

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

What We're About

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

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

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

It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.
You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A. T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years.

First to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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## **U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations**

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

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

#### BikePAC of Oregon

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

*BikePAC* works within the political process.

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

Family-based and dedicated to

family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall–*River City Chapter*) riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

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

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

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

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling. American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

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

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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	Single entity.
В	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.

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To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinence; a decree; a regulation. MEANS FREEDOM

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#### officers at work

# State Coordinator

#### Hello all,

I just got back from the N.C.O.M. (National Coalition Of Motorcyclists) convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I learned a lot and had a great time. Paul Hering and I met up with Kay Sipple at the hotel and headed downtown (two blocks) to Route 66 to grab some dinner. We turned the corner and I could not believe the crowd! Then I remembered it was *Cinco De Mayo*. Mix a couple thousand locals and 600 bikers and you have quite the party.

We tried to enter a restaurant but were told "no colors". After he took a good look at our vests, and scanned our Oregon driver's licenses into some kind of a machine, he said go on in. Then a second guy said "no, you can't come in because men cannot wear sleeveless shirts." What a bunch of crap. So we took our money down the street for the best ( and hottest) tacos I have ever had.

We found out later that many restaurants were discriminating against bikers. The one restaurant that allowed us all in was packed and made a good deal of money that weekend.

I must say that Albuquerque is a very friendly town overall, and quite beautiful.

Friday morning started with the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force

meeting chaired by South Dakota senator, Jim Putman. They are doing quite well at being one of the major clearing houses for biker rights information.

The next seminar was the *A.I.M.* attorney conference that dealt with freedom of the road and the use of the courts, as well as profiling.

The opening ceremony was quite emotional as the conference was dedicated to the memory of possibly the greatest freedom fighter ever, Sputnik. Sputnik literally rewrote the book on biker rights. The things he accomplished in Texas are nothing short of amazing. Many of you met him at S.T.E.A.M. a few years back. He was not a man you would soon forget. He will sorely be missed.

The next seminar was a overview of sport bike problems including the structure of the *National Sport Bike Association*. It is good to see that we are finally reaching out to the sport bike riders.

The following seminars included: U.S. Defenders Program, Women In Motorcycling, Clean and Sober Roundtable, and a christian unity conference. Also that day was a seminar on state motorcycle rights organizations and the Confederation Of Clubs working together.

That night Paul, Kay, and I met up with Gunny and his friend Kathy for a great dinner of ribs and brisket at the *County Line Restaurant* with a beautiful view of the city and the surrounding area.

Saturday started with a general session moderated by "Doc" Reichenbach, chairman of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors and president of *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida.* This including the "ringing of the bell" for all of our lost brothers and sisters.

The keynote address was given by Rick Mieara, a New Mexico state legislator.

We then broke into regional meetings where we shared information with other states from our region.

Next up was a seminar on *Motorcycle Only Roadblocks*. What an absolute waste of taxpayer money, not to mention an illegal and discriminatory practice.

The highlight of the weekend was the *Silver Spoke Banquet*.

Our own *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg, presented a *Silver Spoke* award to Tim and Bonnie King of Salem. These two people maintain an independent on-line news group at **http://www.Salem-News.com** . This is quite an amazing web site and I urge you all to check it out.

Then came the moment we were all waiting for. Sam Hochberg then presented the *Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award* to our good friend and a champion of motorcyclists' rights to Gunny Hutcheson. This



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

was a very well deserved award and we were a very proud and happy for Gunny.

It was great to be a part of seeing of thirty-five motorcycle clubs and many S.M.R.O.'s coming together in one place to fight for motorcyclist's rights.

This month I will be attending Best of the West in Ogden, Utah. This conference is put on by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, another great organization fighting for your right to ride. Check them out at http:// www.MRF.org.

It is going to be a busy summer. Family, friends, rides, runs, meetings, and conferences.

Did I mention rides? Bring it on.

Take care,

Ted

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

Hello C.O.

Wish to thank everyone for your help on the road side cleanup.

Also to the *O.V.M.A.* members (vets) for your support and help that day. Thank you.

It was a cool day, but no rain on *M.R.F. Run*. us. Also took a new photo to be put in the news rag.

We need everyone's help on June 12th at our next meeting at the *North Side* to help us out with our run. This is *your* run we need your help.

The new t-shirts look great and will be on sale for the run. This is are first run of the year and hope that it will be as great as all the other years. Flyers are out for our June 18th

M.R.F. Run.



Please ride safe and will see you at the next meeting,

Animal coordinator *Central Oregon Chapter*  CENTRAL OREGON MEETING <u>TIME and PLACE</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2: p.m.) Northside Bar & Grill 62860 Boyd Acres road Bend, Oregon <u>POINT of CONTACT</u> Animal (541)–923–3809 Aaron Myhra (503)-901-1816 <u>CHAPTER ADDRESS:</u>

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

Douglas County Chapter would like to welcome our newest members, Susan Barrientos, Ray of Rae Ray's, and visitor Chuck Sterma. We would like to thank Ray for allowing us to hold our monthly chapter meetings and our S.O.S. meetings at his establishment and for hosting the bike night in May. The staff, food, and service is as always, great. If you've never been to Rae Ray's for dinner or checked out the music, you need to stop by sometime. You can't miss the large red barn located at 4550 Old highway 99 south, Roseburg.

Janie has been busy with sanctioning, filing insurance, and contracts for the upcoming *Douglas County* events. She's also been busy securing wonderful prizes, contacting TV and radio stations, so we should have a great turnout. You know Janie, she's friends with everyone. Thanks Janie, you're awesome!

Mark this on your calendar if you haven't done so already —



Thundering Waters Poker Run is Sunday, July 31st, starting at 10 a.m. at colliding rivers and ending at Whistler's Bend park. There will be food provided by our great friends at Bikers for Christ. In addition to the best hand and low hand winners, we will have tickets available for prizes and 50/50 drawing. It's a beautiful ride along the river with some great friends, so don't miss it.

S.O.S. Camp Out — August 19– 21 in Wolf Creek. Food vendors, merchandise vendors, bike games, prizes, poker run, best bike contest, best buns, wet t-shirt, and of course the popular *Ta Ta Sista's*. Music this year will be provided by *Long Story Short* in the early evening and *Sagebrush Rock* will rock you all night long.

If you know of anyone wanting to be a vendor or wish to be a vendor at this year's *S.O.S.*, please contact Annette Murray at (541)–580– 3924 or leave a message with Dan Rice at (541)–673–HOGG (4644). Bike Night — Held the second Friday of the month. On June 10th, meet us at 6:30 p.m. at La Piñata Mexican restaurant in Drain. July 8th, we plan to be at Black & Gold clubhouse. It's graffiti weekend so it's a great place to start your evening.

Check the calendar posting on http://www.dcabate.com for other events and locations. You don't want to miss out on any of the events listed.

Well, until next time, enjoy the journey, enjoy the ride.

Your secretary,

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



Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Rae Ray's 4550 old highway 99 south Roseburg (541)–672–1522 <u>POINT of CONTACT</u> Jim Waggoner (541)-733-4069 http://www.dcabateoforegon.org/

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

Our chapter joined with the *Josephine County Chapter* to put on the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet and Bike Show*.

We had a fantastic turn out. Attendance on Saturday was approximately 700 and on Sunday was 400 or so.

We had some of our favorite venders with lots of new ones who, hopefully, will join us next year.

The food was awesome.

