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Affirm Your Rights



Get Out And Ride

One of the best ways we can raise motorcycle awareness is by getting more motorcycles out on the roads where other drivers will become used to seeing, hearing, noticing, and interacting with us.

Another good way to raise awareness about our concerns is by talking with non-riding people. You don't have to be a firebrand with zeal lighting up yer eyes, leaping onto tables to disclaim with fervor. Just working our concerns into casual conversations will get most folks to start thinking about our life on the road and legislative issues from our perspective.

— Rot Path, c.o.e.

Elmer Atrops (left) astride a 1939 *Harley-Davidson* Knucklehead in July of 1941 while Ileene Rosin (right) grips a 1935 *Indian Scout* in July of 1939 at locations near Sherwood, Oregon.

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

What We're About

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A.T.E. stands for *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as *BikePAC*.

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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State Coordinator's Comments

I hope everyone enjoyed *Fossil* and we were all glad to see you there!

We all have good ideas, at least once in a while, mixed in with the "Hey y'all, watch this!" ideas. The trick is to combine the two. I know that sounds weird but so did counter-steering a bike the first time you heard it. (If you haven't heard of that you need to sign up with *Team Oregon A.S.A.P.*)

The thing with the *Redneck's Last Words* idea is that something happens. It may not be what we want to happen. More often the exact opposite, but something does happen. Often with good ideas we talk 'em over with a good friend and a beer (or a few of each) but nothing happens.

As I'm sure all of you have heard "A rolling stone gathers no moss". (Roll at the speed limit and you won't gather tickets.) If we don't do some-thing... anything...to promote our own rights and liberty, no one will. We need to keep moving. Even if we make a

misstep, we can learn from it and keep our rights.

Just like it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission, it easier to keep the rights we have than to try get them back.

We have to be willing to sacrifice our time, our energy, and sometimes a run, to make these things happen. It won't be easy, just like it wasn't easy for the founding fathers of this country or our veterans to watch their friends and families die so that their children and those of us here now could be free. No one here is being asked to make that sacrifice for our rights.

I will be preparing a report of the *N.C.O.M.* convention that I was just at for printing in the state newspaper. (Make sure you read the *Gunny Sack* in this issue. You can't afford not to.) Hopefully I can convey to you the energy that this has given me in our fight to "promote

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

Take a moment and read the opposite page. When was the last time you thought about what *A.B.A.T.E.* means or how we got our start?

Think about how you can fit into that picture. What are *you* doing to be a part of this fight for liberty?

If you have an idea, would like to make a suggestion, (or to be an officer), or think you know some way to make a difference, please talk to any of the officers you know. Your coordinator, secretary, board representative, or any state officer will be happy to hear from you. As officers we are here to serve you. Let us know what you think. Be prepared too — we will ask how you are going to help us facilitate your request. I promise once once you get started it will be hard to stop. And we'll have fun too!



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

— Thomas Jefferson

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

Wow!!!

What can I say?

We had close to sixty people at our April meeting held at the *Northside Bar & Grill*. Thanks to all of you who were there!

This makes a great start to the summer for *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* It is you, the biker community who makes this all happen.

I would also like to give a big thanks to Greg and his staff at the *Northside* for hosting the meeting. It's nice to have their backing and to have them turn down the juke box and the T.V.s so we could have our *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting in a quiet place. The *Northside* has also offered to give all *A.B.A.T.E.* members one dollar off of their first purchase, whether it be a beverage or meal. Nice to have the *Northside Bar & Grill* support the biker community!

I would like to give *M.O.B. (Motorcycles of Bend)* and *Eaglerider Motorcycle Shop* of Redmond big thanks as well for their continued support of *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* Both have fine shops and excellent bike mechanics. Also check out their web sites for all of the Central Oregon biker events at:

<http://www.motorcyclesofbend.com/>

or

<http://www.eaglerideroregon.com>

We are out of first gear and going into second and third.

This is when we start having fun.

Speaking of fun, I want to give all *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members, as well as those

who are thinking about becoming members, a heads-up that at our June 14th meeting, we will all be taking a new group picture. So if you're thinking about becoming a member, now's the time to sign up. Everyone will be meeting at the *Northside Bar & Grill*, 62860 Boyd Acres Road, Bend Oregon (541)–383–0089 for the meeting at 2 p.m. Picture will be taken following the meeting. So, shine the bikes and ladies put on your tank tops. This is going to be a rain or shine picture.

Sounded like this year's *BikePAC* rally went great. It was fairly well attended with four state speakers in attendance. The rain held off until after the rally, which was nice.

Please read the *Gunny Sack* section of the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper. I think you will all find it of interest.

There was a work party that took place on May 16th at Bear Hollow to help spruce up the place for *A.B.A.T.E.*'s *Fossil Run*.

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s web site is up and running at:

<http://www.centraloregonabate.com>

Thanks to you, Stephen. We would like to get some photos up on it, so I'm asking all of you to please e-mail pics you might have of past *A.B.A.T.E.* events so that we can give them to the web master.

Our first run of the year is June 27th. It's the *M.R.F./R.O.A.R (Ride for Our American Rights) Run*. Should be a great time and a lot of bikes out. Flyer's are in circulation as I write. We have a new route this year, over the hills and through the tree's to Coyote Ranch we go. The run is starting at *Timbers South*, 61331 S. Highway 97, Bend, (541)–



388–8178. Sign in at 9 a.m. Last Bike out at 10 a.m. Route map will be handed out at *Timbers*. Run ending at Coyote Creek, 497 highway 20 W, Sisters (541)–549–9514, with free pizza provided by *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* to all riders. Live music from around 1 to 3-ish provided by *Badlands Boogie Band*. Let's have a kick ass time!

I want to remind everyone about renewing their *AirLife* memberships. If you do not have one, you should! Please spend the \$90 per family for a year. I know I can spend all that in a day when I go out for dinner and drinks. We all hope that we won't need it, but if you should, you'll be grateful you have it!

We had a great turn out for our roadside clean up this year. Close to fifty people attended. And not just for the B.B.Q.! It took us 45 minutes to clean our stretch of highway. That's an all time record!!! Good work, *Central Oregon* riders! Excellent day, excellent food. Please see

<http://www.centraloregonabate.com>

for pics! Thanks to Jackie and John for sending out the reminder postcards, to Kevin and Renee for supplying the food. Thanks to Ed for barbecuing and Andy for picking up the barbecue. Without it, we all would have starved.

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s memberships is now roughly 153 and growing. Scott and Ellen, I'm pretty sure you need to renew your memberships!

Eaglerider of Redmond is now offering a

10% discount to all *A.B.A.T.E.* members! You must show your *A.B.A.T.E.* memberships card for this discount. Thank you to *Eaglerider* of Redmond!

Remember that we need to update our portion of the *Duffy's Road List*. Let's be sure to sign up and help out our out-of-town-bikers.

Welcome to our newest and youngest *A.B.A.T.E.* member, Teejan Marlow who is under six months old. Welcome to the party!

It has been a great month of May. Let's make June even better,

Animal

coordinator

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

CENTRAL OREGON

MEET-->ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Northside Bar & Grill

62860 Boyd Acres road

Bend, Oregon

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Michelle Williams (541)–977–4001

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Greetings from *Douglas County*,

We are so happy to be finally enjoying some decent riding weather. The months ahead are looking good for lots of great events.

Our meetings are lots of fun too, with raffles and 50/50 drawings and a wealth of good information about what is happening with *A.B.A.T.E.* around the state and locally. We meet every third Thursday of the month at *Willie D's* in Roseburg on Jackson street at 7 p.m.

June 19th we have a biker night set for *Coyote Jack's* at 6 p.m. If you're not from around here and are looking for a nice Friday ride, they are located south of Roseburg at I-5 exit 119. Go to the first light and they are on the right. We will see all you "usual suspects" there, won't we?

We are also planning for our *Thundering Water Poker Run* up the scenic and historic North Umpqua River on Sunday, July 19th. It's a great way to spend a day on a beautiful ride, and there's a free barbecue at the end, put on by *Bikers for Christ*.

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



As the ride season commences, don't forget to get your bike maintenance done. Make sure your ride is ready for you. Also, a gentle reminder to watch road surfaces and those crazy cage drivers who just don't seem to see us on two wheels.

Also, remember prayers and good thoughts for our Oregon National Guard troops who are deploying and their families too. They are protecting the many freedoms we enjoy. Watch our newsrag input as we are doing several things to help support them and their families over the next year. Currently there are "honor bands" (actually camo bracelets) with their battalion information on them available for a \$1 (or more) donation. Funds will go to the Joint Family Services programs. We will

have bands at our monthly meetings and hopefully at some of the events. This is the largest single deployment of Oregon Guard troops since WWII and they need all of our support.

It should go without saying that if you meet a veteran, one of our returning soldiers, or currently enlisted military personnel, take a moment to thank them for their service to our country and to us. Any freedom we enjoy was bought with the honor, bravery, selflessness, sacrifice, and blood of those who serve.

See you down the road,

Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET--ING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
Willie D's
443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg (541)-672-5966

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

Hub City



The Hub City gnomettes promoting the chapter's upcoming poker run on Salem News. (Who put the video on U-Tube, so expect a big turn-out.)

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(Reports due by the 10th of each month)
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HUB CITY MEETING TIME

and PLACE

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

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



Hi,

Here I am again doing the monthly report. It's been a long time since the last time I did one.

Our May poker run was a flop because of weather.

We're now having a *Fathers' Day Poker Run* around the valley. It's 80 miles long. The check-in time is noon to 1:30 p.m. Last bike out is 1:30 p.m.

It will start at *Herb's Restaurant* in Grants Pass and end at *Touville Lodge* in Central Point.

