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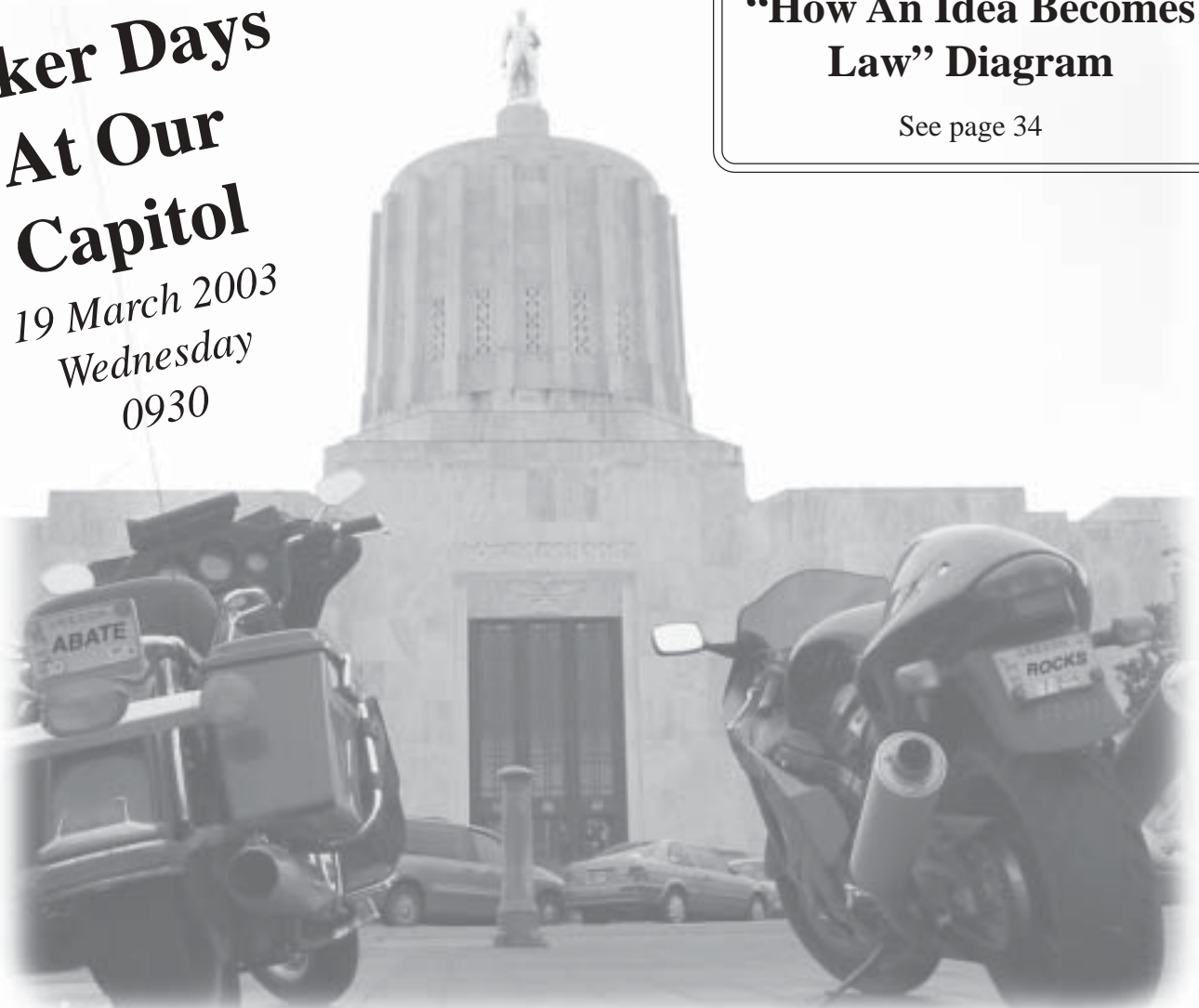


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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

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.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit 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 on.

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 on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. 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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

"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, Rep. 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 Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the House Sub-Committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

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

by Bill Bish

Executive Coordinator,
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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments



by Joe Laurance

Hello everyone,

As you read this I am in Washington, D.C., along with Bob Avery and our wives (who have paid their own way). The purpose of our trip is to lobby the Oregon congressional delegation on your behalf. With the assistance of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*, we will seek support from our federal legislators on three key issues:

1. Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-03)

Our recommendations for TEA-03 include generating a federal resource injection to boost state-run rider safety training programs and establishing a first-ever national program of motorist awareness of motorcycles. Our plan encourages state and local innovations at the state level such as tougher sanctions on aggressive drivers. It encourages fuel conservation and establishes a "Motorcyclist Advisory Council" in the Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.) to help solve a host of problems, from motorcycle-hostile crash barriers to road maintenance practices. *M.R.F.* initiatives supported by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* would preserve the powers of state legislators to decide on motorcyclists' safety issues. One component blocks any withholding of funds for those states that allow adult choice regarding riding attire (helmets), as we hope Oregon one day will. This plan would preserve motorcycle access to all highways and road systems for which federal tax dollars were used.

2. Break the chokehold on motorcyclists' rights and safety posed by the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)*

At present, the *E.P.A.* is poised to impose unacceptable, extreme and unnecessary emissions control standards on street bikes. The *E.P.A.*'s proposed tougher standards will wipe out custom shops, the aftermarket parts industry, and small-volume bike makers, eliminating tens of thousands of jobs across America. Tougher standards will reduce motorcycling in America, and the result will be sales declines and unemployment, more gas consumption, more road wear, more traffic gridlock, hence more pollution.

3. Rescue health care benefits for riders in case of accidents

The federal government regulates all employer and union provided health care plans (with some important exceptions involving state regulatory authority). Unfortunately, a Clinton administration regulation, spurred by a provision in the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act" (H.I.P.P.A.), which prohibits

the mandate of benefits, has resulted in discrimination against motorcyclists. In short, insurers can now extend benefits to employees who have accidents while driving cars, while denying accident benefits to employees who ride motorcycles. It is unfair; it is discriminatory, and our representatives need to be made aware of this injustice.

Equally important to lobbying for specific agenda items is the opportunity to form lasting mutually beneficial relationships with our legislators that this trip provides. These relationships and lines of communication will serve us long in the future concerning issues not yet imagined.

When I joined *A.B.A.T.E.*, my goal was simply to be of service in some way to the biker community as a CMA member. Somewhere along the line your fight for freedom became my fight and you who were my co-workers became my friends. My pride in you, both officers and general members alike, is immense.

The position I hold allows me to experience joy in your accomplishments and to share great times at our various events.

This vantage point has also caused me deep sadness as each month another of our chapters reports a brother or sister killed doing what they loved most.

We all recognize that there is danger inherent in riding and we have little control over the car that tries to take us out. The greatest tragedy, to my mind, is that the majority of motorcycle fatalities don't involve another vehicle.

We, in effect, are killing ourselves.

Most of you have heard of the Hurt Report, the only comprehensive study of motorcycle accidents ever undertaken in this country. Harry Hurt, the director of that study, was asked by David Hough, author of *Proficient Motorcycling*, what single thing would most increase rider safety. His reply? "There is no magic bullet other than getting smart!" When asked what has changed since his report came out in January of 1981, he said "the more time goes by, the less things look different. Riders today have the same sort of accidents as riders in the 1970's, except that they crash much more expensive bikes". In other words, we do the same things wrong now as we did then and our only defense is to become skilled and knowledgeable in the craft of motorcycling.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon has taken a giant step toward making this knowledge available to all of us by acting on a proposal first put forth at our October planning session. On the basis of a motion made by Ted Tracy and voted upon by your state representatives, *A.B.A.T.E.* will now

reimburse half the cost of any Team Oregon course undertaken by any *A.B.A.T.E.* member. Take advantage of this and enroll before the word gets out and all the courses become full!

In the meantime I'd like to share some things about cornering, where 43% of all bike fatalities occur. Team Oregon teaches that when you approach a corner, you should *slow* for the corner, *look* through the corner, *lean* the bike by countersteering, and *roll* on throttle continually throughout the corner.

Keith Code's racing/cornering school and book *Twist of the Wrist II* elaborates on these basics:

Keith Code's Survival Skills

1. Once the throttle is cracked on, it is rolled on evenly, smoothly, and constantly throughout the remainder of the turn.
2. The line that allows the throttle to be applied exactly by the above rule is the ideal line.
3. Throttle up as soon as possible in the corner, once steering is completed.
4. Allow your body to relax immediately after steering action is completed.
5. One single steering action per turn is perfect as mid-turn corrections upset the bike.
6. Don't fixate visually as the further ahead you look, the further ahead you think, and the greater the time you have to maneuver.
7. Master using only the front brake except in slippery conditions.

The final word comes from Harry Hurt who listed three techniques that most riders need to learn: "Use the front brake, use the front brake, use the front brake!"

May God bless and protect you,

Joseph Laurance

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

Central Oregon

We opened the January meeting at 2:05 pm on Sunday, 15 January at the usual spot with ten people present.

I passed around a letter of thanks from *Grandma's House* which is a home for teenager girls who are pregnant or with babies. Our chapter put together some christmas stockings for the kids there.

The *Central Oregon Chapter* also put together about 30 christmas stockings and toys for the *Central Oregon Coalition of Motorcyclists' Toy Run*, which was a big success. It was good to see our members there supporting such a good cause. Thanks.

Fossil is right around the corner. I have *Fossil* tickets for sale. They will be available at the meetings. As usual Rotten Roger needs help putting this great run on. If you can help out, please do. If you have an idea for the design for the *Fossil* t-shirts, Roger needs them by 01 April.

I hope some of you make it over to *Biker Days* at the state capitol.

I would like to thank Bob Hadley for doing an excellent job as our state board representative. He is now a certified instructor in our motorcycle awareness program. He will bring our program to the schools and organizations on this side of the mountains. If you would like to give him a hand, let him know.

I would also like to thank Michael for doing a great job as secretary and Totsy for her great job as treasurer. These three positions are open if anyone wants to step up for either of them.

We voted to sponsor a rider from Tillamook with a \$50 check. She is

riding a leg of the *Pony Express Ride* to raise money for breast cancer research.

This ride is put on by the *Woman's Motorcycle Foundation*. A good cause.

I wonder how many of them are *A.B.A.T.E.* members? Jay recommended we send them some tri-folds with our sponsorship.

We have had some good suggestions for upcoming events. We are starting to plan the upcoming season. So if you want to get your two cents in, you have to make the meetings.

We now have 103 members. We could have a lot of fun and have a hell of a strong chapter with a little participation.

Enough said.

We would like to say "Hi!" to our out of state members: the Tobin family in Wisconsin, the Duncans in Arizona, and Cindy Lou in Wyoming.

Ride free,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Old Redmond Hotel
(next to Sulley's Restaurant)
Redmond, Oregon

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Columbia River Chapter

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Our chapter has just completed one of its most successful years growing to over 150 members. Congratulations to everyone for all of their hard work in making our chapter a success.

The *Toy Run* turnout was as fabulous as the weather and we sold out all of the tickets that we could find. I missed the run itself when my switch went out in the Tri-Met parking lot. Fortunately, Tim Taylor was there and he was able to get me back on the road after a little creative tinkering.

A small group of us then rode through downtown in our own parade and went most of the way up to the hospital before turning back to the *U&I*. Art and Carol had prepared a free post-run feast of chili, hot dogs and cold cuts. A bunch of people showed up there to party and we had a great time.

Many thanks to Art and Carol for their generosity and hospitality.

We just had our chapter elections and we have a lot of new officers; here the list:

- Co-ordinator- Spike Neal
- Vice co-ordinator- Gary Mackey
- Secretary- Julie Russum
- Treasurer- Dave Charon
- State Rep.- Joel Dodds
- State Rep II- Larry Brown
- Membership Secretary- Rhonda Sweitzer
- Sgt at Arms- Willie Sanders, Larry Brown, Donnie Stephens
- Ways and Means- Brandy and Rob Zaccone
- Historian- Sammie and Aaron Manning
- Education Director- Donnie Stephens
- Legislative Director- Willie Sanders
- Public Relations Director- Rhonda Sweitzer
- Road Captain- Mike "Shag" Stewart
- Toy Run committee- Jimbo Hibbard, Julie Russam, Mike Stewart, Janet Straw

As you can see, we have created a new position of State Rep II so that there can be a backup.

Many of the new officers have not been officers before and they are to be congratulated for stepping up and taking responsibility to keep the chapter alive. I hope that they will be able to get to S.T.E.A.M. to get some formal training for their new jobs.

And those members who have been officers in the past and continue to be officers are also to be thanked for their dedication.

Finally, those members who are leaving office and taking a break from official duties are due our gratitude for jobs well done: Janet for taking care of our treasury, Terri for keeping track of our membership, Dee for taking the chapter minutes, Nick for being sergeant at arms, Bill for being vice-co-ordinator, Jimbo and Julie for ways and means.

An update on the *Sweet Heart Dance* set for February 15th is that the *Vagabonds* will be playing for us. They played at the fundraiser we had at the *Kenton Club* in November and are a rocking good group. Make sure that you have it on your calendars.

Donnie and Jimbo brought to the chapter's attention a needy family from Glendale, Oregon. They have a young daughter named Christina who had surgery at Dornbecker's Hospital in December. The chapter voted to spend \$200 on Christmas presents and food and clothing vouchers for the family.

A member from Washington State *A.B.A.T.E.*, Kodiak, gave us a presentation on how some cops up there are stopping people with "unapproved" helmets and impounding their motorcycles. He brought in the statute that the cops are relying upon and it is clear to me that the cops are way out of line legally. The statute deals with motor vehicle equipment and allows to the cops

to take out of service vehicles that don't have property equipment. The statute is used to regulate the trucking industry. It has no applicability to motorcycles. I hope that someone who gets stopped and his bike impounded sues the pants off the cops for violating the Fourth Amendment right not to have his property subjected to an illegal seizure.

The chapter also voted to draft a letter to be sent to Washington State businesses that cater to motorcyclists threatening them with an economic boycott until this abusive practice is stopped.

Jim Pearsall lost the big membership drawing and Jimbo won the short drawing.

Ways and Means generated \$92, most of which was due to the drawing for a silver ring that Jimbo got donated for the drawing.

We look forward to an exciting new year and especially to convincing the legislature to amend the helmet law so adults can have the freedom of choice. Now that Dr. No is gone (and good riddance), maybe we can persuade the new governor that our cause is right and just.

Spike

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
U & I Tavern
6910 North Interstate Avenue --
Portland
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Douglas County Chapter

Hey Gang,

Well first off I want to thank everyone [who] showed up at the meeting. (*Good turnout!*) Your support is very important. (You know who you are.)

As you know *Casino Night* is April 26th and we are getting a lot of public support. It feels good to get out there and let people know who we are.

Believe me by the time I get done with *Douglas County*, when you say *A.B.A.T.E.* people will know what that means and what we stand for.

Also, as a reminder before *Casino Night*, we have our *A.B.A.T.E. Motorcycle Swap Meet* on Sunday, April 13th.

As you know there has been some concern about costs of entrance fees. I feel it is important to express to the public and to our members that our moneys are being used to help motorcycle awareness. And that members who pay less than the public, should help those who are not members be aware of this. Maybe if a person who is not a member expresses that they are paying too much, we as a member can show them that by becoming a member, it lowers our entrance fees and allows them to be more informed by attending meetings,

going to functions and reading the newsletter. But most important we are still helping motorcycle awareness. We are **A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments**. The moneys we bring in (as a whole) are what help us help the public be aware.

