motorcycle Riders Foundation Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Receives Motorcycling Award



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* reports that *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* awarded congressman Jim Sensenbrenner with its certificate of appreciation. The award goes to individuals who go above and beyond when it comes to protecting motorcyclists' rights. In years past, the award was reserved for *A.B.A.T.E.* members only. This is the first time it has ever been awarded to anyone outside the organization.

Sensenbrenner has redefined what it means to go "above and beyond." He has worked tirelessly to protect motorcyclists' rights on every front at the federal level for over 35 years.

"Not only are the motorcyclists of Wisconsin in Mr. Sensenbrenner's debt, every motorcyclist in this country has benefitted from his steadfast support," said Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president government relations and public affairs.

Representative Sensenbrenner has been the lead advocate for stopping motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints, supporting crash avoidance over safer crashing, and lately the ethanol fuel issue.

The *M.R.F.* also commends *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* for fostering a model relationship with an elected official. This should be an example to everyone for developing a good working relationship with an elected official.

Congressman Sensenbrenner, upon receiving the award, said, "I want to thank *A.B.A.T.E.* of

Wisconsin for their tireless work to raise awareness on issues that affect motorcyclists. I am honored to work with them to make their voices heard in Washington [D.C.], and I look forward to continuing our efforts to reduce unnecessary and burdensome federal government regulations."

John Reblin, who presented the award, pointed out that, "Representative Sensenbrenner was chosen because of the support he has given motorcyclists throughout the years with his common sense approach with such things as HR-748 to prohibit the E.P.A. from authorizing the use of gasoline greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles, and HR-904 which would prohibit the federal D.O.T. from providing grants or any other funds to another unit of government for motorcycle-only checkpoints."

The *M.R.F.* joins *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* in recognizing the leadership and dedication of the honorable F. James Sensenbrenner.

## N.H.T.S.A. Motorcycle Study Proposal

The *M.R.F.* reports that the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has requested comments on a proposed motorcycle safety study.

The study they are proposing copycats one that the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* is currently conducting, known as the "naturalistic study." The *M.S.F.*

study has instrumented a hundred motorcycles with computers, cameras and all sorts of meters. Those specially-equipped one hundred motorcycles are being ridden by volunteers across the country as their personal bikes. After one year, the instruments are taken off and the analysis begins. *N.H.T.S.A.* is proposing the exact same study, only with 160 motorcycles.

This proposal does come as a bit of a shock, considering the federal government has been struggling to conduct another motorcycle study that tracks actual crashes. That "crash causation study" has been languishing since 2006 and has yet to complete data collection, analysis, or final reporting.

"I do like the idea of the study," said Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations and public affairs. "Tracking volunteer riders and collecting some best practices for countermeasures is a great idea, but as with every study there will be some technical and logistical bugs to work out over the course of the study. It seems to me that it would be wise to wait on the *M.S.F.* results and use them to craft a better, sturdier study."

*N.H.T.S.A.* is already predicting that out of the 160 participants in their proposed new naturalistic study, 20 will have a crash and sustain injuries so severe that they must be reported. So far there has been no mention of the cost for the new study.

Federal officials are asking for comments on the proposal. The comment period runs through January 17, 2012.

Read the proposal and learn how to submit comments here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-16/pdf/2011-29361.pdf>

Do not hesitate to contact the *M.R.F.* with any questions or concerns.

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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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# Court Allows Raid On Rider Ed Funds

The Illinois supreme court may have opened the door for states to reallocate hundreds of millions of dollars from dedicated funding to balance their budgets.

In a recent 6-to-1 decision, the state's high court upheld a prior circuit court ruling that backed the governor and legislature's ability to take money from hundreds of special state funds to offset budgetary deficits, a practice commonly referred to as "sweeping".

Motorcycle riders sued former governor Rod Blagojevich after he swept \$1.2 million from the *Cycle Riders Safety Training Fund (C.R.S.T.F.)* to pay general state bills after a 2004 bill passed by legislators allowed him to do so. A portion of the fee for an Illinois motorcycle license goes into the *C.R.S.T.F.*, which *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* argued was only to be spent on motorcycle safety education.