It's a great ride out the Redwood highway, back through Wilderville to Murphy, then out through Applegate to Jacksonville, back over to Goldhill,

out through Sam's Valley and ending at *Touville Lodge* for live music, food, 50/50, and raffle.

It's a awesome ride, so come and have a great ride.

On August 8th we have the *30th Annual Coast Run* from Grants Pass to Crescent City, California. This poker run is the oldest one in Oregon that still going on that I know of. We will have a \$300 high hand and we're working on getting it higher. The second highest and will be \$150 maybe more. I've been told that the sons of god motorcycle club is putting on a spaghetti feed that we will end the poker run. They're using the

money from the meal to to give to a local mission. The food will be a \$5 donation.

Also that's the weekend of the county fair in Crescent City, California. We have a really great time every year riding out the Redwood highway to the coast.

So remember the *Fathers' Day Poker Run* on June 21st and the *Coast Poker Run* on August 8 th for a great time.

I'm writing this newspaper report for Karen this month because she's up playing in Alaska having fun.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEET-->ING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1800 (6 pm)
Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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

Greetings!

As of press time *Fossil* and the swap meet haven't happened yet.

Sooo excited about *Fossil!* One of the first breaks I've gotten from work since last year.

My chapter has volunteered to put on the bike games. (Always a great time.)

Also looking forward to running the gate Friday night.

So sorry I can't attend the swap meet as I must work.

June brings us flag day, fathers' day, and the first day of summer. Sooo ready for the weather to be warm and dry.

Until next month...

Ride safe,

Shirley



Lincoln County Chapter's papa gnome.

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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We've been having a pretty good time down the river here at *Lower Columbia*, especially between rain storms.

We didn't get to the *Motorcycle Awareness* event in Salem. Hope it all went well.

Some of us are planning to attend *Fossil* and also the spring swap meet at the Portland armory.

We have been busy getting our *First Annual LoCo Spring Run* together. It's tomorrow, May 9th. Hope you were there and had a good time. It's going to be a short one but I think it'll be a fun one with a 50/50 pot and plenty of nice door prizes.

A reminder, our next meeting is June 7th at *Colvin's Pub & Grill* at 7 p.m. When we started the *Lower Columbia Chapter* last September we had 17 members and as a result a pretty thin group picture. We now have 49 members so at our June meeting we will meet at the regular time, take a group pic, and then call the meeting together, so put on your Sunday best.

We're finally getting *Lower Columbia* rockers ordered. We voted on a chapter flag design and that too

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



is in the works.

In the near future as you are riding on highway 30 near Clatskanie you may see an *A.B.A.T.E.* sign stating *Lower Columbia Chapter* has adopted a section of highway. Thanks for the leg work on that Jim Bennett. (And Jim, don't forget to claim that 50/50 win on your taxes.)

Watch for those bone jarring pot holes,

Dave Bridges
coordinator

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill

123 N. Nehalem

Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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



Hello from the *North Coast*,

A few of us *North Coasters* braved the weather and made the run down to Salem for the capital rally. The rainy weather seems to have put a damper on the event but those who were there seemed enthusiastic. Nevertheless those of us who made the trip had a good time.

At our last chapter meeting Howie Long informed the body that he was going to resign his post. At this time I would like to thank Howie for all the hard hours he has put in for this chapter and I wish him luck as he moves on.

We welcomed the recent great riding weather by attending the last

J.J.'s Run put on by *Pacific County A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*. This run is always a great ride and this year wasn't any different. Thanks to Lenny and his crew it was a well attended and safe run. Our photo-ops went well and I think we'll make the cover of the *Rolling Stone*.

We have a new membership secretary, Marcia Foote. Chris Hucke has been doing a great job but work comes first. Thanks for all your time, Chris.

Our runs have been shaping up nicely and all the committee members have been working hard.

Our first run, *Around Saddle Mountain*, will be here before you know it. This has always been one of

the biggest runs in this area and we know it will be well attended.

Lee Stewart, our chapter chaplain, has been ill recently and he informs us he is responding to treatment. Keep praying!

I would like to thank past officers of this chapter and our new officers for helping me with my transition to coordinator.

Thank you!

Rick

(By the way Mick, 80 is not the new 55.)



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1000 (10 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

March 17, 2009

We had an interesting meeting making preparations for our annual poker run on April 25. It promises to be wonderful says the Walrus. Great company, great scenery, and great prizes.

We did the usual business and drank green beer!

Bob McFadden would have won the membership drawing for \$5 if he had been present. It will be \$10 next meeting.

Fossil chapter activity: We will do tear down, ten people at least.

Hope to see you at our run,

— Brian

addendum

I got this reply from U.S. representative Kurt Schrader (schraderwyror05@mail.house.gov) about the federal bill, HR-45:

Dear Brian Stovall:

Thank you for writing me with your thoughts on HR-45, Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009. I understand and share your opposition to this legislation.

I am a responsible gun owner. The constitution allows the right to keep and bear arms. The federally mandated

licensing of firearms set forth in HR-45 would over step the bounds on the federal government set by the second amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Thank you again for your letter and should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact my office by calling (202)-225-5711 or 1-(877)-301-KURT.

*Sincerely,
Kurt Schrader
member of congress*

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April 21, 2009

Tonight was an exciting meeting.

The weather is great, our run is coming up, people are feeling good. Lots of good local riding to talk about.

Going fast, bees in bonnets, driving restrictions, trips taken. Wow!

Bob McFadden would have won the membership drawing for \$15 if he had been present, it will be \$20 next meeting.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$6/\$6 and donated it to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

The tasty bike on the agenda was a 1948 *Imme* S 100. Larry got it right.



— Brian

May 5, 2009

We reviewed our run tonight. We had a small profit due to very cold weather. We will be working on ideas to produce more income for the year. The event went well and people had a good time. It was just small.

We talked about the May rally and Gene's accident that day in Salem.

Danyella Hildreth would have won the membership drawing for \$20 if she had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$10/\$9 and donated it to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

The tasty bike on the agenda was a 1928 *Moto Guzzi* 500. Judy got it right.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

June 02, 2009

June 16, 2009

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
Roadstop Restaurant
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

The *Salem Chapter* lost our chaplain Larry Owens. Our deepest condolences to his family and his many friends.

We currently have 78 members and the treasury stands at \$505.94.

Discussion centered on the biker nights in the late fall.

The May rally was a great improvement in spite of the weather. Closing down the street in front of the capitol made for a great venue. Vendors and live music were a welcome addition. Nic Oliver, director of *BikePAC*, did an outstanding job and kept things moving right along. Even the speakers were good.

Thanks to all who came and made this event better with something to grow on and get better every year. Matt Price deserves a big thank you for his help and knowledge.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

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



SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Hello to all you good people,

Well here it is June already. Hope this finds you all ready for a fantastic summer of safe riding.

It seems that at least every other week there are reports on the news of another rider going down and losing their life. My thoughts are with the families of those riders.

People, be safe out there.

The *May Awareness Rally* report was good but not as good as it should have been. I admit I am guilty of not attending, but a four week old baby kept me at home. What were you all's excuses?

As I write this report, *Fossil* and the state swap meet are still in the near future. I will not see you all at *Fossil* but plan on the swap meet and will give my view of that next time. I know the fall swap meet was a great event to attend, in my opinion.

Our chapter is working hard on making our annual *Run 21*'s ten year event a great time for all to attend. The band line up is terrific. Turtle and I are working on a couple of new games and maybe even a new

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category for the bike show. Tickets will be on sale for the advanced price of \$40 until July 6th.

There will be tickets available at the gate!

See you there.

Our sister Lauren will not be able to host the *Ticket To Ride Poker Run* to benefit the toy run this year. So Killer has stepped up to take the reigns for the event. We are working on getting the sanctioning in and the preliminary date will be the usual weekend in August that *Summer Run* was. Look for flyers soon.

Well this is it for now.
Ride safe.

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 -- Twin Rivers

It's a beautiful spring day and we had a fun and eventful meeting. There were 19 members and five guests in attendance. Right after our meeting ended, everybody went right outside the *Spareroom* and had our new chapter picture taken, so check out our new web site and have a look.

Our meeting attendance is slowly climbing. We now have a total of 136 members in our chapter and hopefully our membership will continue to grow.

Right before our meeting, the toy run committee held their meeting. T-shirt designs have been drawn up and tickets should be available soon.

Due to *Fossil*, our second meeting in May is **canceled**.

Our *First Annual Anniversary Party* will be on November 21st at the *Spareroom*. (4830 NE 42nd Avenue) The *Megan James Band* will be entertaining everybody for the evening. If you want to have some fun feel free to come and join us! Dinner specials will be prime



rib and spaghetti. Flyers will be made soon, so watch for them.

That's all for this month. See ya'll next month,

K.J. Brewer
recording secretary
Twin Rivers Chapter

TWIN RIVERS MEET--ING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1200 (noon)

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

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

Greetings from *Washington County!*

Riding season is warming up nicely in our part of the state. It took a long time to thaw this year, but we can finally ride around Hagg Lake and up to Birkenfeld without worrying about icy spots in the shade. Hope we saw many of you at *Fossil* this year.

Our education director, Ted Tracy, has been hard at work on tips for group riding. It's not always true that there's safety in numbers, especially if people feel the need to over-ride their ability in order to keep up with faster riders in a group. Ted reminded us that many of the fatalities we've heard about already this year could have been avoided if people had only ridden within their skill level.

Our next event is our annual *Roll 'N Ride* on June 14. This is a twist on a regular poker run, where instead of drawing cards, you get to roll the dice for a chance to win cash prizes. We have a beautiful route mapped out, and there will be a free family picnic at *ADEA Winery* in Gaston at the end. To celebrate flag day, flags will

be given to the first 100 participants who sign in for the ride at *Beaverton Honda*. Hope to see you all there!

