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Ileene Rosin sits astride a 1935 Indian Scout belonging to Elmer Atrops in this 1937 photo taken near Six Corners by Sheridan, Oregon.

The bike had a snappy overhauled 45 cubic inch engine and a speedometer that would stick at the highest speed reached. Co-workers were often surprised to walk by and see the speedo needle pointing to "80".

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Riding Beyond

When Oregon motorcyclists rally at the state capitol every May, there are more attending than those present.

The spirits of every rider who has listened to past speakers stands shoulder-to-shoulder with us as we greet each other, exchange information, and listen anew.

Another rider will be joining that ghostly contingent next May.

Gary DeVore has passed away, but not beyond memory.

From his heavy involvement with Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s Salem Chapter to his untiring efforts with with Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association and Am Vets, he remains known and fondly remembered by all who worked or rode with him.



- Gary DeVore -

Born in the midst of of a second world-wide war, he went on to serve in the United States Navy during the early build up of the Viet Nam war. After a stint at *Lockheed*, he eventually dropped anchor in Oregon, working at Fairview Training Center right up until the facility closed.

For several years, Gary along with his wife Elaine, would ride in the July 4th parade from Monmouth to Independence, Oregon along with the crusty ol' editor of the A.B.A. T.E. state newspaper.

You just felt comfortable being around Gary.

Whenever I picture Gary in my mind, a small smile appears unbidden on my lips.

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

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.

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter) motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

(M.R.F.) national/international

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

American Motorcyclist **Association** (A.M.A.)

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

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

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

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В **BROTHERHOOD**

The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

AGAINST

In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

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.

Ε **ENACTMENTS**

To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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State Coordinator

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

A large number of people spent over eight hours putting these words together in a manner that simply and clearly states the purpose and goals of our organization. We should honor these people and show them the respect they deserve by using our mission statement for what it is intended: a guide for how we conduct our business as members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

When people ask us what *A.B.A.T.E.* is about, these seventeen words are the answer, simple as that.

If you are confused about the direction your chapter is headed, read these words and see how what you are doing applies.

If you feel you are off course, use our mission statement as a guiding light to find your way back.

Make our mission statement an everyday part of your life in *A.B.A.T.E.*

Read it often, and better yet, learn it by heart.

Say it to yourself and to others, paying attention to each word so that their meaning is clear.

The opportunity for legislative action this year is in the form of campaigns and elections. Take the tools that *BikePAC* is furnishing through our state board representative and legislative directors and get involved. Find a candidate in your district you can support and volunteer to help them get elected.

The pay off for a little work is huge and we can use all the friends in office we can get.

Keeping our mission statement in mind, working together to accomplish it's goals, we can be an organization that we can all be proud to be a member of.



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

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

Hello C.O.,

Okay, let me say thank you for all your help for road side clean. Done in 45 minutes. (Maybe because of the high winds that we had the week before.)

We need everyone for our next meeting! Our *M.R.F.* run is coming up fast and we need all your help for the June 26th run. This year it will be called *S.O.A.R* (*Save our American Rights*) We need everyone's help, so make sure you come.

[c.o.e. note: Although not specifically stated, it appears that the writer of the following is upset over the lack of local media coverage for returning troops from overseas deployment.]

First just let me say a few things before I get pissy. I want to say thank you to all who showed up to demonstrate respect for our troops who came home. (And the ones who did not come home again.) Thank you.

Now for the assholes who call themselves the media around here, you suck. You can read about a cat stuck in a tree for days around here, you can see a drug bust for days, and you can see how a horse left a barn.

What the hell people?

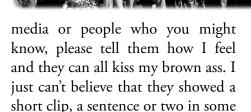
We have fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters who give there lives for us and the American way that we have here, and you don't give a rat's ass about our troops.

For the people who were there [at the homecoming], you saw first hand what this meant to all of us to see old, young, and in between, to see the tears that came from their eyes.

I was proud to be a American and showing the respect that our troops needed.

I was in the Army for three years and to see them brought tears back.

So for the people who are in the



That's all I want to say because I live in the U.S.A. and I have the freedom of speech so thank you for letting me get this off my chest.

-- Animal

papers.

Okay, we have a lot going on around here, so please be awake for the other people on the road.

Also make sure that you have checked your scoot over. (Tires/air pressure, oils, brakes, belts, lights.) Take ten minutes of your time and make sure you are all good.

I know that I forgot something and I am sure some one will let me know, but had to say what I wanted to sav.

Ride safe — summer is coming,

Animal coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Douglas County



Greetings from *Douglas County* where the secretary is struggling with technological challenges.

We have *new* meeting place.

Meetings are still the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

However we are now meeting at the *Del Ray Cafe* at 5669 NE Stephens (actually highway 99) north of Roseburg in the Winchester area.

We hope to see you there soon.

Biker nights continue with our June 18th event set for 6 p.m. at *Hogg Brothers* shop, 190 Speedway road off highway 99 in the Green district.

Put July 16th on your calendar for biker night at *Dakota Street Pizza* in Sutherlin.

Check your newspapers for event schedules from around the state. There is plenty of fun to be had, and at the same time support the "cause."

See you on the road,

Becky Garino, secretary



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thurday at 1900 (7 pm) Willie D's 443 S.E. Jackson street; Rose-

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

Hi from Jackson County,

As you probably realize, your year is half over already, so you might as well get those Christmas lay-a-ways going now or at least start on your wish list.

Don't blame me. I did not make the time fly by so quickly.

We haven't much news.

Still trying to get our chapter up and running. On the lookout for new members.

Have you heard about *Harvest Time Fellowship* in Gold Hill yet? It seems these folks have biker church every Saturday night at 6 p.m. and on the third Friday of each month (also at 6 p.m.) they hold a free BBQ with live music and great word from other riders.

On June 5th Gold Hill has *Gold Dust Days* with a parade, vendors, free food and drink. Mark and Travis of *Thunder Struck Custom Bikes* will have some custom bikes for you all to check out. Show up and have a great time...

Don't forget the 18th annual *Iron Horse Run* at Lake Selmac on June 18, 19, 20th. (With the original crew.) This year along with all the other things to do there, you will get to jam to the *Fryed Brothers Band*. The *Brothers* have toured all over America, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. They are not to be missed!

If you have not been to a meeting come check us out.

Keep in mind the rights you save will be your own.

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

See you out there,

Mikey and Sherry

Jackson County Chapter

JACKSON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm) Saxton's 4618 N. Pacific highway

Central Point

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

We keep getting teased with fabulous are making sacrifices to the sun gods riding days, only to get wet and moldy again. I just can't wait for continuous days blessed with warmth and vitamin D exposure.

The May Motorcycle Awareness Rally spurned a good turn out with Hub City leading the largest group to ride in. We gathered at Humpty's Dump in Albany - Hub City A.B.A.T.E., Pecker Heads, various A.B.A. T.E.ers from southern chapters, A.M.O. representatives, Road Maggots, U.F.R. folks, and independents rode en-masse up the freeway to Salem where we picked up some more folks, mostly from the local Weasel clans. With the 100-plus from Albany and the 50-plus from Salem, we were feeling the fellowship and camaraderie of motorcycling for a cause.

- Pick your candidates with care, not just for motorcycling sympathies; but for you and your family's well being. Voting is not just a right, it is a responsibility. A responsibility that takes time — time to be informed, time to make good judgments, time to act.
- Our annual poker run is coming up June 5th. The Hub City Hooters have started doing their sun dance and

for a spectacular day of riding in the Willamette Valley. Join us at Humpty's Dump Tavern — 916 N.E. Old Salem Road in Albany, along the freeway, between 10-11 a.m. to start a tour of the surrounding area.

\$5 will buy you a hand. Increase your chances with multiple hands. Fun and desirable door prizes and 50/50, of course.

 We also have another biker night coming in June, on Saturday the 26th at Front Street Inn in Albany. It's a bit out of the way, but well worth the visit.

Dammit Jim out of Eugene is the band and if you were at our biker night in January, you know they can rock the house.

Front Street is located at of all places, 2300 NE Front Avenue. Map Quest it if you don't know how to get

Hub City Chapter once again had motorcycle awareness billboards put up in the Albany area.

We had a photo shoot out at *L.B.C.C*. parking lot-. Thanks to Dan Lindquist for his photography capabilities and equipment.



Several folks auditioned and when the pictures were laid out and judging took place, our coordinator Al Sims and treasurer Donita Rietz took home the notoriety of having their faces expanded to Godzilla-size and hung up high for

By the time you read this, it may be that the only one still up is on highway 34 by the railroad tracks going towards Corvallis, just past Oakville road, on the right hand side. Check it out.

Oh, and Donita wants you all to know that, that is her bike in the photo.

Ride safe and rubber-side down,

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Ciddici's Pizza 133 Fifth Street Albany

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

I would like to begin with a huge thank you to Hub City Chapter. You are the most gracious hosts and hostesses. Six members from Josephine County Chapter and two members from Jackson County Chapter drove/rode up to Albany on Friday night and were met at our hotel by Don, who then escorted us over to a BBQ potluck that was well worth the ride up. After a long ride, it's good to meet friends who have food and drink waiting for you. We had a nice visit, got directions back to our hotel and a map to breakfast.