This is what we do! (I'm just proud to be a part) It's a good thing. We still need more volunteers for the Swap Meet, so if you want to help please get a hold of Abe at *Umpqua Custom Cycles* or your Secretary, Tonia, for more information.

I would like to thank Cindy King, our guest speaker from *Combine Insurance* (who also is a member of Coos County), for your presentation.

That's all for now, until next time.

Your Secretary/Public Relation Representative

Tonia Judd
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Next meeting: Sunday, March 1st.
12:30p.m. *RoundTable Pizza*

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Hub City Chapter

51 people were in attendance at our last meeting! We only have 84 members — that has got to be phenomenal in terms of percentages!

Wow – what a group.

As we grow, the enthusiasm of our members is contagious to the new members and they are becoming involved as well. It's truly cool to watch and be a part of. With 51 people at the meeting, it is evident we are outgrowing the room at *Los Dos Amigos*. Next month's meeting will be in the larger room at *Los Dos Amigos* (which is still too small for 51 but larger than the one we were in!) We'll keep folks posted on where we may land next.

Our June *Poker Run* plans are in full swing. We are in the process of obtaining donations from members, friends and companies to use as door prizes. Should be more than enough to go around for everyone! Please come check out our *Poker Run* – we're in hopes of excelling the success of last year.

Joe Lawrence - congratulations on being our new state coordinator!! Just remember who your friends were before you attained such lofty heights!

Our Education Director, Carolyn, is working through her friend at Heritage Mall, here in Albany, to have a bike show. We'd like to coordinate that with *A.M.O.'s Swap Meet* so it could be a great weekend for everyone. March 16th weekend is *A.M.O.'s Swap Meet* and we'll keep you posted on the details as we know them. Should be fun though!

Our Adopt-A-Highway sign should be up by this weekend. Woo Hoo!

We're on the map!

We had *many* submissions for our logo contest. We had *way* too many people in attendance and too many submissions to carry on an orderly vote by hand, so we will vote next month in a more "civilized" manner... whatever that may be... this will be our logo that we'll put on t-shirts, coffee cups, whatever - to go along with the state emblem.

When our legislative representative reported back from the state board meeting, we were informed all chapter treasurers are *required* to attend S.T.E.A.M. And that at least two from each chapter are *required* to be at the first *Biker Day* in February. Did everyone else get this same message? If so, I'm alarmed at being *required* to be somewhere the state decides – I thought this was all volunteer, folks. If our legislative representative got the report wrong, could someone please notify us.

We've had some wonderful riding weather the last few days but just remember – it's still really cold out there and patches of ice just love to hide in shady places.

Be careful and ride safe.

Debbie

[*crusty ol' editor's note -- There appears to have been some misinformation here. No one is required to attend S.T.E.A.M. Every A.B.A.T.E. member is free to attend if so desired and new chapter officers are encouraged to attend in order to learn how to perform their duties more effectively.*]

**HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Los Dos Amigos
1402 Pacific Blvd.
Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

Greeting from the mouth of the Columbia River region,

As the new *North Coast* chapter coordinator, I wish to thank the past officers, members, businesses and supporters who have worked so very hard and continue to support the diverse efforts of the *North Coast* chapter. I also wish to thank the newly elected officers for their commitment to serve in the year ahead, which I hope will bring further enlightened awareness throughout our area and beyond of the goals for which this fine organization was founded.

The new 2003 North Coast Chapter officers are as follows:

Coordinator - Al Jaques

Vice Coordinator - Chuck Stuart

State Representative - Ron Bloker

Secretary - Ameila Williams

Treasurer - Skye McKey

Sargent at Arms - Harley Bristol and Roger Tower

Membership Officer - Sue Mills

The chapter voted to utilize a mail-in nomination and ballot for the officer election process this year resulting in great membership participation. If you would like more information on the details of this process please contact Sue Mills our membership officer at (503)-325-2823 or via e-mail at:

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Many thanks to the state representatives Michelle and Matt Hobbs and Stephen Baton who attended our regular meeting in

January. It was great to have them visit, share additional news and insights from the state organization. We're always very grateful to have visitors from not only the state organization but from all walks of life attend our meetings and events. Come one come all.

The *North Coast* chapter membership looks forward to an exciting year ahead with new opportunities for runs and events in addition to its annual *Around Saddle Mountain Run* in June (run flyers pending), *End of Summer Run* in September, November *Spaghetti Feed* and *Toys for Tots* activities in December.

All the best, ride safe and if you're in the area catch one of meetings or events.

Al Jaques

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000

(10 am)

Merts Campus

3 miles east of Astoria

Industrial Arts Building

Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Northeast Portland Chapter

We had a great time at our *Cabin Fever Party*. I think everyone was ready to cut loose after another month of riding for those hardy few who don't mind getting cold and wet.

Vagabond played for us at the *U & I Tavern* and we all got pretty mellow toward the end of the evening. We had more door prizes than people so almost everyone got something. I got a can of spray lubricant (not *that* kind) and my car door and hood release are very grateful. Many thanks to the *U & I* for having us and *Vagabond* for filling our ears with those great sounds. Thanks to Marty and Anna for rustling up the door prizes and putting them in the bags.

Planning on the *Summer Run* has begun. Kat and I checked out a band for Friday night called *Where's Joe*. They have a lead singer who does a pretty good Janis Joplin and the lead and bass players are just wonderful. Luv them blues!

We have decided to have another poker run in August since last year's was so great. Kat is in charge again so you can expect a good time! Sure was a pretty ride through all of those hills. Streams by the roads, farms in full production, the smell of fresh mown hay, blue sky, a warm day, no traffic, the coastal hills poking up through the trees. Man, it just doesn't get much better than that.

The raffle bike for this year's *Shriner's Toy Run* has been selected. Planning is already underway for the run. When we find out more info and when the raffle tickets become available, I will pass it on.

We have decided to participate in the *Pony Express Relay for Breast Cancer*

[research] in July. We will ride from Portland to Salem as our part of the relay which goes from Seattle to Los Angeles on the west coast. Should be pretty and if we raise enough money to save one woman from dying of breast cancer, that's reward enough. Hope you can join us.

A couple of years ago, my cousin died of this horror while I held her hand. Ate her from the inside out. She couldn't have weighed 60 pounds when she died. What a shame and what a loss.

It's just a disease and it can be beaten.

We're just beginning to know how. Now is the time to visit your local representative in Salem. They are in session and are passing legislation that will help bikers or will hurt us. Only you can help make sure that what we want really comes to be and what we don't want doesn't come to be.

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at *Roundtable Pizza*, a little south of Sandy Boulevard, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30 pm is the kick off time. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar, or (duh!) pizza.

Hope to see you there.

See ya,

Crow

Our *Cabin Fever Party* was a huge success. Thanks go out to everyone [who] came to the party and all those [who] worked the party. We raised \$414!!! Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

We voted on having another *Poker Run* in August and will be making plans for that as well. I am hearing we had around 45 people show up for the first *Biker Days* at the state capitol. If you have not been to a *Biker Days* event, you are missing out on something very special. It's a great way to see how our government on the state level works. On top of that, you get to meet brothers and sisters from other parts of the state, and you can visit your favorite (and not so favorite) legislators. The next *Biker Day* is on March 19th (Wednesday).

We voted to give *BikePAC* \$300 and to give the *Southeast Chapter A.B.A.T.E.* food drive \$100.

That's all the news for now.

Catch you at the next meeting,

Mike

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
 (7:30pm)
 Round Table Pizza
 4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

January 21, 2003

We had a really fun meeting tonight with only ten people.

Justin Goad, Scott's son, offered to do a website for us and we are rewarding him with a membership.

We talked a bunch about our *Poker Run* plans and the next meeting is set for February 11 at *Spooky's* at 6:00 PM. It is time to sign up for jobs for the run, so be at the meeting to do so and speak your piece.

Teresa won the 50/50 at \$6/\$5, and donate \$1 to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

Bonnie White was not here tonight, so she didn't win the \$80 membership drawing. That will go up to \$85 for the next meeting.

We haven't been out riding because it has been too darn cold! But, the weather is bound to improve and we will get out soon.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:03 pm. 10 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee

Guests: Justin Goad

Minutes were waived on a motion by Joy because they were presented in written form. Correspondence was a *B.O.A.* statement and an *M.R.F.* report.

Treasury Report is \$678.39.

Bills submitted: none.

Membership Report: 82.

Board Report: Brian did not attend, but gave a report from published minutes.

Legislative Report: none

Ways and Means Report: no merchandise sold, will have shirts at next meeting.

Public Relations Report: none

Historian Report: None

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: Nothing happening.

Planned Rides: Hollister, July 3-13.

Poker Run Committee next meeting Next meeting at *Spooky's* on 2/11 at 6:00.

Flyer circulated, looking for workers. Brian moved for \$250 for Joy to use in prep for the run and for her to account for the money. Teresa will generate a card to chapter members soliciting help on the run and attendance at meetings.

New Business

Justin Goad wants to do a website for us.

Teresa moved to sponsor him as a member in exchange for doing the job; passed.

Steve Boston says there is a nice bike for sale, see him.

Brian says there is a 4X4 Polaris for sale.

Coordinator's Comments: Go to Hollister Announcements: none

Membership Drawing for \$80 would have been won by Bonnie White if she had been present. It will be \$85 next time.

50/50 was won by Teresa at \$6/\$5, she donated \$1 back to the chapter. Thanks Teresa.

Adjourned 7:51 pm

February 4, 2003

We had a chaotic meeting tonight, but it was a good one and lots of fun for all. There was a total of 14 people in attendance. We have a website up and running and getting better every day, thanks to Justin Goad. Nice job, Justin. See it at:

www.skyride.net/rivercityabate/index.htm

There is a link from the state website, too. Look for our run flyer and Chapter pictures soon.

Lynne Kadlec won the 50/50 tonight at \$6/\$6 and donated her share back to the Chapter. Thanks, Lynne.

Johnna O'Neil would have won the \$85 chapter membership drawing if she had been at the meeting. Oh well, Johnna, I guess you will have to try again later.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:05 pm. 10 people present, 4 arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee

Guests: Matt Snyder

Minutes were waived on a motion by Lynne because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence was S.T.E.A.M. flyers and a thank you for donation from St Vincent DePaul.

Treasury Report is \$668.39.

Bills submitted: none.

Membership Report: 86

Board Report: Next time.

Legislative Report: Bills introduced, "organ donor" bill in New Mexico withdrawn.

Ways and Means Report: Shirts on hand tonight.

Public Relations Report: none

Historian Report: None

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: Good ride on Sunday

Planned Rides: Hollister, July 3-13

Poker Run Committee: Next meeting. Flyer circulated, looking for workers.

Run Committee meeting changed to Monday 2/10 at Spooky's at 6:00 pm

Justin Goad has got the website up and working at:

www.skyride.net/rivercityabate.

New Business

Cheryl Duquist got a new bike it is a Suzuki 800 Intruder. Good homemade cookies were served. Yahoo!

Announcements: none

Membership Drawing for \$85 would have been won by Johnna O'Neil if she had been present. It will be \$90 next time.

50/50 was won by Lynne at \$6/\$6, she donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks Lynne.

Adjourned 7:54 pm

Upcoming meetings

March 4, 2003

7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

Lone Pine Restaurant

335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles

(I-84 & US-197)

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The Dalles, OR 97058

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Salem Chapter



We had Geoff White visiting with the certificates for the Motorcycle Awareness Program to hand out.

He was also very handy when it came to the discussion about trouble with the left turn signals at intersections. Call this number at the Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 2, Salem and Northwest Oregon (503)-986-2600. For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your local community, check in your telephone directory for city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with the safety problem you have identified. Make sure your know the names of the street(s) and give accurate information about the safety problem.

We received a nice thank you letter from Silverton Area Community Aid for the 170 pounds of non-perishable food delivered during the Toy Run in December.

There were 21+ people in attendance. Great plans are afoot with the Chilly Buns Run which was on February 22, 2003. Catch the flier at:

http://www.home.earthlink.net/~crowlady

Our roadside trash pick-up is scheduled for March 2nd.

The Oregon Public Broadcasting fundraiser is coming up in March also. (Date to be announced soon.)

Ice Breaker Picnic on March 9th with mom's apple pie and ice cream for dessert.

In July begins the annual food drive for donation to Marion-Polk Food Share with delivery to same on the last day of August.

Suggestions are in for a Lime Ride in September.

In Albany chapter news, the Vice Coordinator of Hub City, Al, came by to let us know about the next Poker Run on June 7th. Should be another great turnout.

The Pony Express Ride in coming to the Capitol on July 25th for a rally. For more information, call:

1-(585)-768-8014

or log on at :

www.ponyexpressride.org

to help fight the prevalence of breast cancer.

Rot Path showed us a video he is working on. His graphics were great and I am sure all will enjoy viewing this tape when he wraps it up.

The Salem Chapter voted yes on having the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of each meeting. And yes on donating \$100 to the Marion-Polk Food Share to help them through the winter.

Discussion on the Lime Ride was moved to next chapter meeting, February 25th.

Michelle will have had the chapter albums at S.T.E.A.M. on February 15th along with state historian, Iris Yeager and

her collection of albums.

The 50/50 was won by Panhead Rick. Lucky guy. And he says he never wins anything.

You all might want to keep an eye out for taverns that discriminate against wearing patches on your vest. This isn't just certain clubs but one, two and three piece patches. Keep track of the name and area of the establishment for future work towards non-discrimination issues.

Thank you to all for just being you.

Chapter Goddess,

Michelle



SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Pietro's Pizza
637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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Salem, OR 97309

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South Coast Chapter

January has been a quiet month for *South Coast A.B.A.T.E.*, despite the beautiful weather we've had. February looks like it will be somewhat busier.

The new chapter officers are getting settled into their respective positions. Our new (yet old) coordinator, Charlie, [hope] all our chapter members attended *Biker Days* and S.T.E.A.M. in February.

We will be assembling to clean our portion of the highway after our monthly meeting on February 16 .

We're also starting to prepare for a busy summer. Events planned for this summer so far include:

- *Many Faces of Motorcycling* show at the *Pony Village Mall* in North Bend
- *Rhododendron Festival* in Florence
- *Fossil Campout*
- *Gay 90's* in Coquille
- *Coos River Run*

Anyone interested in joining us for any of these events can contact Charlie Hill at (541)-759-2388 or send e-mail to:

SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com
for more information.

South Coast A.B.A.T.E. has 122 members now. Our membership secretary, Carole Abshire, is starting to convert chapter members to e-mail for the chapter newsletter, with 19 members now receiving their newsletters via e-mail.

Please visit the new *South Coast A.B.A.T.E.* website at:

<http://www.southcoastabate.org>

This new website includes information about the *South Coast* chapter, as well as a list of upcoming events and will list any scheduled Sunday rides. Our new Road Captain,

Greg Sause, will be organizing the Sunday rides when the weather gets nice. Anyone with questions or comments about this new website is welcome to contact the webmaster (mistress??), Janet Jinkner, at:

SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

SOUTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hello to all you good people,

Well this is going to be a short one. I am writing to you all from up in the mountains of northern California.