Speaking of flag day, two of our chapter members have recently joined the military to serve our country. Jonathan Yarnell, son of Roger and Sharon Yarnell (our chapter coordinator and chapter treasurer), is serving in the Marines and is currently deployed in Iraq. Our ways and means officer, Luke Stocker, has recently enlisted in the Army and will begin his training in September. Our prayers are with you and your families for safe journeys. We thank you both for your dedication and service!

As always, log onto our web site for the latest happenings at <http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm)
 Prime Time Restaurant
 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove
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 Cornelius, OR 97113

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

Things are still in the formative stage as to runs and events for the summer, but we have a lot planned.

Casino Night was another great success. Turnout was boosted by a going away get-together for Mike who's heading back to Iraq.

The take was excellent, spirits was very supportive, the band was great, and all-in-all we had another good event.

The *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* was a good turnout as well, except not many from *Willamette Valley Chapter* were able to make it. Thanks to those die-hards who represented us. Maybe we can improve our attendance next year.

On the more anxious side, Noel experienced a sudden health problem that rushed her to the hospital for emergency surgery. The immediate problems have been resolved but the outlook is of real concern to her, her family, and to the many friends who are praying for her.

Coincidentally, the Saturday after her emergency, the chapter had arranged to "entertain" the residents at the convalescent home where her

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husband Gary works. Noel had been encouraging this for some time and finally it came to pass! About ten bikers showed up, roared around the parking lot a few times, ate hot dogs and hamburgers, and generally had a fantastic time talking with and entertaining the residents. All involved went away feeling good about it and hoped we do it again next year.

Afterwards, we rode out to *Fall Creek Tavern* for a few cold ones. The day was sunny, warm, and a perfect harbinger of short, spontaneous rides to come.

We are now heading out to the *Rhody Festival*, setting up for the *Willamette Valley Chapter's Rhody Poker Run* that is suppose to start tomorrow.

I've actually been in the hospital since Tuesday teasing the cardiologists with some unidentifiable "twang"

in my ticker. (Something my pan/shovel's been doing to me for the past 25 years – making disturbing noises I can't figure out!)

But Wendy has it all under control and the poker run should go just fine. We have a new start point at *Chad's Westriders Shop* in west Eugene and it looks to be a rare weekend of warm, dry sunshine.

Should be firming up summer rides and planning for the chapter runs: *Beaver Creek*, *Summer Eruption*, the *Cascade Lakes*, maybe something further east, and of course *lots* of day rides and gatherings to come.

Keep an eye on the web site, your butts at the meetings, the rubber-side down, and (always) your face in the wind.

— Michael

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

09 May 2009 – Eagles' Lodge; Albany, Oregon

access to more lands, including motorcycles. Brian reminded everyone that this was done back in the Clinton administration.

Sergeant at arms—north: Randy Phipps – Reported that there were two events coming up and volunteers are needed to help out. Get to everyone to help out at the state events (*Fossil Run* and swap meet) because they belong to every member. There will be sign up sheets at the booths and the entrances. Asked that everyone try to give a couple of hours and make it easy for everyone to have fun too.

Sergeant at arms—south: Bill Foster – Reported that he went to the rally and volunteered in the *BikePAC* booth. He signed up a few new members to *BikePAC* and handed out every trifold he had for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

- He will be at the *Fossil Run* and at the swap meet on both days. (Saturday and Sunday.)

- He also reported that he got some computer stuff from Nic and others and almost has *Douglas County Chapter* up and running. Should have them at the next meeting.

Sergeant at arms—east: Jim Middleton – Reported that he will also be working security at both *Fossil* and at the swap meet.

Products director: Dave Meeker – Reported that the artwork is done for the T-shirts for *Fossil* and that he has 176 available. He has lady's, men's, and long-sleeved. He also has 59 pins left. He also will have a white T-shirt for people to sign for the museum in *Fossil* for one of their displays

- He reported depositing \$224.50 for *A.B.A.T.E.* and gave \$97.00 to Nic Oliver for *BikePAC*.

- He also reported selling a lot of products at the rally.

- Rot Path won \$50 from the 50/50 rally drawing and donated it to *BikePAC*.

Education director: Patricia Carner – Thanked everyone for putting up the signs and asked that anyone who needs more signs should see her. The success of the sign campaign is becoming known already. There are requests from more business' that

want signs. She also has found that the yellow signs seem to be working better.

- She spoke on some new regulations that apply to motorcycle groups.

- She is trying to get the motorcycle awareness program (M.A.P.) into schools without driver's education classes by having school assemblies. This could reach the entire school at one time. This might mean having to put on a couple of very large classes at the same time without the outside demonstration.

- She also reported that she is working on making a new presentation.

- Brian reported that Rod Runion, a member of *River City Chapter*, is a new *Team Oregon* instructor. Congratulations!

- There was some talk regarding "green boxes" in the Portland area and it seems that they designate a bicycle safety zone.

Education director II: Geoff White – (Excused, no report.)

Public relations director: Debra Lutje – (Excused) E-mail to state secretary noting that there was no report to give this month.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): VACANT

State run coordinator II: Howie Long – Reported that he is on schedule for the *Fossil Run*. Pre-event ticket sales are going good. Jill Tracy is in charge of the bike show.

- When asked about the things to bring for door prizes, Howie said that gift certificates to a chapter's event are always welcomed prizes. He stated that the offer of money instead of specific items is fine also.

- It was noted that paper towels will be needed. Already has plenty of the smaller rolled stuff. (Toilet paper)

- It was also noted that chapter membership secretaries should attend *Fossil*. Good way to boost membership.

- There will be *Verizon* and *U.S. Cellular* coverage for cell phone users.

- Howie thanked Dave Meeker for having the *Fossil* T-shirts at today's meeting.

- He also reminded people to not throw away used motorcycle parts.



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

Rusty needs them for the trophies.

- A leather coat for the *Fossil* E.M.T. raffle is ready and tickets are available. Help out a good cause and maybe win a nice leather jacket.

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner – Reported that the swap meet is going very well and all expenses are already figured in and everything collected from now on is pure profit for our organization.

- There is still help needed with security as there are four entrance/exit areas to cover.

- There is also help going to be help needed to man the information booth and the entrance.

Historian: VACANT

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – Asked about a request to post personal information regarding a member's condition, even though that request came from the member himself. It was decided that the web page is not the venue for this type of information and the request was not to be granted. It was also decided that this member's chapter would handle this matter at the chapter level.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy — Reported that he has the stage cover and the tarp. He stated that in loading the tarp he heard a tear and the company gave him an entire roll of patch material for a one-inch rip. He stated that the storage bags were not salvageable and were thrown away. He is going to check into getting new bags.

- The trailer work and upgrading is progressing.

- Ted stated that "Art is doing us good."

- Reported that the *Cushmans* are still missing but he is looking into this. (This topic was covered in the vice coordinator—east report.)

A.B.A.T.E.'s *BikePAC* representative: Randy Phipps – Reported on the success of the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* this year. There were 250-300 bikes and close to 800-1,000 people who attended. The road was closed in front of the capitol and the vendors were great. We had good speakers with one riding his bike up to the microphone. This event is available

on *U-Tube* and at:

<http://www.Salem-News.com>

- There ensued a discussion regarding the rudeness of the people who revved their engines and roared out of the rally while a speaker was talking. This kind of rude behavior is what turns legislators against us and needs to stop.

- Reported that Rot Path won \$50 in the 50/50 drawing that he donated back to *BikePAC*.

- Nic spoke on this being the second half of the legislative session. This is where bills from one side go to the other side for review. If both sides can agree on language, then the bill is voted upon and if passed, goes to the governor.

- SB-2554, the *Vulnerable User Bill*, is facing a problem in that two senators who are questioning the bill. Another one is reported to be against this bill entirely. They were senator Schrader, senator Verger, and senator George. Brian pointed out that these have been supporters in the past. Nic is working on what happened and asked that any contact with the senators be in the way of asking for their support of SB-2554. Nic stated that this information was just received and he was already in contact with the lobbyist to make this right and keep friends and, hopefully, make a new one in senator Martha Schrader.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Patricia Williams – (Excused, medical.)

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Kay Sipple – (Excused, *N.C.O.M.* conference.)

Unfinished Business

- Brian stated that he had received a request from the *M.R.F.* as to whom our representatives would be. Ted reported that Jordan has already informed them that the *M.R.F.* representatives for Oregon are Ted Tracy, Ken Ray, and Brian Stovall.

- Vacant officer positions nominations:

Run coordinator I (*Fossil*): None
Historian: None

New Business

- Howie brought up the idea that we need another state run in the late summer. This started discussing the old state runs, such as the *Last Bash* and *Fall Bash*. No decision was reached at this time.

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Meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy (vice-coordinator–north) at 12:05 p.m. with nine of thirteen chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters (called in prior to meeting): *Central Oregon, Josephine County.*

Absent chapters (did not call in): *Salem and Lower Columbia.* (LoCo had their spring opener this weekend.)

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: None.

Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) to accept minutes from March 14th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley (Excused, attending the *N.C.O.M.* convention.)

- Ted Tracy (vice-coordinator–north) presided. Stated that today was a beautiful day and thanked everyone for attending. Also stated that everyone needs to keep their reports short so we can get out earlier.

- He reported that he was hauling the trailers to *Fossil Campout.*

Secretary report and correspondence: Read a card from the city of Fossil thanking *A.B.A.T.E.* for their donation for the outside bathroom in Fossil.

- Gene asked if we had received one from the city of Spray. The answer was no.