"Clearly, the fee charged by the state for motorcycle registration and licensing is state revenue, and therefore the portion of this state revenue which the general assembly has allocated to the *C.R.S.T.F.* is also public money," wrote justice Anne Burke in the majority opinion. Burke rejected the *A.B.A.T.E.* lawyers' argument that the special fund was tantamount to a special trust fund.

The state supreme court concluded that the legislature cannot create an irrevocable trust with public money because this would place an unconstitutional restraint upon the legislature's plenary power.

Sweeping special funds was a controversial way to deal with budget deficits during the Blagojevich administration, and although the court's ruling opens the door to more such sweeps, current Illinois governor Pat Quinn opposes fund sweeps and has worked to end the practice.

## Michigan Requests Support For Helmet Freedom

Michigan may be on the verge of repealing their mandatory helmet regulation as senate bill 291 appears destined for the governor's desk. *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan* has issued a "call to action" requesting the help of all motorcyclists in their freedom of choice efforts.

SB-291 passed the Michigan senate 24-14 in late June, and is now back for a "concurrence vote" after passing the house 69-39 on November 2nd, so a favorable vote will put *A.B.A.T.E.*'s hopes in the hands of governor Rick Snyder who has not indicated whether he will sign or veto the measure. Two previous repeal bills were vetoed by then-governor Jennifer Granholm.

"Governor Snyder prides himself on being all about business and helping business," said Vince Consiglio, president for *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan*, adding; "A letter from a free state may help him realize Michigan loses motorcycle money every day of the summer with a mandatory helmet [requirement]."

Under the bill, motorcyclists 21 and older would have the option of riding helmet-free if they have two years of experience or have taken a safety course, and if they buy at least \$20,000 in medical insurance.

"Please urge governor Snyder to support adult choice," requests Consiglio on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.*, by contacting

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## Bikers Rally To Rescind Unfair Policy

"The state fair of Louisiana, for a minute, mind you, adopted a discriminatory position toward bikers by posting signs that would not allow them to attend the fair in their traditional biker gear, some of which is protective gear," said Mary Baker in an article in the *Examiner* newspaper, adding that "...bikers everywhere contribute to charity in a way that not many other segments of the population do... And, they definitely make an impact on the local community, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at local establishments including restaurants, theaters, bars, parks, and small businesses. That is why it is disheartening to hear of discrimination based solely on appearance."

Upon being alerted of the fair's new anti-biker policy, *Facebook* exploded with messages like this:

"Alert/Info: The State Fair of La. has adopted the policy: No colors... Signs are now being posted at all gates. No biker colors of any kind. Please pass this on to all biker friends and family. MC's are being discriminated against. To complain::: Call state fair of La. Let your voices be heard.... Repost!!! Don't support the fair..."

You can imagine that bikers, their friends, and family were livid. They began to complain about the discrimination with phone calls to the director of the state fair, and his offices.

The result: Before the end of the day, this message by the representative for *Independent Riders, Northwest Louisiana*, was posted on *Facebook*:

"Update...Update...Update... We have won !!!!! Just received a call... And the State Fair of Louisiana has now changed their policy. The signs have been removed and all bikers are welcome at the fair !!!!! Never, never, never underestimate the power of a close knit family !!! Thanks to all who made calls and helped !!!"

Louisiana state *C.O.I.R. (Coalition Of Independent Riders)* commander Lionel "Nite Train" Bailey reported that the *U.S. Defenders* and *C.O.I.R.* conducted a phone campaign and

not only have the Louisiana state fair officials rescinded their no colors policy, but even offered to organize a biker night for a *Blue Oyster Cult* concert.

## Legislators Override Governor's Veto Of Red Light Bill

The Illinois house voted 94-21 and the senate voted 45-6 to override governor Pat Quinn's veto of the "Dead Red" bill supported by *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* that would allow motorcyclists to proceed through malfunctioning red lights.