My Grandma Joe passed away last week and I'll be down this way for a while helping my Mommy out with a few things.

I hope that S.T.E.A.M. was a good one. I was really looking forward to attending and checking out the new classes. I also hope that all of you that could have made it to the last of the

Biker Days in Salem.

Well I am sure I will be back for our chapters anniversary party, the canned food delivery and hopefully before that for the *Sweet heart Dance*, but I really doubt that last one!!

Take care and ride safe.

Later,

Mammy Tami

FOOD DELIVERY
 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
 Southeast Portland Chapter
Food Drive
 Saturday, 15 March 2003

MEET AT M&M RESTAURANT-
 LOUNGE, 137 N MAIN GRESHAM
 10:00 AM

DEPART AT 11:00 AM

DELIVER AT 12:00 NOON
 TO
HARBOR LIGHT MISSION
 NW 3rd & BURNSIDE, PORTLAND

ANNIVERSARY PARTY
 SATURDAY (QUIT AT
 THE M&M 7:30 PM)

HELP
 FEED THE
 HOMELESS
 ON HARD
 TIMES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY. ANY GIFTS,
 OR DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE



**SE CHAPTER 22ND
 ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

WHERE: M&M RESTAURANT LOUNGE
 WHEN: MARCH 15TH 2003
 TIME: 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM
 LIVE MUSIC

COUPLES - \$100 - SINGLE - \$75
 BROOMSTICK POOL - \$100 ENTRY SINGLE
 BROOMSTICK GAMES 12 ENTRY
 OFFICIAL AWARD AND PLAQUE
 COME AND JOIN THE PARTY AND MEET NEW AND OLD
 FRIENDS

ORGANIZED BY ABATE OF OREGON SANCTIONING
 COMMITTEE. ALL DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX
 DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

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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 Portland, OR 97290

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southern Oregon Chapter

Well here it is February all ready and here we go again. First things first, our thoughts and hearts go out to the families and friends our latest disaster of the space shuttle.

Also Kent Nelson had a death of someone very close to him, and I think for all of who know Kent maybe should stop by and offer some support.

We had a some of officer changes such as Jack Baker is now Sergeant at Arms and Sergeant at Arms is now Frog. And our new Vice-Coordinator is Dan Tillotson.

Joe Says movie nite at the same place (Sports Pub) March 2, 2003. Our Historian, Cathy King, brought a camera to the *Sweethearts Ball* so I hope you were wearing your smiles.

Pat Striffler and Kathy King attended S.T.E.A.M. on February 15th. I look forward to hearing their report, hope you come to the meeting so you can hear it to.

A motion was made and carried for our chapters involvement in the *S.O.S Run* this year.

Joe Vespoli announced that he will host *Joe's Fathers Day Run* near Cave Junction again this year. (It is a non-*A.B.A.T.E.* run, but you know Joe — he invites everyone.)

Well that's it for me, see ya.....Ric

Chapter Coordinator Comments

Hello brothers and sisters,

Wow, can you believe that great weather we had in February for riding. I was working and sure didn't get to ride nearly as much as I would have liked to. Getting out to distribute

flyers and get donations from our sponsors, I did a bit of caging it so I could carry the goodies they donated for the *Sweethearts Ball* and *Biker Flick Night*, so that cut into my riding time also. But I did see a lot of people out riding and talked so some early in February who said they had been out every day.

Jim Ziebarth regretted that needed to resign the position of Sergeant at Arms, but just felt that due to his work schedule he would not have the time to be effective for chapter in that position. Jim also said that he would continue to support the chapter as much as he could time permitting. So, Jack Baker assumed his position by default and Francois "Frog" Martin was confirmed the membership to take Jack's place Sergeant at Arms #2. Daniel Tillotson approached our [executive] board and was approved to replace Pat Striffler as Vice Coordinator, he was approved unanimously at the chapter meeting, and Joe Vespoli also approached the [executive] board for the position of Run Coordinator and also was approved unanimously. So with that I think the chapter is rallying back to life. Joe says, "We have some runs coming up and he will get the word out just as soon as the details are worked out". If this gets to you before the 2nd of March, hope to see you at the meeting and the *Biker Flick Night* at *JD Sports Bar*. (See the flyer for time and place).

I would like two welcome two new members to our chapter: Robert and Carol Ann Dusine. I sure hope to see them at the next meeting, and at this time I'd like to thank the members

who renewed their memberships at the February meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. is a great organization, working to preserve our rights and fighting to restore the ones we have lost. We had a member attendance of 17-18% of the Chapter membership last month and as far as organizations go that is pretty good. And some say better than most. But in light of our goal it seems that we would have more of our people involved in something that is so important to our freedom and the right to keep it. Hope to see more of you at the up-coming meetings throughout the year. Also I hope you will bring your not-yet-member friends to check it out, new [executive] board different style meeting. Come on out you might like it a lot. You might also like that we take off on an afternoon ride about 12:20 P.M. Yes, you get to ride in the best part of the day and make the meeting too.

Keep the rubber side down,

Herbstr

SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME and PLACE
1st Sunday at 1100 (11 am)
Big Daddy's Pizza
(formely Oregono's) -- Gold Hill

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Washington County Chapter

Washington County chapter's run committee has taken a couple of new assignments for 2003.

As usual, we will have our *First Sunday Ride*. Every month we meet for breakfast at the *Prime Time Sports Bar* in Forest Groove. The restaurant opens at 8:30 am for breakfast and we draw a ride out of a hat at 10 am.

March will be a bit different.

Mark Pratt, former run coordinator, was at the Hillsboro Police Department and found out their teddy bear supply for kids in crisis was dwindling. Mark talked with Tina Stocker, the shopper behind the ways and means position, and they agreed to take \$200 from ways and means and pick up some teddy bears. The Hillsboro Police Department helps with our November *Toy Run* and never asks for anything in return.

A motion was made and discussion ensued and the next thing we know, we will be delivering a whole bunch of bears to the Hillsboro Police Department on 02 March.

Not only has Tina been out shopping, she has worked with a church youth group and a boy scout troop to pay a bounty of \$1 per bear they collect. Other members are collecting bears as well to make this a huge success.

If you read this in time, please consider joining us at the *Prime Time* on 02 March and then riding to the Stocker Compound to load up the bears and take them to the Hillsboro Police Department.

I understand we will have some media coverage of this event as well.

If you still feel like giving to a worthy cause, later in the month we will be

putting together a *Blood Run*. This is a poker run and blood drive that will end at the Red Cross on North Vancouver Way in Portland. We will begin at *Destination Harley-Davidson* in Beaverton on Saturday, 22 March and sign-in begins at 10 am.

This will be a poker run with a twist and if you would like, you can also donate blood at the end of the event. Blood supplies are low and, giving that president Bush is pushing for military action, what better way to show your support for our nation and our troops, even if you don't support the action.

Our February *First Sunday Ride* turned out to be a scouting ride for the *Blood Run*. Thanks to Roger Yarnell, we will have some different sites for the poker draws. Run coordinator Jim Henderson has thrown in a twist with the wheel of fortune. Come see what this is all about.

Early February brought clear, crisp days, so several of us got together the second Sunday in February for a nice ride around the area. We were not alone as there were numerous sightings of other groups and individuals out enjoying the midwinter break.

Remember that there may still be frost on those shady corners, even in April.

Every month I remind everyone to attend your meetings. Not only do you get to meet with friends and keep up with what's going on, you also get to purchase door prize and 50/50 tickets and you are eligible for the membership drawing.

Both Ken and Dee Johnson won 50/50 drawings in January. Talk about a lucky couple.

Unfortunately neither Greg Smalley nor Gunny Hutcheson were present to win the membership drawings when their names were called. Gunny, I know it's a long way from Bend in winter, so sorry and better luck next time.

Our meetings are the second and forth Tuesday evenings of the month, even though our crusty ol' editor may want to change them. [*c.o.e. note — Maybe that's because yer crusty ol' editor is going blind from having to rekey in single-spaced reports each month.*] We just appreciate the calendar he puts in the newsletter all the work it takes to coordinate all the information he is inundated with every month.

So get out when you can, watch out for the other guy, and keep a smile on your face!

Linda Wells
WaCo secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
Ted Tracy (503)-640-5766

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Cornelius, OR 97113

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



First of all, I would like to thank all the new officer's who have stepped up to the plate and the great way they have already committed themselves to the requirements of their office (while I am still trying to figure out the requirements are for position). The chapter and I appreciate those serving as an officer and the personal commitment and dedication to the chapter and *A.B.A.T.E.*

I'm already hearing innovative ideas and seeing dedication and performance contributing to what looks like another great year.

Fighting for freedom is not free.

Whenever given the chance, let your officer's know how much you appreciate their personal sacrifice ensuring that

A.B.A.T.E.'s agenda and our chapter continues to move into the future.

As happens with these reports, "by the time you read this" S.T.E.A.M. would of happened and we had several of our chapter members and officers go up: Peggy, Jeri, Verl and Bob, and Rick. Rumor has it to watch out for Peggy and Jeri — they are pumped and ready to roll from this great training and seminar. Rick also sat in on a special session with *BikePAC* as they laid out testimony plans for the hearings with the transportation committee. We should have a great report back on that .

Also "by the time you read this" we would have had kicked off the start of the year and season with the first of our bi-annual *Casino Nights* at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta. I'm sure we had a great time and made lot's of money. Seeing the effort to get donations and the great response and support from doners, this should be another great fund raiser for us. I am sure, as always, it was one fine exhibition of how well our chapter works and plays together.

Our chapter membership tally is at 167 by last count. Rick, Peggy and I have updated the list and have gotten (we hope) a realistic

view of who's who. We currently have 27 past due members, (a couple of those renewing during the January meeting). We have many times hovered near that 200 mark and it would be nice to officially cross that line this year.

I am always surprised when talking to other bikers, how many don't know what *A.B.A.T.E.* is about, have a distorted version of who we are, or just didn't know their was a local chapter available to them. We need to do a better job of public relations in the biker community and getting our selves better known out there. Talk to your friends who have lapsed their membership, pass around the newsletter when you have finished with it. Let's get the word out this season and continue our growth.

Hope you're all finishing up the winter repairs and maintenance because ridin' time is coming!! *Willamette Valley* chapter has a lot on its plate with events this year.

We're planning another kick-off run following the C.M.A. bike blessing at Springfield Faith Center on March 23rd. This is our first chapter ride to start the season and blow the cobwebs out. Same route as last year: Mapleton and back via Triangle Lake.

April 6 — *Willamette Valley* Team Oregon riding class arranged by our road captain and run coordinator, Joe Dershon. The class is being attended by a dozen of our members: Ron Wagner, Lonny Cokeley, Buster Tegge, Joe Dershon, Donna Miller, Dave Short, Christy Short, Fred Reyes, Mike Johnston, Bryan Freitas, Michael Boggs, Susain Rauchfuss. Back ups are: Michael Taylor, Randy Taylor, and Dawn Farren.

May 17 — Our annual *Rbody Poker Run* (3rd weekend in May).

And we will undoubtedly have another huge turn-out at our "un-official chapter run - *Iron Horse* on June 27th to the 29th.

July 4 — *Independence Day Social*. This time it is going to happen as planned.

August 22to24 — *S.O.S. Run*, (4th Weekend in August). Have seen a lot of e-mails dashing about and issues are being shaken out to get ready for another great *S.O.S.* "Thank you's" to the coalition run committee for their efforts towards this event.

October 11 — Our chapter's *Fall Casino Night* (2nd Saturday of October) and location to be determined.

December 7 or 14 — *Eugene Mission Benefit* (2nd or 3rd weekend)

December 17 — *Chapter Christmas Party* (3rd Wednesday of December)

So we have a lot to get ready for and have fun doing this riding season, along with all the other *A.B.A.T.E.* events such as the *Biker Days* coming up March 19, The *Swap Meets*: 16 March in Roseberg and 30 March in Portland. 03 May – *Awareness Day* at he capital (1st Saturday in May) and of course *Fossil Run* —23 - 26 May, on Labor Day weekend.

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WILAMETTE VALLEYMEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Wednesday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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(541)-688-4268
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Willamette Valley Chapter
ABATE
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Scenes From S.T.E.A.M.

(Seminar To Educate And Motivate)



Geoff White engineered S.T.E.A.M. this year



State coordinator, Joe Laurance, holds forth during opening ceremonies.



Motorcycle awareness is part of what we are about.



S.T.E.A.M. attendees receive information from Charlie, state recording secretary and coordinator of South Coast chapter. (Whew! Does she ever sleep?)



The audience is held in rapt attention . . .



. . . as Bob Earl speaks.



And the really great thing about S.T.E.A.M. was that calories didn't count.



Anyone can ride a bike or trike in the rain, but Geoff arrives in style. (photoillustration by Rot Path)



Something that showed up at this S.T.E.A.M. was a little R/C motorcycle from Bi Mart, courtesy of Rot Path.



This particular tabletop maneuver came to be known as the "Gravitationally Induced Vertical Wheelie." (It fell off the table.)

Photos by Mel Yeager and Rot Path. (Dangerous with cameras.)

S.T.E.A.M. Cookie Recipe -- mix together: 1/3 cup soft shortening, 1/3 cup brown sugar, 1 egg, 2/3 cup molasses. Sift together ans air into previous mixture: 2-3/4 cups sifted flour, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp ginger, 2 tsp cinnamon. Chill dough one hour, roll out thick, cut to desired shapes, bake 1" apart on lightly greased baking sheet 8 minutes at 375 degrees. Ice with butter cream frosting when cool. (This is an old family recipe. . . . Rot Path's mother got it out of an old family magazine.)

Our Officers at Work

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

08 February 2003



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Joe Laurance, Coordinator, at 12:12 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the January 11, 2003, motion made by Mel Yeager, seconded by Rot Path to waive reading of the minutes and adopt as printed.

Coordinators Comments

S.T.E.A.M. is coming up, all chapters should send all officers as this is one of the important things to do.

Lots of mail is sent to the *A.B.A.T.E.* address. Please mail a separate envelope for each person's mail that you send to the P.O. box in order for it to get to the correct person and so Roger doesn't have to redirect it.

The new long sleeve *A.B.A.T.E.* logo shirts are here. Today you can purchase one for \$17. After today they will cost you \$40.

Guests

Rita Striffler from *Southern Oregon* chapter.

Mike Friend from *Southeast Portland*.

Correspondence

None.

***** Officers Reports *****

Legislative Director: Rick Maish said he attended the *BikePAC* meeting. Still, need two people from each chapter to attend those meetings. Also, need to push *BikePAC* memberships. Rick reviewed a few things from his handout such as in New Mexico SB239: if you get killed you're an automatic organ donor. This bill was pulled after outrage from the *A.M.A.*

California going to do their helmet repeal bill again. Washington is doing the same thing working the helmet bill much like us. Some other interesting bills were

HB2502 which is to raise the speed limit; HB2419 is the motorcycle headlight use optional bill; HB2398 this bill would permit three headlights on a motorcycle.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Represent-ative: Brian Stovall reported around 45 or so people attended the first *Biker Day*. The senate is still trying to sort things out. All of our bills have been "dropped" which means they have been placed with the legislative council. Linda Flores is the sponsor of the assault bill, Cruz is sponsor of the Ins or H.I.P.P.A. which was taken out and put back in again for rewrite. It's now back in L.C. The next *Biker Day* is February 25. Contact your legislatures and let them know what issues you want action on and join *BikePAC*.