- Nic read an e-mail from Mark Weidkamp who is the founder of *Cruisin' for Hope*, a charity function dedicated to helping youth and families in need and facing traumatic health care issues. They have a function June 13-14 in downtown Milwaukie, Oregon which starts at 8 a.m. There are boat races and vendors and shows, etc. Look at

<http://www.cruisinforhope.com> for more information.

- Nic then read a letter from the *Veterans of Oregon* asking for our participation in their 10th anniversary of the *Veterans Convoy to honor Veterans.* This will start at the Clark

county fairgrounds in Vancouver, Washington and run the entire length of the Veterans memorial highway, ending at the Korean war memorial in Wilsonville. Starts at 7 a.m. and there is a free salmon bake for the participants. Event is November 8th, 2009.

- Nic reported on the *OffWorld Design* issue from last month. He reported that he had received a phone call from them stating that they are pulling their parody of the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag off the market. No more t-shirts or ads with the reworked flag symbol on them. Nic then read an e-mail that Rot Path received in which the company stated that their *Serenity Valley* advertisement designs have been removed from their web site. They also apologized for the offending design. The e-mail also stated that the design was submitted by one of their staff's son, who is a Marine veteran but not from the Viet Nam era. Good work to Rot Path for this!

Vice coordinator–north: Ted Tracy – (Standing in for Jordan. Report in coordinator's comments.)

Vice coordinator–south: Annette Murray – Stated that she had nothing to report at this time. (Good to see Annette after so much to deal with lately. Welcome back)

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore – Reported that he is a bit behind in his work at Bear Hollow. (Partially due to him having a crash on his bike after the rally last Saturday.) There will be a workday for everyone wishing to help out on Saturday the 16th of May. Gene also reported that there is cell phone coverage from *Verizon* and *AT&T* at Bear Hollow now. He also stated that if anyone wants a road-report before they ride up, they can give him a call.

- (From last month) He reported about the two *Cushman* golf carts that belong to *A.B.A.T.E.* There are only rumors and no *Cushmans.* They were last seen at *Run 21* and Lee Austin reported that they were loaded up onto the trailer and taken away. Ted reported that he is not getting any cooperation in contacting our past quartermaster, Robert Hale, to see what he may know about this. This is still being investigated.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – (Excused, attending *N.C.O.M.* convention.) Report received via e-mail, Nic read:

I won't be at the state board meeting tomorrow as I am in Reno at the N.C.O.M. convention.

Here is my report: checking account \$2061.77, CD \$3,059.59, savings \$10,492.41.

Have received ad payments from Gene M. for \$300.00 and two payments last week for about another \$200.00 plus (Just don't have the information with me in Reno.)

Income for April: \$6,644 and expenses: \$4,734.

Have a great day at board of directors meeting.

Will send a readable report when I get back. Jordan said he would help me.

Later,

Kay and Jordan

- *River City Chapter* turned money into Pat C. to give to Kay.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – (Excused, report turned in.)

Nic read report sent in via e-mail: *Gentlemen,*

Once again I have a commitment that will interfere with the state board meeting.

I either dispersed the accumulated mail at the rally or have mailed it directly to the recipients.

The membership reports will be mailed to the chapter membership secretaries by Wednesday, May 6.

There were three Team Oregon reimbursement requests for April.

Please remind the chapter representatives that volunteers are needed to man the information booth at Fossil and/or the spring swap meet (Portland) the following weekend. Please don't leave Dave Meeker abandoned at the booth for the weekend!

As always, feel free to give me a call if you have questions.

Enclosed is the monthly report for the state board representative packets.

May warm breezes speed you on your way to sunny destinations.

Linda Henderson

state membership secretary

- Nic read report to show 1,724 current members. Ted remarked that we are down 100 members from last year. We need to get booths up and

get some new members.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price – (Absent, no report received.)

State auditor: Richard Misener – Reported that he has five chapters reporting in regularly. The non-reporting chapters need to get their reports in.

- Stated that the reporting chapters are: *Hub City, Southeast Portland, Lincoln County, River City, and Washington County.*

- Chapter representatives are to notify their chapters to contact him with any problems so that things can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path – Reported that there are pictures of the rally on his web site.

- The need to coordinate the distribution of fliers to be put on the web site and in the newspaper needs to be done better. This is in regards to sanctioning, newspaper, and web master. Their respective time constraints and other issues were discussed.

- Rot Path stressed the need for fliers to think beyond their area when making their flyers. Add area codes to phone numbers and clear directions for people who are visiting.

- Rot Path stated that he can scan hard copies into electronic format but he understands that Matt has a problem with that.

- He also stressed that when you are making your flyer on a computer, that is done in an electronic format that can be distributed faster for greater distribution than hard copies.

- Rot Pat addressed the concerns brought up at the last meeting by stating that all advertisement payments that come to him are forwarded to the state treasurer and that some advertisements have expired and he is currently checking to see if they want to renew their advertisements.

Legislative director: Justin Handke – Read part of the proclamation for traffic safety awareness month/motorcycle awareness month.

- He also reported that SR–22 is a bill that the federal government is considering that would block public

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes – 09 May 2009 (continued)

New Motions

• Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

That A.B.A.T.E. pay one year rent for the room at Eagles Lodge. Treasurer to set up log to monitor rent payments and when due.

Nic asked that this motion be tabled until research can be done as to prior authorization to pay this and Kay comes back to check her records for payment. Vote to table was unanimous.

• A motion was submitted regarding what our state news publication was called. Is it a news magazine or what it is now being called? Rot Path stated that it is the state newspaper. Matter was settled and motion withdrawn without a second.

Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting: June 13th, 2009 at the *Eagles Lodge*, Albany, Oregon at noon.

• *Central Oregon Chapter* announced that they have moved their meeting

place to the *Northside Bar and Grill*. Everyone is welcome.

• Gnome hats are available from Rot Path.

• 7-11 May 2009 – *N.C.O.M.* convention in Reno, Nevada.

• 09 May 2009 – *Papa's Toys* annual open house car show of custom cars from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 495 N Holladay Street in Cornelius, Oregon. 1-(503)-260-6451.

• 16 May 2009 – *Willamette Valley Chapter* invites everyone to their *Rbody Poker Run*. Flyer on the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* web site link or call 1-(541)-485-2352.

• 17 May 2009 – *Governors Advisory Committee On Motorcycle Safety* meeting at the usual place in Salem at 6 p.m.

• 22-25 May 2009 – *32nd Annual Fossil Campout*. Good times at Bear Hollow camp site. Bike Show in Fossil, live bands, good food, good friends. Great times! Tickets are available at meetings.

• 06 June 2009 – *Hub City* presents it's *8th Annual Poker Run*. Meet at

10 a.m. at *Humpty's Dump Bar and Grill* at 916 NE Old Salem Road in Albany. Come have a great time! For more information call Don Mason at 1-(541)-791-1919 or Al Simms 1-(541)-926-2161.

• 12-14 June 2009 – *Best of the West* conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

• 13-14 June 2009 – *Cruisin For Hope*, second annual cruise in. For more information go to <http://www.cruisinforhope.com> web site.

• 14 June 2009 – *Roll-N-Ride* presented by *Washington County Chapter*. *Beaverton Honda-Yamaha* at 10380 Cascade boulevard in Tigard is the starting point at 10 a.m. Call Len Punzel for more information at 1-(503)-680-3269

• 27 June 2009 – *Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run* presented by *North Coast Chapter*. Contact Don Kelly at 1-(503)-325-3566 for more information.

• 17-19 July 2009 – *Cowchip Boogie* in Toutle, Washington. Contact Kim at 1-(360)-414-0756 or Debby at 1-(360)-636-4494 for more

information.

• July is the time for *Run 21*, presented by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. There will only be 2,500 tickets available for this event. There will be a special band there this year – *Foghat*. If you are interested, please check out their web site for advance tickets and information.

• 01 August 2009 – *WaCo* presents their *Mid-Summer Poker Run*. Go to <http://www.wacoabate.org/info> web site for more information.

• 15-17 August 2009 – The *S.O.S. Run* will be at Wolf Creek. This is the weekend before the *All-Harley Drags*. More information to come.

• 22-23 August 2009 – *All Harley Drags* at the Woodburn racetrack in Woodburn, Oregon.

• 18-20 September 2009 – *End of Summer Run* by *WaCo*. Go to web site for more information.

• 24-27 September 2009 – *M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds* conference. National level. Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Sheraton Hotel*.

Meeting adjourned 1:58 p.m.



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BikePAC Report



April and May 2009 May Awareness Rally

As I was unable to attend the April meeting of *BikePAC of Oregon*. The minutes of that meeting are to be found elsewhere.

In May, the *Awareness Rally* serves as our regular meeting.

On May 2nd, there was the annual gathering of motorcycles to declare the beginning of the riding season. The intent of this gathering is to promote public awareness of the fact that motorcycles will be using the roads in increasing numbers for the summer months. We are trying to make auto drivers aware to look out for motorcycles. Approximately 250 bikes showed up at the rally. Not all were there the entire time.

Nic Oliver opened the rally at noon with his introduction and was followed by Mark Kemper, state president of the *Christian Motorcyclists Association*. The *C.M.A.* also provided free refreshments for the rally as they have done many times in the past. We thank them.

Security and parking was done by long standing, dependable, Walt Allegar of the *O.V.M.A.*. Thanks, Walt.

At the rally, we had a fun bike show which garnered a few bucks, and the winners were awarded the fun prizes that they won for the secret categories determined beforehand.

Brand, a band from Tangent, played music for us when we weren't using their mike for announcements and speakers. The music was good and of the type enjoyed by our group.

The proclamation from governor Kulongoski was read by David Peterson, vice chair of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety*. He was followed by *Team Oregon* representative, Bob Reichenberg, who spoke on the several years of *Team Oregon* training students and the consequent results of declining crashes and deaths in Oregon compared to other states and the national average.