As written, house bill 2860 sponsored by senator Gary Forby (D-Benton) and representative Daniel Beiser (D-Alton), specifies that a motorcyclist would be permitted to legally [proceed through] a red light "after a reasonable period of time," but Quinn vetoed the legislation with the request that a two minute wait time be amended to it.

The legislation will now go into effect on January 1, 2012, and according to senator Forby; "A measure I sponsored (HB-2860) will now become [effective] after I was successful in overriding the governor's amendatory veto. The bill allows motorcyclists to go through a red light if it fails to change to green because the switch hasn't been tripped, or didn't recognize the motorcycle. To alleviate a few of the concerns some of my colleagues raised, I introduced a "trailer bill" that requires motorcyclists to wait 120 seconds before proceeding through the red light. For those of us who have been stuck at a light without it ever changing to green, we know how reasonable this legislation is. This situation happens more than many people think and is a growing concern for bikers at outdated intersections. In fact, 360 rear end collisions occurred with motorcycles that were slowed or stopped in traffic in 2010. If bikers are trapped at a light, this bill gives them an opportunity to safely proceed through that signal, because otherwise they don't really have much of a choice. 11 other states already have

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[legislation] like this in place, none of who have tried to rescind it.”

**International Motorcycle Safety Reports Released**

Headlight configurations that make motorcycles more noticeable, why drivers fail to give way to motorcycles at T-intersections, and how mirror use influences car-motorcycle conflicts are among the topics researched and reported on in the new January issue of *Accident Analysis and Prevention (A.A.&P.)*, a journal primarily focused on causes and impacts of transportation crashes.

The themed *A.A.&P.* edition is titled *Safety and Mobility of Vulnerable Road Users: Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Motorcyclists* and consists of a selection of papers presented at an international conference organized by Israel's *National Road Safety Authority*.

In a report entitled *Recognizability Of Different Configurations Of Front Lights On Motorcycles*, the researchers say that “Results of a laboratory experiment have shown that motorcycles with a T-shaped light configuration are more quickly identified, particularly when the motorcycles are in visual competition with other motorized road users.”

In *Why Do Car Drivers Fail To Give Way To Motorcycles At T-junctions?*, researchers studied differences between novice drivers, experienced drivers, and “dual drivers,” i.e., drivers who also ride motorcycles. They found that dual drivers were better at recognizing motorcycles than either of the other two groups. While the results are inconclusive, the researchers state that “We argue that this is potential evidence for an oculomotor basis for ‘look-but-fail-to-see’ errors.”

The report *Attention And Search Conspicuity Of Motorcycles As A Function Of Their Visual Context* says that multi-colored, reflective, and white rider outfits consistently made the riders more noticeable than a black outfit.

Cars changing lanes without recognizing that a motorcycle is in that lane is a common experience for motorcyclists, and that topic is addressed in *Attending Overtaking*

*Cars And Motorcycles Through The Mirrors Before Changing Lanes*. Not surprisingly, the researchers found that “Risky maneuvers were less likely to occur in those cases where more time was spent gazing at the mirrors.”

Other reports in this issue address other motorcycle-related issues, and can be accessed on a for-pay basis, but abstracts of the reports are available on the journal's web site at: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com>

**Motorcyclists Beware: States With The Worst Drivers**

You might believe that your state has the worst drivers in the country, but a newly released report from <http://www.Carinsurancecomparison.com> ranked states according to their safety record to determine where the bad drivers live.

Five factors were considered when determining the rankings: fatalities per million miles traveled, drunken driving, the number of tickets issued, failure to obey traffic signals, and carelessness.

Data was compiled from the *National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration* (driving fatalities), the *National Motorist's Association* (traffic tickets), and *M.A.D.D.* (drunk drivers).