Saturday was topped off with a wedding — an old fashion motorcycle wedding. Wam Wam with the *Sons of God* married his girl, Melisa. They rode in between two rows of revving *Harleys* and smiling bikers. They were pronounced husband and wife by reverend Jessie Colepepper.

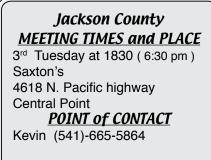
Our first-time bike show turned out to be great also. Spanky set it so there would be lots of winners: thirteen different classes and second place ribbons.

One of our own members, Rocky Spieger, won the 50/50 drawing.

Other than that, our beloved secretary, Mikie Horn, is still down and will need everyone's prayers. He made it to the swap meet on both days just in time to go home and get a fast relapses.

Okay all, it's summer and riding time and we need to keep it safe. Take care until next month.





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

Thanks, Andy Olsen.

Thanks, Don Mason. Thanks, Al, Nic, and Mel.

You guys did a terrific job in trying

to get the helmet bill out of committee. After getting the shaft this year, I think

we learned how to play the political game. Next year we'll know the rules. As Al says, "*You either play the political* 

game or it plays you."

This year they played us.

Thanks, Cheri and Moe, for spearheading our June poker run this year. One of these years, we're going to get it in the monthly newspaper.

Thanks, Carolyn, and husband for the great new hoodies and shirts for *Hub City*.

Thanks, Michelle, for all the great work on the billboards this year. We got four for the year.

Thanks, Freemans, for hosting the annual pre-*May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* BBQ.

Thanks, Doug Findley, for coming up and hopefully teaching us a little more.

Now down to business.

What is A.B.A.T.E.?

It is foremost a political action group\* to support motorcyclist rights.

Our *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* had only a sprinkling of *A.B.A.T.E.* 

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members. Yeah, I know *Hub City* has always made the rally a priority and generally shows up with a good contingent.

The question is, "why don't other A.B.A.T.E. members show up too?"

Here is an opportunity for *A.B.A. T.E.* to stand up and show what we're about. Instead, patch clubs dominate the attendance.

Why do I see so many A.B.A. T.E. runs benefiting some charity? Good grief, we are the charity. Hub City has runs and functions just to get the money to put up motorcycle safety billboards and buy yard signs and have mall bike shows to solicit new members. Every time I see a run flyer benefiting the humane society or some disease I really wonder why.

Education.

Yes, a lot of chapters support *Team Oregon*. I think they do a great job. Does *A.B.A.T.E.* avoid education because we think *Team Oregon* does it so well we're afraid to participate? *Team Oregon* educates the riders. *A.B.A.T.E.* helps educate the public about motorcycle safety and issues.

I'm all for having some fun and using the chapter as a social basis for people with like-minded interests. I've met and made friends with a lot of great people through *A.B.A.T.E.* I just hope this just makes some people rethink *A.B.A.T.E.* I know *Hub City* will rethink letting me

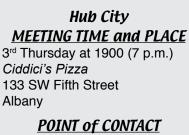


write for this paper again.

Ray K

\* [crusty ol' editor notes: Actually BikePAC is the political action element of the Oregon motorcycling community. A.B.A.T.E. *is a funder of that organization* and risks losing its not-for-profit tax status if it becomes directly politically active. The May Motorcycle Awareness Rally is put on by BikePAC, not A.B.A.T.E. and is open to <u>all</u> motorcyclists, not just members. It's gratifying to see so many patch holders in attendance. As far as education goes, certified A.B.A.T.E. members teach the Motorcycle Awareness Program to driver's education classes in high schools, "55 Alive" classes, and to any other group who is interested. Yer c.o.e.

is constantly trying to get people to think about motorcycle issues, yet the members keep letting him scribble away month after month in the pages of this rag. ]



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# Josephine County

The Josephinel Jackson County's swap meet is history.

The clouds parted and the sun came out, making for a beautiful weekend.

As reported to me by Karen Tolle: "This years swap meet was the best one since A.B.A.T.E. took it over four years ago. The crowd was great and there were a lot of happy vendors. Our first time bike show had fourteen entrants and there was actually a wedding that took place there too. The bride and groom rode down between rows of bikes and said their 'I do's'."

The whole weekend was a huge success.

I would like to say a great big "thank you" to all the people who helped set up before, and then cleaned up after the swap meet. That was a big job.

"Well done guys and gals."

Two more events to remember are: The first Saturday in August – *Josephine County Chapter*'s ride to the coast. More details later.

And, the S.O.S. campout at Wolf Creek – August 19 - 21. More details to follow.

I would like to emphasize the importance of checking your tires before riding. My husband picked up a nail in his rear tire while on a ride last week, which was causing a slow leak. So, check those tires guys and gals. It might keep you from having to take a hike you didn't expect to take.

Tha... tha... that's all for now folks. Please, ride safe!



Karen Headley chapter secretary





### Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass

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

*Lincoln County* has sun!

We are doing well at the coast. Wondering what that golden globe in the sky is though. We are working on the beginning of *Beaver Creek Run*.

The weather has not been cooperative in starting the clean up of the fields, so we are finally able to plan work parties. This is a plus and we know we will have a tight time line to get things done. We will get it together before you arrive and enjoy a fun filled weekend with us. Vendors are starting to make contact with us, so that is good. We are looking forward to hosting friends and family once again.

Early time out has taken a few members away for awhile. Seems strange not to worry about anything but the price of gas. Some are complaining at the cost of filling the bike tank. I'm married to one. Doesn't seem to stop anyone from riding though. Bob found though that when you build a trike you need to get the title to the front end. Took longer to get me legally on the road than we thought it would.

Preparation for games at *Fossil* are a priority for *Lincoln County* right now. We do hope that by the time you read this you have won a wonderful trophy. *Fossil* is a great run and one that is a must for *A.B.A.T.E.* of Oregon, Inc.

I was saddened to read that former senator Dave Zien of Wisconsin had a horrific crash on his motorcycle and lost part of his leg. From the upbeat part of the article I agree with Bowe that he probably will be riding again, "free on three". He was not wearing a helmet at the time but suffered no brain injury that could be detected. Just say a little prayer for him.

I heard from someone that Kurt and Shirley's grandson should be coming home from the hospital soon. We do hope so. He is a fighter from the word go. He'll make a good bike rider.

Stay safe on the road and be sure to watch for the other guy.



Keep the rubber side down, the shiny side up, and come home safely,

Millie Lincoln County Chapter



Lincoln County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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

Greetings from the North Coast,

We have experienced a few sunny days of late, but it has been a very wet and cool spring. Anytime soon for more vitamin D will be good!

Our first annual Spring Fever Run was a great success. We had thirty bikes and we stayed dry. This was a "family friendly run" and we did have some kids riding with their dads and granddads. It was fun watching all the black leather walking through the *Tillamook Cheese Factory* (one of the run stops) carrying bags full of cheese and eating ice cream. It was a fun run.

The recent *Pig Out Run* sponsored by *Pacific County A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* was also a great run. Sixty-five bikes on the run. A few light showers but that didn't dampen the spirits. Good eats at the end, as always.

Our run committee is working on the final details for our annual *Around Saddle Mountain Run*, scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. at the *Moose*  *Lodge* in Astoria and departs at 10 a.m. This is always a great run. We hope to see you there. Check out the run flyer in this fine newsmagazine paper. Questions? Please call Don at (503)–325–3566.

Bob Hutson, our chapter chaplain, continues to finalize all the arrangements for the *Seaside Motorcycle Festival* (formerly *Seaside Bike Fest*) which will be held on July 15th and 16th. Lots of activities are planned: poker run, poker walk, live music, contests, and vendors. *Quick Throttle* is sponsoring the bike show including the trophies.