Our political speakers were Andy Olson from the Albany area who spoke on the hard work by

BikePAC and the changing attitude

within the capitol concerning the "right to choose". He also brought us up to date on the progress of some bills of interest to us that are going through the legislative process.

The next speaker was Jim Thompson, from the west Benton county area. His talk was on the need to make sure that we bikers are responsible to do what is necessary to insure our own safety by wearing the proper riding gear and obeying the laws. We shouldn't depend on others to always watch out for us. We have to protect ourselves by riding defensively.

Tim Freeman from the Medford area was next to speak. He rode his *Harley* right up to the microphone like Jay Leno. It was impressive. He told us that he was a biker long before he was a politician and would continue to work within the system to see that biker's rights were upheld. He has co-sponsored some of the bills that are being worked right now and stated that HB-2554 passed by a vote of 58 to 2. He wonders why the other two representatives were opposed to a sensible bill. He said to listen carefully to what politicians say to you and watch what they do during the legislative session.

Representative Wingard from the Salem area then read to us something

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he found on the internet: *The Joys of Motorcycling*. This is a tongue-in-cheek story of why the writer doesn't wave at other bikers he sees on the road and why he hates them. It was hilarious. I remember reading it in the distant past. It was good then, too.

Last of the elected officials to speak was senator Atkinson who brought the gas tank from his first motorcycle. It was the motorcycle he got married on. He was having it painted to show that old motorcycles are also valuable to someone. He also stated that he would throw his hat in the ring to be elected next governor of Oregon. Let's see how this winds up in the future. He promised his support for our issues and asked for our support in the run for governor.

Last item of the day was the 50/50 drawing won by Rot Path, crusty ol' editor of *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper, who donated his winnings back to *BikePAC*. Thank you, Rot Path.

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer
BikePAC of Oregon

Oops !



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis.)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class



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

Answer to June CRYPTOGRAM

It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do;
but what humanity, reason, and justice
tell me I ought to do.

-- Edmund Burke



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

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

24th Annual National Coalition Of Motorcyclists Convention

As you read these pearls, the convention in Reno has passed.

A mass of freedom fighters from all over the country gathered to talk shop and plan efforts to preserve our way of life. If you weren't there, talk to someone who was and plan on being at the next national *N.C.O.M.* in Orlando next May, or to the *N.C.O.M.* regional conference here in Portland, in October.

N.C.O.M. is sponsored by Richard M. Lester, and *A.I.M.*, the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* program, with the lawyers who ride handling your crash cases.

Speaking of which, Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer Sam Hochberg and his associate Brian Ruff gave a talk about their latest lawsuit against police, for having seized an Oregon biker's legit firearm for no reason.

N.C.O.M. puts on this premier gathering to further the work needed to insure we have the liberty in this country to live our lifestyle and prosper according to the constitution. We gather to discuss strategies to fight the myriad of attempts that limit, or even eliminate the motorcycle from our highways.

Good Sports

This year we were joined by *Sport Bikers*, and the newest wing of *N.C.O.M.*, the *National Sport Bike Association*. (*N.S.B.A.*) This huge group of riders in our community are beginning to be harassed in many of the ways the rest of us have experienced for years. We now have the lines of communication to bring those folks into the fold, to work together in the fight to regain our liberty. I see many of our future freedom warriors in that group.

Unity in the motorcycle world has to come about or we all perish. I don't know how many times I heard the words "We gotta work together." These words from clubs that only a few short years ago were having a time rumbling among themselves.

Today, biker clubs and independent riders along with associations are finding their way to unity. Bikers of all stripes are notoriously independent, but the light is beginning to shine. One example: We had a seminar at the *N.C.O.M.* conference on *Women in Motorcycling* led by Pepper Massey, former executive director of *N.C.O.M.*, who also ran both the Sturgis festival and the

motorcycle museum there.

Trademark Patch Fight

The recent actions by the federal government who seized a motorcycle club's trademarked patch was brought up. *N.C.O.M.* has now established a fund to hire trademark attorneys of renown to go to bat for us for the protection of our logos, not the criminal side of things.

It's long past time folks that we take back our government. Our forefathers would turn over in their graves at the thought of the mess we are in now.

We no longer have a government for the people by the people.

That must change.

On The Up Side

Still there are successes in our midst. Helmet requirements are being modified and dropped as we speak. Battles against *E.P.A.* regulations to prevent us from working on our own scooters are being fought and won. The more we educate the general public the more they relate to it because of the effect its having on them as well. People who don't ride or ever intend to are finding they can't buy bullets for their firearms. It's amazing how fast understanding comes about when they are threatened. Suddenly we aren't so unwashed. I'll have more for ya next month on the convention. Just isn't enough space for it this month.

Rainy May Oregon

We had a good turnout for our annual *Biker Days Rally* at our state capitol on the 2nd of May that celebrates our May motorcycle awareness proclamation from the governor of Oregon. Good crowd, good music, and generally a good time had by all. Even had a couple of elected representatives speak to us and lend their support for our cause. Good to have folks who believe in our cause for freedom of choice.

Missouri Shows Me

New regulation modifying Missouri's motorcycle helmet requirement is on its way to the governor. It's a strange way to do it in my mind but it can always be changed later. The idea is to get the foot in the door. These folks say they will go along with the idea that adults can ride helmet-free on all roads except interstate highways. I bet that exception won't last long once they get the regulation. Maybe other states could follow this lead. Get the hats off partially and then later get the whole ball of wax. Something to think about. There is more than one way to skin a cat.

Australia – Legislators and regulation enforcement continue to crack down on so called "bikie gangs" in this country. The biggest excuse is supposed criminal activity. I'm not fool enough to believe that bikers are the only criminals in Australia or that all the clubbers there are criminals.

Maybe if the authorities would look at putting criminals in jail most of the motorcycle world would be better off. Just



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

because you ride a motorcycle doesn't mean you are a criminal. There are bad folks in all organizations.

The biggest mistake I see is the taking of legal firearms from the law abiding public there. That's caused more trouble than a few lawless riders whether they are club members or not.

Florida Watch – "Watch For Motorcycles" signs are going up, thanks to *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida Inc.* Fellsmere, Vero Beach, Okeechobee, and Indian River Shores are now allowing "Watch For Motorcycles" signs.

We could do well to do the same in other parts of the country. It's taking hold in Oregon too and shows real promise.

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – A group of South Carolina beach businesses are suing the city of Myrtle Beach over its new restrictions on bikers. The *Sun News* of Myrtle Beach reports the organization filed its suit with the state supreme court, saying Myrtle Beach's regulation requiring motorcycle riders wear helmets is illegal because the state doesn't have a helmet requirement.

State representative Thad Viers is representing the group called *Business Owners Organized to Support Tourism*. The Myrtle Beach republican says the organization plans to put up billboards letting bikers know they are still welcome and asking them to be courteous. I like that kind of support.

Meanwhile, *A.I.M.* attorney Tom McGrath is fighting helmet tickets from a lid-free rally there, all *pro bono*. (For free, for the cause.)

Florida – Now this is audacity at it's finest.

A new Florida regulation makes vertical license plate holders illegal. Custom riders could face fines up to \$5,000 for repeat offenses. Guess the economy makes for inventive revenue.

Unlucky Strike

Troy Gentzler was killed shortly after visiting an abuse victim for the northeast Kansas chapter of *Bikers Against Child Abuse*. A bolt of lightning struck as the group was riding between Grantville and Perry.

"You can sum it up in one word: bizarre," Jefferson county sheriff Jeff Herrig told the newspaper. A woman riding next to Gentzler was injured as well.

Thunder storms have lightning and it can hurt ya badly if you're riding. This is scary even if the odds are way up there. If ya hear thunder, get off the road. We bury enough of our people from cages running over us.

Motorcycle Sales Decline

The economy affected U.S. sales of new motorcycles in the first quarter of 2009, down 30.5 percent, compared to the same period last year. People are losing jobs and not buying bikes or cars, even though there

was a recent surge in motorcycle sales due to high gas prices.

If ya don't have a job it's hard to buy gas or bikes.

Colorado Private Kills Two

A jury found a Fort Carson private guilty Wednesday in the deaths of a couple who died after his car smashed into their motorcycle at an estimated 80 mph.

I support our troops but can't condone irresponsibility from anyone.

He faces up to six years in prison for two counts of vehicular homicide in the deaths. They also found him guilty of racing his car when the crash occurred.

He should be facing murder charges. It's about time people took responsibility for their actions.

Gunny Again

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The words that we use to frame our conversations and reports about motorcycling issues have subtle impact on the attitudes of both ourselves and non-riders.

We must become aware of how the words we use affect people.

Below are two words routinely used by the motorcycling community and how they impact attitudes and feelings.

Accident

The word “accident” implies that what happened was unavoidable and that no human action could have prevented it from occurring.

The truth of the matter is that the vast majority of so-called “accidents” are really crashes caused by human error. To pretend otherwise is to avoid taking personal responsibility for one’s own actions and increases the likelihood that similar “accidents” will continue to damage property, injure, maim, or kill people.

For instance: if a rider is putting down the road keeping a watch out for potential hazards and a large bird badly mismanages its flying abilities only to suddenly splatter itself against the biker causing the motorcycle to go down, that would be an accident. But if a rider deliberately rides through a confused flock of birds trying to take off and is hit by one of the fowl causing the bike to go down, that is no accident, that is a crash directly caused by human stupidity.