Confederation of Clubs Represent-ative: Ed Vaughn was not present but gave his report to Ted Tracy who reported for Ed. Ted reported that Ed went to the *Confederation* meeting. New officers were elected and they are encouraging everyone to attend a *Biker Day*.

Confederation of Clubs Represent-ative II: Bob Earl reiterated what Ted had said.

Education Director: Geoff White wants all to know that S.T.E.A.M. is not just for officers or directors, it's for anyone interested in working *A.B.A.T.E.*, like attending *Biker Days*, etc. There is something for everybody.

M.A.P. class: Some instructors may let us show the eight minute video but we can't use the hour as we had before. Rot suggests to point out this is a free service to the schools. One way to get in is to attend district meetings. Many community and counties offer safety fairs. There is room at this one day event to show the class.

Joe thanked Geoff for all his work on S.T.E.A.M.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde won't be able to attend S.T.E.A.M. but wanted to thank Geoff for all his work. Nora also reports she is thinking about doing a parking lot education in her area.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy was unable to make it to the meeting but Ted gave her report. 1,984 members and Jill wants to encourage the chapters to set up membership booths at whatever you do.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path thanked all for their submissions and reports. Rot brought other state's newsletters for us to look at. Also Z-Cardz which is a 3-D model. Reduced newsletter over runs to 150. That's about ten for each chapter. Major events will get first priority on the over runs. If you would need more, Rot would need to know by the 10th.

Products: Michelle Hobbs [has] new *A.B.A.T.E.* shirts, rockers and thanks to Rot for putting pictures in the newsletter.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen couldn't make it but is excused.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger reminds everyone that he needs [*Fossil*] t-shirt designs by the April board meeting. Computer art is not camera ready. He needs the design camera ready. Lots of fliers for *Roseburg Swap Meet*, need to get these out to the southern towns. Tri-folds and holders. *Fossil* is going to have a bull riding event on Friday night, then they want motorcycle barrel racing. They need six riders at \$25 each entry fee. Roger is working on a tri-fold to replace the *Fossil* fliers, wants someone with computer knowledge to help make this brochure. Charlie said she would help.

State Run Coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz reports she is your *Fossil* ticket headquarters.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn was excused from being here. Ted Tracy gave her

report. There is \$29,200 in checking, \$63,300 in savings for a total of \$92,500.

State Auditor: Nancy Curran reports there are a lot of new people and several don't know they have to do a report. We have to file taxes and our records must show we spend our money according to our mission. Nancy is prepared to travel to help set up the chapters. She is not sure about compliance at this point in the chapters to see if they are eligible to vote. There are packets for the reps to take back to the chapter treasurers with a copy of the financial policies.

Historian: Iris Yeager has a new member of her historian committee: Rick Grout. Also, anyone interested to be on the committee is welcome. Thanks for items submitted for history. Iris has pulled a 1976 *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter page to be reflected on. Iris also informs us how much fun it can be to talk to the legislatures and their aids.

There will be a history display at S.T.E.A.M.

Web Page Editor: Mad Dog was not present.

Vice Coordinator—North: Matt reported that he, Steve Baton, and Michelle Hobbs went to *North Coast* chapter meeting and said they held a nice meeting. This was his first time going to a different chapter meeting and got some good ideas and suggests others attend different chapter meetings too.

Vice Coordinator—South: Tim Rohde said there were lots of elders in the room and they and S.T.E.A.M. are important to *A.B.A.T.E.* Also, he will be attending some chapter meetings and hopes to make it to one of *South Coast's* meetings.

Vice Coordinator—East: Bob Hadley — Not present but is excused.

Sergeant at Arms—North: Matt Hobbs — There will be security training at S.T.E.A.M. which is *free*. If you want to get certified the cost is \$89. *Bravo Company* will do the training and the state will pay for our Sergeant-at-Arms but the chapters should pay for theirs. Also, if you

are planning on getting certified, you can't be a felon as they will do fingerprinting. All those costs are included in the \$89 fee.

Sergeant-at-Arms—South: Cole Hembree was not present.

Sergeant-at-Arms—East: Keith Odoms [was] not present but excused.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker needs sanctioning forms submitted with your fliers. Need run dates by March for insurance.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said he needs a list of all *A.B.A.T.E.* equipment that the chapters have and turn it into him such as [public address systems], computers, etc.

Committee Reports

1. Run Committee meets here at 11:00 a.m. second Saturday of the month which is an hour before our regular meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. State Stage Cover Committee: Steve Baton, didn't have time to work on this.

2. Washington, D.C. trip: Joe Laurance reports that he, Bob Avery and their wives are going. Appointments have been made with the legislatures. They will be departing March 3 and returning March 17 so Joe will miss the next board meeting but Tim will run the meeting. *M.R.F.* in Washington, D.C. will be there to help walk Bob and Joe through the process in Washington.

3. Planning Session: Security — The state has Orange Vests. Roger will look for them. State Sgt.-at-Arms will receive security training at S.T.E.A.M. this month.

S.T.E.A.M. — The agenda has been dressed up.

Insurance — Underwriting a "self-insurance" for *A.B.A.T.E.* is not available per Ron Bloker.

Signs — Metal signs etc., Roger said would be too costly and would be stolen.

Run Committee — Meetings with the run committee are being held an hour before our board meeting. Anyone

interested may attend.

Sanctioning — Obtainable liquor insurance. This is a dead issue.

New Business

Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Mel Yeager that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* reimburse any current member for the cost of successful completion of any Team Oregon class and urge chapters to reimburse the other. Motion carried with 11 yes votes.

Mike Friend from *Southeast Portland* passed out a packet proposing chapters to purchase a block of toy run tickets to sell. All reps are to take this back to the chapters and get their response on the idea and report back.

Announcements

Suggestion for newsletter to have follow through with death insurance recipients to make sure they received their money. Also, print which chapters donates to *BikePAC*.

Lots of bikers on the road today heading to Eugene to attend funeral for Papa Joe of

Free Souls.

River City has a youth working on a web page for them.

Casino Night for Douglas County

C.M.A. member went down, hit and run with a car, police won't investigate. Need to press it. They have to investigate a car accident but not a motorcycle accident.

Give road list info to Rot for the newsletter.

Roger was given a 25-year pin by Rick Maish for his many years in *A.B.A.T.E.*

09 March — *Icebreaker* picnic

01 March — Oregon Public Broadcasting fund raiser in Portland, sign up at S.T.E.A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill, State Recording Secretary

Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



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As for official business, the *Fossil* flyer and the *Spring Swap Meet* posters went out to the biker media in early January. The *Run Calendar* went out to the biker media.

For me, the biker media includes our own web site (don't forget to submit to Mad Dog), national biker periodicals (that's librarianese for magazines and newspapers), other states' *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletters, and area motorcycle shops (from Oregon to three other states and Canada). So, you might wonder where this list comes from and the answer is you.

Ideally, chapter public relations directors gather contact information for the state. Representing our organization first hand, live and in person, is the best way to get local media attention and to establish stellar relationships with local shops. If individual chapters were to provide me with that kind of information, I would have a fabulous database to offer back to the chapters and to reach with state information.

So far, *Salem, Willamette Valley* and *South Coast* chapters have been the only ones to provide me with detailed shop lists and local media contacts. But then, I've carried on about this before.

Everyone should know that Crowlady has developed a *Swap Meet* e-mail database. She sent out message about *Fossil* and the *Spring Swap Meets*. Roger and I developed a new large-sized postcard listing all three spring events for those with no e-mail addresses listed. I also made a new

leather jacket drawing poster. This jacket, donated by Wendy Love, helps to raise funds for E.M.T. [Emergency Medical Technician] expenses at *Fossil*.

Spring kicks off not with *Fossil* this year, but with the Portland and Roseburg *Swap Meets*. We need our members to help at all of our events, especially at the *Roseburg Swap Meet* right now because we are just getting it established. Volunteers are needed to do some hard work so that it becomes a first class event and no one has to burn out.

Speaking of burning out, my life has been full of stress lately. I, too, may not have a job next year. So many of my *A.B.A.T.E.* friends have been laid off lately. It seems nothing is for sure. Everything in my life is unsettled right now; kind of a personal earthquake. I know it is time to go for a ride, to zen out on nature and machine. The simple joys of life are the best.

Remember that there is no better cure for whatever ails you than a scooter ride on one of these freakishly beautiful winter days. Now it's your job to remind me when I seem blue.

Speaking of good therapy, I had a blast at the *Northeast Portland* chapter's *Cabin Fever Party*. There were so many door prizes and the band was great.

I was hoping to go to *Washington County's Ice Cycle Run*, but never made it. This month features both S.T.E.A.M. (for long distance hugs) and the *Columbia River* chapter's *Sweetheart Dance* (for local hugs). Next month is the *Southeast Portland*

chapter's *Anniversary Party* and I plan to visit with old friends there too. Thanks to all the volunteers who work hard to make these fun times for us in the wintertime.

So, if you are active, I'll see you soon.

Take care,

Melinda McCrossen

Historian

by Iris Yeager



The contributions to the history records are appreciated. Pictures and other things like articles from newspapers, documents, *et cetera* are great.

I have not been able to attend so many of our events that collecting these things myself has been impossible. Your help is much appreciated.

Keep your machines working so you can enjoy the great weather when it comes your way making for a great day.

— Iris Yeager

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM -- February --

As long as war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.

-- Oscar Wilde

from 1976 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon newsletter . . .

Franklin said:

" Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

WTF ABOUT THAT !!!

THE WAY IT WAS
by: Charles V. Simon
(l'enfant terrible)

DO YOU FEEL YOUR
FREEDOMS
ARE WORTH FIGHTING FOR??

WELL, STAND-UP
AND
FIGHT !!!

The history of liberty is a history the limitations of governmental power not the increase of it. A dictatorship is impossible in a Constitutional Republic because power is widely diffused. Today, as we approach Democratic Socialism, all power is being centralized at the apex of the Federal Government. This concentration of power makes a dictatorship inevitable. Our founding fathers revolted against the near-total government of the English Monarchy. So they set up a Constitutional Republic with a very limited central government. It was Thomas Jefferson's view that government governs best which governs least. Our forefathers established this country with the very least possible amount of government; of course that was before the unrestrained D.O.J. arrived on the scene. That's the way it was -- 200 years ago today.

A BROTHEK'S TRIP

I waited all winter my Harley to ride,
And busted my knuckles on that shovelhead 'Glide
Cussin' and singin' indoors where its warm;
Me and that hog ignored many a storm.

I lived out the winter with but one thought in mind-
Putin' her right for the next summertime
The old lady pouted, but she left me alone
She knew she'd be with me when the highways we'd roam.

So by night we dreamed of that first spring putt,
And by day I hustled and busted my butt
By late spring folks were harpin' that my scoot was still down,
But I just ignored them with nary a frown.

The cold weather's gone now and my scooter is right.
So I roll her out into the glaring sunlight
Because I worked hard and my faith wasn't lost,
The finished product was well worth the cost.

Five month's work paid for in one short moment's time
She glistens and sparkles just like a new dime.
A few kicks and she wakes up--what a sweet song she sings;
Now out on the highway to try out our new wings.

I hope that someday you'll live this fantastic trip
It can't be expressed by mere words from my lips.
If we meet on the highway ride with me a spell,
And if you should befriend me, I'll stick with you to hell.

Eskimo 4-12-76



Geoff

Education Directors

by Geoff White



Nora

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

I'm going to change tack a little bit today, and give a different form of motorcycle awareness message to the crowd. This idea covers how we, at

A.B.A.T.E., deliver our "character presentation" to the outside world about who we are, what we believe, what we do, and where we want to be. I hope that this report does not intrude on anyone else's views on public relations or beliefs on how we present ourselves as an organization to the citizens that we interact with on a day to day basis. I have had an opportunity to introduce myself, express my views, and share information with quite a few different individuals, and I have found, at times, a need to educate people on what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about.

First off, I figure that probably about ninety - five percent of the folks I meet for the first time have never heard of *A.B.A.T.E.* Please understand that I'm not trying to insult anybody here, but it does seem to be true that Joe or Jane public who does not spend any time around motorcycling and motorcyclists has very little background knowledge about our organization. We are fortunate if they recognize us for some of the positive community involvement that many of our chapters and members have been affiliated with. We are performing rather well at getting the word out to the people about our organization, however it's a pretty big planet. My hat comes off to all of the members in

our group who take our public relations job so seriously. Public relations is, and always will be, a duty that every member must be aware of.

Any time we are out and about, we are spreading the image of *A.B.A.T.E.*

How many of you recognize this exchange?

"I'm with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*"

Oh, you're the helmet guys, aren't you? I read in the newspaper that [this is an actual quote from the "Oregonian"] '*A.B.A.T.E.* means *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments.* They don't like to wear motorcycle helmets as required by state law.'"

That was all that was written in the paragraph which described what *A.B.A.T.E.* was. We can walk through the capitol building in Salem and be referred to as the "anti - helmet motorcyclists" even though we may have as many as five or six issues on the agenda.

Yes, we are still focussed on a core issue of freedom for responsible adults to choose their particular protective equipment and attire, but *A.B.A.T.E.* is much more than that one legislative function.

Here is a four point description that I use when a question arises regarding the identity of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* To many of you who have been active members of *A.B.A.T.E.* this will seem a little bit common or basic. It is also possible to make the descriptions more elaborate and

detailed, however this a brief outline of a response that can be presented to anyone who is interested in what our organization represents. It is a public relations tool that can be used to describe *A.B.A.T.E.*'s functions quickly and adequately. I believe that this tool will help all of our members to effectively and accurately educate the outside world as to what we are trying to accomplish within our organization. It may also help a motorcyclist decide if a group like ours is something he or she wishes to become a part of.

First, *A.B.A.T.E.* does mean "*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*" here in the state of Oregon.

This is our legislative position. If the interested parties wish to know more about this aspect, then the details will follow. I will not waste space with the details here, because they are covered quite adequately throughout our many other presentations.

Members, at least learn what is on our legislative agenda so that you can basically explain what we are currently pursuing as political views regarding motorcyclists' interests and concerns. Laws and legislative work were the original motives behind the formation of our organization. We believe that motorcyclists who have riding experience are the best individuals to determine what is best for the motorcyclist.

Second, *A.B.A.T.E.* is an organization that feels that a safer road and driving/riding environment requires education.

There is no substitute for practice and experience in the ability to operate a motor vehicle in a safer and more responsible manner. This refers to all

vehicles that share our roadways.

A.B.A.T.E. teaches and supports methods in which a motorcyclist may gain experience and valuable knowledge towards safer vehicle operation.

We believe in reaching out to new and less experienced automobile operators with a message of motorcycle awareness while operating their vehicles.

Our goal is to help automobile drivers gain a better understanding of the motorcyclist and his or her operations. This will hopefully reduce the misjudgments that lead to a more dangerous riding environment for the motorcyclist.

In the education segment of A.B.A.T.E. we also teach the motorcyclist how to become an effective, involved member within the organization.

Third, A.B.A.T.E. is involved in many charity and community functions throughout the state. At this time, events like our various toy runs and fund raisers can be described.