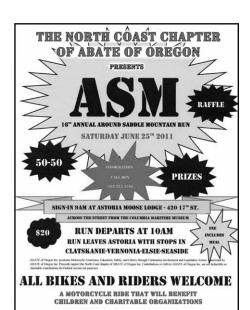
Check it out on page 18. http://www.quickthrottle.com/ pdf/nwmay2011.pdf

Be careful out there. Watch out for those cages.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator





North Coast <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Children are welcome <u>POINT of CONTACT</u>

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

It is raining, It is pouring, The motorcycles are roaring.

May 7th, the Saturday of mother's day weekend, *LoCo* held its annual spring run.

This is the third run as *LoCo*, but it has been around for many years for all the charter members. It was an awesome ride. We had a great turn out with many newcomers.

Our sergeants-at-arms did a great job throughout the run. They started out with checking the bikes before the run to make sure that they were safe for everyone. They continued their commitment while making sure everyone stayed together and all reached the next place safely.

Thank-you to a job well done Donnie Vittetoe, Dave Bridges, Willy Brown, and Rick Indergard.

We survived the weather as only a few sprinkles came down. Without our chaplain Gary DaShiell, he blessed the bikes and asked God to keep the rains away. (We heard Longview, Texas got it all) it might have been a real drencher.

We will have a great record of all the events by our new chapter historian, Laura Brown. Thank you Laura for doing a great job on the run and for taking on the position. A big thank-you to all who helped and made it a great success.

Once again, believing that living in Oregon, children should learn how to swim, we have dedicated to making sure that thirty swim lessons will be provided for the children of Clatskanie at the local pool this summer.

Have a great riding season, be safe and keep the rubber side down,

Dave Witmer coordinator



#### Lower Columbia <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 1900 (7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30) <u>POINT of CONTACT</u> David Witmore (coordinator) (360)–560–6405 e-mail: dandcwitmer@hotmail.com <u>CHAPTER ADDRESS:</u> Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E P.O. box 1510 Clatskanie, OR 97016

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

## April 19, 2011

We had a jam packed meeting that lasted a little over an hour.

We talked about our poker run, which made near seven hundred dollars profit. We also disbursed a hundred dollars to local charities.

Our chapter has acquired a small trailer to remodel for vending candy and we will begin the remodeling this Saturday.

We also scheduled a highway cleanup day on May 1.

We had no games tonight.

## May 3, 2011

We had a wild and crazy meeting tonight. Everyone was in great spirits and having fun.

Our *Fossil* sign is finished and we got to see it tonight. It will be up at the entrance to the campground. Wendy did a terrific job painting the sign.

The 50/50 game was won by Gene at \$9/\$10 who donated his share back to the chapter.

We had no membership game tonight.

The bike on the agenda was a 1917 Indian Light Twin Model O. No one got it right.

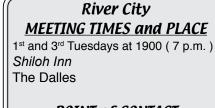
-- Brian



## **Upcoming meetings**

June 07, 2011

June 21, 2011



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

Well, another May Motorcycle Awareness Rally has come an gone Approximately 250 people braved the darkening skies to come to the capitol.

We had some good speakers. One of the thing that stuck with me after the rally was when I heard " you have to get active".

No truer words were spoken. Get active. Find out who your legislator is.

See if there is something you can do to help.

The Salem Chapter has started up a Sonic Night at the Keizer Sonic Drive in as a way to boost public relations for A.B.A.T.E. Dates subject to change. Check with the FaceBook site for more information.

This is an *all* bikes, *all* riders event. A.B.A.T.E. does not discriminate based on your patch or lack thereof.



By the time this gets out Fossil *Campout* will be done, but we are all hopeful for good weather.

Until the next time, ride safe and free,



### Salem

**MEETING TIME and PLACE** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Almost Home Restaurant 3310 Market Street, Salem

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

Rick

Hello from Washington County!

The first order of business this month is a correction to an error in last month's edition. Our Roll 'N Ride on June 18 will start at Iron Horse Garage, 1525 Thatcher road in Forest Grove.

Will Bill Ballard is graciously providing a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. Sign-in is at 10 a.m., and bikes out at 11 a.m.

The chapter is providing a picnic lunch at our ending point after a beautiful ride.

For those who may not be familiar, our Roll 'N Ride is basically a poker run played with dice instead of cards.

Where else can you get two meals, a fabulous day with friends, and a chance to win cash and other prizes for the low price of a poker hand or two? We hope to see you all there.

April 30 brought eight very devoted WaCo's together on Roy Rogers road for our semi-annual Adopt-A-Road cleanup. With a two-

mile stretch of road, it took five hours to get the job done. Last year there was a motion made to discontinue the road cleanup due to such small attendance, and it was strongly voted down by about 40 members. We really need those 40 members to show up on cleanup day to "walk the talk". It's a great service to provide, it gives us good public relations and kudos in the community, but we can't continue to abuse the very few people who show up for it. We'll have another cleanup day in the autumn, and we'll make sure the date is widely published. Please plan to attend or it may get discontinued for good.

Okay, enough soapbox.

Congratulations to our own Gunny Hutcheson, who was presented with the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award at the N.C.O.M. convention in Albequerque, New Mexico on May 7. I can't think of a more deserving person to be recognized for his tireless service to motorcyclists



in the northwest and beyond. Congratulations, Gunny.

As always, you can get all the latest information on our web site at:

http://www.wacoabate.info

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow

Washington County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) Prime Time Restaurant 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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



#### Hey y'all!

Well, the month of May is over and so is the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally for another year. I hope everything went well this year.

On another note, we've still got Run 21 coming up in July.

Just a reminder that there will be no Thursday entrance to the run this year unless your name is on the event staff or vendor lists.

Now that summer is here you need to remember to always check the fluids and tires on your bike before heading out to ride.

That's all for now. Be safe and ride free,

K. Brewer recording secretary Southeast Portland Chapter



Southeast Portland **MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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Forest Grove

# **Governor's Advisory Committee** on Motorcycle Safety

It was really great to see so many of you at the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally on the 7th of May. You all seem like family!

As you all know, many of the issues of importance to the A.B.A.T.E. members were not what the government is in agreement with. I sure do appreciate those of you who attend the G.A.C.M.S. meetings to give your ideas and wants. It is





**Iris Yeager** 

important.

I was not able to attend the May meeting (held in Portland) but will be at the one in June which will be on June 10th, 2011. This meeting will be held in the usual place, the O.D.O.T. safety office, 6:30 p.m. at 235 Union street NE; Salem, Oregon.



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



### **Our Officers at Work**

## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes 14 May 2011

Ciddici's Pizza — Albany, Oregon



The meeting was called to order your local chapters for distribution. by Ted Tracy (state coordinator) at 12:00 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. Excused Douglas County. Absent - Lower Columbia.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Robert Terrill of Central Oregon Chapter.

Reading and approval of minutes: Motion made by Nic Oliver to adopt April minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Allan Nichols. Motion passed.

Coordinator's comments: Ted Tracy attended the N.C.O.M. Albuquerque, convention in New Mexico. Oregon was well represented.

Our good friend, Gunny, received the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. Tim and Becky King of Salem were presented with the Silver Spoke Award for the on-line newspaper they write with pertinent information regarding rallies, etc. For more information, check out their web site at http://www.Salem-News.com.

The conference was well attended with over 600 bikers. Lot's of discrimination with patch holders present. Restaurants were scanning licenses, along with vests being checked at the front door. If you happen to wear a sleeveless shirt, entrance to a diner was denied. Apart from the discrimination we encountered, the conference was great.