Getting back to the hotel was not as easy as we thought it would be, but after a long trip around a couple blocks, we finally got straightened out and made it back. Breakfast was easier to find. There we met up with Hub City again, along with lots of other groups coming from the south and the area around Albany. The weather was cool and overcast, but stayed dry. It was a great ride from Albany into Salem.

The May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem was awesome. I didn't know what to expect, but I think it was a good turnout. Good music. Lots of bikes to look at and riders to talk with. I am sure there is a more detailed accounting elsewhere in this newspaper. Lots of pictures to see.

Following the rally, one of the local groups had a fundraiser BBQ at their club house. We wandered on over and again met some nice people, ate some good food,

made our donation, then called it a day. It was getting late and we were getting tired, so we all decided to stay the night in Salem instead of trying to ride home.

Overall, it was a very fun weekend. And the eight of us got to know each other a

• We are making final plans for the Southern Oregon Swap Meet. By the time you read this, it will be history. Hope a few from up north were able to make it.

We hope the Fossil campout turns out well and any other plans you might have for the long weekend.

• It was an honor to be a part of the escort for the National Guard troops returning home. Even with the last minute change to bus them down instead of flying them in, we were able to coordinate efforts with several groups and meet the buses coming down I-5 and fall in behind them. Almost 60 bikes were waiting at the Manzanita rest stop to join the convoy. By the time we reached the Medford armory, I have been told that there were about 150 bikes, six buses, and 10-15 cars/pick-ups. The boys were so excited to see their families and friends, but many of them took the time to walk among the bikes and express their appreciation for us being there.

• The same weekend that the troops returned to southern Oregon, the Traveling Wall (a memorial to our Viet Nam vets, as well as a tribute to all vets who have



served) was in Grants Pass. Many of our chapter members helped with security and volunteered at the park. The weather cooperated and stay beautiful all weekend. The afternoon after everything was packed up it started raining.

• This has been a busy month and riding season is just beginning.

May is the southern swap meet. June is the Relay For Life and I will be putting on a poker run to support the relay.

June is also the month for the Iron Horse Rodeo at Lake Selmac and the Grants Pass Motorcycle and Truck Show in Riverside Park

Our chapter will be planning a dinner ride during June, probably on a Friday night.

August 7th will be our traditional Run to the Coast, from Grants Pass to Crescent City. October 3rd is the Grants Pass Toy Run.

Plans are coming along nicely for the S.O.S., August 20–22 campout at Wolf Creek. Douglas County Chapter has been hosting monthly meetings and the work is getting done.

Well, I believe that is all for this month. Remember, it's up to each of us to talk about A.B.A.T.E. to others and invite them to a meeting. Also, remember to vote

See you down the road,

Karen



<u>JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING</u> TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 pm)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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





KLAMATH COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Hello from Lower Columbia,

Our meeting was mostly dedicated to the final prep for our spring poker run, which just took place on the 8th. It came off successfully. We gave away a lot of prizes and earned a little money to put toward another college scholarship. Also for funding swimming lessons for some kids at our local pool.

We have gotten our rifle raffle going full swing. We will continue to sell tickets for this raffle until our fall run or until we run out, as we e only printed 600 tickets.

Speaking of our fall run, it's pretty well planned. I suppose we should get it sanctioned.

That's about it for now except that our meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at Colvin's Pub and Grille in Clatskanie 7 p.m. (That's 1900 hours.)

Dave



LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

By the time this goes to print, another *Fossil* will have come and gone. To be in advance and belated at the same time, I would like to thank everyone who helped make *Fossil* a success. More on that next month.

Some of the folks in our chapter are talking about attending Hub City's poker run on June 5th.

Also in June we begin *Beaver Creek* work parties.

Talk to you all next month.

Ride safe,

Shirley



LINCOLN COUNTY MEET --- ING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116 424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

Hello from the North Coast,

Well, the May Motorcycle Awareness *Rally* is in the book and even though I was unable to attend, I understand it was well worth being there. There were not as many North Coast members there as I would have liked but I still want to thank the eight who did make the ride down to Salem. I'm not sure if it was the rain on this side of the mountains or as our newsletter editor bluntly put it, "estrous in not completely over on the north coast" that kept a lot of our people away. Anyway, thanks to BikePAC of Oregon for putting on a successful rally.

The Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run, our first chapter event of the year, has not yet happened as I write this, but I assure you we are working very hard to make this run a fun time. Mark your calendar — Saturday, June 26th.

As many have heard, the driving force behind the *BikeFest* in Seaside has passed away and his son didn't

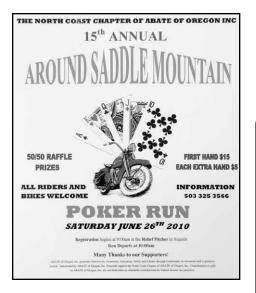
have the time to take on the job. We heard the event was in danger of not happening. Some people involved in this event were present at our last chapter meeting and stated it will still occur in July. Some of the activities may not occur as in the past like the poker run, but all other in-town events are still planned. *BikeFest* people will again be present at our next meeting with more information.

We are already planning the *Third Run to Mist* in August. Look for our flyer in the state newspaper and on the *A.B.A.T.E.* state web site.

Ride safe,

Rick





NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Sunday at 1000 (10 am) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome **POINT of CONTACT**

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

April 20, 2010

May 04, 2010

Our run is this weekend and so our meeting was dominated by run planning.

It was loud and chaotic and got done in about an hour. We are ready and it looks like we might have decent weather. That always makes or breaks our poker run.

We got two new members tonight. Welcome to our chapter, Lorraine Umbarger and Dotie Hawthorne.

We held no drawings tonight, so the prize for our membership drawing grows to \$85. Ya gotta be at the meeting to win!

The bike on tonight's agenda was a 1963 *Greeves* with a 247 cc *Villiers* motor. One of our members has one very much like it.

-- Brian

We had good attendance tonight. Our poker run and extended candy sale brought in a little over a thousand dollars. We will continue to sell candy locally.

We held no drawings tonight.

-- Brian



Upcoming Meetings

June 01, 2010

June 15, 2010

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm) Shiloh Inn

-- The Dalles

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

Hey there to all you good folks,

First off, I would like to apologize to you all for missing our last newspaper report. No excuses, just apologies.

So here we are and a lot has happened since we last spoke. The swap meet was just awesome. I took a smoke walk and was just in awe. Saw all the cycles parked four deep in the lot at the armory. Good job, Patricia. One last stand, sister. You rock!

I wasn't able to make it to Salem for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Was at home with six grandchildren. Hear tell we did not do well. Out of all the *A.B.A.T.E.* members and motorcyclists in the state only bout 300 showed up.

I can't b*tch about it 'cause I wasn't there, but I will remind you all to vote.

Vote. If you do not empower yourselves, you will take away my rights. Become a P.C.P. If you do not know what one is, ask your chapter legislative director what a P.C.P.

is. Pound in a yard sign. Speak out. Brothers and sisters get involved.

Big things have happened with *Twin Rivers* and *Southeast Portland* chapters. We are now one chapter. Lee Austin is and will always will be a fighter for your rights. *Southeast Chapter* welcomes *Twin Rivers*, *Columbia*, and *Northeast Portland* chapters as we are all one.

The toy run is moving along. Still working with the city on our permits. As soon as we are legal, buy your tickets for that perty *Dyna*.

RUN -21. RUN-21. RUN-21 (CAPS LOCK HERE.)

As far as I know, we are good to go.



Buy a ticket. get down at a party.
All proceeds go to support you

civil rights.

Southeast Portland Chapter is a supporter of BikePAC, N.C.O.M., A.I.M., C.O.C., and M.R.F.

Ride safe, be free. Love and respect,

-- Mammy Tami



S.E. Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Well not much to say but wow! [May Motorcycle Awareness Rally]

What a turn out.

Estimated numbers for the rally bikes 600 and people 800.

Good job.

The *Salem Chapter* poker run and bike show we are working on are coming together. (My laptop crashed and now I am scrambling to get things back.)

We have a run flyer now for the poker run. Thank you Sherry for the artwork and Jimmy for the route work good job.

If we have any flyer artists please get in touch.

For those fair weather riders out there, time to get the bikes out and check them out.

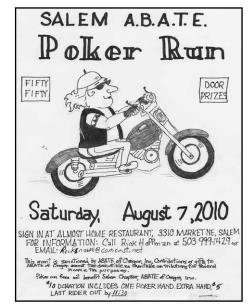
See ya on the road,

Rick



The only thing needed for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing.

-- Edmund Burke or Leo Tolstoy



SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

(Final Report)



This is the final entry for this chapter.

A vote was taken today and this chapter is now merged with *Southeast Portland Chapter*.

All members will now be placed on the *Southeast Portland Chapter* membership roster.

That's all.