The all too common scenario of a vehicle turning left in front of an oncoming motorcycle is no accident, though newspapers, radio, and television tend to label it as such. That situation is often driver error, plain and simple. In most cases the driver misjudged the motorcycle’s speed and distance through inexperience, impatience, impairment, or a casual lack of attention to guiding a couple of tons of future scrap metal along public roadways. In other cases, a rider may be going so fast on curvy roads that no reasonable driver would have time to react once a left turn was begun.

If we want to help reduce number of our sisters and brothers hurt or killed on the roads, we must make a conscientious effort to use words correctly in our speech and writing so that both riders and drivers are assigned responsibility for their actions on the roads. Only when we accept that most crashes are avoidable can we begin to learn and practice how to avoid them.

Law

Real laws are enduring and self-enforcing.

We have is a legal system trying to create a sense of legitimacy and acceptance for itself in the minds of the general population by appropriating the wordage of a natural and self-enforcing system.

When the term “law” is used in our legal systems, what is really meant is the

regulation of human behavior by means of rules and punishment.

Such rules and regulations are arbitrary and change frequently to favor whoever has the most influence, power, or self-interest. They require ongoing artificial enforcement or they would tend to be ignored without natural consequences.

Whenever motorcyclists refer to “helmet laws”, we reenforce the notion that wearing helmets is natural, legitimate, and not to be questioned.

But if we use the terms “helmet regulation” or “helmet requirement”, we are reclaiming our power and affirming that no amount of artificial plastic protection will prevent crashes.

How we use and accept words affects both ourselves and those around us.

Whenever we use the words “accident” when we should say “crash” or “law” to denote human behavior regulation, we surrender power to act and give others the impression that there is little hope of change or reform.

It may seem like such a silly little thing, worrying about when to use “accident”, “crash”, “law”, or “regulation”, but it makes huge difference where we derive our decisions for action — in our minds.



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

Later this month the sun's light rests for awhile at the peak of its annual trek, then begins its descent into our winter darkness.

What's Up With The Gnome Hats?

Yer crusty ol' editor is happy to report that all the colourful gnome hats at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* did exactly what c.o.e. hoped they would do — they got us noticed.

The biggest success came when *Hub City's* gnomettes were interviewed by *Salem News* and used the opportunity to promote their upcoming poker run. (And to explain for non-riders how a poker run works.) Not only has the video been on <http://www.Salem-News.com> but they uploaded it to *U-Tube* as well. All for a couple of dollars worth of felt and some easy straight-line sewing. (It's going to be interesting to see how many folks attend the run who saw our gnomettes on *U-Tube*.)

A big thanks goes out to yer crusty ol' editor's beautiful sister (someone in the family has to make up fer how yer c.o.e. looks), Garlin (a pioneer name that's a contraction of “Garfield” and “Lincoln”), for spending part of a Friday sewing up all the hats that were given out at the May rally.

For colour photos of gnomes at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, use the U.R.L. in the headline area above, then click on the *BikePAC* banner.

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 13)

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U.S. *Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.)* stays enforcement of law banning sale of youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s. The *C.P.S.C.* has voted to stay enforcement of a lead law that currently bans the sale of youth-model motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s). The stay, which extends through May 1, 2011, follows a unanimous vote by acting chairwoman Nancy Nord and commissioner Thomas Moore. The *A.M.A.* government relations department is currently examining the 25-page stay of enforcement document and will issue more details shortly.

The law in question is the *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (C.P.S.I.A.)* Designed to protect children from lead in toys that might easily end up in children's mouths, the language of the legislation has ensnared a number of products that have little exposure risk, including youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s. Despite the stay, it is unclear whether state attorneys general will also decline to enforce the *C.P.S.I.A.* The sale of youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s is still technically illegal. Even though a stay means that dealers would not be subject to fines or penalties imposed by the *C.P.S.C.*, state attorneys general would still be able to prosecute violators if they chose to do so.

Getting Faulty Smokey Bear Ad Off The Air

Late last summer, after being contacted by the *A.M.A.* and others, U.S. forest service chief Abigail Kimbell asked media outlets to stop airing a Smokey Bear public service announcement (P.S.A.) that unintentionally implied all all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) pose a fire hazard in national forests.

Off-highway vehicle organizations complained that the video not only implied to non-riders that A.T.V.s start forest fires, but also sent a message to O.H.V. riders that they should stay out of the forests during the summer.

The forest service has agreed to contact those stations still airing the P.S.A. and request they stop using it, but the forest service needs your help. Please contact the forest service with any details you may have if you see this offensive and erroneous P.S.A.. The designated contact for this issue is Helene Cleveland, fire prevention program manager, U.S.D.A. forest service, hleveland@fs.fed.us.

Thanks for your help in getting this inappropriate ad completely removed from the airwaves.

Rider Eye Tracking Research Program Announced

Dynamic Research Inc. and the *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program at *Oregon State University* have teamed up to conduct research on motorcyclists' eye tracking habits.

This research, funded by the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* is currently underway.

Each year, nearly half of all motorcycle fatalities are due to single vehicle crashes. Many of these crashes are due to motorcyclists' failure to negotiate curves properly. Preliminary research has shown that riders do not look far enough ahead through curves and that this might be a contributing factor of single vehicle crashes at curves.

This research strives to identify the role of sight distance and rider-scanning habits in curves, hazard identification, and crash avoidance.

The subject groups will be evaluated on a closed course and the open road for the initial spring 2009 testing period. Then again following six months and twelve months of riding experience.

M.A.I.D.S. Now Available

Version 2.0 of the *Motorcycle Accident In Depth Study (M.A.I.D.S.)* is now available at:

<http://www.maids-study.eu>

It includes a new presentation of the data with a split between mopeds (L1) and motorcycles (L3) in both chapters, chapter 3.0 general accident characteristics, and chapter 10.0 rationale for action.

Furthermore, *A.C.E.M.* published the *Multivariate Analysis of Fatal Accident in M.A.I.D.S.* This report describes the results of a multivariate analysis of the in-depth motorcycle accident data collected during the *M.A.I.D.S.* project.

Data have been presented according to all powered two-wheelers (P.T.W.), as well as L1 and L3 vehicle categories where appropriate.

[c.o.e. note – See editorial on difference between crashes and accidents. It's multivariate.]

California Motorcycle Smog Testing

Sacramento, California — Senate bill 435 sponsored by senator Fran Pavley (D-32nd district) would mandate motorcycle smog testing for all model year 2000 and newer class III bikes. (Over 280 cc.)

As proposed, the test would be implemented in 2012 despite the lack of any evidence that motorcycles are a significant source of mobile emissions statewide. In fact, California's motorcycle engine emission standards are already the strictest in the nation, and were just reduced again for model year 2008 and newer motorcycles.

Go to

<http://capwiz.com/amcycle/issues/alert/?alertID=12937506> to send an e-mail to the state legislature opposing this unwarranted proposal. Current program cost estimates include spending more than \$400,000 just to modify the D.M.V.'s vehicle registration computer system to identify motorcycles that would be required to take the test.

Lawsuit For Closing Recreation Site

Oceano, California — A lawsuit has been filed seeking to close the popular *Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (O.D.S.V.R.A.)*

The *Center for Biological Diversity (C.B.D.)* recently filed a formal notice of intent to sue the California department of parks and recreation over its ongoing authorization of motorized vehicle use at the popular recreation site for alleged mortality of wintering snowy plovers, a threatened species of bird.

The *O.D.S.V.R.A.*, located in southern San Luis Obispo county, includes approximately 1,500 acres of sand dunes and 5.5 miles of beach areas open for use by motorized vehicles.

The site is operated and managed by the department of parks and recreation's off-highway motor vehicle recreation division. Street-legal vehicles can be operated on the beach in the entire recreation area, while the southern portion is also open to off-highway vehicles and camping.

The notice announced the *C.B.D.*'s intent to sue the department if it fails to take action to prevent injury to snowy plovers.

Expected Turnout Increase For Ride To Work Day

This year's 18th commuting demonstration event, to be held on Monday, June 15, is expected to double the number of riders on the road, according to *Ride to Work*, a non-profit advocacy organization.

According to the United States census bureau and the department of transportation, more than 80 million cars and light trucks are used for daily commuting on American roads and about 200,000 motorcycles and scooters are a regular part of this mix.

On *Ride To Work Day*, the practical side of riding becomes more visible as a larger number of America's 8 million cycles and scooters are ridden to work.

Ride to Work Day shows how riding makes parking easier and helps traffic flow better.

Motorcycles and scooters consume fewer resources per mile than automobiles and they take up less space in parking areas and on roads.

Riders seek employer support for this form of transportation and increased government and public awareness about riding's many benefits.

More information about *Ride to Work Day* can be found at:

<http://www.ridetowork.org/>

Rubicon Trail To Remain Open

Rancho Cordova, California — The central valley regional water quality control board voted unanimously to issue a cleanup and abatement order (C.A.O.) to El Dorado county and the Eldorado national forest for the Rubicon Trail that sustains continued motorized recreation while also enhancing stewardship of the trail.

More than 300 recreationists were present at the recent public hearing, providing a reminder to members of the water board just how much members of the public care about this cherished trail.

The revised C.A.O. is a much less prescriptive order than originally proposed, and calls for general consideration and planning but does not mandate specific actions, instead requiring the county and the forest service to work together to meet the specified timelines.



More May Rally Photos



We gnomed the Salem News crew and they put us on U-Tube.

Rot Path, c.o.e.



Donald Kelley (North Coast Chapter)



The Hub City gnomettes get rady to be interviewed by Salem News.

Rot Path, c.o.e.



Rot Path, c.o.e.

Iris and Mel show that gnomes **can** dance.



Gunny greets Nicgn ome and Rot gnome. (Note the Tim-Tams in hand.)