Secretary report and correspondence: Yvonne Sahnow -Tri-folds are in. Please take some to

### **Officer's Report**

Vice-coordinator (north): Allan Nichols - Great job to Washington County Chapter on the advertising of motorcycle awareness at the Beaverton Valley Theater. Also, Hub City Chapter has three billboards up now. Great job.

Ted said the motorcycle slide show by Washington County Chapter is available for any chapter who wants to use it.

M.R.F.Reports are in. Ted mentioned what a great job Allan is doing submitting his report every month.

Allan will include a picture of the Hub City billboard in the next M.R.F. report.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat 'Spanky" – We just finished the 12th swap meet for our chapter with double the amount of sponsors ever. It was a total success. He attended the N.C.O.M. conference. There was a lot of information and everyone there got along great for the common cause of the motorcycle community. Spanky's chapter, Josephine County, will be hosting a spaghetti feed for the Missing in America Project and also has a coast run coming up.

Vice-coordinator (east): Position vacant)

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Report reviewed.

The savings has a balance of \$14,005.00.

Checking account \$6414.00.

Pay Pal roughly \$884.

She reminded everyone that she will no longer be signing expense reports as she is signing expense checks. Please have another executive board member sign your expense sheet.

Randy Phipps presented Kay with a check in the amount of \$501 to A.B.A.T.E representing the 10% of the Southeast Portland Chapter swap meet income profit. Thank you, Southeast Portland Chapter.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson - Excused. Please see report.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price - Reported Beaver Creek Run was just received and is not current at this time. Other than that, we are in good shape.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci -With S.T.E.A.M. held in February, she thought that it would create a much greener accounting of the chapters.

We currently have two chapters with no up-to-date information:

Jackson County needs a bank account.

Douglas County has not returned any phone calls.

At this time, she would like to have those specific chapter coordinators speak with their treasurers.

Salem has completed all set up and Matt Price will have their reports into Connie next week.

Ted would like to remind everyone, the A.B.A. T.E by-laws will be observed.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path – He has received all chapter reports for the June newspaper.

The May issue has a mistake on the Hub City Poker Run. It will be held Saturday, the 4th of June.

Washington state is doing away with their primaries for 2012. Be aware, if more states start doing this, we are going to see a shift in procedures.

Any N.C.O.M. attendees, please file a report to be included in the next month's issue.

Legislative director: Randy Phipps - Spoke on HR-904 and HR-239 bills that are up for a vote on Tuesday.

Omaha police department has received funding for extra police enforcement aiding motorcycle-only checkpoints. Their data concludes that 50% of fatal injuries are reduced with the helmet requirement.

Allan Nichols would like to bring to awareness that when M.R.F. puts out a "call-to-action" like BikePAC, membership is relied on to follow up with their state representatives



Yvonne Sahnow state recording secretary

about their displeasure. It falls on our representatives to follow up on these issues with the department of transportation. Road side checks would be held accountable at that point.

The state of Texas has currently approved a concealed carry statute.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps - Fossil Campout is coming up in a couple of weeks. Still need volunteers to work security and main gate. Also, a sign up sheet will be posted at the information booth for volunteer hours. Please be sure to include name and chapter affiliation . A.B.A.T.E would like to recognize these individuals in the July newspaper edition for their participation at Fossil.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): ( Position vacant )

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Jim Middleton – Absent.

Products director: Dave Meeker - Fossil shirts available in black only are being made.

We are in need of more door prizes. Volunteers are needed for the information booth. Please sign up.

Education director: Geoff White - Excused. He will be running the first aid station at *Fossil*.

Public relations director: Position vacant)

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long - Noted all was well for *Fossil*. Everything is pretty much covered. We are in need of volunteers for the information booth. Jeff will be doing the gate again this year, as he's always done a great job for us.

We currently have a work party scheduled for the 21st at 10 a.m. at Bear Hollow.

Due to a diagnoses with stage two cancer, Howie will be delegating some responsibilities he would normally take care of. Nic Oliver

## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting - 14 May 2011 (continued)

will be the master of ceremonies at The events page is the most popular guidelines will be inserted into the Fossil.

Gene reported there would be four cords of wood for sale at the site starting Thursday. He also mentioned a web site called *Economic* Development which has an A.B.A.T.E link and advert about Fossil Campout.

Pay Pal has received \$1,000 from purchased tickets as of today.

Everyone thanked Howie for the job well done for the *Fossil* event.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols - Discussion on the two resolutions HR-904 and HR-239.

HR-904 prohibits funding for motorcycle-only check points.

HR-239 supports N.H.T.S.A. lobby ban and asks the agency to focus on crash prevention rather then injury reduction.

Congressman Reid Riddle of Wisconsin was added to the house of transportation committee.

Legislation in Washington state may remove the requirement to ride with a helmet in a parade. This would certainly by a great opportunity for the *True Apostles Toy* Run, held annually.

M.R.F. will have a booth at Fossil. Magazines and business cards will be available.

Fall/spring swap meet **coordinator:** John Betts – Excused.

Ted canceled the swap meet meeting for today and will it be rescheduled for June 5th.

John is currently receiving about five phone calls per day from vendors wanting to partake in the swap meet. Currently, we have indoors full and very few limited spaces available outside. We will have hand-made trophies for the bike show as well.

This swap meet should prove to be a huge success.

Jennifer Brackman Historian: - There was concern made over a model release form being used at Fossil. However, pictures that are taken for newspapers do not require a disclaimer. But if used as advertisement, a release would be needed. Since we are a "not-forprofit" organization, there really isn't any concern. She will be taking pictures at the event.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci We currently receive 2,500 hits every month on our state web site.

page followed by photos.

Please give him ample time for updating the web, as he is very busy. Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba -

He will be going to the connex today to help prepare for Fossil.

Gene is taking the stage back to Bear Hollow today.

We are looking for the supply trailer to set up on Thursday, the 26th of May. Dwayne will have the trailer at Bear Hollow set up Thursday the 26th of May.

Ted will follow up with Howie on the logistics.

BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps - Nic Oliver reported on one major issue. It would seem a "call-to-action" has problems from Douglas County because of a personal agenda. Not being passed on is not an option, whether you agree or not. This hurts the organization. If they cannot do their job, then they should step down.

Don Mason and Trace have worked very hard on a format that we can use efficiently and quickly.

Allan noted that bill 2797 is still pending. It addresses an issue for hunters and does not have anything to do with concealed weapons. That way, you can transport legally without having a locked compartment on your vehicle. That would also allow an individual to haul the weapon to a gunsmith for repairs.

Bill 3342 also pending. This would allow stations to provide E-0 fuel. At this time, E-0 fuel can be found at boat launches.

Coalition of Clubs representative (north): David Hickerson – Absent. Coalition of Clubs representative

(south): Pat "Spanky" Allen – All is well.

#### **Unfinished Business**

• May's tabled motion by Randy Phipps on sanctioning policy to remove old sanctioning guidelines from web page was discussed at length. Several board of directors representatives spoke for and in opposition to the motion. After much debate, the motion was passed with eight votes for, two against.

As a result, old sanctioning guidelines will be removed and new

operations manual.

• Vacant positions for 2011 board of directors:

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

#### **New Business**

• Robert Terrill was the legislative director with Southeast Portland Chapter, but now resides in eastern Oregon and is affiliated with BikePAC. He would like the opportunity to serve as the Vicecoordinator (east).