Our motorcyclists deserve an incredible amount of credit for their compassion and desire to help the people of the community. This is also one our strongest public relations tools. Not many people can find fault or conflict in a good deed.

The members of A.B.A.T.E. are truly a caring and thoughtful group of people who have definitely contributed to making our world a better place to live. This is a good time to account for some of the specific events or functions in your particular area that A.B.A.T.E. has been involved in. It is usually a very effective way to illustrate the many faces of our organization. Be proud of this.

Fourth, A.B.A.T.E. is an organization that provides entertainment and social activity for its members and many non members.

Motorcycling is quite a social activity, and A.B.A.T.E. strives to provide a pleasurable and friendly environment to gather and enjoy a fantastic activity.

Many of our events, gatherings, and functions are designed to raise money to do our business and provide various charity contributions. Our organization believes that an effective group can work hard, play hard, and really enjoy one another's company. Invite the person to a run, and they'll see what we're talking about here.

With these four topics, a person [who] is not familiar with A.B.A.T.E., will gain a certain understanding of our people, our purpose, and our organization. We might even become more than "those helmet guys" someday. A.B.A.T.E. has a lot to share with the world, and we can really be proud of what we have accomplished in many aspects.

Have personal pride when describing to the public the world of

A.B.A.T.E.

We've earned it.

Spread this little bit of education, and . . . Spread The Awareness.

Take care y'all,

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Well I made it to the February *BikePAC* meeting in Salem. Meeting had approx. a dozen people in attendance. Covered a lot of material on both the Legislative front and on the upcoming first *Biker Day at the Capitol*. The agenda was reviewed. Some of the question's and key points brought up:

- Need to know who the chapter (2) *Biker Day* representatives are from all chapters.

- Talked about doing a *BikePAC* membership drive. Pat reported that membership has fallen again to 100 from the October total of 110 and where are the 700 plus old members? Need to pull all of the old members back into *BikePAC*. Again want to challenge all chapter's to help *BikePAC* with both building membership and updating their chapter *BikePAC* membership's.

- Mel Yeager was promoted to *BikePAC Biker Days* coordinator. Yay Mel — nice that you jumped on that!

- Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Board is looking for a women that's from either down south or from eastern Oregon and not from the valley, to balance out the committee.

Well *BikePAC*, *A.B.A.T.E.* members Lyle Irons and Iris Yeager, our lobbyist's, and a host of other's kicked off the first *Biker Day* at the capitol. According to an e-mail from Randy they had approximately 50 attendees at the capitol. Also there was a number of legislators [who] stopped by. Randy reported that the day went well.

Need to start thinking about the next *Biker Day* February 25th. It's on a Tuesday and they want more bikers involved at the next one.

As of February 3rd, Randy Phipps reports the following: (updated from Lyle Iron's [report] as of February 8th)

Current Bill Status:

- Helmet Bill HB2432— assigned to transportation, will be coming up for hearing shortly per Lyle.

- Headlight use optional HB2419— assigned to transportation, also do for hearing.

- Lane Splitting Bill (just got # HB 2579)— being prepared in measure form.

- Ending health insurance discrimination—in legislative counsel for initial drafting

- Enhance vehicular assault penalties not yet submitted to legislative counsel.

Other bills of interest (**not *BikePAC* sponsored**)

- Allowing multiple headlights and blue dot taillights HB2398— assigned to transportation.

- Permits veterans plates for motorcycles. HB2392— assigned to transportation.

If you want review the bills go to:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/searchmeas.html>

Looking across the country we have a [merang] of legislation both for and against bikers.

A couple of the worst ones I've heard of yet:

- New Mexico. Seems that Senator Allen Hurt introduced a bill (Bill SB239) that would make it mandatory for bikers killed while riding a motorcycle without a helmet in New Mexico would automatically become an organ donor. But great news: Senator Hurt decided to pull the bill after the outrage from the *A.M.A.* and bikers across the country pounced on Senator Hurt with more than 1,100 letters and e-mails.

Again, bikers stood up for there rights and won again!

- Another one that bothers me is in Connecticut. Would require urinalysis as a condition of securing a drivers license or learners permit. It just keeps getting better doesn't [it?]
What's next?!!!

Helmets

In other parts of the country a couple states (Arkansas & Connecticut) are still working to put helmets back on motorcyclist's heads. I'm sure there are others, just haven't seen any reports.

In other states they are working legislation to remove helmets from the heads of adult motorcyclists. This not only includes Oregon, but Massachusetts, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. The only one I saw that included some kind of attachment was New Jersey

with 1) Has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least (2) two years or 2) have taken and passed a motorcycle rider safety course. At least I didn't see any with insurance attachments at this time.

Disallowing young children riders

There's a number of states that are working on disallowing young children riders on the back of our motorcycles. I guess as parents we don't have brains enough to make that decision for ourselves. Suggested ages range from ages 10 years old down to 5 years old.

Increased penalties for killing other drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclist and pedestrians

I'm glad to see there are a number of state pursuing increased penalties for vehicular manslaughter and failure to yield "right-of way" violations. Arizona, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia are few that I know of.

What's happen with our neighbors

In California, I haven't found much information on what's been going on lately. Last year you may remember that *A.B.A.T.E. of California* pushed hard to get a helmet reform bill passed (AB 2700) by attaching a \$1,000,000.00 [insurance provision]. (Yep, that's one million dollars.) Thinking that Legislators would go for the helmet reform if they had the insurance attachment..

Special note — Just found out about this: (Taken from *A.B.A.T.E. of California's* Local 19, Pomona Valley Website) Helmet law modification bill to be introduced in late March or early April. It will be introduced as an 18 and over bill, and don't be surprised if it gets an insurance requirement

tacked onto it in an effort to gain passage. They've been working with Sputnik from Texas. He spoke about how Texas repealed their helmet law. Didn't they also have a insurance clause!!

On the Washington [state] front They are working a bunch of different bills:

- SB5457 Uniform signage — Deals with posting hazardous condition signs at highway construction, repair, or maintenance work to warn motorcyclists.

- SB5335 Defines what a helmet is — Models our Oregon helmet description law.

- SB5230 Helmet law reform bill would require persons under 21 years of age to wear motorcycle helmets. This bill was introduced by the *Washington Road Riders Association* with out any attachments for insurance or education requirements. I understand that at one point *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* attempted to add an insurance clause, but the bill is now going forth as written by *W.R.R.A.*, without the added insurance clause.

- Antidiscrimination bill — Currently being drafted.

- Profile bill — Would require *Washington State Police* and other agencies to track stops and report outcomes on motorcycle stops. (i.e.— what kind of bike, the infraction, the convictions)

- SB5229 Rider education — Deals with adding a \$5.00 fee to motorcycle license fees for motorcycle education. Would also include rider education for sidecar and trike education.

Well, that should be enough for now.

Our legislation season is off and running and *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* both need your help to make change happen. It won't happen with out the *help* of committed bikers working the system.

Keep the rubberside down, the leatherside up and ride free in 2003

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Willamette Valley Chapter
(continued from page 16)

We, as a chapter, do have to decide which runs out of all the happenings to call our "official" chapter run for the summer. So I am asking all members to bring their ideas and suggestions to the next two meetings so as to help us make the great decision on which run we choose to support this year.

And there is all that *BikePAC* is already lining up for this legislative season. It's time to focus on what *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* is all about: biker rights, freedom and safety through community involvement. It's time to learn the process, know your legislators and, most importantly, *let them all know who we are and where we stand!*

This is critical! Those who join *A.B.A.T.E.* do so not just for the camaraderie. They also want to improve the status of all motorcyclists. This year we will strive to focus all our members on how they can do their part to bring this about. With the kind of motivation I see and the great working relationship we all have, I know we can make a difference!

Ride safe and ride free this upcoming season and participate and help all you can in *A.B.A.T.E.* events and push the agenda, not the bike.

Hal

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



The legislature here in Oregon meets every two years, so we have what are known as *Biker Days* down at the Capitol. They are scheduled on session work days, so we are seen and heard there, at our capitol in Salem. Bikers all over Oregon take a day off work, and some do every *Biker Day*, and either ride or drive to our Capitol and wear black leather in the Capitol building. We talk with our Representatives and Senators about issues that concern us as riders and other issues that are of concern as citizens, too.

This year we have several bills that are biker-related. Two already have numbers and are assigned to the transportation committee. Namely, our ongoing helmet law modification bill, HB3432 and our new optional headlight use bill, HB2419.

The helmet bill is for optional use for adults over 21. We might just get it done this year because we have a new, and hopefully more progressive, governor. Our last governor was an emergency room doctor, so we had *two* helmet bills passed and then vetoed by that guy! Good riddance to him.

The headlight use bill also has good support.

Other bills being processed are the "Lane Splitting Bill" (authorizes lane splitting under very strict circumstances).

Another is to end healthcare insurance discrimination against bikers. If you have an [crash] on a bike, some companies deny coverage, and *this needs to stop*.

We also want vehicular assault laws

toughened up so when a biker is injured or killed in a wreck, the perpetrator doesn't just get his wrist slapped.

There are a couple of others that are not offered by *BikePAC*, but still are of interest to us. One is the allowance of multiple headlight use and the other would allow riders to put "blue dot" taillights on their bikes, which is HB2398. Blue dot taillights light up a violet color when the brake light is engaged, and is not only kinda purty, but also enhances the rider's conspicuity or ability to be seen in traffic.

There is also a bill, HB2392, that creates veteran plates for motorcycles. I don't think that's too much to ask for. Cars already have 'em. Both of these bills have been assigned to the transportation committee for discussion.

Ours *Biker Days* began on a Monday and the next one will be on a Tuesday [in February], the next on a Wednesday [19 March] and so on, each in a different work week, so nobody has the whole burden of losing work to lobby during the work week. It's a good idea and it works! This first one this year was a real success with about 30 folks showing that *freedom* was worth at least one day's pay. Now that's what being a legislative warrior is all about. I was there and I applaud all those [who] were there with me. We had a great day. Come *join* us! Get politically active.

NEWS BITS'N PIECES

Beijing, China — There is change in China's outlook on capitalism it seems. They have even gone so far as to "appoint" a wealthy admirer of Margaret Thatcher to a senior state position, who also happens to manufacture motorcycles. According to the *London Daily Telegraph*, Yin Mingshan, who just happens to be on their list of 100 Chinese millionaires, was "elected" deputy chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (C.P.P.C.C.), in China's third-largest city, Chongqing. He founded *Lifan*, an engine and motorcycle manufacturing company that sells two million engines a year and a million motorcycles. Maybe this capitalism thing really works, ya think? Hey, they *do build* around ten million bikes a year in China, so they must be doing *something* right!

Japan — This season's fad for extra-long scarves claimed another fashion victim when a Japanese woman fell from her motorcycle after her two yard-long scarf got caught in her bike's rear wheel. This woman was in a coma after the accident but regained consciousness but remained in serious condition. The kicker is, she's not the only one. Other similar accidents have been reported in this country that has lots and lots of motorcycles, since a celebrity got the extra-long scarves fashion going there. [*c.o.e. note — shades of Isadora Duncan!*]

Ya know, I'm not the brightest light in town but I'm just not that dumb.

Gunny Again

Note: We don't think any of you need to be reminded about the dangers of unsafe clothing, but maybe you know someone who does. The rider in this article is lucky to be alive. Do they have a "Darwin Award" for motorcyclists?

Atlanta, Georgia — Ripley's *Believe It Or Not* featured a fool riding his motorcycle *backwards* when completing a 60 foot jump over a line of cars. And I thought Evil Kneival was a screwball.

New Delhi, India — A booming motorcycle market accelerated two-wheeler sales by 21 per cent in the domestic market during the first nine months this fiscal year even as scooters and mopeds continued to ride in negative territory. Motorcycles and step-thru sales grew by 36.9 percent this past year. *Hero Honda of India*, the world's largest motorcycle maker, posted a 24.3 percent jump.

How About This For A Hobby?

Landmine obsession: Aki Ra travels around the world collecting landmines. He travels through Cambodia, searching for and defusing landmines by hand. He might be doing a job that needs done, but what's wrong with just blowin' the things up from a safe distance?

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This year the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists' N.C.O.M. Convention* is being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 8-10, 2003, at the *Four Points Sheraton*. This is *Harley-Davidson's* 100th birthday, so Milwaukee should be a humdinger of a place to be. Make your reservations now, 'cuz this will be one of the best ever. Get with the people at *A.I.M.* headquarters for good info on how to get it done. Call 1-(800)-531-2424, or 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE (or go to www.ON-A-BIKE.com) and they'll get you set up. This is just part of what our *A.I.M.* attorneys across the country do for us, by hosting this gala get together so we can learn and share with the best our rights movement has to offer. See ya there!

'Till then,

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

Oregon

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New Mexico Senator Bows To Pressure From Motorcyclists, Withdraws Outrageous Legislation

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) has announced that New Mexico state Senator Allen Hurt (R-Waterflow) has informed the A.M.A. that he will withdraw Senate Bill 239, which could have forced some motorcyclists to become organ donors.

A.M.A. leadership learned of Senator Hurt's intentions this afternoon in a message which read, in part: "You win ... I'm pulling New Mexico SB 239."

Late last Thursday, the A.M.A. had expressed its outrage at SB 239, which, if it had passed, would have allowed the harvesting of organs from any motorcyclist who didn't wear a helmet and was declared brain dead as a result of an accident.

"This victory demonstrates how powerful our voice can be when American motorcyclists speak together," said Sean Maher, A.M.A. Director of State Affairs. "When New Mexico state officials received more than 1,100 e-mails opposing SB 239, they got the message, and Senator Hurt acted quickly to withdraw his proposal."

A.M.A. is hosting a Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether in Congress or their own communities.

The seminar, to be held March 1-4 at the Phoenix Park Hotel in

Washington, D.C., allows participants to meet with and learn from the A.M.A.'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government-agency officials and on lobbying elected officials.

The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegation, but the seminar isn't all work. There will be a welcome reception as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the training.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. A.M.A. membership is required.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at:

(614)-856-1900, ext. 1252

or by e-mail at:

stitus@ama-cycle.org

Motorcycle helmet law modification bills have already been introduced in several states across the country and are being actively tracked by the A.M.A..

Massachusetts H206 allows motorcyclists participating in public parades to be exempt from the helmet law, while H207 regulates the wearing of helmets for passengers and operators of motorcycles, and H208 regulates the use of protective headgear for persons riding on motorcycles.

Missouri H137 requires operators of motorcycles and motortricycles who are under twenty-one years of age to wear protective headgear, and S226

exempts motorcyclists age 21 and older from wearing a helmet when operating a motorcycle or motortricycle.

Mississippi S2281 relates to motorcycle helmets; revises requirement to wear.

New York S170 exempts motorcyclist over the age of 21 from the requirement of wearing protective helmets of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles when operating or riding a motorcycle.

Virginia H1848 limits the application of the motorcycle helmet law to operators and passengers less than 21 years old; provides that a citation for a violation may not be issued unless the officer has another reason to stop the vehicle or arrest the driver. H1938 exempts motorcyclists operating on scenic highways and Virginia byways from the motorcycle helmet law and makes failure to wear a required helmet a secondary offense.

West Virginia S61 relates to motorcycle operators and passengers; requires that motorcycle operators and passengers under twenty-one years of age wear helmets while riding; and requires that any operator licensed less than two years wear a helmet while riding.