Here is their list of the ten states with the worst drivers:

- #10 – South Carolina - Ranked 48th for fatalities and 45th for obeying road signs.
- #9 – Alabama - 46th for tickets. 42nd for fatalities. 41st for obeying road signs.
- #8 – Montana - Highest ticket rate in the country. Also ranked 40th for carelessness.
- #7 – Kentucky - 42nd for carelessness and 48th for drunk driving.
- #6 – Arizona - Ranked poorly across the board.
- #5 – Oklahoma - Lots of D.U.I.s, fatal crashes, and traffic tickets.
- #4 – Florida – Not as many drunk drivers, but Florida has more tickets than any other state.
- #3 – Texas - Ranked pretty poor in all categories.
- #2 – Missouri - Ranked in the

bottom 10 for carelessness and D.U.I.s.

- #1 – Louisiana - In the bottom 10 in all categories except failure to obey signs.

The safest driving states were Rhode Island, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

**Weird News Spain Fines Over Helmetless Tom Hanks Poster**

The Spanish distributor for the movie *Larry Crowne* was fined for a poster showing stars Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

*TriPictures* was given a traffic fine of 30,000 euros (\$41,500) for using the film's U.S. poster to promote the movie's overseas premiere because the government claimed it promoted reckless driving.

The distributor initially thought the ticket was a joke, but in 1985 Spain instituted a regulation

that banned advertisements from promoting reckless driving.

Fines are also given to celebrities if they promote the image of poor driving.

One example came last year, when singer Shakira rode through Barcelona on a motorcycle without a helmet in one of her music videos.

**Quotable Quote**

“In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”

-- George Orwell (1903-1950) author of “1984”

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*our state officers at work***Education Report**

Greetings from your education department and Geoff White, your education director.

We hope that you and your families had a wonderful holiday season this year.

I personally had a great time representing *A.B.A.T.E.* at the toy run in Portland.

I wish that I had the ability to get out to more of these events. They really help me to feel the warmth of the holiday season.

I believe that the positive image that we can generate from functions like these events can be very beneficial in aiding us in our other efforts throughout the year.

The feelings of good will that I get from contributing in these functions are well worth the time spent. We hope that you feel the satisfaction also in your various programs.

S.T.E.A.M. ( Seminar To Educate And Motivate ) is right around the corner. Make sure that you mark your calendars for attending the conference on Saturday, February 25th.

We have been working on providing a quality program this year to give tools and motivation to our members and anyone interested in working in the motorcycling world.

This one day conference will help you become more effective within your various organizations and groups.

We also sincerely hope that the S.T.E.A.M. program helps to inspire you to become interested, motivated, and involved in our many programs and projects.

We have a lot to do, and the S.T.E.A.M. conference is provided to get us pointed in the right direction with a full tank of fuel for the trip.

There will be various officer and support training sessions offered this year.

There will be sessions held to help us gain the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively carry out the business that we have come to *A.B.A.T.E.* to accomplish.

Here is a list of the sessions that are scheduled to appear at this year's

seminar:

- Leadership and coordinator skills.
- Financial and auditing functions. ( recommended attendance for chapter treasurers )
- State / chapter representative training.
- Legislative action and activities. ( state and federal level )
- Public relations functions. ( Work and use of various forms of media )
- Run / event coordinating.
- Membership administration / membership coordinator.
- *Motorcycle Awareness Program.* ( instructor certification and information )

There will be valuable information as well as inspirational subject matter to help us make our efforts really pay off.

Come to S.T.E.A.M. this year and see what we can build for the future of *A.B.A.T.E.* and the motorcycling community.

We will have a gentleman at S.T.E.A.M. this year who will speak on the subject of *Bridging The Gap.* His name is Bob Hudson, and he has what appears to be an important and enthusiastic message on how we reach out to the public and work with the motorcycling community.

This speaker's message couldn't come at a better time for us. We at *A.B.A.T.E.* must realize that the goals we would like to reach are more obtainable by enlisting the assistance from organizations and individuals who may not know about us or our efforts. It is high time to reach out to these folks and build a community of motorcyclists who have the power to make big things happen.