He was nominated and been accepted into the position unanimously.

#### Announcements

• Best of the West June 11th and 12th in Ogden, Utah. Ted Tracy will be attending that conference and not the June board of directors meeting.

• Contrary to popular belief, Bob Highfill said there would be a *Beaver* Creek event this year.

Spanky announced that billboards were being made mobile to park on properties for use in advertisement and promoting motorcycle awareness.

• Lee Austin said that any chapter wanting to set up a booth at Run 21 to make money for your chapter, is welcome to do so at no cost to the chapter.

• Gordon Sahnow announced the Roll-N-Ride June 18th by Washington County Chapter. The run will begin with an early bird pancake breakfast at Iron Horse Garage. See flyer is given to all chapter representatives.

• We currently have information on our web site promoting the June 18th Central Oregon M.R.F. Poker Run.

Next state board meeting will be held four weeks from today, June 11th at Ciddici's Pizza.

See you all at Fossil Campout and bring door prizes.

Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



**Definition Of An Oregon Motorcycle Helmet** 

according to

Title 59 **Oregon Vehicle Code** (2009)http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/801.html

801.366 "Motorcycle helmet." "Motorcycle helmet" means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap type retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation. [1995 c.492 §2]

## From The ... **GUNNY'S SACK**

N.C.O.M. Conference 2011

This year was an especially meaningful convention of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, because it was dedicated to one of the strongest legislative warriors this country has been lucky enough to experience, Sputnik from Texas. It's just a shame that our elected officials don't have the fire in the belly and absolute honesty that Sputnik had. We lost him last year. He was my brother and very good friend and I will miss him terribly. When Sput came to Oregon to speak at our A.B.A.T.E. S.T.E.A.M. session a few years ago, he stayed in my home. He was a very special man and will never be replaced.

Also, this year three folks from Oregon were honored by the presentations of N.C.O.M. special awards. Tim and Bonny King were given the Silver Spoke award for journalism. They have an online newspaper centered in the Salem area, but that has articles of interest to anyone. The award was for their incisive coverage of biker issues. Go to http://www.salem-news.com (Make sure to include that "dash" or you'll be in Salem, Massachusetts instead of Oregon.) Google "salem-news" and "biker" and see.

Your Gunny was also extremely honored to accept N.C.O.M.'s highest award, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. A huge honor for me and I am grateful to accept it in the spirit that it really belongs to all the people in the pacific northwest who work so hard to preserve and protect the freedoms we still possess and who continue the fight to regain those we have let slip through our fingers.

### **Newsbits and Pieces**

N.H.T.S.A. Recall — MV Agusta (2010) on the support kit for the subframe.

Washington, D.C. — U.S. legislators want the federal traffic safety agency (N.H.T.S.A.) to concentrate on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education, instead of trying to lobby state legislators to enact mandatory helmet requirements, the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)reports.

U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and his colleagues plan to introduce a resolution May in support of continuing the ban on state and local lobbying by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(N.H.T.S.A.) The resolution urges the agency to focus on motorcycle crash prevention as the first step in motorcycle safety.

Others supporting the resolution include representatives Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Ron Paul (R-Texas), Tom Petri (R-Wis.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.).

If approved, the resolution would send a clear message to the N.H.T.S.A. The anti-lobbying language was

originally written by congress in 1998. The resolution states that the house

"supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (N.H.T.S.A.'s) ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars, encourages continued growth in the motorcyclist community, and encourages owners and riders to be responsible road users."

The resolution says the house "recognizes the importance of motorcycle crash prevention as the primary source of motorcycle safety (and) encourages N.H.T.S.A. to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education as the most significant priorities in motorcycle safety."

Washington State: Huge Victory - Regulation enforcement officers in Washington will no longer be able to stop motorcyclists simply because they are on motorcycles under the nation's first biker "anti-profiling" bill, signed into effect by governor Christine Gregoire.

Police insists they don't profile us, but we all know they stretch the truth when it comes to bikers.

The Washington legislature made it clear that profiling bikers is not permissible. The bill even requires training to make sure it doesn't happen. A group of bikers, some flying colors,

attended the bill-signing in Gregoire's conference room. This ground-breaking legislation

came about due to the outstanding efforts of the Washington Confederation Clubs, the U.S. Defenders, Of Washington A.I.M. attorney Marty Fox, and in particular, Double-D and Twitch of the Outsiders Motorcycle Club of Tacoma.

What a tremendous accomplishment. See, it's true. With enough time, focus, intelligence, and guts we can play the game as well as anyone and win.

Oregon's Helmet Bill — Appears to be dead. The recent hearing was cut short and the bill never reached the



floor for a vote.

Politics as usual.

I'm getting more and more disgusted with the way our elected officials seem to disregard a major constituency.

Oregon bikers need to focus and vote for people who take our views seriously. Until we make a loud statement at the polls, I fear we will be disregarded.

Here in Oregon we have folks who have been riding over twenty years and never have had the option of riding lidless. Don'tcha think its time they got that chance?

I'm not against wearing a lid if that's your choice. But I'm an adult and I'm pretty darn sure I can make decisions for my own welfare. Somehow, I rode over forty years without any helmet requirement and survived.

Loud Cars Save Lives — Yup, it's true. In January, congress passed and president Obama signed the new Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act. According to the new regulation, N.H.T.S.A. (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) will set minimum noise requirements for electric vehicles and hybrid electrics traveling at low speeds. The vehicles will be made louder to protect vision-impaired pedestrians from the extremely quiet electric cars.

And all we hear are complaints about loud scooters in neighborhoods.

Go figure. Michigan — The Michigan state

police have a high tech device now that can pirate all the information on your cell phone when you're stopped for a minor traffic violation.

The U.S. department of justice found the device could grab all information on the phone in just one and a half minutes. The thing even defeats password protections.

The A.C.L.U. believes they are using the device to get around search and seizure laws.

Don't let 'em look at your phone if you're stopped.

Who says we are criminal gangs? Invisible? Yup ! — This report

explains it: http://www.terradaily.com/reports/

Missing\_The\_Gorilla\_999.htm University of Utah psychologists have

Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

> learned why many people experience "inattention blindness," which is the phenomenon that leaves drivers on cell phones prone to crashes and makes a gorilla invisible to viewers of a famous video.

> The answer: People who fail to see something right in front of them while they are focusing on something else have lower "working memory capacity," a measure of "attentional control," or the ability to focus attention when and where needed, and on more than one thing at a time.

> Ya think maybe we look like gorillas and folks don't want to see us?

#### **Gunny Again**

Our A.I.M. attorneys are the one bunch of folks who understand the dynamics of motorcycle crashes. Many of them have had unhappy events on the road, and they ride. That is the reason I always tell you to call an A.I.M. attorney if ya have any event that needs the experience of an attorney.

Even if you're not sure, call and at least get some good free advice.

If ya don't know who to call in your area call 1-(800)-On-A-Bike and they will hook you up to the right person.

Check out the new information now at:

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Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at (503)-224-1106 locally or e-mail him at: SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny chief of staff Oregon's A.I.M.

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Toward the middle of last month, yer crusty ol' editor happened to notice a two column-inch article in the Salem Statesman Journal. It related how the state of Washington was *not* going to hold a primary election in 2012 in order to save the state \$10 million.

crusty ol' editor

From yer ...

Part of the rationale was that the two major political parties in the United States choose their candidates and national convention delegates in caucuses. (The article doesn't mention what happens to third party candidate selection.)

With so many states facing budget shortfalls as we come out of the latest economic downturn, it won't be surprising to see more states following Washington's example in order to save money.