Louanna Oliver (Hub City Chapter)



The musicians otherwise known as Brand

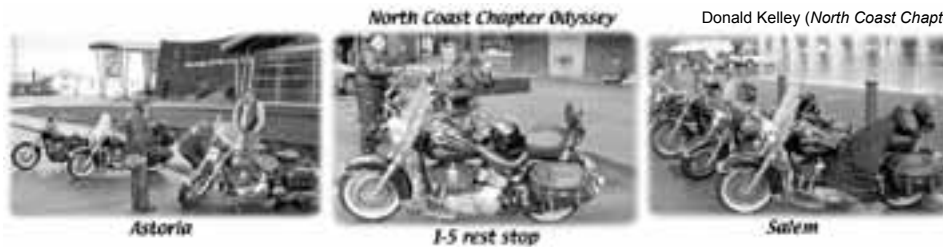
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M.R.F. Vice President Michael “Boz” Kerr Passes Away



20 April 2009

Early this morning we received the most sad and unfortunate news that Michael “Boz” Kerr passed away peacefully in his sleep overnight. He had just returned from a very successful *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) Beast of the East* motorcycle rights conference.

At the time of his passing “Boz” was the current vice president of the *M.R.F.* and chairman of the legislative committee. Prior to his being elected vice president he served as an *M.R.F.* board member in the capacity of *M.R.F.-P.A.C.* chairman.

“Boz” was instrumental in setting up the standalone *M.R.F. Awareness and Education* organization (*M.R.F.A.&E.*) and was the driving force behind the upcoming *National Motorcycle Awareness* day in Washington D.C., known as *Bikers Inside the Beltway*.

“Boz” was also a past president of the *Chicago Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* and recently retired as chairman of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois FEDPAC*. In the past year he was awarded the *M.R.F. Presidents Cup of Distinction* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois’* highest honor, the *Rich Neb Award*.

“Boz” was the finest political operative I have ever had the privilege to work with and his concern and passion for motorcycle rights and his genuineness will be greatly missed by the *M.R.F.* and the entire motorcycling rights community. We have certainly lost one of the great ones in our movement.

Words cannot express the amount of sadness and the profound impact that losing another one of our own will have.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and family, his *A.B.A.T.E.* family, and his *M.R.F.* family”, said *M.R.F.* president Kirk “Hardtail” Willard.

“Boz” was well known for his speeches, such as the *Greatest Generation, Mr. Jones*, and most recently *Making Thunderbirds Long, Low, Lean, and Fast*. Godspeed brother, you will be missed.

Details of the services can be found

on the *Chicago Chapter’s* web site at: <http://www.chicagoabate.com>

Consumer Product Safety Commission Update

The *M.R.F.* has learned that the *Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.)* voted last Friday, April 17, 2009, on the issue of banning sales of youth A.T.V.s and motorcycles because of lead levels.

The *C.P.S.C.* voted to keep the ban in place; however, they did issue a two-year stay of enforcement of the ban. This stay of enforcement will allow manufacturers and retailers of youth A.T.V.s and motorcycles to continue building and selling these items. It also gives the industry two years to comply with the new law and if, for some reason, it is technologically unfeasible to manufacture a certain part with less lead than allowed by law, the industry will have a chance to make an argument to the *C.P.S.C.*

The two-member *C.P.S.C.* board decided unanimously. Both the acting chairperson Nancy Nord and commissioner Thomas Moore voted to deny the petition from industry to completely overturn the ban; however, both cited safety as the reason for their votes to issue the two-year stay.

Nord and Moore both claim, “A bigger safety concern than lead exposure is that the elimination of youth A.T.V. sales will likely increase the number of adult A.T.V.s purchased to be used by younger children, therefore increasing risk of injury and death.” Industry has 45 days to apply for the stay.

You can read the decision letter of the *C.P.S.C.* here:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/ballot/ballot09/atvexclusion.pdf>

Legislation does currently exist that would force the *C.P.S.C.* to exempt all youth A.T.V.s and motorcycles. Denny Rehberg (R-MT) has introduced HR-1587, and the bill has 35 co-sponsors to date. The *M.R.F.* encourages you to ask your member of the U.S. house to

co-sponsor this important legislation.

Public Service Announcements

The *M.R.F.* is collecting any public service announcements or other promotional media your group has put together or uses with regard to motorcycling. The goal is to establish a clearinghouse in the *M.R.F.* Washington D.C. office of the most effective motorcycling messages used today.

Please send all forms of media electronically to the *M.R.F.* office at: mrfoffice@mrf.org including stickers, billboard images, radio, video, virtual, or otherwise.

Call the *M.R.F.* Washington D.C. office at 1-(202)-546-0983 if you have questions.

H.I.P.A.A. Update

The *M.R.F.* is pleased to report that the U.S. house of representatives has taken a major step toward repairing the loophole created when the regulations for the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* of 1996 were written. This loophole allows insurers to deny health care benefits to victims of motorcycle crashes simply because they were riding a motorcycle. This loophole also allows insurers to conceal this exclusion of benefits from the insured until a claim has been submitted.

On March 31, 2009 the U.S. house, by a vote of 422 to 3, passed HR-1253, the *Health Insurance Restrictions and Clarifications Act* of 2009. This bill will require the insurance provider to fully disclose, prior to sale of the plan and prior to participant’s enrollment in the plan, all of the limitations and restrictions of the plan.

While this bill does not close the loophole, it does do two very important things: it formalizes the sense of the congress that this issue needs to be corrected, and it will have the effect of fully disclosing the depth of this loophole with the participants.

“The most troubling aspect of this source of injury loophole has always

been the unknown. Not knowing if you are covered or not by your health insurance in the wake of a tragedy is just unacceptable and HR-1253 sheds light on the substantial coverage gaps that exist today,” said Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations. He added, “The *M.R.F.* remains committed to fully closing the loophole and making it illegal for any insurance provider not to cover motorcycle injuries.”

The bill is now awaiting action by the senate committee on health, education, labor, and pensions.

The *M.R.F.* encourages all motorcyclists to contact their U.S. senators to encourage them to pass HR-1253.

M.R.F. MEETS WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations Jeff Hennie, along with *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* legislative coordinator Bob Ward and *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* board member Rick Olsen sat down with newly seated Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to discuss the *U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S.D.O.T.)* and its role with the motorcycle community.

Secretary LaHood previously served in the U.S. house of representatives where he was a strong champion of motorcycling on many fronts. He is a past recipient of the *M.R.F.’s* highest congressional honor, the *M.R.F. Champion Award*. The award is given to members of the U.S. congress who display extreme dedication to motorcyclists. So it comes as no surprise that he pledged to continue that role in his new position.

Discussion topics during the *M.R.F.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois’* meeting with secretary LaHood included the recent *National Transportation Safety Board’s* activities lobbying state committees for helmet requirements, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s* quarterly meetings and 2010 funds, and the *Federal*

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Highway Administration's Motorcycle Advisory Council. The secretary promised an open-door policy for motorcyclists and invited us to contact him with any issues with which he might be helpful.

We at the *M.R.F.* look forward to working closely with secretary LaHood and wish him the very best as he takes on the challenging role of overseeing our nation's entire transportation system.

Another Busy Week In Washington Legislative News

The *M.R.F.* is pleased to report that the United States house of representatives has passed house resolution 269.

The bill "supports the goals of May is *Motorcycle Safety Month.*" Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) and Dr. Michael Burgess (R-TX) who both also chair the U.S. house of representatives motorcycle safety caucus, introduced the bill.

Congresswoman Giffords had this to say in the house chamber the day of the vote, "HR-269 also serves as a reminder to all riders and motorists to always share the road respectfully. I have been riding and racing motorcycles for over 20 years, so the issue of motorcycle safety is of great importance to me. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, the *American Motorcyclist Association*, and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* for all that they do to support motorcyclists."

The *M.R.F.* would like to thank Mrs. Giffords and Dr. Burgess for the commitment to motorcycle safety.

N.H.T.S.A. Meeting

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* gathers together, on a quarterly basis, government safety officials and the stake holders in the motorcycle safety community to update the group on private and public motorcycle safety initiatives that are ongoing or recently completed.

The *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, *M.I.C.*, *M.S.F.*, *A.S.M.I.*, and *Harley-Davidson*, to name a few on the private side, attended the meeting on May 6. Also in attendance were staff members from *National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.)* and *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)*. The newly appointed *N.H.T.S.A.* boss, Chuck Hurley, did not attend.

Nothing especially earth shattering was discussed at the *N.H.T.S.A.* meeting, with perhaps one exception: the much anticipated preliminary results of the *Crash Causation Study* pilot study. Just a few tidbits of early data were revealed, such as after launching the study with 53 crashes, they were left with complete data for just 23 of those crashes due to refusals to participate or no injury sustained, etc.

The methodology is a 1,700-point data collection process with a double control function. That means after collecting the 1,700 different data points on a qualifying crash, the investigators go out to the scene of the crash one week later at the same time of day and ask motorcyclists riding by to voluntarily pull over and answer some questions about why they think they didn't crash. To simply collect the data from this process costs \$7,507. That is less than the \$10,000

estimate that has been rumored, but that number doesn't include the data crunching, reporting, and many other administrative costs.

The full study is still laboring away with funding problems, but the feds have promised that a study will be done. It may not be as large as everyone had hoped, but they have vowed to do something.

F.H.W.A.-M.A.C. Meeting

The *M.R.F.* also attended the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.) Motorcycle Advisory Council's (M.A.C.)* semi-annual meeting on May 7. This was the first meeting for the group's designated federal official (D.F.O.), Mike Griffith.

Griffith is a career government transportation official, spending much time in the statistics and engineering fields, and he held up well for his first meeting with the *M.A.C.*

The *M.A.C.* is comprised of rider groups, private sector engineers, and government officials which meets to analyze every aspect of the nation's transportation infrastructure and critique areas that impact motorcycles.