*A.B.A.T.E.* membership can greatly benefit from our ability to make friends and welcome new riders into our world. All of our functions require enthusiastic, energetic people, and our influence in the motorcycling community is absolutely necessary to build a strong membership and powerful partnerships to be successful in our work.

Bob has a presentation to inspire

us to build a strong and effective outreach program. I'm quite interested to hear what he has for us on the subject of socializing in our motorcycle community. Thank you very much Mr. Hudson.

Please remember that the most important factor in our S.T.E.A.M. program is you.

You *A.B.A.T.E.* members and active motorcyclists bring the inspiration, information, and influence to the various sessions at the conference. The sessions are also a place to contribute some of the important information that you have obtained through the years and over the miles. What you bring to this year's S.T.E.A.M. we all get to learn from and become inspired by. Come and be a part of this important event.

The location for this year's S.T.E.A.M. conference is *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem, Oregon on northeast Lancaster avenue.

Have a nice January and be careful in the winter weather. Reach out to other riders as much as possible and pass the word about *A.B.A.T.E.* and our work as much as possible.



**Geoff White**

*state education coordinator*

Remember to let them know that some of those nice little benefits that they enjoy ( pumping their own fuel, helmet classifications, choice on handlebar height, and enjoyable motorcycle events ) come compliments of the hardworking people here at *A.B.A.T.E.* Let 'em know that there's always room for their hat in our ring. Ride often and "Spread the awareness".

Take care ya'll,

Geoffrey S. White

## ***A.B.A.T.E.* State Board Meeting**

**10 December 2011**

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• Rot Path then handed out his certificates of appreciation with his usual charm.

• There were two people who got certificates for helping out: Rick Prentice for his help with *Fossil* and Don Mason, freedom fighter, for his tremendous legislative contributions over the last year.

### **Upcoming Events**

• 01 February 2012 = *Black Wednesday.* *BikePAC* has issued a call to action for all possible motorcyclists to flood the Oregon capital on the opening day ceremonies for the new 2012 legislative session. Walk, ride, bus, car, truck, tractor, whatever mode you have, just show up. Gathering will start at about 10 a.m.

There were 6,100 at the toy run.

Do your rights and freedoms mean as much?

• 11 February 2012 = Biker night at *Riley's Billiards Bar and Grill* at 124 Broadalbin in downtown Albany. Door prizes and a great time. Music by the *Dammit Jim Band.* \$3 per person, \$5 per couple.

Information at <http://www.hubcityabate.com>

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• 29 Apr. 2012 = *A.B.A.T.E.* state spring swap meet. Portland armory at 10000 NE 33rd drive in north Portland.

**Adjourned** at 2:33 p.m. (1433)

our state officers at work

## Membership Report

While having a conversation with a friend, the subject turned to their membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* They had been diligent about attending meetings and being active in their chapter for a few years, but then life had changed and they were not able to be as active and missed meetings.

When they would be able to attend meetings or events, they were greeted warmly by the people they had met and were told how much they were missed and how glad those same people were to see them. That was all well and good.

What did not happen and what has been a sticking point has been any form of communication initiated by their "friends" to find out if everything was okay or was there something going on that kept them away. Had any one of the people

in their chapter made the effort to contact them, they would have been happy to fill them in on what was going on in their world. But no one called.

Even knowing this, this very same person is reluctant to reach out to friends and acquaintances, especially those who are going through difficult times. (Health, financial, etc.) They acknowledge this as part of human nature.

This is how we lose members, how we do not retain them.

This responsibility is not just that of the membership secretary, it is the responsibility of anyone who considers themselves someone's friend.

In other words, it is every member's responsibility to reach out to others, old friends, acquaintances, and make

them feel welcome, let them know they are part of a bigger picture.

Each member gives only as much as they can and if going to just one event a year is all they can give, then that is it. But something as simple as a phone call can be enough to keep people feeling like they are involved in the organization and the circle of friends they have developed.

Think about the people you have met while being a part of this organization. Is there someone who has drifted away? If only half the members reach out to someone they knew but have not seen for a while, there may be friendships that are renewed.