TWIN RIVERS MEETING TIME and PLACE

(See Southeast Portland)

POINT of CONTACT

CHAPTER ADDRESS:

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

As I write this article, I'm happily sunburned from spending the day with about twenty other WaCo members helping park beautiful vintage cars at Papa's Toys - an annual event put on by the Davis family in Cornelius. The event raises funds for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, and is a great way to put some attention on the community involvement part of our mission statement. Last year the Davis family graciously donated several truckloads of food in our name to the Hillsboro Elks for their holiday toy and food basket program. It was a pleasure to help at this event.

Speaking of community involvement, it would be great to have twenty members show up for our road clean-up on June 6. Granted, it doesn't provide as much eye candy as a vintage car show, but many items of interest have been found on past clean-up days. Let's show some pride in the *WaCo* name on the *Adopt-A-Road* sign and show up *en masse* at *Al's Garden Center* at 10 a.m. on June 6.

Our first run of the season is right around the corner. Our *Roll 'N Ride* is on Sunday, June 13. It starts at *Beaverton Honda* and sign in is at 10 a.m. We've requested a sunny day and have a scenic route planned to please. Join us for a great ride!

By the time you read this, *Fossil* will have come and gone. *WaCo* has stepped up to staff the information booth under the veteran leadership of Jill Tracy. I hope everyone had a fantastic time and came out to support the state coffers.

How many of you have noticed *Duffy's Road List* in this issue? It's a good idea to keep a copy of the state newspaper (or at least this page) on your bike whenever you head out for a ride. The people on the list have volunteered to help if you find yourself in need of assistance in their area. If you are willing to help, and are not on the list, that's easily remedied by calling (503)-838-6893. It's all about helping our fellow bikers.

As always, get the latest happenings on our web site at:



http://www.wacoabate.info

See you on the road,

-- Margo Virchow



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

We started with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A discussion was started about the new helmet regulation. Rules have been changed again. We had a full informational discussion about the legal requirements for helmets.

Frank started discussion on the *Rhody Run*. Pamela needs help at the first stop.

Sunny let us know about the pins. A slight delay occurred, however she will take care of it.

New business

Rod let us know he did not go to state. No new motions.

Fossil was discussed.

Frank informed us of an *S.O.S.* meeting Sunday.

We discussed the bike blessing.

Treasurer reported nothing has changed. There is \$980.00 in the bank account.

A \$20 check was returned to the treasure by Rod.

Sunny reported on the Cancer Run Warriors. We discussed a possible

new graphic. Last year was a VSTAR, as we honored Noelle.

Frank asked what generated more money. Frank mentioned Roy who does graphics. Sunny donated her last art work to be used only for cancer. A discussion on collectable T- shirts took place. A discussion started about Sunny being an excellent artist. We discussed many possible art ideas.

Next meeting place was discussed. We will be meeting in Venata.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by,

Victoria Holiday secretary Willamette Valley Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.



WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) (location varies – check web site)

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Our Officers at Work

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

08 May 2010 - Eagle's Lodge; Albany, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy at noon with 11 of 15 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote. Central Oregon and Josephine County Chapters excused due to their representatives going to N.C.O.M. convention. Jackson County and North Coast absent.

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence for downed brothers, sisters and service men, women

Guests and first time attendees:

Reading/approval of minutes:

State board of directors meeting minutes from April 10th, 2010 – No corrections or additions were made. Motion made by Randy Phipps to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Matt Price. Passed.

Coordinator's comments: Ted Tracy thanked everyone, especially Patricia Carner, for their efforts to make the spring swap meet successful. He said the event had a great turnout and raised around \$10,000 for our coffers. Ted then announced that *Fossil* is the next event coming up. He encouraged all to be a part of it and commented how great last year's event was.

Secretary report and correspondence: Glenyce Jackson excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention. Rod Hatter, (*Willamette Valley Chapter* representative) substituted for May 8 meeting. Glenyce does thank all of the chapters who are getting their reports to her as well as Rot Path.

Officer's Reports

Vice-coordinator (north): Alan Nichols – Excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention. Did send e-mail to Ted confirming their arrival.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen – Excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention.

Vice-coordinator (east): Gene Mortimore – Excused due to having to work this weekend. Gene has been working hard to get Bear Hollow and *Fossil* ready for the group.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Reported

that the spring swap meet's net income was \$13,732, with expenses running \$3,562, for a net gain of \$10,170. She thanked Patricia for her energy and said there were around 1,200 people at the swap meet. Kay thanked everyone for their efforts at the spring swap meet.

As far as our coffers go, Kay says there is \$4,629.13 in checking, \$20,912.98 in savings, and *PayPal* account selling merchandise and tickets to Fossil is \$3,49.54.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – excused. Linda sent Ted a written report as follows:

Greetings everyone! I apologize that I cannot be present today. Attached is the monthly membership report. Please check the number for your chapter and let me know if there is any discrepancy. Numbers reflect membership as of the date it is printed (May 2, 2010, for example), so there may be memberships in transition.

Which brings me to expired members: Yikes! The past month we have seen a large number of members expiring. Chapter secretaries and members please contact those members who have let their membership lapse and work with them to get them renewed. If there is something about the chapter or the organization that has made them uncomfortable or unhappy, please try to resolve these issues. Sometimes the resolution is simply renewing into a different chapter or into Indian Creek. All the gains we made this past month in membership have been offset by the large amount of expirations.

Thank you to Tom and Sandy Orsini and Julian Ramirez for helping out at the information booth during the spring swap meet. We were steadily busy all day long, which helps the day go faster.

Final tallies for the membership at the swap meet:

River City – two renewals, six new members.

Indian Creek – three new members. I am sure I echo Patricia, Kay, Dave Meeker, Randy Phipps, and Bill Foster when I say thank you to everyone who volunteered (including those fine people).

I would also like to thank everyone



Glenyce Jackson state recording secretary

Note:

Glenyce was at *N.C.O.M.* convention.

May minutes taken by Rod Hatter (WV)

who attended the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally to support BikePAC. It was a great turn out. Also thanks to those who respectfully wheeled their bikes out of the rally area before starting them so that others could hear the speakers.

I was particularly moved by the reciting of the pledge of allegiance, slowly faltering and then growing stronger as more attendees picked up the pledge. It is humbling to stand with brothers and sisters and realize we are all part of the same team.

Ride safe and watch out for the other guy.

-- Linda Henderson state membership secretary

Ted asked chapters to look into getting their own membership drive campaigns going. We also need to look into ways to draw the younger riders into our group.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price – All of the events submitted for sanctioning to date have been sanctioned except for *Beaver Creek*. No problem, just haven't gotten to the insurance company yet. Matt will work to get it sanctioned as soon as possible. Matt also reminded all chapters that they need to submit how many participants each event has taking part. He said if a chapter does not submit the numbers, they won't be able to get sanctioned again, until they do.

State auditor: Connie Kintz – (Absent.)

Newspaper editor: Rot Path announced he has issues with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*..100 of them to be exact. He was talking about how many past issues of the state newspaper he has edited. Rot was applauded for his effort and Ted said great job and thank you.

Rot asked if anyone has photos or captions of either the spring swap meet or the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, that they get those items to him as soon as possible so he

can get them in the state newspaper.

Rot also stated that he gets lots of e-mails sent to him and asked to please separate personal comments from actual *A.B.A.T.E.* business. He does not have time to deal with other people's personal issues on top of the work he already does.

Rot did remind everyone that there is a 10th of each month deadline for submissions.

While discussing the newspaper, Ted Tracy said that he is getting lots of phone calls from other groups putting charity motorcycle events together and asking what kind of free advertising or attendance we could offer. It was pointed out that we have made a past decision to handle these requests on an individual basis, with regards to who brought the idea to the table and what the purpose of the event is. All other events should have to pay for advertising the same as everyone else.

Legislative director: Randy Phipps (See *BikePAC* section.)

BikePAC legislative director: Heidi commented: "I checked potential voting power, in other words I looked up the representatives for every member we have. Based on where our members live in Salem, we can vote on 13 different representatives. That is a lot of voting power, so to speak. We have very politically active members. My only message is that ABATE/BikePac should have 100% of its members registered to vote. We should even have our legislative people helping get people registered. This is our duty."

M.R.F. representative: Jay Jackson – Excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention.

A.I.M./N.C.O.M.: Gunny
– Excused due to N.C.O.M.
convention.

C of C representative (north): Jay Jackson – Excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention.

C of C **representative (south**): Pat "Spanky" Allen – Excused due to *N.C.O.M.* convention.

Sergeant at arms (north): Randy Phipps – Swap meet had a great turnout. Had 1,200 people and parking was the only issue. Parking area was tight, and sometimes difficult to access or leave.

Thank you to all who helped.

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Ted Tracy, Jim Middleton, Bill Foster, Washington County, Southeast Portland, and River City Chapters especially.

Also a big hand to Leroy of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* for manning the gate all day long.