For information on these, or other, laws effecting your right to ride go to:

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click on the "Protecting Your Right To Ride" icon, then click on the A.M.A. Statewatch icon.

Nebraska State Senators Burling Kenesaw (Hastings), Connealy

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(Decauser) and Jones (Eddyville) have proposed LB-333 a bill that would require the mandatory titling of A.T.V.s [All Terrain Vehicle] and off-highway motorcycles in the Cornhusker State.

The proposed legislation would require the titling of A.T.V.s and off-highway motorcycles with no other benefit to riders other than providing a central data base for recovery in the event of a theft. Under LB-333, current owners would have to prove ownership of their vehicles with a manufacturer's statement of origin (M.S.O.) or other official document.

Montana's House Business and Labor Committee narrowly passed out of committee HB 127 to make several revisions in the state's Consumer Protection law. Included was a Lemon Law for motorcycles, which was nearly removed from the bill.

As Congress considers the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the Governors' Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.) is making several recommendations to continue federal highway safety programs.

Among the listed priorities G.H.S.A. feels Congress should allow federally funded state and local highway safety offices and their grantees to lobby state legislatures on behalf of safety legislation. While TEA-21 strongly encourages states to enact safety legislation, G.H.S.A. feels the lobbying ban makes it very difficult to pass these laws which was the intention of the *A.M.A., Motorcycle*

Riders Foundation and many state motorcyclists rights organizations for inclusion of this important provision included in TEA-21.

Massachusetts off-highway motorcyclists and A.T.V. riders performed 2,257 man-hours of volunteer trail maintenance in seven Massachusetts state forests under contract with the Department of Environmental Management (D.E.M.).

The Berkshire Trails Council (B.T.C.) performed 1,750 man-hours of volunteer trail work in five western Massachusetts state forests under contract with the D.E.M.

The Knox Trail Riders performed 346 man-hours of trail maintenance in Beartown State Forest with help from the *Pathfinders Motorcycle Club*.

Other significant trail maintenance contributors include *New England A.T.V.* (300 man-hours), *West Mass A.T.V.* (532 man-hours), *The Berkshire Trail Riders* (417 man-hours), *The Greylock Riders* (155 man-hours), *Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders* (356 man-hours), and the *King Philip Trail Riders* (151 man-hours).

Trail maintenance includes building bridges, installing waterbars to prevent erosion, building causeways through muddy areas which are undrainable, cutting and cleaning out drainage ditches, clearing blowdowns, cutting new trails under D.E.M. direction, and regrading/gravelling eroded sections. Lumber and supplies were paid for by the D.E.M.

A.M.A. has responded to mandatory helmet law proposals in Arkansas and

Connecticut.

Arkansas House Bill 1024 (HB-1024), introduced by Representative Cecile Bledsoe (R-Rogers) would require every motorcycle operator and passenger to wear a helmet. Your letter in opposition to HB-1024 may be sent to The Honorable Johnnie Bolin, Chair, House Public Transportation Committee, 350 State Capitol Bldg., Little Rock, AR 72201-1089. You are also encouraged to send a letter in opposition to HB-1024 to your representative at the Arkansas House of Representatives, 350 State Capitol Bldg., Little Rock, AR 72201-1089.

Connecticut Senate Bill 81, introduced by Senator Louis C. DeLuca (R-Woodbury) would require every motorcycle operator and passenger to wear a helmet. Your letter in opposition to S.B. 81 may be sent to The Honorable Biagio Ciotto, Chairman, Transportation Committee, Room 2300, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT 06106-1591. You are also encouraged to send a letter in opposition to S.B. 81 to your senator at the Connecticut General Assembly, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT 06106-1591.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization.

Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com

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ECONOMIC STUDY FINDS E.P.A. SCHEME FOR STREET MOTORCYCLES A SMALL BUSINESS



Washington, D.C. — A new study by a noteworthy economist found that emissions standards for highway motorcycles recently proposed by the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* neglects thousands of small businesses and could cost tens of thousands of jobs in America.

According to Garrett A. Vaughn, Ph.D., the *E.P.A.*'s cost estimate approach, "inherently favors a few large manufacturers at the expense of smaller manufacturers, and totally ignores the far more numerous smaller firms...of the U.S. motorcycle industry." Thereby, Dr. Vaughn found, the *E.P.A.* did not meet its obligations under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (S.B.R.E.F.A.) and Executive Order 12866 (which requires federal agencies to consider less stringent alternatives to rulemaking) when developing this proposed rule.

Because the *E.P.A.* seeks to adopt California's emissions standards nationwide, Dr. Vaughn looked at the impact in that state. He discovered that motorcycling in California has sharply declined since their standards were adopted, while motorcycling increased everywhere else in America. In fact, Dr. Vaughn's study found that California experienced a 7.7% reduction in motorcycle registrations between 1996 and 2001 while motorcycling increased by 32.2% in the other 49 states.

"In addition to the economic

impact, the study also examined potential safety hazards of equipping street motorcycles with catalytic converters, from burn hazards to rider fatigue due to heat stress," observed Tom Wyld, Vice President of Government Relations for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*, the organization that commissioned the study. The Vaughn study was paid for solely with emergency contributions to the *M.R.F.* by individual motorcyclists and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations [S.M.R.O.] nationwide.

"America will pay the steep price of needlessly restrictive street bike emissions standards in human currency," said Wyld. "By imposing virtually no road wear, easing traffic congestion and dramatically increasing fuel conservation, motorcycling is an answer to America's most pressing surface transportation problems. In fact, if encouraged, motorcycling can cut U.S. reliance on foreign oil. But motorcycling can't do it if a federal agency is allowed to impose needlessly restrictive standards that will reduce motorcycling in America."

The Vaughn study is available in its entirety in pdf format on the *M.R.F.*'s website at:

www.mrf.org

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is the only membership-based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington DC devoted exclusively to the street rider.

M.R.F. 2003 Conference Registration Available on Website

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation [M.R.F.]* hosts three annual conferences, designed to educate and motivate those in the motorcyclists' rights community. These conferences give you an opportunity to voice your opinion and help the *M.R.F.* continue to develop its strategies to protect your rights! You can now visit the *M.R.F.* website at:

www.mrf.org/events.php

for details about the *M.R.F.*'s 2003 conference lineup.

Beast of the East 2003 will be held in Portland, Maine from May 2-4. *United Bikers of Maine* is hosting this event, and they have worked really hard to make it one of the best. It promises, as always, to offer some interesting speakers, seminars and panel discussions. A tentative schedule shows there will be workshops on topics such as getting things done administratively and effective public relations. There will be some workshops that deal with issues extremely important to most on the east coast, if not the entire country - issues like loud pipes and insurance.

Best of the West 2003 will be held in Denver, Colorado from June 20-22 and is hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado*. The tentative speaker lineup is impressive and there will be some seminars presented for the first time at this event. Seminar topics are

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expected to include web-based public relations, advanced lobbying for beginners, and how to respond to the media. In addition, Slider Gilmore will be presenting his two-wheeled trauma program. If you have never had the opportunity to see and hear Slider, this is a *must* for your calendar.

The *M.R.F.* is once again this year offering the charter group rate: \$100 registration fee per chapter/per conference for unlimited attendees for *Beast of the East* and *Best of the West*. (This rate does not include the banquet, which must be paid for separately. Banquet cost is \$25 per person.) Please visit the *M.R.F.* website for further details regarding individual and group conference registration.

The *Meeting of the Minds* is the *M.R.F.*'s premier leadership conference that boasts an audience from across the nation and around the world. The 19th Annual *Meeting of the Minds* will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin from

September 18-21, 2003 and is hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*. In addition to the numerous workshops presented, one of the highlights of the *Meeting of the Minds* has always been the panel discussions regarding hot federal legislative topics, and this year will be no exception.

In light of all the federal legislative activity for motorcyclists' rights lined up for 2003, we hope to see record attendance at the *M.R.F.*'s 2003 leadership conferences. We need your help, so that we can continue to protect your rights and freedoms! Start planning now - get your vacations scheduled, mark the routes on your maps, and think about all those great places you will find along the way. And be sure to visit the *M.R.F.* website at:

www.mrf.org/events.php

for conference registration and hotel reservation information.

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 MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF 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 MRF REPORTS.

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Health Insurance Bill Introduced In Congress

When motorcyclists worked together to pass legislation through Congress to ensure health insurance availability for motorcycle riders a few years ago, those efforts were eventually negated when the Clinton administration ruled that the federal government cannot dictate insurance coverages to state insurers. But now, U.S. Senators Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have introduced "The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act," to end insurance discrimination by closing the loophole that has allowed insurance carriers to deny benefits to those who are injured while participating in so-called risky activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, skiing and horseback riding.

"From riding *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles to visiting the *Snowmobile Hall of Fame* in St. Germain, these activities are part of Wisconsin's heritage and economy," Feingold said. "It simply doesn't make sense to exclude those participating in these activities from health care benefits."

This legislation, introduced February 14, aims to promote health care parity for participants in legal transportation and recreational activities, and addresses a loophole caused by a Department of Health and Human Services rule that prohibits employers from denying health care coverage to motorcyclists and others who participate in what is deemed a risky activity, but yet allows insurers

to deny benefits to insureds if they are injured while participating in those activities.

"Because of this loophole, someone who participates in motorcycling, snowmobiling, running or walking could be denied health care coverage, while someone who is injured while drinking and driving a car would be protected," Feingold said. "It is time that Congress corrected this so that those who are abiding by the law are not denied coverage."

The language of the bill specifically states that "a plan or issuer may not deny benefits otherwise provided for the treatment of any injury solely because such injury resulted from participation of the participant or beneficiary in an activity such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing or other similar legal activity."

We did it before, and we can do it again, so sharpen those pencils and urge your federal legislators to support the Feingold-Collins bill to stop insurance discrimination against motorcyclists, once and for all.

New Mexico Senator Bows To Pressure, Withdraws "Organ Donor" Bill

Within days of the news that New Mexico Senator Allen Hurt had proposed a law requiring motorcyclists to become organ donors, the Senator withdrew the bill under intense pressure from the motorcycling community.

"You win ... I'm pulling New Mexico SB 239," said Senator Hurt.

Senate Bill 239, would have mandated the harvesting of organs from any motorcyclist who was killed in an accident while not wearing a helmet. Specifically, SB 239 stated: "a person operating a motorcycle without a helmet and who, as the result of an accident, is pronounced brain dead pursuant to Section 12-2-4 NMSA 1978 by a licensed physician shall become an organ donor regardless of whether the person made an anatomical gift by completing the organ donor statement."

"No matter how you view organ donations, this outrageous bill not only violates our individual civil liberties but is also transparently discriminatory against motorcyclists," said Richard Lester, founder of *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* and the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*. "It's no wonder that this issue invoked the ire of bikers to the point of generating thousands of e-mails, letters and phone calls. But it demonstrates how effective we can be when we've got all our oars in the water and we're all rowing in the same direction."

"Colors" Lawsuit Goes To Federal Court

A case currently pending in the 9th District U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco could soon decide if the *Gilroy Garlic Festival's* policy restricting "gang colors" is constitutional. The debate revolves

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around an incident that took place at the 2000 Gilroy Garlic Festival when four *Top Hatters Motorcycle Club* members were removed by Gilroy police officers after refusing to take off their vests.

Immediately following the incident, the club filed a lawsuit against the *Gilroy Garlic Festival* and the City of Gilroy claiming the policy was a violation of their freedom of association and speech.

“The plaintiffs are not seeking any money in the lawsuit, only a change in policy and lawyers’ fees,” said Randolph Hammock, the plaintiffs’ Los Angeles-based attorney with the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. “We applaud the festival’s efforts to stop gangs, but a motorcycle club is fundamentally different than a gang — it’s a fraternal organization, a social and fraternal club — the same as the Masons or Lions Club. My clients feel they should have the right to wear their club’s jackets in public.”

But the *Gilroy Garlic Festival Association* disagrees and maintains its policy is not intended to deny freedom of speech but protect its patrons. “As of this point, we are not discussing a change in policy,” said Richard Nicholls, executive director of the *Garlic Festival*. “We want to provide our customers with a safe and non-intimidating, family atmosphere. We’ve had good compliance with our policy so far, so I don’t see why it needs to change.”

Hammock said one of the fundamental problems with the policy is that it was not available in writing to his clients before the incident. “I was surprised to discover that the *Garlic Festival* had no written dress code that warned my clients before the

incident,” Hammock said. “Now they have one referring to gangs, but they’ve refused to give it to us to review. Why would they want to keep this a secret?”

Similar suits to the *Top Hatters’* lawsuit have been filed against the California State Fair and the *Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival*, with varying outcomes, Hammock said.

Pennsylvania Pushes Pro-Motorcycle Legislation

Moving quickly on the momentum of last year’s victories (removing handle the bar height restriction, increased funding for the Motorcycle Safety Program, allowing for more than one bike in a metered space, and reduced turnpike tolls for bikes), *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* has introduced a helmet law modification bill with 19 co-sponsors.

“That’s much more support than previous years when we had about four co-sponsors,” said John Mullendore, *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative coordinator. “Senator Wozniak wants to pass this in the first 100 days of session. It looks like riding lidless will be legal in Pennsylvania this year if our members keep the pressure on. We gained four to five yes votes in the election and that was all that was holding us up before.”

A.B.A.T.E. also reintroduced a bill to create a Veteran’s license plate for bikes, and a bill to increase penalties for right-of-way violations. A bill to include motorcycles in the state’s Lemon Law was also introduced.

Weird News Of The Month: Air Bags Now Available

During an airing on cable’s Speed Vision of *On Any Sunday Revisited*, a look back at the classic motorcycle

racing movie, a commercial came on featuring Evel Kneivel. The spot talked about what a great jumper he was, but that he was also a spectacular crasher. Then Evel appears on the screen and says, “If I’d been wearing one these airvests then, I wouldn’t need this cane now,” and goes on to claim that it will save more lives than any other safety device ever invented and marketed to the public.

We’ve all heard of these devices, and knew it would only be a matter of time before they were marketed here in the United States, and they are now available through the Internet at airvest.com, or you can order by phone for \$499.95, or \$299.95 for kid sizes.

Are we looking at a future mandate? Remember, new automobiles now come factory-equipped with airbags, despite a dubious safety record. So watch out for the “If it’ll save just one life,” crowd.

Quotable Quotes

“First, they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.”

--Mahatma Gandhi,
(1869 - 1948)

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From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

River of Vision

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by
Rot Path
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It's mid-February as cold southern gusts rattle the windows and splash raindrops against the glass. Leafing through scrapbooks of run photos yesterday at S.T.E.A.M. brought back memories of warm days past and hope for those to come.

Winter is the price we pay so that we can rejoice in summer.

Be grateful that we live and ride in a state with *real* weather — we're better people for it.

Winter days like this often finds yer crusty ol' editor snuggled up in an armchair with a fresh mug of hot spiced tea and a good book, sound sleep. (No doubt that if c.o.e. was snuggled up with a sweetie instead of a book, there would be considerably less snoozin'.)

Dictionary definitions are often quoted in support of people's opinions. Two things should be kept in mind about dictionaries: Their definitions are neither legally binding nor the **only** definitions possible for words or phrases.

Often life's experiences give individuals a feeling for words that differs from what dictionaries have to offer.