There will be difficult fields to cross but the potential reward of getting together with someone who you once had something in



**Linda Henderson**  
state membership secretary

common with is great. And they may appreciate the effort as well. Even if they do not rejoin the organization, they may attend the events and rekindle some of the friendships they had developed.

This is a first step in trying to increase our membership and retain others who may need the encouragement to stay active with the organization.

## Want Some Money ?

Saving bucks by doing their own repairs is an activity that a lot of riders are familiar with.

But when winter lays its icy grip on the land and box-ends slip out of yer cold-numbered hands, maybe it's time to take a break from wrenching on yer bike and find an indoor activity that can save or earn some coins for yer riding fund.

Here's a quick fix that can endear you home movie watchers, music listeners, and computer geeks alike — repairing their erratic CD/DVD drives.

A truth of our times is that many folks know how to use fancy equipment, but few know how to perform even rudimentary simple repairs. Those with disposable incomes (whatever those are) find it easier to buy a new product rather than make the effort of having a malfunctioning unit repaired. Their fiscal laziness is our gain.

Normally the world of electronic gizmos is considered "clean" because it doesn't use a lot of dirty ol' liquids like engine oil, hydraulic fluid, anti-freeze, or grease. But the fact of the matter is that dust and dirt can cause just as much havoc in electromechanical devices as it does in engines.

In the case of CD/DVD drives, dust and dirt can build up on a rubber

ring of the hub that holds the spinning plastic CD/DVD disk, causing it to slip thereby making it difficult for the L.A.S.E.R. to read data accurately. The lens for the L.A.S.E.R. can also become obscured by dirt, making it read data erratically.

Experiment on a spare unit first. (And a reasonable degree of sobriety will be a big plus until finished.)

Materials normally needed are:

- Phillips screwdriver.
- *Q-Tips*.
- Cleaning fluid that can be used on rubber and plastic.
- Plastic ice cube tray.
- Needle nose pliers.

(For retrieving dropped screws.)

To clean the hub ring and L.A.S.E.R. lens, first turn off the unit needing repair, then unplug the power cord.

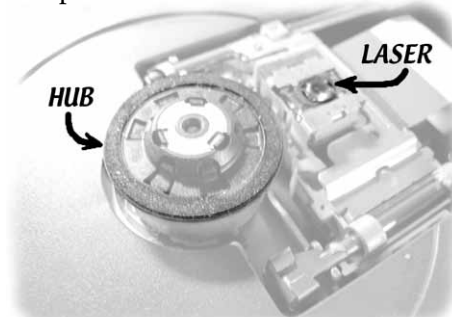
**WARNING:** *L.A.S.E.R.s create intense energy not visible to mere mortals that can permanently damage eyesight, so never, ever work on any L.A.S.E.R. device that has power connected to it.*

In the case of stand alone entertainment DVD players, there are usually four to six screws on the sides and back holding on the main cover of the unit. Remove the screws and put them into one of the ice cube tray compartments. Carefully lift off the main cover.

Computer CD/DVD drives require that the computer case be opened up and the drive removed. (Or get the computer user to remove it.) If you know the handle from the blade of a screwdriver, you can figure out which screws need to be removed in order to get the drive out. Draw pictures and use the ice cube tray to hold small parts removed. There will be two cables on the back of the drive unit that can be disconnected by gently but firmly pulling them out. (Grasp the plugs, not the wires.)

Once you have direct access to the CD/DVD unit, there will normally be four to six screws holding on the top cover of the device. After removing those screws (and putting them in the ice cube tray, of course), the top can be gently lifted off and set aside on a clean surface.

Most likely what you can now see in the drive will look something like the photo below:



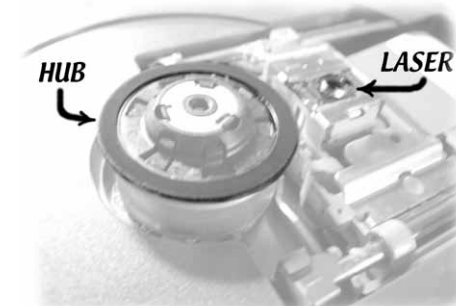
( Dirty ol' DVD unit needing cleaning.)