There will be a new radio system in use at *Fossil* this year. These radios have a 22 mile range and should be a big help. All who need to check radios in or out will be required to sign for them by assigned number and be responsible for them. Randy requested that all chapters have their sergeant of arms contact him about *Fossil*.

Sergeant at arms (south): Bill Foster – Swap meet went great. Bill did say there was a shortage of volunteers and that he hopes to see more at *Fossil*.

He also commented that there was a problem with the old radio system and that the new system should be a great improvement.

Bill did point out that there will be some competition for attendance this year to *Fossil*. He said that a club is putting on a large event with top name entertainment in southern Oregon the same weekend. Howie Long said that these things happen and that someone called him and said a different event (not the southern Oregon one) was canceling and wanted more information on *Fossil* tickets.

Concerning the swap meet, Bill commented that there was some miscommunication between all and the quarter master, so some of the needed items never got in the trailer. Ted commented that Dwayne is making an effort to do better and will be at *Fossil*.

Sergeant at arms (east): Jim Middleton just wanted to thank everyone for their efforts at the swap meet.

Products director: Dave Meeker

reported that he made \$122 selling products at the swap meet, and also made \$295 at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, for a total net of \$437. He said he sold rally pins, stickers, and some *Fossil* tickets. Dave thanked Linda Henderson for her assistance. Dave also said he is getting 203 *Fossil* shirts, so you better get them quick if you want one. He will have tees, long sleeves and ladies tops.

Education director: Geoff White – (Absent.)

Education director II:

< VACANT >

Public relations director: Debra Lutje announced that she sent out 2,000 postcards about the swap meet and *Fossil* events. She sent them to members first, and then out to the general public.

She did say she has been hearing that some of the sport bike riders feel left out of being invited to our events. Matt Price said he too is getting some of this feeling from the sport bike riders. We need to be attentive to this issue, and maybe as members say hello to other riders, and point out that all riders are welcome. A simple way to do this is to invite them to a meeting or an event.

Debra said she is also planning on going to a meeting of off roaders and sport bike riders to say hello and get involved. Debra also said she now has a couple of photos of riders with their families to use on her public relations poster. She is encouraged, but says we need more photos and asked all to get some more photos to her. She is looking for images of riders with families, as couples, or doing good deeds, to show riders as real people.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Howie Long says we need door prizes and raffle items for *Fossil* as soon as possible. *Fossil* is coming up very soon. There is also a need for more

people to do security at *Fossil*. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at the information booth.

There will also be a work party next Saturday, May 15th, at Bear Hollow. Anyone who can help is welcome to come.

When *Fossil* is actually going on, Howie says chapters should bring garbage bags and door prizes.

Howie said that there will be a set up effort going on Thursday before *Fossil*, and if anyone could help to please show up. It should also be pointed out that *Fossil* now has more cell phone reception and hasn't lost the restaurant and even gained another.

State run coordinator II: Rick Prentice announced that *River City Chapter* has items left over from their poker run and will be donating them to *Fossil*. He also said that the trailer is now licensed and okay to haul. While discussing the trailer, Lee Austin said that *Southeast Portland Chapter* furnished the *EZ Lift* for the trailer. Ted also said that *Washington County Chapter* is furnishing some paint and roofing.

State swap meet coordinator: < VACANT >

Temporary fill-in is Patricia Carner who did an excellent job of coordinating the swap meet, as usual. Patricia's efforts were acknowledged and applauded at this state board meeting.

Historian: < VACANT >
Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci
- (Absent.)

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba – (Absent.)

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps referred to letter sent by Mel Yeager about the May 1st Motorcycle Awareness Rally. The letter went as follows:

The weather was excellent for the event. The band was esxcellent and free. The professional photographer

took great pictures of the event and was free.

Estimated number of motorcycles attending was 600.

Estimated people attending about 800.

Participants in the fun bike show was 26.

Several speakers presented their words of wisdom.

Candidates for governor to candidates for Oregon congressional district spoke before our assembly and asked for our support.

Spokespersons from motorcycle clubs and organizations were invited to speak.

From Washington sate, Double D spoke about discrimination issues that we all need to be aware of.

Money generated = \$601

Amount of income generated from bike show = \$56

Money collected from memberships = \$325

Money from products sales, donations = \$105

Money donations from use of the high-lift = \$75

Prizes for the bike show = \$40 Money expended for the event = \$575

Permits and street closure = \$205 Rent of two port-a-potties = \$170 Rent of high-lift = \$200

All income goes to the general fund to be used for fighting for the rights of motorcyclists.

This is a partial report.

--Mel Yeager secretary/treasurer BikePAC of Oregon

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Unfinished Business Officer elections:

Swap meet coordinator – Yvonne Sahnow.

Education director II Historian

Ted announced we have someone willing to hold office as our swap meet coordinator, Yvonne Sahnow. She has been helping at the last spring swap meet and was well received. Kay Sipple nominated Yvonne Sahnow for the swap meet coordinator position. She was then voted in. A big thank you to Yvonne for stepping up for the task. We must also thank Patricia Carner for all of her efforts holding the fort down. Patricia, you are awesome and appreciated.

• Conex box is now organized, so this is a good time for someone to step into the historian position. It was commented that the state historian gets free admission to state events (not chapter events – these are up to the chapter to approve) so long

as they produce photos and history of those events.

• Motion #4 Regarding A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon operating procedures.

Ted says that the committee has finished their efforts to simplify our rules of operation and hopes to have them in the state newspaper as soon as possible. He thanked Brian Stovall, Lee Austin, and Debra Lutje for their efforts in going through this.

Once the proposed revisions are ready, we will also get them posted on the state web sites so all can view.

Once the new version has been able to be reviewed by members for at least 60 days, we can proceed with a vote on them.

• Discussion about the defenders program, now referred to as a *Call to Action*. Ted says we really need to get all members' e-mail addresses available through chapter contacts so we can put out a call to action when any legislative issue comes up requiring response. Only about [a few] of the chapters even have

their officers' contact information submitted as of now.

Keep in mind, this is a simple and great way to get word out in a hurry, when needed.

New Business

(None.)

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: June 12th 2010, at the Eagles Lodge, Albany, Oregon at noon.
- 21–23 May 2010 Southern Oregon Swap Meet by Josephine County Chapter.
- 22 May 2010 Willamette Valley Chapter Rhody Poker Run.
- 28–30 May 2010 A.B.A.T.E. Fossil Campout.
- 11–13 June 2010 M.R.F. Best of the West seminar in Boise, Idaho.
- 07 August 2010 (Saturday) Josephine County Chapter's Run to the Coast.
- 20–22 August 2010 *Josephine*

County/Douglas County's S.O.S. Campout.

- 14–15 August 2010 Lincoln County Chapter's Beaver Creek Run
- 19 September 2010 (Sunday) Josephince County Chapter's Last Chance Social.
- 03 October 2010 Josephine County Chapter's Grants Pass Toy Run

Adjourned.



Join A.B.A.T.E. and Make A Difference

A membership form is available in every state newspaper inside the back cover.

Answer to JUNE CRYPTOGRAM

Wealth I ask not, hope nor love, Nor a friend to know me; All I ask, the warm sky above And the road below me.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

N.C.O.M. Silver Anniversary Convention 2010

We celebrated 25 years of N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) service to the motorcycle community in Orlando early in May. As an annual event, the Silver Spoke awards were presented along with the prestigious Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. That was presented to Joe Eggleston, posthumously. Joe was the A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney for the San Diego area and Arizona. He was lost to us by a heart attack while on vacation in Alaska. Joe was a tireless trike rider who was always fighting for the bikers he represented, and all bikers in general. A tremendous man who will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

As always, we celebrated the lives of those we lost this past year by the ringing of the commemoration bell after the calling out of those names.

Too many of those folks I knew personally.

We also lost our long-time North Dakota *A.I.M.* attorney, Ralph Vinje, to a motorcycle crash.

Seminars were conducted that covered all aspects of the problems bikers face all over this country. Solutions were offered for some and general conversation got response from many in the audience. Trademarks were covered due to the problems with the Mongol Motorcycle Club and their patch confiscation. Several clubs in the east are dealing with the very same problem as I write. Harassment is rampant and will continue until we do something about it. One way to help is to support your local clubs, because what is happening to them is coming at independents as sure as God made green apples. If we don't stand up now we may as well dig a hole and crawl into it. More on N.C.O.M. next month. By the way our 2011 national convention will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Start making plans now to attend while ya have the time to save the bucks for the trip. Those of us in Oregon and nearby states can get on the scoots and ride or drive our pickups.

Phoenix Lives Lost

The truck driver who is allegedly responsible for killing four motorcyclists while he was high on meth has been indicted on four counts of manslaughter. A grand jury handed down the 16-count indictment, which

charges 46-year-old Michael Jakscht with four counts of manslaughter, five counts of aggravated assault, and seven counts of endangerment. He's being held on \$1 million bond. Let's hope this fellow ends up going bye-bye for a long, long time.