Here is Rot Path's personal definition for the word "law": Laws are naturally self-evident and self-enforcing. (*i.e.* the Law of Gravity, the Law of Gross Tonnage, *et cetera.*)

What our culture refers to as "law" is in reality the regulation of human behavior. Keep this concept in mind as you study the diagram on the adjacent page, "How An Idea Becomes Law".

If you attend legislative proceedings at our state capitol, you will witness many programs being proposed,

instigated, or beefed up. "Programs make it possible to look busy and purposeful while *failing*" is how Daniel Quinn sums up their effect on civilization.

"Programs are sticks planted in the mud of a river to impede its flow . . . they never stop the flow, and they never turn the river aside . . . No program has ever stopped poverty, drug abuse, or crime, and no program ever will stop them." — Daniel Quinn

Failing programs that come readily to mind: The so-called "war on drugs." Has this program stopped the desire for "illegal" drugs?

Has the "war on crime" reduced or eliminated crime?

Have programs to enforce highway speed limits reduced speeding?

Why have these programs failed to produce the results they were designed to accomplish?

They fail because they cannot permanently remove either the desire or the results of the vision that causes the behavior that they attempt to regulate.

"When programs fail, look for them to be replaced by new ones with improved design, increased funding and staff, superior management, and better training," warns Quinn.

Oregon is building more and more prisons, has stiffer sentencing guidelines for crime, has increased speed enforcement. Has any of this stopped crime or drug use or speeding?

No, it has not.

So what have our officials and legislators done?

They've requested/demanded more money, more prisons, and more staff. Without these program increases, they claim, our quality of life will

deteriorate.

What do you think their chances of success will be?

Quinn:

"Old minds think: If it didn't work last year, let's do *more* of it this year."

"New minds think: If it didn't work last year, let's do something *else* this year."

We in Oregon are facing severe cuts in human services precisely because *we keep increasing support for programs that don't work.*

If we really want to get out of this mess, we won't do it by creating more programs or slashing funding. We have to change our vision of how we choose to live together.

Programs should be considered temporary in nature, designed to relieve suffering, *not* permanent solutions to problems.

Keep these ideas in mind as you speak with our legislators and watch them working this session.

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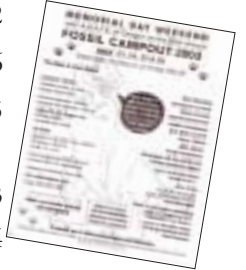
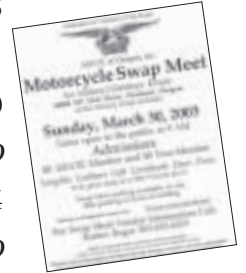
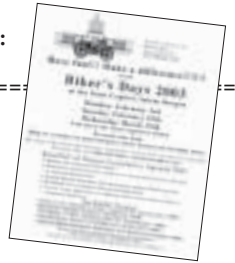
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Once again this month our days become balanced between light and dark, then the light and warmth will begin to predominate again. (I don't care what my beautiful sister sez about it being spring, right now it still feels like winter to me.) -- Rot Path

2003 RUN CALENDAR

(**Boldface** indicates state A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
March 2nd	<i>Biker Flick Night</i> -Southern Oregon	Grants Pass	(541)-944-8272
March 9th	<i>Ice Breaker</i>	Salem	(503)-371-7550
March 15th	Southeast <i>Food Drive</i>	Portland	(503)-760-9015
March 15th	Southeast <i>Anniversary Party</i>	Portland	(503)-760-9015
March 19th	Biker Days at the Capitol	Salem	(BikePAC)
March 22nd	WaCo <i>Blood Run</i>	Tigard	(503)-646-2060
March 30th	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	Portland	(503)-285-4329
April 6th	<i>R.C.M.C. Oregon 250</i>	Portland	(503)-641-4734
April 13th	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	Roseburg	(503)-285-4329
April 26th	<i>Casino Night</i> -Douglas County	Roseburg	(541)-677-8282
April 26th	Cherry Festival <i>Poker Run</i> -River City	The Dalles	(541)-298-5746
April 27th	True Apostles' Swap Meet	Longview, Washington	(503)-643-4725
April 27th	China Hat Race	Eastern Oregon	(503)-656-5801
May 3rd	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	State Capitol Salem	(503)-351-8193
May 10th	<i>R.C.M.C. Oregon 500</i>	Portland	(503)-641-4734
May 17th	Washington County <i>Poker Run</i>	Beaverton	(503)-648-6047
May 17th	Willamette Valley <i>Rhody Fest Poker Run</i>	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
May 23rd - 26th	ABATE of Oregon FOSSIL Campout	Fossil (Eastern Oregon)	(503)-285-4329
June 6 - 8th	ABATE of North Idaho Spring Opener	North Idaho	
June 7th	<i>Hub City Poker Run</i>	Albany	(541)-926-9363
June 7th	Washington County <i>Roll-N-Ride</i>	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
June 7 - 8nd	<i>R.C.M.C. Western States 1000</i>		(503)-641-4734



Advertising Rates				
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 Portland, Oregon 97208
 (Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

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Winner gets two (2) free Fossil tickets and a run shirt.
 Submit *camera-ready* artwork to Rotten Roger by 12 April state board meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events . . .

March 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Biker Flick Night Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	3	4 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	5 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	6	7	8 STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
9 Ice Breaker Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	10	11 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	12	13	14	15 Food Drive ----- Southeast Party
16 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- South Coast 1100 (11:00 am)	17	18 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	19 Biker Day at the Capitol -- 0930 -- Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	20 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	21	22 Blood Run North Coast 1000 (10:00 am)
23	24	25 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	26	27	28	29
30 A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet Roseburg	31	32 (Just foolin' .)				



THE SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER OF A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON INC.
PRESENTS

Biker Flick Night

SUNDAY

MARCH 2nd 2003

JD'S SPORTS PUB & DELI

690 Redwood Hwy
Grants Pass, Oregon
(21 and over please)

Featuring Classic Biker Movies

MOVIE STARTS AT 3:09 PM

50/50- RAFFLE FROM DONATIONS OF OUR LOCAL SPONSORS

Food available From JD'S Sports Pub & Deli

\$5.00 Per Plate Meal Ticket Available: Meal Starts @4:00 PM

Members and Non-Members Welcome

BRING A FRIEND ~~~~~ FREE ADMISSION

Afternoon Group Ride To Movies Starts @ 1:00 PM

From Ray's Food Place Parking Lot 868 2nd Ave. Gold Hill, Oregon

After The

SOUTHERN OREGON A.B.A.T.E. CHAPTER MEETING

Held 11:00 AM at

Big Daddy's Pizza

828 2nd Ave Gold Hill, Oregon

For more Information Contact Southern Oregon Chapter members:
Joe at (541) 664-8754 or Herbstr at 541-944-8272 or e-mail herbstr@msn.com

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ICE BREAKER PICNIC

*An event for motorcyclist groups to meet,
exchange information, and enjoy
each other's company.*

*March 9, 2003 * Sunday
Keizer Auditorium - Inside Facilities
4100 Cherry Avenue N.
10:00 to 4:00 \$3.00 for Lunch
Games, Food, Bike Show
50/50 and Door Prizes*

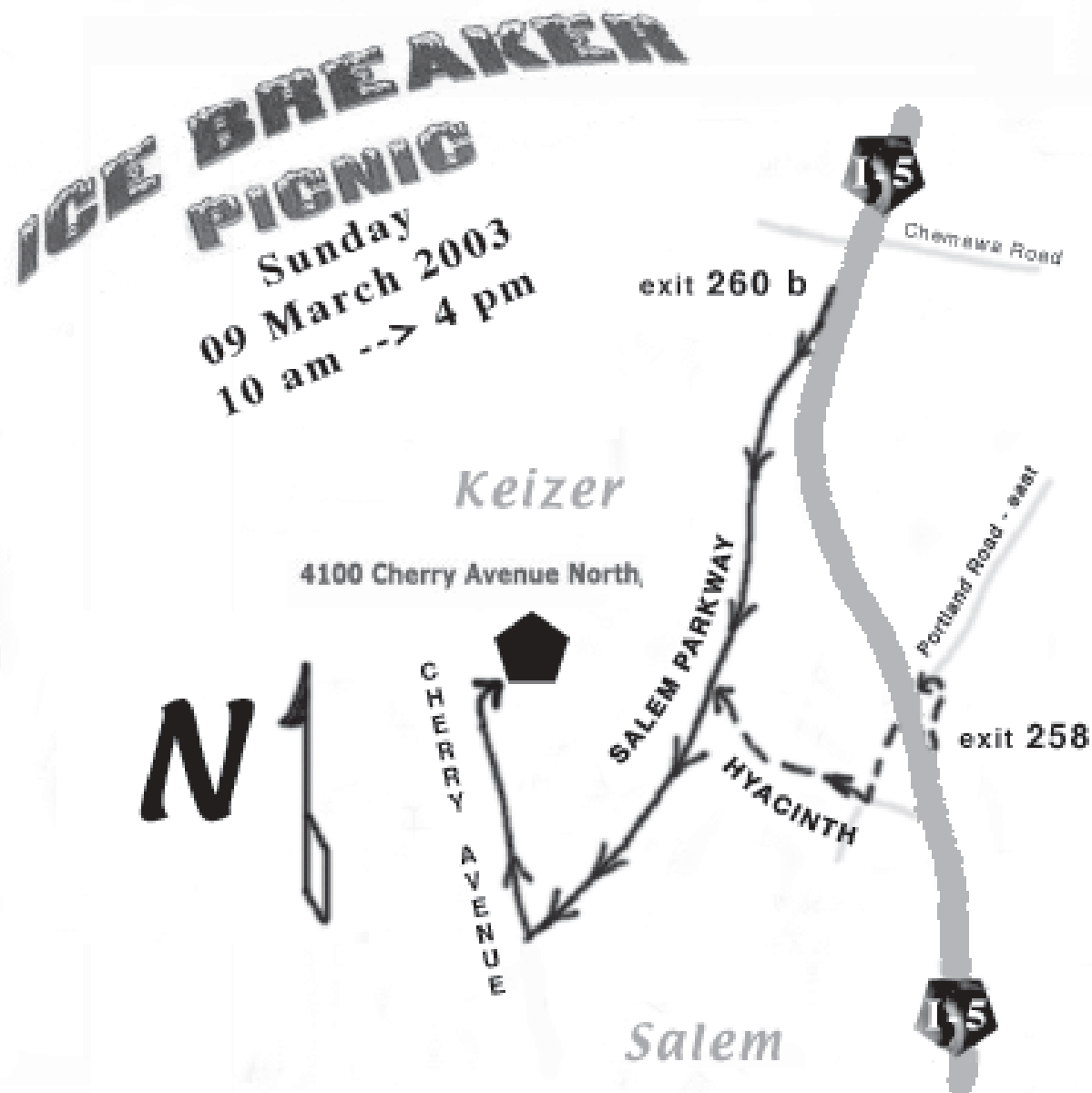
Potluck welcome! Bring the Kids!



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Coming from the North - take Salem Parkway Exit 260 b
 From the South- take Pacific Highway East Exit 258. Left on Portland Road, Right on Hyacinth, Left onto Salem Parkway, Right to Cherry Ave. N.

FOOD DELIVERY

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Southeast Portland Chapter

Food Drive

Saturday, 15 March 2003

MEET AT M&M RESTARANT-
LOUNGE ; 137 N.MAIN GRESHAM
10:00 AM

DEPART AT 11:00 AM

DELIVER AT 12:00 NOON
TO

HARBOR LIGHT MISSION
SW 2nd & BURNSIDE, PORTLAND

HELP
FEED THE
HOMELESS
ON HARD
TIMES

ANNIVERSARY PARTY
SATURDAY NIGHT AT
THE M&M 7:30 PM!



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY. ANY GIFTS,
OR DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE



SE CHAPTER 22ND ANNIVERSARY PARTY

WHERE : M/M RESTAURANT/ LOUNGE

WHEN : MARCH 15TH 2003

TIME : 7:30 PM-1:00 AM

LIVE MUSIC

COUPLES : \$8:00-- SINGLE : \$5:00

BROOMSTICK POOL: \$5:00 ENTRY,SINGLE

ELIMINATION,LIMIT 12 ENTRY S

OFFICER AWARDS AND PLAQUES,

COME AND JOIN THE PARTY AND MEET NEW AND OLD
FRIENDS.

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PO Box 5612
Salem, OR 97304
www.bikepac.com

Have fun!!! Make a difference!!!!!!

Attend

Biker's Days 2003

at the State Capitol, Salem Oregon

Wednesday March 19th

9:30 am at the State Capitol in Salem

We need your help.

Help us to help you make Oregon a more motorcycle friendly State.

We need to Win Votes and Influence Legislators. Let us show you how you can help.

For more info call (503)-351-8193 or ken@consultken.com

BikePAC of Oregon Legislative Agenda 2003

- **Helmet use voluntary for adults**
- **Mandatory Sentencing for careless or intoxicated drivers that kill or injure motorcyclists**
- **Ending Health Insurance Discrimination against Motorcyclists**
- **Headlight use voluntary during daylight hours**
- **Use of "Lane-Splitting" to enhance traffic flow when riding on congested highways**

Past BikePAC Victories:

- **Full-service fueling no longer required for motorcycles (2001)**
- **Handlebar Height mandates eliminated (1999)**
- **Doubling of rider-training funds for TeamOregon (1997)**
- **Handicapped stickers available for motorcycles (1997)**
- **Plain English Statutory definition of a motorcycle helmet (1995)**

We need your help in getting our message out to your legislators.

And we need your money - Join BikePAC today.

For more info or to download a membership application visit www.bikepac.co

Blood Run



Saturday March 22, 2003

**Washington County Chapter
ABATE of Oregon, Inc.**

Sign in at:
10am



with
**American
Red Cross**

Sign up is \$15
Includes Run Pin

Together, we can save a life

Ride Starts At:

Destination Harley Davidson
10770 SW Cascade Blvd.
Tigard, OR.

Departure:

11am

Ride Ends At:

American Red Cross
3131 N Vancouver Way
Portland, OR.

Arrival:

12 Noon

- Blood Donation = 5 Door Prize Tickets
 - 50/50 Drawing
 - Door Prizes
 - Refreshments

NEED MORE INFORMATION??