What does this mean to the average motorcyclist on the road?

It indicates that politics is moving even further away from we the people and that the political landscape is changing.

Granted, our nation is a democratic republic, not a democracy where each citizen votes directly for the people they want in office. (Given the size of our population, that could be chaotic.)

But now the power of selection is moving away from the election process and into caucus backrooms.

The danger to democratic principles is that large corporations and powerful wealthy people will have greater influence over the smaller number of gatekeepers deciding who runs for political office. It is far easier and less expensive to guide a small number of decision makers rather than a large group of voters.

We need to recognize where the greatest political influence exists, then apply our initial efforts in that area.

Several years ago, members of A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC formed a motorcycle caucus, attended state political caucus conventions, and actually had motorcycle rights written into party planks. That was a time when we had some of our greatest political successes.

We need to seek out and listen to folks like "Diesel Dave" Ganslein, Ken Ray, Teresa Hepker, and Brian Stovall in order to learn how they did it so we can apply the same methods now.

We need to get involved in the political process immediately, not when it's time to campaign.

The earlier we get involved, the more influence we have over the outcome.

Each of us needs to begin attending local political party meetings right now to learn what they are doing,

provide information from а motorcyclist perspective, and so that they get used to having riders around and motorcycles parked in front of their meeting places. The more party members get to know us, the more sympathetic they are likely to be about our concerns. (Motorcyclists are just that lovable.)

Acting at this grass roots level of local political party meetings, we can help shape party actions right up through state political conventions where many candidates and issues are pre-decided before elections ever take place.

Get informed. Get involved.

The cost of riding free is the amount of political involvement required to maintain liberty.

after the solstice, the days to come will be as they days that were with the sun begining its southward journey

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Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page



Political trivia:

Did you know that since 2009 Canada has had a registered pirate political party?

Now you do.



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







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# **Bipartisan Effort To Preserve Self-Funded Trails Under Way In Congress**

Federal legislators are building years of continuous membership still support for continuing the requirement that earmarks a small but significant portion of gas-tax revenue that is paid by the users of off-highway vehicles (O.H.V.s) for the creation of motorized and nonmotorized trails.

Representatives Tom Petri (R-Wis.) and Michael Michaud (D-Maine) are circulating a letter to their congressional colleagues asking them to support the Recreational Trails Program, which provides funds to the states to develop and maintain recreational trails.

### A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle A.M.A. Life Members Can **Add Premier Benefits**

The A.M.A.'s most loyal members now have the option to add two premier benefits at significant savings by enrolling in the A.M.A. Life Member Plus program.

The long-standing A.M.A. life member program is not changing. A.M.A. members who reach 25

achieve A.M.A. life member status and get discounts on products and services, the ability to participate in A.M.A.-sanctioned events, and access to the members area of http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com , including the full digital edition of American Motorcyclist magazine.

However, available now by phone at 1-(800)-262-5646, A.M.A. Life Member Plus adds benefits that have not been part of the A.M.A. life member package until now: A.M.A. roadside assistance, a monthly subscription to the printed version of American Motorcyclist magazine, and a collectible A.M.A. Life Member Plus membership card.

### **Days Swap Meet Filling Up** Fast

The A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days swap meet is filling up fast. Beginning in the first week of May, the A.M.A. will begin releasing unclaimed spaces to new and returning vendors.

### **Amateur Days To Support** Lucas Oil A.M.A. Pro **Motocross Championship**

The core of motocross in America has long been rooted in the strong amateur racing scene, featuring the future stars of the sport. As the sport enters its 40th year of world-class competition, MX Sports Pro Racing and the National Promoters Group (N.P.G.) are rolling out the 2011 amateur days schedule that will run in conjunction with each round of this summer's Lucas Oil A.M.A. Pro Motocross Championship.

### Linton Kuchler, Two-Time A.M.A. Executive Secretary, **Passes Away**

Linton "Lin" Kuchler, who served two terms as A.M.A. executive secretary, has passed away. He was 94. Kuchler held the top administrative position at the A.M.A. from 1958 to 1965 and then, after serving as a top executive for N.A.S.C.A.R. for thirteen years, he returned to head the A.M.A. for a second time in 1978, retiring in 1981.

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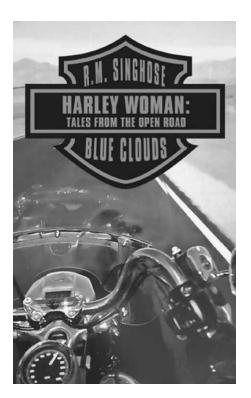
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[ crusty ol' editor's note: A quick web search reveals that the second book is available at Borders book stores while the first book can be found via the Borders *web site*.]



# Motorcycle Riders Foundation **Motorcycle Fatalities Drop in 2010**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been informed of a report that was released at midnight April 19th by the Governors' Highway Safety Association. The report takes a close look at preliminary highway fatality data for the states. The report, which examines data for the first three quarters of 2010, shows motorcyclists fatalities dropped two percent. A similar report released last year had motorcyclists deaths down ten percent.

It is not known what the fourth quarter will bring but the first two had significant drops and the third had a slight increase.

The same report also indicated that overall use of D.O.T. helmet use had risen by thirteen percent.

On a call with journalists, M.R.F. vice president of government relations said "If you want to increase D.O.T. helmet use, abolish mandatory helmet requirements. Forcing helmets onto motorcyclists against their will pushes them to purchase the lightest, smallest helmet that can be found and are often times not D.O.T. compliant. Furthermore, most helmet requirement states do not require a D.O.T. helmet."

The M.R.F. will publish the full report when it is available.

#### **Sensenbrenner Resolution**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) reports that U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) will be introducing a house resolution supporting the regulation that prohibits the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) from lobbying the

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states for legislation. The resolution also urges N.H.T.S.A. to make motorcycle crash prevention their number one priority when they address motorcycle safety.

Sensenbrenner said, "Despite significant opposition from congress, N.H.T.S.A. continues its attempts to mandate universal one-size-fits-all motorcycle helmet laws. N.H.T.S.A. believes that the first step in saving a motorcyclist's life in the event of a crash is to mandate helmet use. The fact is, that preventing a crash from occurring through rider education, training and proper licensing are the best methods to increase motorcyclists' safety. I agree that wearing a helmet can protect a motorcycle rider, but helmets do not prevent crashes."

Please contact your member of the U.S. house and ask them to cosponsor the Sensenbrenner Resolution. The resolution is without a bill number for now. You can reach the capitol switchboard at (202)-224-3121.

### **Bikers Inside the Beltway** 2011

Thursday, May 12th, 2011 was the 3rd Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington, D.C. The event is a national lobby day, sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, for motorcyclists to come to capitol hill to meet with their elected officials and brief them on all issues affecting motorcyclists at the federal level.

This year's event drew hundreds of motorcyclists from twenty states who met with almost 250 elected

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officials. Some folks rode in from as far away as Arizona, California, and Oklahoma.

One of the top issues the attendees were lobbying for was asking their members of the U.S. house of representatives to sign onto a "dear colleague" letter sponsored by Wisconsin representative James Sensenbrenner.

"dear colleague" being The circulated by Sensenbrenner asks his fellow members of congress to sign onto a letter that will go to the chairmen and ranking members of the house transportation and infrastructure committee. The letter asks that the language of HR-904 and house resolution 239 be included in the large highway bill that the committee will be drafting later this year.

HR-904 is a bill that would prohibit future funding of mandatory motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints while HR-239 supports the N.H.T.S.A. lobby ban and asks the agency to focus on crash prevention rather than injury reduction when addressing motorcycle safety.