Motorcycle Fatalities

Decrease

The Governors' Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.) released a report today on motorcycle fatalities. The report claims that motorcycle fatalities are down 16 percent for the first three quarters of 2009 and about ten per cent for the year. This is the first significant decrease in over a decade. However single vehicle crashes seem to be on the rise, and frequently it's because of rider impairment from alcohol or drugs.

Ford Safety

Note that this new electronic system is geared to recognize vehicles as small as motorcycles in the blind spots. Until this becomes more widespread, drivers just need to look like they're supposed to anyway.

Ford's Blind Spot Information System is helping drivers detect when a vehicle enters its blind spot zone. An LED warning light illuminates in the corresponding wing mirror to indicate the presence of any vehicle - from a motorbike to a truck.

Washington D.C.

It looks like the United States senate is opening up the debate regarding a national mandatory motorcycle helmet requirement again. A recent press release and alert from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation states: "Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) repeatedly called for a national mandatory helmet [requirement]. This is typical for the 86-year-old senator. He has on several occasions attempted to put a federal mandatory helmet [requirement] in place before. Lautenberg currently chairs or sits on every single senate committee that has jurisdiction over roads and road safety. This gentleman needs the opportunity to look for a new job. Remember that at the polls this November those of you that vote in his home state."

Australia

South Australia has urged the high court to reinstate its controversial antibikie legislation, arguing they contain



Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

proper checks and balances and do not compromise the independence of the courts. Two members of the notorious *Finks Motorcycle Club*, Donald Hudson and Sandro Totani, successfully challenged the regulations last year.

Control orders imposed under the regulations can prevent members of certain declared organizations associating with one another. Under these regulations, the attorney-general can just declare a motorcycle club illegal if satisfied its members are alleged to associate for the purpose of serious criminal activity and threaten public safety and order.

Michigan

A.I.M. attorney Larry Katkowsky doing his job taking care of bikers. About 20 motorcyclists rode to the Lenawee county judicial building recently to show support for an Adrian man challenging a non-compliant helmet ticket. Larry is the attorney for the Michigan chapter of a national motorcycle rights organization filed an appearance for helmet defendant Ryan Hildebrand, 26. A formal hearing was set for June 29 in district court. Hildebrand is one of the first of nearly a dozen riders ticketed by Adrian, Michigan police sgt. Lynn Courington this spring for wearing helmets that do not meet federal department of transportation standards. The helmets were confiscated leaving the riders hatless on the side of the road. The group was told they could reclaim the lids taken from them as evidence at the time they were ticketed. Adrian police chief Terry Collins said he decided Monday to have the helmets returned without waiting for the cases to be decided after talking with the city attorney.

Gunny Again

I always remind folks that our *A.I.M.* attorneys work tirelessly for the biker community, many times without charging us a dime for their efforts. They are also responsible for the ability we have to attend any *N.C.O.M.* conference anywhere it is being held. Many of them spend money out of their own pockets to provide lodging

and registration costs for their people. Without the monetary support these fine folks provide by returning a significant portion of the proceeds of won cases to the motorcycle community, these programs would not exist. No other attorneys I have ever heard of do that. Supporting them just means referring your brothers and sisters who go down due to the negligence of someone else. That's in any traffic injury setting, whether it's in a car, on a bike, or walking down the street. That's the kind of work these fellows do, and it's what allows them to put in so much time for the biker community. Oh yeah, and they ride,

There is so much information and networking going on at these N.C.O.M. conventions it feels overwhelming to me. Still, without these conversations around the country, we wouldn't know what problems others of our community are dealing with nor would we know how they handle different situations.

So I say rely on your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney to assist you in most any legal problem you might find yourself faced with. If they don't do the particular work you need they normally know someone that does.

Call the nationwide toll-free number, 24/7, at **1-(800)-531-2424** or **1-(800)-On-A-Bike**, or find your *A.I.M.* attorney if you know who that is.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is available at 1-(503)-224-1106 in Portland, Oregon.

He's on the internet at SamBikeLaw@aol.com too.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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

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c.o.e.'s web site: (such as it is) http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/

For many people, their beliefs and actions intertwine, which is exactly what they need to create a healthy individual.

How-some-ever, when a person takes on the responsibilities of an elected office outside their personal belief system, their allegiance is no longer to "me", but to "we".

For an organization to be successful in the public arena, it is often necessary for its office holders to separate their personally held beliefs from their organizational office duties.

It's called professionalism.

Professionalism creates the public "face" of the organization and often determines how seriously others will take the message of the group and therefore how successful the organization will be in fulfilling its mission statement.

means that in the This performance of their elected duties, members need to set aside their personal beliefs, no matter what kind and how deeply held, and concentrate on the duties of their office. Otherwise confusion is created between the mission statement and what officeholders are actually saying and doing.

Confusion dissipates our effective energies in unproductive directions.

Being professional means staying tightly focussed on what we want to accomplish and creating the means to accomplish it.

Electronic professionalism.

One area of every day modern life that separates the professional from the wanna-be is how they handle electronic mail. (E-mail.)

Nothing diminishes the esteem of an organization or individual more that the wholesale forwarding of unwanted or unsolicited chain e-mailings.

In order to be taken seriously, a person needs to have separate address listings — personal and professional. Forward with great abandon anything and everything to folks in your personal address book, but only send material that directly pertains to the organization mission to people in your professional address book.

If you don't know how to go about creating separate e-mail address books, you have two choices:

1. Talk to the computer-savy folks we have in the organization, either in your chapter and community or at the state level.

2. Use the Mark Speckman model: "Figure it out."

When yer crusty ol' editor has attempted to diplomatically suggest that folks use separate address lists, he is often met with indignation, as though he electronically slapped them across the face for forwarding multiple copies of big-eyed monkeys on black velvet images. They seem to feel that the content of their forwarded e-mail chains is being attacked and they take it as a personal insult.

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No one is passing judgment on the worthiness of your content, but on your actions.

You've been electronically trespassing on other people's property and it's time to move on before the viral scatter guns come

Three weeks into June and the sun pauses in its journey north, then ever so slowly begins creeping south again.



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

Another thing that annoys electronically.

Many of you use a word processing program that comes with whatever WinTel platform you may be using. That's all fine and good, except that many of the fine folks who forward reports to yer poor ol' long-suffering crusty ol' editor don't realize that when they copy-and-paste their material into an e-mail, they are c. including H.T.M.L. coding as well. ** It ends up looking like this:

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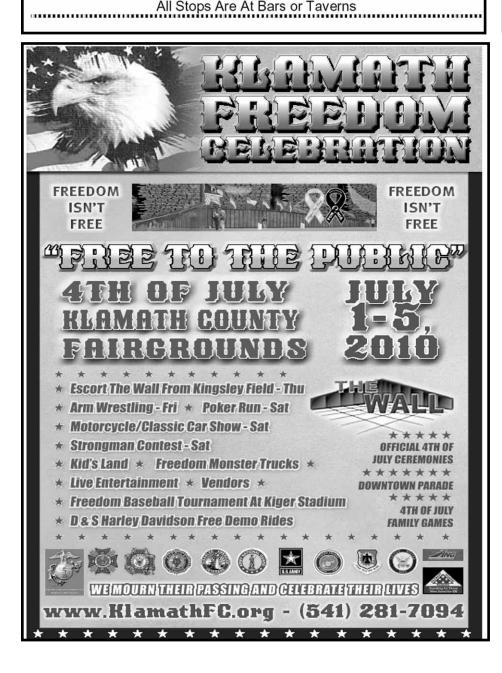
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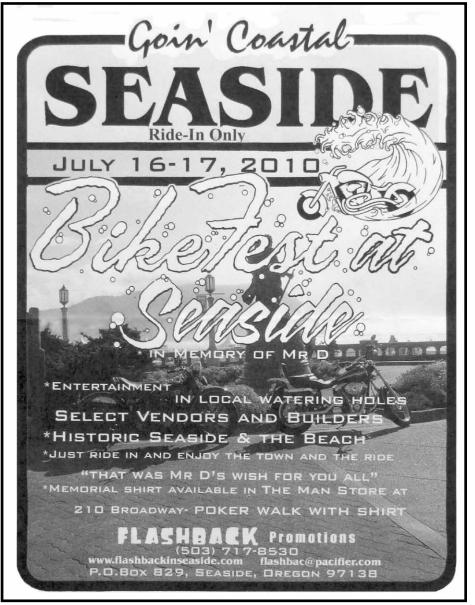
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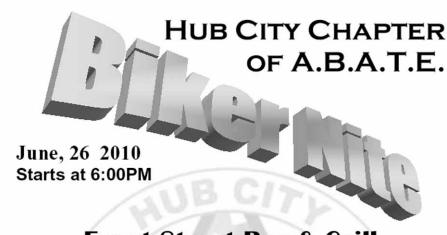
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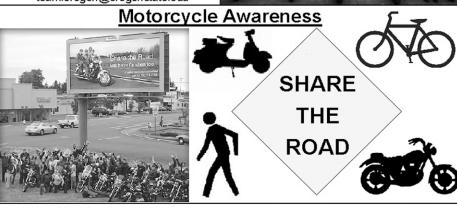
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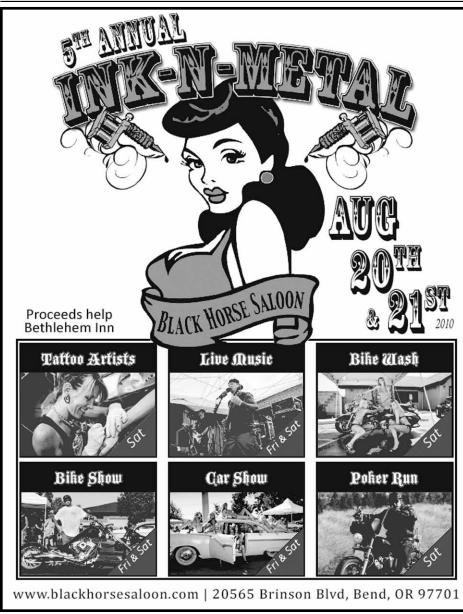