Use dry *Q-Tips* to wipe off built up dirt from the L.A.S.E.R. lens and rubber hub ring. Wipe dust off the disk tray and other exposed components. Make sure there is no hair or dirt buildup on the ends of the silver arms along which the L.A.S.E.R. holder slides.

Now use liquid cleaner sparingly on a *Q-Tip* to clean the L.A.S.E.R. lens. Use dry *Q-Tips* to wipe off and dry the lens. Make sure there is no residue on it.

Next use some liquid cleaner on a *Q-Tip* to clean off the rubber hub ring. Thoroughly dry it off using fresh *Q-Tips*.

It should gleam like this:



Now it's just a matter of putting everything back together in reverse order that it was taken apart. (You *did* make drawings, right?)

Plug in the power cord, turn the unit on, insert a disk, enjoy the fruits of yer labors.

(Have a fire extinguisher standing by.)

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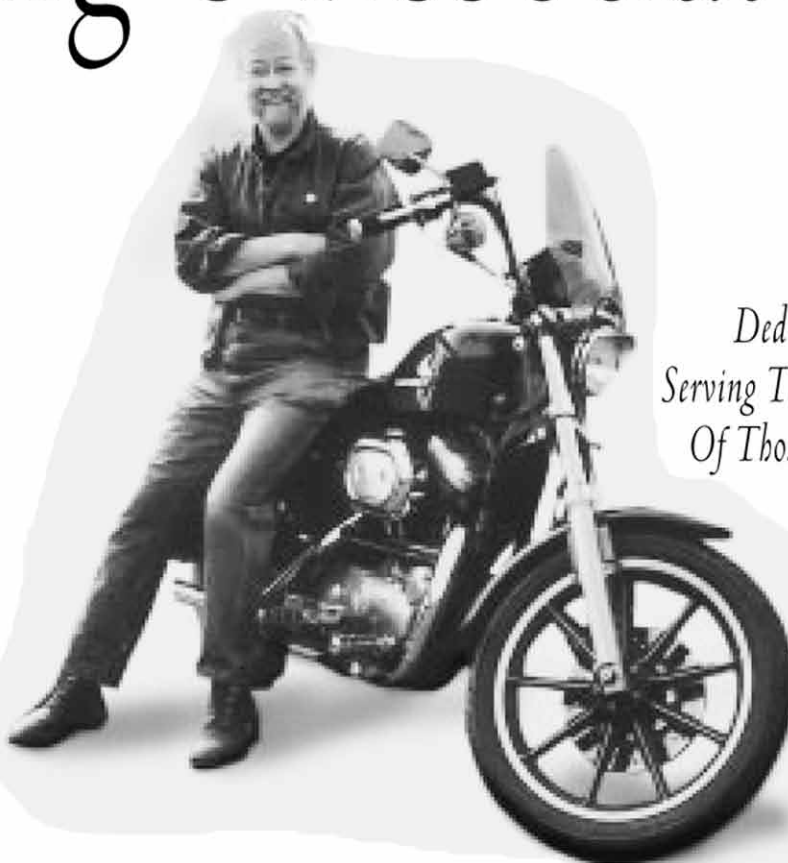
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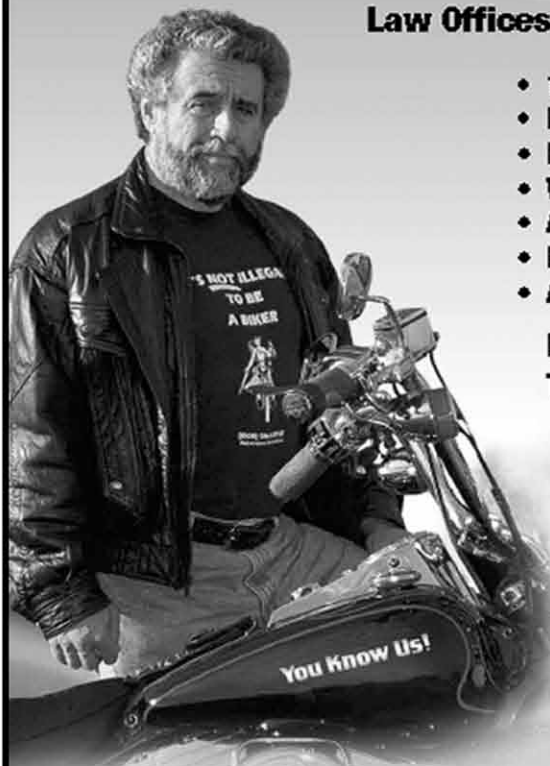
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Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Portland area</b>										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X	X		X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X		