The recommendations of the *M.A.C.* are then delivered to the secretary of transportation for consideration.

The *M.A.C.* spent a lot of time hearing about the upcoming national traveler opinion and perception survey. The *M.A.C.* was tasked with developing questions concerning motorcycles and motorcyclists to be included in the random survey of



5,000 Americans.

Also it was revealed that the intelligent transportation office at the department of transportation has adopted an "all weight vehicles" approach to include motorcycles and the heaviest highway users.

Another noteworthy item was the announcement from the transportation research board regarding a study titled *Factors Related to Serious Injury and Fatal Motorcycle Crashes with Traffic Barriers* due to be completed in late 2011.

You can read more about the charter, minutes, mission statement, and members of the *F.H.W.A.-M.A.C.* on their web site at:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/mac/>

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

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Congress Considers

Motorcycle Safety Month

A congressional committee has passed a bill encouraging all road users to be more aware of motorcyclists and their safety, and encourages motorcyclists to take rider training and practice safe riding skills. House resolution 269, a bill entitled *Supporting The Goals Of A Motorcycle Safety Month*, received unanimous approval from members of the U.S. house of representatives committee on transportation and infrastructure.

The resolution is co-sponsored by representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), an avid rider who is co-chair of the congressional motorcycle safety caucus, and caucus co-chair representative Michael Burgess M.D. (R-TX).

The measure now goes to the house floor for a full vote.

California Smog Check Bill Passes Committee

Most motorcycles would have to pass the same smog inspections as cars and trucks under legislation approved by a California legislative committee.

SB-435, introduced by senator Fran Pavley, passed the senate transportation committee on April 14 and has been referred next to the senate appropriations committee.

The measure seeks to include motorcycles in the state's smog check program beginning in 2012 and would cover about 72% of all motorcycles in the state: year 2000 and newer models with large, class-three engines.

No state currently requires motorcycles to undergo regular emissions testing, since motorcyclists in Arizona and Kentucky successfully lobbied to end such test procedures.

Military Requests Mandatory Training For Civilians

Combat injury or death are always possibilities in a war, but last year more U.S. Marines were killed here at home while off-duty riding motorcycles than from enemy fire in Iraq, prompting all military branches to require completion of rider training courses and mandatory personal safety equipment on and off base.

Now, in a move encouraged by military leaders at different armed forces bases, a bill is making its way through the North Carolina legislature that would extend the mandatory training requirement to civilians, making it tougher and more

expensive to get a motorcycle license.

The legislation, senate bill 64, passed the state senate on March 11. It would take effect July 1, 2010 and require would-be motorcyclists to pass a safety class before they can get a motorcycle endorsement on their licenses. The bill, which is currently pending in the state house, would also prevent riders from taking advantage of the "perpetual" learners permit by making it valid for just six months with a rider having one year to get a full motorcycle endorsement or quit riding.

It's estimated there are 48,000 motorcycle riders in the department of the Navy, many of them choosing sport bikes which are designed for speed.

Nationwide, the military lost 41 people to motorcycle crashes in fiscal 2001. That tripled to 124 in 2008.

Australian Governments Ban Biekie "Gangs"

Two of Australia's biggest motorcycle "gangs" could soon be banned and their members arrested for associating with one another under new anti-biekie laws passed in response to escalating violence between rival clubs.

The New South Wales government has drawn up emergency legislation that it claims will dismantle the biker gangs and bring the violence to an end. Under the proposals, the police would be able to apply to the courts to have a motorcycle group declared a "criminal organization" and outlawed on the basis of intelligence about its alleged activities.

"The new legislation was about declaring a particular organization a criminal group, and I would say that this is a path that we will now be able to go down," N.S.W. assistant police commissioner Catherine Burn told reporters.

The *Rebels* and the *Comanchero*, clubs that were involved in a widely reported fatal brawl at Sydney airport, are likely to be the first gangs so proscribed. Police could then arrest any member wearing gang colors or associating with other known gang members.

In the meantime, gang legislation enacted in South Australia last June to dismantle the clubs has had the reverse effect: serving to unite rival clubs. *Gypsy Jokers*, *Hells Angels*, *Rebels*, *Finks*, and *Descendants* bike club members have, for the first time, joined together in protest against the *Serious and Organized Crime Control Act*, described by the government as being the toughest anti-gang law of its kind in the world.

The alliance, known as the *F.R.E.E.*

Australia Party, is only a few application process steps away from forming a legitimate political party. The party's leader, Paul Kuhn (a committee member of the *Motorcycle Riders Association of S.A.* and a justice of the peace) said the group was formed because of deep concern anyone associated with a member of a club would be found guilty under the regulation. "The government is now controlling and dictating relationships," he said.

Million Mile Man

Congratulations to Dave Zien, former Wisconsin state senator and longtime champion of bikers' rights, for his unprecedented ride into history on April 4 as the odometer on his 1991 *FXRT Harley-Davidson* turned 00000 for the tenth time! Zien became the first person to ride the same *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle one million miles, which may be the most mileage on any motorcycle ever!

The feat earned him a world record from the *Iron Butt Association*, the international organization that oversees and governs safe, long-distance motorcycle riding challenges, which was present at Hal's *Harley-Davidson* in New Berlin, WI to witness the achievement.

During his time in the saddle, Zien has collected numerous riding records, including logging 1,616 miles in 24 hours and riding 3,032 miles in 48 hours, and through 48 states in eight days. He also has gone through three engines, a couple of transmissions, and too many tires to count.

The *Harley-Davidson Motor Company* recognized Dave's accomplishment by presenting him with a 2009 *FLHXR* in exchange for his million mile bike, which is reportedly headed to the *Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame*.

The long-serving legislator is already inducted into the *Motorcycle Hall of Fame* for not only his riding achievements but for his motorcycle rights advocacy during his 18-year tenure in the state legislature.

During his years as an elected official, Zien was known for becoming the state's first motorcycle-riding legislator. Bikers' rights got Zien involved in politics, as he founded the *Wisconsin Better Bikers Association* after returning from Vietnam and helped repeal the state's mandatory helmet requirement. He has also served for many years on the *Legislative Task Force for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.)*, and has lobbied against adult helmet requirements in numerous states

and on the federal level.

In addition to his staunch support of bikers' rights issues, as a Marine combat veteran he dedicated much of his public service to advocating for veteran's affairs.

At last report, Dave was reluctant to leave his trusty steed behind, but as the first digits roll across his new odometer, a journey of a million miles begins anew.

Weird News

Musical Helmets

A European recycle program could turn music and movie disks into motorcycle helmets. A recycling plan proposed by the Swiss supermarket chain *Migros* aims to reduce the number of old CDs and DVDs landing in the regular trash by collecting and using them for an unrelated end product.

The recycling program aims to reduce the number of old CDs and DVDs destined for the dumpster. Collection points will be available across Switzerland, and they plan to shred the disks, using the resulting granular remains to make new products such as motorcycle helmets.

According to a store spokesperson, the discs contain the valuable petroleum product polycarbonate, and far too many of them end up in the normal trash. If the program is successful, an old Madonna CD or Brad Pitt movie could be made into head gear.

Quotable Quote

Government can do something for the people only in proportion as it can do something to the people.

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North Coast area

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LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
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_____ Individual membership \$25
 _____ Couple membership \$30
 _____ Family membership \$35
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Total number of members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	2	3	4	5	
7  strong sun moon ----- Lower Columbia—1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland—1200 (12 pm)	8	9	10 oak tree of the month	11	12	13 STATE BOARD Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
14  Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1200 (noon)	15  4th quarter moon Ride To Work Day ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	16 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	17 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	18 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm)	19 	20
21  North Coast—1000 (10 am) ----- Southeast Portland—noon litha – summer solstice fathers's day	22  new moon	23 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	24	25	26	
28 Twin Rivers 1200 (noon)	29  2nd quarter moon ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	30				

next
STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 13 June 2009
at noon
Eagles' Lodge
127 Broadalbin street NW
Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting at 1100

Ward thought a trip might be within reach,
Wally packed sunscreen, Beav took a peach,
June sunned her pale shoulder,
Then burst out all over,
Turns out they were at a nudist beach.
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2009 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
06 June 2009	Annual Poker Run – Hub City	Albany	(541)–791–1919
12-14 June 2009	<i>Best of the West</i>	Phoenix, AZ	
13-14 June 2009	<i>Cruisin For Hope</i>	Milwaukie	
14 June 2009	Roll & Ride – Washington County	Beaverton	(503)–680–3269
19 June 2009	Biker Night – Douglas County	Roseburg	
21 June 2009	Father's Day PR – Josephine County	Grants Pass	(541)–
27 June 2009	R.O.A.R. – Central Oregon	Bend	(541)–923–3809
27 June 2009	Round Saddle Mountain – North Coast	Seaside	(503)–325–3566
19 July 2009	Thundering Water PR – Douglas County		
24–26 July 2009	Run–21 – Southeast Portland	Birkenfeld	(503)–706–7061
01 Aug 2009	Mid-Summer PR – Washington County	Forest Grove	(503)–680–3269
07–09 Aug 2009	Beaver Creek Run – Lincoln County	Newport	(541)–265–6850
08 Aug 2009	Run To The Coast – Josephine County	Grants Pass	(541)–
15-17 Aug 2009	S.O.S. Run – southern chapters	Wolf Creek	
16 Aug 2009	Mist Mountain PR – North Coast	Astoria	(503)–325–3566

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Northside Bar & Grill</i> ; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)–383–0889
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Willie D's</i> ; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> ; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1 st Sunday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	3 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)–296–8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>Spare Room</i> ; NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Far Man Resaurant and Bar</i> ; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)–935–4632