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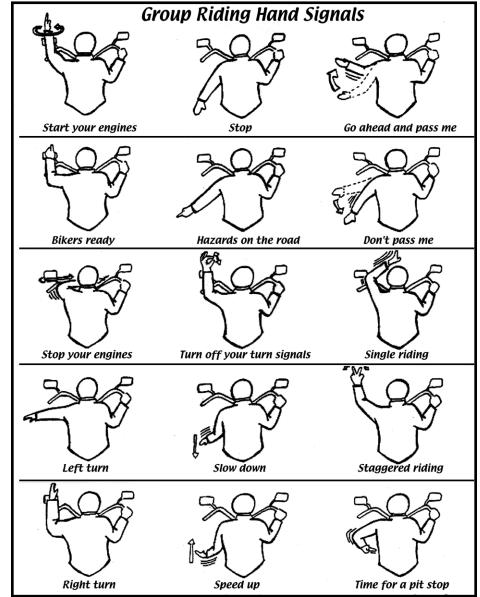
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N.C.O.M. Convention Report

-- Al Nichols

state vice-coordinator (north)

I have been riding motorcycles of some sort for over twenty years and had never belonged to any type of group. I joined *A.B.A.T.E.* a few years ago and it opened up a whole new world that I had never realized existed. I got to meet people who not only loved riding and having fun as much as I do, but were also dedicated to the legislative side of motorcycling and community outreach as well. So when the chance to go to an *N.C.O.M.* convention presented itself, I decided to look further into what motorcycling was all about.

Having my own preconceived notions of what happens when a bunch of bikers get together, I felt a little nervous.

Well let me say that within the first couple of hours I was proven very wrong.

Not only were the people I met very easy to talk with, but very informative. I realized that everyone there was attending for the very same reason I was — education and information, what is going on in the motorcycling world around us, and how to defend against the efforts of some politicians putting restrictions on how and what we ride.

Now I know that some of you are thinking, "N.C.O.M. is a patch holder convention. What does that have to do with me?"

In the government's eyes, it has everything to do with us.

Some of the new regulations, especially the "gang legislations", coming in front of our legislators will affect us all.

The legislation states that if we are dressed alike (patches or not) and are in a group of three or more, we are a

gang and fall under the regulations and are subject to such. (*i.e.* Search of our motorcycles and possessions simply because they had suspicion.)

Ridiculous?

I agree, but that is only the tip of the iceberg.

Legislation going in front of city councils and state governments around this country should really concern all of us.

If there is one thing that I learned at this conference, it's that we need to open our eyes a bit more. We need to become a unified group. The people in Washington D.C. and in Salem don't care if we ride a cruiser, a sport bike, or even a scooter. And neither should we.

The first seminar I attended was on the U.S. Defenders program. I suggest we find out all we can about this program and how we can get involved. Although this program was founded by club riders, if you do not belong to a club there are still ways to support this program. One way is the *Coalition of Independent Riders* or *C.O.I.R.* (Pronounced "core".) These programs focus on our rights as motorcyclists, whether its letting a business know that it is illegal to not open for a certain group of people, or letting our legislators know that we don't like a bill or legislation that will be coming up for a vote.

Lets face it, one or two hundred e-mails or letters will probably get noticed, but a few thousand e-mails literally shutting down their e-mail server, or letters that stack up on top of their desks will definitely get their attention.

If there is one thing that gets a politicians attention its votes, and we need to make them realize there are enough of us out here and that together we can and *will* make a difference.

Another thing the *U.S. Defenders* and its other programs do is community relief in times of emergency. Anybody who has watched the news recently knows that emergencies are happening entirely too often. Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and wildfires are occurring more often and getting closer to home with each event.

Another seminar that I found very interesting was a group of riders that are working on a universal set of nationally recognized hand signals that bikers can use to communicate with one another. The ones we use differ from one group to another or from one state to the next. This plan would make one set of signals that everyone, including people in cars would recognize.

And lastly, the seminar that got me thinking really hard was how much knowledge do I have about the group I ride with? How well do I know the people I ride with? Or better yet, how well do they know me?

Everyone reading this, at one time or another, has most likely ridden in a big group or at least with a few friends.

My question to you is, if you have a medical condition, did anyone you rode with know about it?

Do you have any kind of information about your condition with you or on your bike?

Are you on medication, and is that

information readily available if you are involved in a crash?

How about the people you ride with? Do any of them have issues, or have medication they would need in the case of an emergency?

Most people know about marking important people in your cell phone with "ICE" (in case of emergency) but lets face it folks, if we are involved in a crash so severe that we can not communicate this ourselves, chances are our cell phones will be in the same condition our bikes and bodies are. Very scary, but something we need to think about.

A little 3 x 5 index card that has all this information on it can be laminated and tapped to the inside of our bags or handed to a road captain or sweep rider and could make all the difference. In short, we need to make it as easy as we can to the people trying to help us to give us the best chance of being able to survive.

In closing I want to just say that if you ever get a chance to go to this event, you should jump at the chance. Not only will you get a chance to meet interesting new people and learn information that you thought you knew already, it is an eye opening experience that will change the way you perceive the biking community as a whole.

I want to thank you for your time in reading this and hope you read something that will make a difference in your life as much as this convention will make a difference in mine.

See you on the road.

your ride in a group. It is always best to make sure everyone knows all the signals for safety, especially if there is a new rider joining your group.

Have fun, enjoy the sun and good company, and look out for each other.

A friend does not let his buddy ride impaired.

Be safe!

This is an election year.

If you don't do politics, politics will do you. Get involved.

Join the *M.R.F.* for a voice on national issues and get involved on the local level

Ride safe, ride free.

M.R.F. Report



Jay JacksonOregon *A.B.A.T.E. M.R.F.*representative

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has asked all riders to contact our legislators in Washington, D.C. to ask them to stand against a federal mandatory helmet requirement proposed by senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) at a U.S. senate committee on environment & public works hearing.

The M.R.F. lobbyist, Jeff Hennie, will be keeping close watch on this National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) activity.

Remember the U.S. constitution says our government is for the people, by the people. It is very important for each state to make its own laws to help preserve our personal freedoms. Education and crash prevention minimize crashes and their severity more than safer crashes. Each rider should be free to choose to wear a helmet or not.

On a happier note, the 2010 Best of the

West conference is in Boise, Idaho from June 11-13. This year the conference is hosted by the *Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety. (I.C.M.S.) Best of the West* is one of the *M.R.F.*'s regional events that helps interested motorcyclists' rights activists learn about issues affecting our right to ride. It offers workshops on how to be more involved, be more effective, and make our presence known. This year will also feature a demonstration by the Idaho *S.T.A.R.* motorcycle safety program.

Best of the West conference attendance is open to anyone interested in motor-cyclists' rights. The ride to Boise is a good day trip. Check it out at the M.R.F.'s web site at http://www.mrf. org or contact the M.R.F. Washington D.C. office at 1–(202)5460983.

Remember to review hand signals with your fellow riders before you start





American Motorcyclist Association

Electric Revolutionaries

creating new technology to supplement traditional power plants

The first realization came while looking over a spreadsheet.

Engineer Craig Bramscher and his team were exploring options on building electric vehicles and they had created an analysis of battery power, battery costs, and vehicle range as part of their research. That analysis kept telling them the same thing: They could not compete with models from major car manufacturers, such as Toyota's \$26,000 *Prius*.

Instead of disappointment, Bramscher saw something exciting in that data.

"There came a moment when we realized if you do something lighter, like a motorcycle, you could spend only a few thousand dollars in batteries, and you could exceed the national average on commuting on a single charge," he says.

A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days 2010 Classic Club: Bridgestone Motorcycles

Bridgestone has been selected as the classic club for the 2010 A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days, July 9-11, at the mid-Ohio sports car course in Lexington, Ohio.

The selection of the classic club complements the announcement of marque of the year for *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days*, which for 2010 is *Husqvarna*.

By honoring a classic club, the A.M.A. continues a long-standing tradition of recognizing the many brands that are represented at America's grandest celebration of motorcycle heritage.