**Chapters**  
 Please ensure your area  
 listings are up-to-date

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

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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<b>Salem area</b>										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X	X						
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X		X	
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton							X	
<b>Willamette Valley area</b>										
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X					X		X
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X			X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X					X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	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
<b>Southern Oregon area</b>										
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X					X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Central Oregon area</b>										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X			X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X			X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X		X
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X			X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X			X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X					X		X
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>other areas</b>										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	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	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

Leather vest with Harley patches, size 4XL \$40. Leather coat, size 3XL \$175. Harley-Davidson mesh coat, size 3XL \$50. Mustang seat, fits Dynas, new, never been on bike \$300. (New cost over \$450) Terry (503)-367-2099  
(Feb 2012)

2002 Bar Fly 2000 bar stool racer. Powder coated frame with aluminum racing wheels and Bridgestone racing tires. Powered by 3-1/2 horsepower Briggs motor. Recent carburetor rebuild. Top speed about 25 m.p.h. (Just scary enough to be dangerous.) Disc brake and lowered seat height with bar stool seat replaced with large motorcycle seat for those cross country trips. \$850 or best offer. Call (503)-257-7390 and please leave message. Call to arrange appointment to view.  
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Arthur West  
(503)-351-5054

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

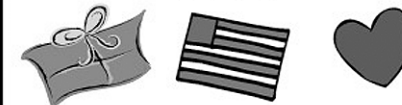
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## HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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 2012

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
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< vacant >	(541)-	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
<b>SGT-AT-ARMS EAST</b>			
< vacant >	(541)-	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
<b>PRODUCTS DIRECTOR</b>			
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<b>CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP (SOUTH)</b>			
< vacant >	(541)-	CofCSouth@abateoforegon.net	

(Return address )

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your state newspaper?  
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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**

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.)

( revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path )

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



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

Comments:

# January 2012 (winter) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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## STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 14 Jan 2012  
1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza  
133 SW Fifth Street  
Albany, Oregon

Have A Smart Phone?  
QR code for Oregon  
A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



## 2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
>>> 2012 <<<			
<b>14 Jan 2012</b>	<b>State board meeting / ABATE</b>	<b>Albany</b>	<b>(541)-928-2536</b>
<b>14 Jan 2012</b>	<b>Cabin Fever / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(503)-719-3712</b>
01 Feb 2012	<i>Black Wednesday at Capitol / BikePAC</i>	Salem	(541)-223-3827
<b>10 Mar 2012</b>	<b>Anniversary Party / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Gresham</b>	
<b>29 Apr 2012</b>	<b>Spring Swap Meet / ABATE</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(971)-285-6523</b>
05 May 2012	<i>Motorcycle Awareness Rally / BikePAC</i>	Salem	(541)-223-3827
<b>25-28 May 2012</b>	<b>35th Fossil Campout / ABATE</b>	<b>Bear Hollow</b>	

Biker lass gazed into a mirror,  
How would she survive the coming year?  
With her mind resolute,  
Drinking then became moot,  
She didn't open any more beers.

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

>> Location <<

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.)	Mr and Mrs M's Restaurant; 443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	D & S Harley-Davidson; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)-635-5515
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	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.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)-597-0300