During the congressional panel portion of the day, a group of riders gathered in a ways and means committee room to hear from a select group of members of congress. Addressing the group was congressman Burgess (motorcycle safety caucus co-chair), Mr. Walberg (an avid rider from Michigan), Mr. Pallone (strong supporter of motorcyclists and thirteen-term congressman from New Jersey).

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Wrapping up the day was congresswoman Michelle Bachman, a presidential hopeful in 2012 and an outstanding advocate for motorcyclists.

Thanks to all of these members of congress for helping make the day even better.

Another highlight of the day was the news that congressmen Reid Ribble (R-WI) was added to the house powerful transportation committee. Congressman Ribble is an avid rider, so he will be a strong advocate and a real asset to the motorcycle community. We look forward to continuing to work with congressmen Ribble in his new role.

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped support those who attended.

This year was a tremendous success.

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## **N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS** Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

# Congress Acts To Reinforce Ban On N.H.T.S.A. Lobbying

May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month* across the country, and congressional legislators are introducing a resolution on May 2 to continue current restrictions on *N.H.T.S.A.* that prevent the federal transportation agency from lobbying state and local governments to enact helmet requirements.

The lobbying ban was originally amended into the *Transportation Equity Act* in 1998, but U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and his house colleagues want to reinforce the prohibitions on *N.H.T.S.A.* lobbying and focus the agency's efforts on crash prevention and rider education.

According to the resolution, the U.S. house of representatives "supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars, encourages continued growth in the motorcyclist community, and encourages owners and riders to be responsible road users."

The resolution, similar to a version Sensenbrenner introduced last session, goes on to say that the house "recognizes the importance of motorcycle crash prevention as the primary source of motorcycle safety (and) encourages N.H.T.S.A. to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education as the most significant priorities in motorcycle safety."

### *Kids Just Want To Ride*: U.S. Senate Companion Bill Introduced

U.S. senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) has introduced an amendment to exempt youth motorcycles and A.T.V.s from the "lead law" that would effectively ban the sale of these machines.

Senate amendment 264 would exempt youth off highway vehicles from the overly-restrictive leadcontent provisions of the *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act* (*C.P.S.I.A.*) of 2008, which has decimated the youth motorsports industry and will ban their sale at the end of the year unless the *C.P.S.I.A.* language is changed.

Meant to protect our children from imported toys with lead-based paint, the *C.P.S.I.A.* prohibits the making, importing, distributing, or selling of any product intended for children twelve years of age and under that contains more than a specified amount of lead in any accessible part. The unintended consequences were that, because some parts such as brakes and battery components contain lead, dealerships were barred from selling motorcycles and A.T.V.s intended for young riders, as well as replacement parts.

The Klobuchar amendment is similar to HR-412, the *Kids Just Want to Ride Act*, introduced in the house by representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT), and would amend S-493, the *Small Business Innovation Research Reauthorization Act*.

You can contact your congressional representatives through the U.S. capitol switchboard at 1-(202)-224-3121 to urge their support.

### Bikers Protest Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

Hundreds of motorcyclists from around Georgia rode to the capitol to rev their engines in protest of a federal grant the Georgia state patrol is using to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.

The crowd denounced the overly-invasive and discriminatory roadblocks as unconstitutional and chanted "*No more profile stops*" and "*Education, not checkpoints*!"

The protest rally came two weeks after the state patrol conducted motorcycle-only checkpoints on interstates 75 and 95 during *Daytona Bike Week*, during which troopers stopped only motorcyclists at roadblocks to check for proper paperwork, approved helmet, and properly functioning equipment.

"The roadblocks are a violation of our rights and are a pure attempt at profiling," said Dan Forrest, state



director of A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia. "Having a registration, proof of insurance, and an endorsement on our license does make us safe. Loud pipes never killed anyone."

Georgia is the first state to conduct such checkpoints under a federal grant from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* as part of a \$350,000 pool of funds available to as many as five law enforcement agencies nationwide to test the effectiveness of a New York state police pilot program.

Several motorcycle organizations are urging riders to call on governor Nathan Deal to cancel the remainder of the checkpoints, which will be scheduled over the next twenty months at undisclosed locations during unannounced times.

Some in congress have also questioned *N.H.T.S.A.*'s grant and called for transportation secretary Ray LaHood to pull the plug on future funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI), who recently cosponsored legislation to prohibit such grants, called the checkpoints "outrageously intrusive."

Indeed, many of the protesters at the March 23rd rally held signs in support of U.S. house resolution 904 which would prevent the U.S.–D.O.T. from providing funds to states which would be used for motorcycle roadblocks.

In the meantime, motorcyclists are also awaiting a court ruling on the constitutionality of the New York checkpoints, which are being challenged by *New York Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Mitch Proner on behalf of his clients as well as representing the interests of *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* and the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists. (N.C.O.M.)* 

### Motorcyclists Come Together For Japan

The March 2011 Japan earthquake and subsequent tsunami has affected the motorcycle industry in a big way, especially since Japan is home to the "big four" motorcycle manufacturers: *Yamaha*, *Honda*,



Suzuki, and Kawasaki.

As the disaster relief efforts continue in northeastern Japan, American motorcyclists are doing what they can to help those struggling through the cleanup and rebuilding, with U.S. motorcycle industry groups, racing series, and even the American division of Japanese manufacturers raising funds in various fashions.

Three U.S. powersports industry associations announced that they are joining forces to provide financial assistance to the relief efforts underway in Japan. The boards and members of the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*, and the *Specialty Vehicle Institute of America* are collectively donating \$10,000 to the 2011 Japan Relief Fund,.

Each organization is encouraging its members and individuals in the riding community to make their own contributions via a link on their web sites:

http://www.MIC.org http://www.rockmoto.com http://www.motorcycles.org http://www.MSF-USA.org http://www.SVIA.org http://www.atvsafety.org ( Click on the "2011 Japan Relief

Fund" tab. ) All donations will go to experienced non-governmental disaster relief agencies in Japan that have a proven track record of emergency

proven track record of emergency humanitarian relief and restoration work. To provide support to those

affected by Japan's worst natural disaster, the presidents of all of the U.S.-based *Kawasaki* entities are collecting donations from employees under their matching gift program and forwarding the contributions to the *Red Cross*. The *Kawasaki Good Times Foundation* is contributing \$50,000 to initiate the charitable giving campaign.

Even iconic American motorcycle manufacturer *Harley–Davidson* has reached out to the disaster zone with a \$250,000 donation to the *American Red Cross* aid effort in Japan, and has established a link on their web

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site to the *Red Cross* ( http://www. RedCross.org ) to make it easier for employees, customers and other riders to contribute.

### European Study Yields Insight Into Motorcycle Crashes

European researchers discovered some interesting facts about the common causes of motorcycle crashes.

The Motorcycle Accidents In Depth Study (M.A.I.D.S.) was based on 921 motorcycle crashes, which included 103 fatalities, across France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain.

While some of the findings were expected, others were unanticipated. Not surprisingly, the study indicates that the motorcyclists most often collided with passenger vehicles. Surprisingly or not, 70% of passenger vehicle drivers involved in crashes with motorcycles failed to perceive the motorcyclist. And while 73.1% of riders attempted some form of collision avoidance, 32% nonetheless experienced some form of loss of control during the maneuver.

While all this may seem disheartening to riders, there are steps that can be taken to maximize safety; other findings from the study indicate:

• Over half of the crashes occurred at intersections.