As the classic club, the *Bridgestone Motorcycle Club* will be featured in a special tent on the grounds of mid-Ohio, and visitors will have a chance to see bikes, memorabilia, vintage dealer signs, and much more relating to the rare Japanese brand.

New World Championship For Electric Motorcycles In High Gear

At the 2009 A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days, an interesting juxtaposition emerged from the sinuous curves of the mid-Ohio sports car course. Sharing track time with vintage racing motorcycles dating to the early 1900s was a new category of machines certain to play a role during the next 100 years: electric motorcycles participating in the TTXGP Introduction.

The exhibition event showcased the latest electric motor technology, stretched to the limit by innovative developers from around the world. This year, the organizer of that event, Azhar Hussain, is taking the concept to a new level with the *TTXGP World Championship*.

Need more vintage?

Just sign up for our new e-mail newsletter. This regular e-newsletter will update on events at this summer's biggest vintage motorcycling extravaganza: the 2010 A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days, July 9-11.

Report: Motorcycling deaths dropped sharply in 2009

A just-released report shows that motorcycling fatalities nationwide dropped by at least ten percent in 2009, the first decline in twelve years.

Based on preliminary data, the Governor's Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.), which represents the state highway safety offices nationwide, projects that motorcycling deaths declined from 5,290 in 2008 to 4,762 or fewer in 2009.

The projection is based on data collected from the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The *G.H.S.A.* cautioned that the report only reflects one year, so it's too soon to predict a steady decline.

Help spread the word: "Think. Ride"

Some timely resources are now available as part of the *A.M.A.*'s "Think. Ride." public service announcement campaign. The campaign addresses riders with messages such as riding responsibly off-road, riding straight, and riding quiet bikes. It also warns motorists to watch out for motorcycles on the road.

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Best of the West

Have you registered yet? The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) hopes you will join us in Boise for the 2010 Best of the West conference from June 11-13. This year the conference is hosted by the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety. (I.C.M.S.)

Best of the West is one of the M.R.F.'s regional events that allows interested motorcyclists' rights activists to learn about issues affecting our right to ride. It offers workshops on how to be more involved, be more effective and make our presence known. This year will also feature a demonstration by the *Idaho S.T.A.R. Motorcycle Safety Program*.

Best of the West conference attendance is open to anyone interested in motorcyclists' rights. The fee will will be \$70 for M.R.F. members and \$80 for non-members. The registration fee covers all the seminars for the weekend, as well as a dinner banquet and auction on Saturday night.

Reservations can be made at the *Best Western Vista Inn* by calling **1-(208)-336-8100**. The hotel is located on 2645 Airport Way, Boise, Idaho.

To register for the *Best of the West* conference, visit the *M.R.F.*'s web site at **http://www.mrf.org** or contact the *M.R.F.* D.C. office at **1-(202)-546-0983**.

Applications can be printed from the web site and mailed to the *M.R.F.* office at

236 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 510

Washington, DC 20002.

For more information about *Best* of the West or any M.R.F. conference, contact M.R.F. conference director Carol Downs at 1-(303)-204-6939 or downs@mrf.org

Motorcycle Fatalities Decrease

The Governors Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.) released a report today on motorcycle fatalities. The report claims that motorcycle fatalities are down 16 percent for the first three quarters of 2009 and about ten percent for the year. This is the first significant decrease in over a decade.

The decrease in fatalities is not a function of people riding less. Vehicle miles traveled for motorcycles is down one to two percent. (The number varies regionally.) Miles traveled have also increased in some areas where people are swapping gas guzzler cars for small, efficient motorcycles in order to stretch their pennies as far as possible. After all, motorcycles are the single most affordable form of private transportation available to Americans.

In fact, the only addition to motorcycle safety on a national level is the motorcycle safety grant program signed into law in 2005. The program, the brain child of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*), sends federal highway dollars back to the states earmarked for rider education programs and motorcycle awareness campaigns. It is of course the good work done on a state-by-state basis, largely by motorcyclists, that ultimately



deserves credit for this reduction in loss of life.

With the increasing numbers of new and returning riders, and concern over single vehicle motorcycle crashes, rider education and training is the only proactive measure that can truly assist motorcyclists in preventing crashes. Studies have indicated that more than 90% of crashes involved riders were without formal training.

The next question is: How do you maintain the reduction? Helmet requirement proponents will use this as a stepping stone to put a mandatory helmet requirement in place. They will point to the legislation as the logical next step, which it is not. We were able to achieve this reduction without a national helmet requirement and we can continue the trend without it. Keeping the numbers down will only be possible through quality rider education and motorist/motorcycle awareness campaigns. And of course continue the M.R.F.'s position focus on crash avoidance and not simply safer crashing. And we will.

NHTSA's New Chief

The M.R.F. also met with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's new administrator, David Strickland. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois was in D.C. lobbying, so they put some pressure on former Illinois member of congress, Ray LaHood, to push a meeting request with the administrator. LaHood, being a former M.R.F. champ winner, made it happen. The A.M.A. also joined in

on the productive meeting.

Recently at a U.S. house hearing, Strickland commented that motorcycle helmet use should be the "core" of motorcycle safety programs, so this meeting was especially important. During the meeting Strickland behaved as any government safety official would — he defended helmet requirements, saying he is a "data guy" and that he has to "follow the numbers". He also agreed that there are other aspects to motorcycle safety — one of the most important is education.

The *M.R.F.* congratulates Mr. Strickland on his post and we look forward to working with him. Who knows, we may even see him on a motorcycle at some point as he expressed interest in learning to ride a motorcycle.

We say "Go for it, administrator!"

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Motorcycle Thefts Fall

Motorcycle thefts in the U.S. fell by 13% to 56,093 last year from 64,492 in 2008, the biggest drop since 2007 according to the *National Insurance Crime Bureau* in an April 13th statement. *Honda* was the most stolen brand accounting for 24% of the thefts, followed by *Yamaha*, *Suzuki*, *Kawasaki*, and *Harley-Davidson*, said the *N.I.C.B.* citing *National Crime Information Center* data.

The recession prompted lower bike sales and a decrease in production, pushing motorcycle thefts down for a third consecutive year. Sales of new bikes fell 43% in 2009 from the year-earlier period, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Likewise, the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association reported a 47.4% decrease in motorcycle production last year.

Recovery rates have declined along with thefts, with only 30% of the stolen bikes recovered in 2009, compared with 41% in 2006, *N.I.C.B.* data show.

The top five states for motorcycle theft were warm-weather ones: California, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia, together accounting for 39% of the total.

It should be no surprise that the summer months of July (6,319); August (6,079); and June (5,672) saw the most theft activity while the fewest thefts were recorded during the winter months of December (2,927); February (3,100); and January (3,570).

The best way to prevent theft is to keep your motorcycle out of sight or covered up and secured to an immovable object with a good through-the-frame lock in addition to the steering lock.

Motorcycle Safety Bill Passes In Oklahoma

Gunner's Bill has been signed by Oklahoma governor Brad Henry, providing for the state's first comprehensive motorcycle safety program.

HB–2264, authored by state representative Mike Christian and state senator Steve Russell, allows the state to add a \$3 fee, designated for motorcycle safety and education, to the existing cost of registering a motorcycle. It also establishes a revolving fund into which the money is to be deposited.

Representative Christian said the legislative action was necessary because motorcycle registrations continue to increase in Oklahoma; therefore,

without training and prevention efforts, vehicle crashes involving motorcycles are likely to increase. According to the Oklahoma tax commission, there were 115,381 registered motorcyclists in the state in 2008, a 14.3% increase over 2007. Motorcycle fatalities increased 17.6% during the same period, and injuries increased 21.4%.

HB–2264 is known as "Gunner's Bill" in honor of Robert "Gunner" Catcher, a motorcyclist who died after being struck by a pickup in 2009. The driver of the truck said he did not see Gunner.

Wyoming Bikers Work With City To Promote Motorcycle Awareness

The Casper city council voted unanimously to pay for motorcyclesafety billboards in the coming months, with *Wyoming Central A.B.A.T.E.* picking up the campaign halfway through the riding season. The council approved \$5,400 in grant money to pay for four billboards from April through July, when *Wyoming Central A.B.A.T.E.* would begin paying for the billboards with its own message to run through October.

The push for motorcycle awareness stems from two high-profile crashes involving motorcyclists last summer, including an *A.B.A.T.E.* member who was killed by a left-turning *Hummer*. The crashes prompted *Wyoming Central A.B.A.T.E.* to meet with city officials and hash out a plan to increase awareness of motorcycles among drivers.

The Casper police department applied for grant money from the Wyoming department of transportation to be used on a "campaign targeting the reduction of the number and severity of motorcycle crashes in the Casper area," according to a city memo.

Motorcycle Advisory Council Surveys Road Conditions

The Motorcyclist Advisory Cou-ncil (M.A.C.) to the Federal High-way Administration has made recommendations to U.S. transportation secretary Ray LaHood and his predecessors on various topics, including

- 1. Barrier design;
- 2. Road design, construction, and maintenance practices.
 - 3. The architecture and implementa-



tion of intelligent transportation system technologies.

Of special significance was the creation and approval of the yearly *Motorcyclist Road Conditions Survey*, which can be accessed at: http://tinyurl.com/ykbqsr6

Anti-Lock Brakes Make Motorcycles Safer

With motorcycle ownership skyrocketing from 4.3 million to 10.4 million over the past decade, and a corresponding increase in rider deaths and injuries, two new studies have found that equipping motorcycles with antilock brakes makes them much safer.

The studies, one by the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety* and the other by the *Highway Loss Data Institute*, found that bikes with antilock brakes are involved in 37% fewer fatal crashes per 10,000 registered vehicles and reported 22% fewer crash damage claims per insured vehicle year.

Stopping a motorcycle is trickier than stopping a car. For one thing, the front and rear wheels typically have separate brake controls. In an emergency, a rider faces a split-second choice to either brake hard, which can lock the wheels and cause an overturn, or hold back on braking and risk running into the emergency. This is when antilock brakes can help by reducing brake pressure when they detect impending lockup and then increasing the pressure again when traction is restored. Brake pressure is evaluated multiple times per second, so riders may brake fully without fear of locking up.

Until lately, such crash avoidance technology as antilock brakes has primarily been available only on larger, more expensive motorcycles, but they are now available on 60 new models.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* is considering whether or not antilock brakes should be mandatory on motorcycles.

Outlaw Biker 101

Enforcement officers from across the country gather each year at a heavily guarded secret location for annual training on "combating biker gangs":

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As one of America's foremost authorities on biker discrimination, Minnesota Aidto Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)attorney Steven O'Brien, who also serves as legal counsel to the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, applied for the course last year but was denied admittance with the written admonishment that he would be better suited to attend the N.C.O.M. convention.

Quotable Quote

"The story of America's quest for freedom is inscribed on her history in the blood of her patriots."

> -- Randy Vader American author/ composer

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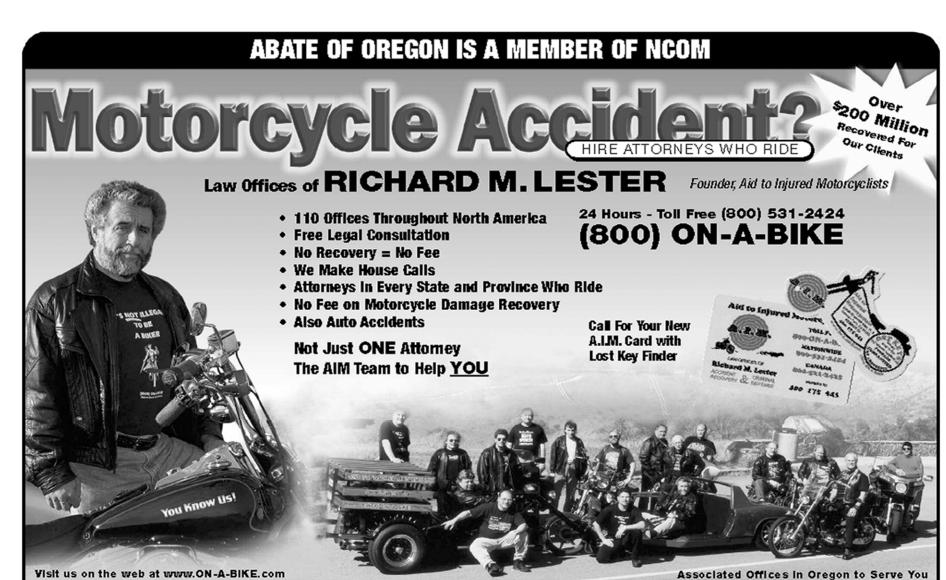
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Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs. Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.

Arthur West (503)-351-5054

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

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Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

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MODEL:

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES

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

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

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal	legislators as well as police or	r D.O.T. administrators. The p	ourpose is to ensure a	ppropriate lawma	king and reasonable	e enforcement. Ple
provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if					or Gunny. Thank you	ı for your cooperat
Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 75	0 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW W	Vashington, Portland, OR	97205 ATTN: Gu	nny		
The form can be filled out on-line at: http://www.aba						
NAME:		_ PHONE: work		home _		
NAME:ADDRESS:	CITY: _			STATE:	ZIP: _	
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLAT	IVE PURPOSES? (YE	(S) (NO)				
	WHAT HAPPENI	ED WHEN YOU WERE	STOPPED?			
DATE STOPPED:	TIME STOPPED	: a m / pm				
LOCATION:						
OFFICER NAME:	ID N	O:	_ POLICE AGEN	CY		
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET /	OTHER (specify)					
CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELM	MET / OTHER (specify)					
CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELM	appearance date:		_ TIME:		_am/pm	
COURT LOCATION: city / county:ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SA						
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SA	AME TIME? LIST:					
IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES	(not infractions), SPEC	SIFY:				
You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL A	NDVICE if you were cha	rged 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 Exp	olain:					
Were you given an explanation on legal or illustration of legal or illustration or illustration of legal or illustration or illustrati		NO) If YES was the ex	xplanation? WR	RITTEN	VERBAL	ВОТН
		HAPPENED IN COUR	T?			
Have you gone to court? NO: When is court	Date? YES: How did y	ou plead?	If you	u pled guilty w	hat was the fine	? \$
If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to tri						
YES: What was the verdict? GUILTY NOT	GUILTY	·				
If guilty, what was the sentence?						
FINE:\$ ASSESSMEI	NT: STATE \$	COUNTY \$ _		CITY \$		
WORK TIME LOSS HRS: LC	ST WAGES: \$					
Briefly describe the evidence you presented a						

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2010

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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NAME:

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NEW ADDRESS:

CITY:

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ZIP CODE:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

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Name:			N 1 9	D 10
Adress:			New member ?	Renewal?
City:	State:	Zip:	Yes	Yes
Phone: (E-mail:			Membership #
Additional Members in Same H	Household:		No	
Name:			Patch Received ?	
Name:			Yes	
Name:			No	
Annual Rates:		Congressional District:		
Individual membership \$25 Couple membership \$30	Total number of members:	Senator:: Representative:	Membershi	of Oregon, Inc.
Family membership \$35 Lifetime membership \$250	Date paid:	- Expresentative.	Portland, O	

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

Commetns:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2010 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	_	Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm)	2	3	4th quarter moon	Hub City Poker Run Albany
Southeast Portland &Twin Rivers 1200 (noon)	Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm)	8	9	10	11	new moon STATE BOARD Albany – 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee – 1100 (11 a.m.) computer training – 1100 (11 a.m.)
WaCo Roll-N-Ride Tigard Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)	Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	Jackson County 1830 (6:30 pm) Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm)	Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	Douglas County–1900 (7 pm) ———————————————————————————————————	18	19 2nd quarter moon
North Coast 1000 (10 am) Southeast Portland &Twin Rivers 1200 (noon) father's day	21 summer solstice / litha	22 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	23	24	<i>25</i>	strong sun moon lunar eclipse – 0328 Centor S.O.A.R. Run - Bend (7) Hub City Biker Night - Albany North Coast Saddle Mountain Seaside
27	28 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	29	30			July 2010 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 12 June 2010 noon – Eagles Lodge 127 Broadalbin street NW Albany, Oregon Run committee meeting – 1100 Open computer training – 1100

In high school Ward began to date June, And lost his innocence all too soon, Her young hormones drove her, Bustin' out all over, Wally was made under a full moon. ©2010 Rot Path

2010 **RUN LISTINGS**

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
05 June 2010	Poker run – Hub City	Albany	(541)-327-8098
13 June 2010	<i>Roll-N-Ride</i> – WaCo	Tigard	(503)–750–6047
11-13 June 2010	Best of the West – M.R.F.	Boise, Idaho	
16–18 June 2010	Good Vibrations - Road Shows	Salem, Keizer	1-(775)-329-7469 (Nevada)
26 June 2010	M.R.F. Run – Central Oregon		
26 June 2010	Biker Night – Hub City	Albany	(541)-926-2739
26 June 2010	Around Saddle Mountain Run – N.C.	Seaside	(503)–325–3566
01–05 July	Klamath Freedom Celebration	Klamath Falls	(541)–281–7094
16–17 July	Bike Fest	Seaside	(503)–717–8530
17 July 2010	Veteran Benefit Poker Run	Roseburg	
23-25 July	Run-21 - Southeast Portland	Birkenfeld	(503)–706–7061
07 Aug 2010	Poker Run – Salem	Salem	(503)-999-1429
14-15 Aug 2010	Beaver Creek - LinCo	Newport	(541)-

	CHAPTE	R MEETIN	IGS — 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.)	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Klamath County (KlamCo)	TBA	(TBA)	Our newest chapter — Welcome!	
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–728–4122
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 a.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	4th 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
Twin Rivers (TR)	(NOTE: Twin Rive	rs Chapter has m	erged with Southeast Portland Chapter)	
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684
Willamette Valley (WV)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	(Meeting site varies – see web page)	(541)–935–4632