• Although 90% of those involved in crashes were wearing helmets, 9% of helmeted riders lost their helmets in crashes due to improper fit, fastening, or damage.

• Younger riders (those between 18 and 25 years of age) crashed at a

site to the *Red Cross* ( http://www. higher percentage while riders aged **RedCross.org** ) to make it easier 41 to 55 crashed less frequently.

• Riders wearing dark clothes were more likely to crash than others.

• Modified conventional street motorcycles were over-represented in crashes in the study, but engine size did not appear to be a factor.

• Unlicensed bikers were more likely to crash than properly licensed biker.

• Weather was deemed to be a factor in only 7.5% of crashes.

### Virginia Launches *Rider Alert* Card

Richmond Ambulance Authority (R.A.A.) and Bon Secours Virginia Health System, in partnership with Motorcycle Virginia, Inc., have launched a new program designed to save the lives of injured motorcyclists. The program provides free identification data cards that will help first responders provide rapid and accurate medical assistance to riders involved in crashes.

Motorcyclists who participate are provided a free *Rider Alert* card that contains their personal emergency contact and medical information in the event of a crash. The cards are kept inside the lining of riders' helmets and come with a one-inch round sticker placed outside the helmet to alert emergency responders of the card. The sticker also warns bystanders not to remove the rider's helmet, which could prevent further injury.

*R.A.A.* officials say the *Rider Alert* card program is the first of its kind in the United States, and said that they modeled their program on an initiative in Great Britain known as *Crash Card*, developed two years

ago by that country's *Ambulance Motorcycle Club*.

On a national level, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (*A.I.M.*) was founded on a similar premise over 25 years ago by California attorney Richard M. Lester, issuing free emergency medical cards to bikers across the country that are linked to a database of their important medical information and emergency contact. *A.I.M.* has notified ambulance companies and first responders across the country to look for the yellow *A.I.M.* card in a downed rider's wallet.

"We applaud Virginia's Rider Alert program and can appreciate their organizers' level of commitment to implement such a life-saving project," said Lester, whose A.I.M. program also networks with biker attorneys in every state to represent the interests of injured motorcyclists. "When a rider is down, they need all the help they can get as fast as they can get it." More than three million A.I.M. cards have been issued since 1985, and you can get yours free by calling **1–(800)–ON-A-BIKE** or visit http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com

Free "Do Not Remove This Helmet" stickers are also available.

### Weird News *Honda* Working On Motorcycle Seatbelts

Yes, you read it right.

*Honda* is working on a system of seatbelts for motorcycles.

Seems crazy, but it appears to be a serious project judging from the patents *Honda* has filed for the system, and images posted on http://BikersPost.com

According to the web site, the belt arrangement is designed for larger touring bikes like the *Gold Wing* where the rider won't be moving around much in the seat, and the belt can work with the airbag to more effectively reduce injuries.

However, *Honda* apparently has recognized that in a lot of crashes, it's better to be away from the bike rather than attached to it, so their new seatbelt system also has elements of ejector seat: When the computer senses that the bike is irretrievably tipping over it releases the entire seat, with the rider still attached, and inflates an airbag backrest. "*The idea is that having ejected you slide down the road in a sitting position, with the seat betwixt your hide and the asphalt. Sort of extreme tobogganing.*"

Of course, nobody envisioned airbags on a motorcycle either, before *Honda*'s research and development team put one on their *Gold Wing* as a factory option.

#### **Quotable Quote**

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."

> -- George Washington Carver scientist (1864-1943)

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#### http://www.abateoforegon.net/news. html

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You'll be able to download your very own PDF version and view the glorious

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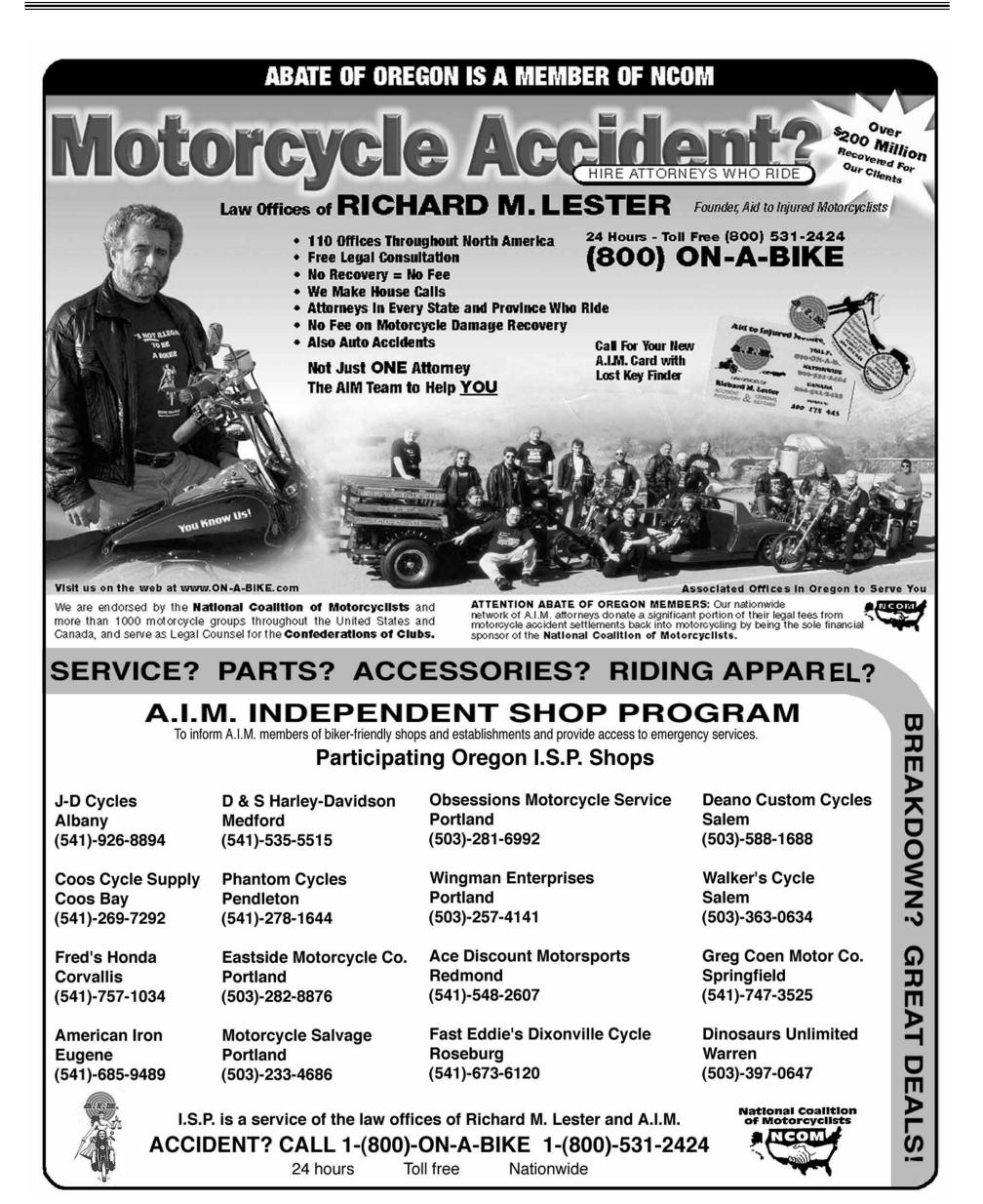
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Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Rae Ray's; 4550 old highway 99 south; Roseburg	(541)–nnn–nnnn
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	e (503)-357-3684