ED VAUGHN 503-646-2060
JIM HENDERSON 503-648-1877

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Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, March 30, 2003

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$675!*

Swap Meet parking available on site
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

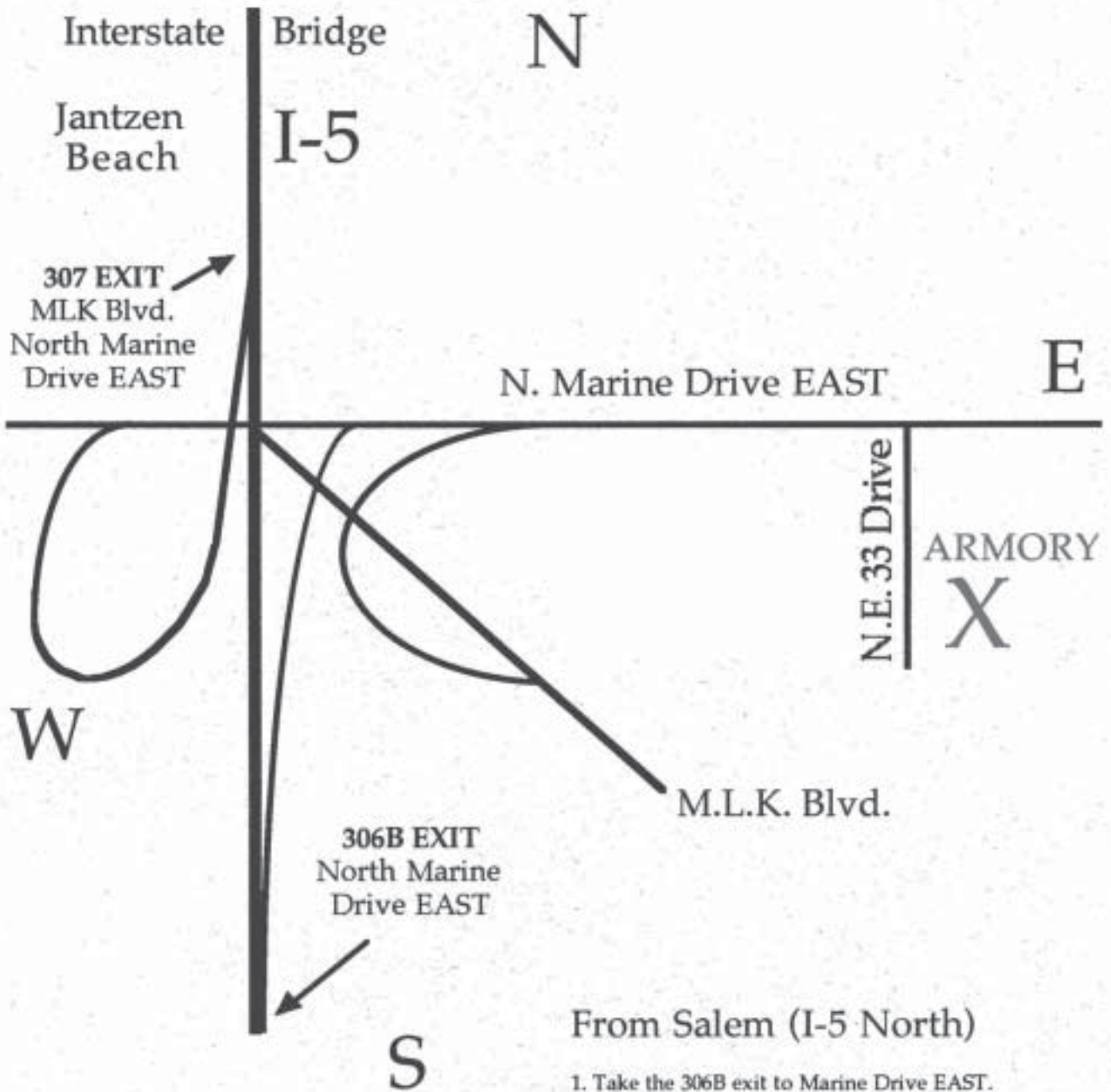
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1. Take the 307 exit to Marine Drive EAST.
(After going over the I-5 overpass, Marine Drive EAST goes under M. L. King Blvd. and follow the signs.)
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
3. First building on the left.

From Salem (I-5 North)

1. Take the 306B exit to Marine Drive EAST.
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
- 3 First building on the left.

From I-84

1. Take Marine Drive exit and go until you come to N.E. 33rd Drive and make a left turn.
2. First building on the left.



Hillsboro, Oregon

Motorcycle

Swap Meet

Sunday

April 6th, 2003

9:00am – 4:00pm

Washington County Fair Complex

Exit #61 off Hwy. 26

Admission \$5

Children under 12 free

FREE PARKING

Information:

1(800)659-3440

Email: collectorswest@aol.com

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

Roseburg, Oregon

Sunday, 13 April 2003

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Swap Meet parking available on site
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

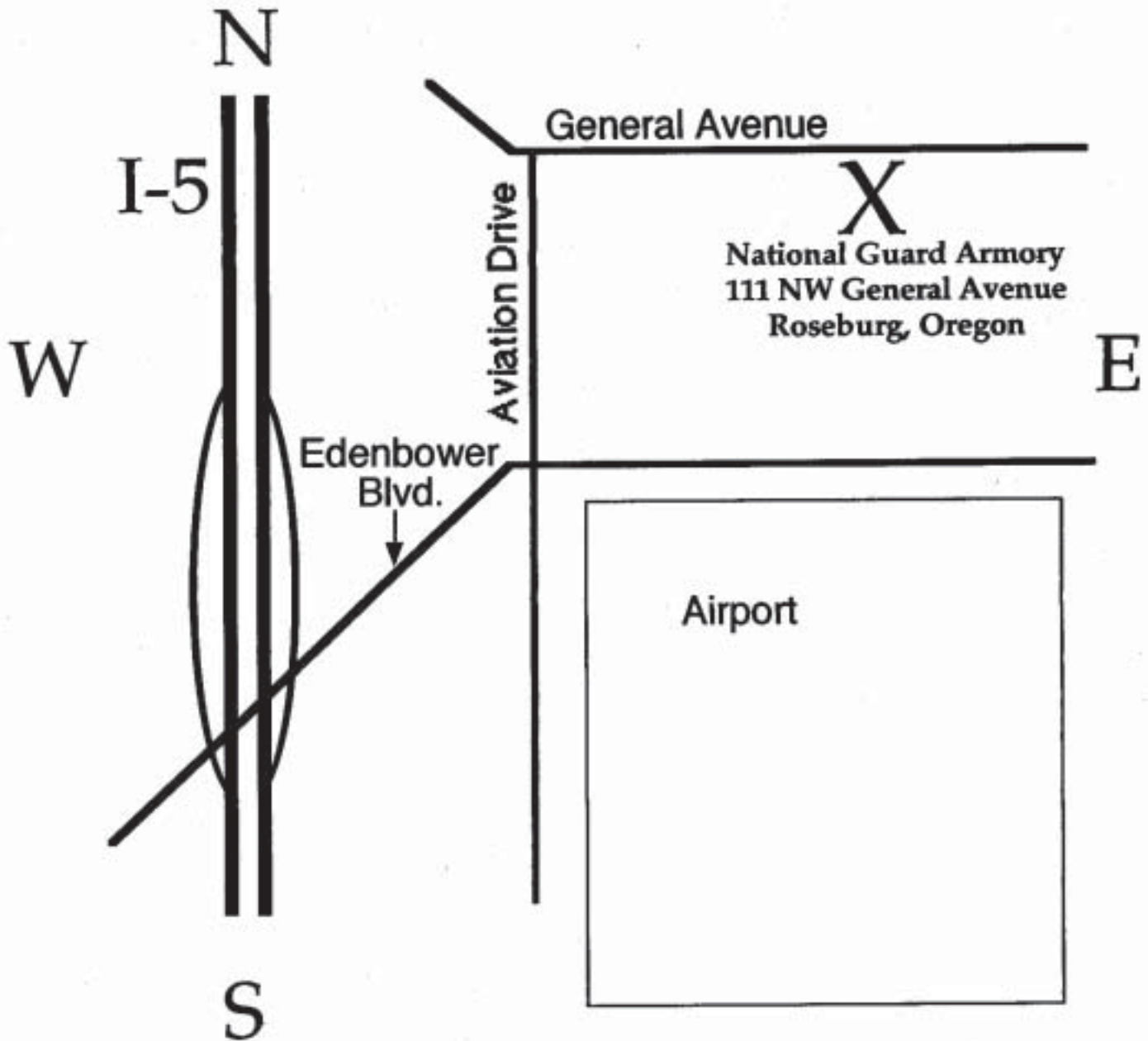
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From Portland (I-5 South)

1. Take I-5 South to Exit 127.
2. Turn left (East) onto Edenbower Blvd.
3. Turn left onto Aviation Drive.
4. Turn right onto General Avenue.

From California (I-5 North)

1. Take I-5 North to Exit 127.
2. Cross over to Edenbower Blvd.
3. Turn left onto Aviation Drive.
4. Turn right onto General Avenue.



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

AND

Reston Reds Tavern

Roseburg, Oregon

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Play the game of
your choice.
Then use your
winnings to bid on
donated Auction
Items.

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541-677-8282

CASINO

NIGHT

Saturday April 26th

Starts at 7:00
P.M.

Auction from
11:30 P.M. to
12:00 A.M.

\$1.00 buys \$300
(in funny money)

• 50/50 Drawing



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2nd
Annual

River City Chapter
ABATE of Oregon Inc.

CHERRY FESTIVAL POKER RUN

Motorcycle Required!

Saturday, April 26, 2003

Wahtonka High School

after the Teddy Bear Parade

Sign In Starts at 11:30 AM ■ Last Rider Out By 1 PM

Entry Fee \$15 - Includes One Poker Hand ■ Additional Hands \$5

Cash Prizes High & Low Hands ■ Door Prizes

LUNCH AVAILABLE ON SITE

Pre-registration is encouraged by:

**ALL RIDERS
WELCOME**

Call 541-298-5746
Email - kadbiker@charter.net
or mail a check to River City ABATE,
PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

**ALL BRANDS
WELCOME**

This event is sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, inc. Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Lunch sales will benefit the Wahtonka Senior High School Parents, Class of 2003, for the Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party. Poker run fees will benefit River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.



**ABATE OF OREGON INC
WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER**

POKER RUN

Saturday May 17, 2003

**Destination Harley Davidson
10770 SW Cascade Blvd. Beaverton
Sign In 10 AM**

**ONE HAND \$10.00
TWO FOR \$15.00**

**50/50 DRAWING
DOOR PRIZES
REFRESHMENTS**

LOTS OF FUN

POKER RUN DEPARTS AT 11 AM

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**WWW.WACOABATE.COM
WACOABATE@EARTHLINK.NET**

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND with A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon at the 26th Annual **FOSSIL CAMPOUT 2003**

MAY 23, 24, 25 & 26

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23

The Best in Live Music

Advance Tickets

Deadline is May 3, 2003
Money Orders Only

Advance Member - \$20.00
Advance Non-member - \$25.00

A.B.A.T.E. OF Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

At Gate

Members with MRO Card - \$25.00
All Others - \$30.00
Under 14 - Free

Non-members get \$5.00 discount
toward A.B.A.T.E. membership

Camping included in Gate Fee

For information call:

Roger (503) 285-4329

**Biker Rodeo &
Bike Show at the
Fossil Fair Grounds
Saturday and Sunday**
Information available
at the A.B.A.T.E.
Info Booth

- Mud Wrestling
- Strongman Contest
- Tattoo Contest
- Adult Entertainment
- Leather Accessories
- Beer Belly Contest
- Parts, T-Shirts
- Bike Games
- Food Concessions

**Beverages will be sold by the
Condon American Legion**

*Sign in at the information
booth to win...*

Door Prizes

Trophy for the largest
group participating from an
out-of-state MRO

Trophy for the largest participating
A.B.A.T.E. Chapter and M/C
Organization from Oregon

Trophy for M/C Rider riding
the longest distance to the
Fossil Campout

**MAP and PARK RULES
ON REVERSE**

**SHUTTLE BUS
TO FAIR GROUNDS
Saturday and Sunday**
Schedule to be announced

Proceeds go to Motorcycle Rights and Education

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HOW TO GET THERE



PARK RULES

- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- NO CAMPFIRES
- NO HILLCLIMBING
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Dogs on a leash only!!
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES
- Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!

HUB CITY CHAPTER ABATE OF OREGON 2nd Annual Poker Run Saturday June 7

Meet at 10:00AM Depart at 11AM
Los Dos Amigos Restaurant
1402 Pacific Blvd. SE
ALBANY

ALL BIKES
WELCOME

DOOR PRIZES

ALL RIDERS
WELCOME
50/50 DRAWING



Cliff McCalley (541) 926-9363

Shawn Harwood (541) 451-3940

\$100 prize for highest poker hand

\$50 prize for lowest poker hand

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All Stops Are At Bars or Taverns

Millenium Ride

Hi everyone,

From Lake Atitlan in Guatemala. Many say the most beautiful place on earth at 5,000 feet above sea level, surrounded by three volcanoes, the smell of drying coffee beans drying percolating through this internet café, it smells like a brewery. Guatemala, where everything blooms all the time, is the land of permanent spring.

Here in San Pedro the crude-looking fishing boats are made from straight pieces of wood, with bows which jut up sharply, though the fish are hardly big enough to concern oneself with. A very modest room is costing me the princely sum of US\$1.20 a night. Not many come here by road, or track rather, it is done by boats.

I came a few days ago from Antigua Guatemala (Old Guatemala,) which was the capital city of New Spain until it was destroyed by an earthquake in the late 1700s. It was easy to imagine life in the colonial city hundreds of years ago, with the cobbled streets and grand colonial achitecture. Look upwards and your eyes are assaulted by towering volcanoes, three of them around the city. One of them is live. I am looking forward to hiking up there in a couple of weeks. For Antigua pics see:

<http://home.att.net/~john.hogue/Guatemala.htm>

The Spanish arrived in the 1500s to conquer the land. Vastly outnumbered by the Mayans, the Spanish conquisador challenged the Mayan King to one-on-one combat allowing the Maya to throw the first lance. The Mayan King lost and a bird bathed in the blood of the fallen king. The quetzal bird has had red breast plumage ever since, they say, along with a song like a sad lament.

It is the national bird and the name of the currency.

Guatemala uses motorbikes a bit like the Asians do, for everything. But once

you are off the main highways here the roads become pretty awful, so most of the motorbikes are TS185s, XL175s, DT175s and suchlike.

In Guatemala City I was in a bike shop. This older gentleman asks me where I am from, and then cries "What do you think of a President who is on the run for two murders and stole \$200 million from us the people? What about our police force which lost two tons of cocaine from its secure warehouse?"

The Guatemalans have had a hard life. The 33-year civil war which resulted in 200,000 dead and countless others missing ended only six years ago. I recognised some feelings and expressions (in both me and the people) from Cambodia. Law established by the Spanish colonialists discriminated against the indigenous Mayans who have been marginalised ever since. Power in the country is still only in only a few hands and basically the poor are still suffering, and you can feel it.

In Guatemala I have continued my research into how motorcycles are used in health services provision, speaking to medical workers at local, regional and national level. There is no shortage of motorcyces here, which are paid for by the United Nations, USAID, and UNICEF. But the motorcycles last only three years because there is no management or maintenance system. This is a terrible waste of money.

The problem with me doing this sort of research and lobbying is my Spanish comprehension. I can express myself but can't understand what the officials are saying in reply to me. This is a very bad sign! I guess I should sit in front of the TV for a few days. Difficult with all this nature around though. I went horse riding yesterday.

Tomorrow I ride up to Quetzaltenango (also known as Xela) at elevation 8,000 feet where Casa Xelaju is donating a week



Simon Milward

of one to one Spanish lessons and home stay. Hopefully they will be able to orientate my learning to what I need.

Belize

Arriving in Belize from Mexico was a real pleasant experience. I have never heard English spoken in a such a likeable way. I think they call it the Caribbean lilt. It makes doing any of transaction or meeting a real pleasureable experience for us Anglophones. Besides that, motorcycles go free on the toll roads!

A policeman stopped me to check my insurance document. "What,s this?" he asked pointing [to] a number written on the document I had bought at the border. "It's the engine number, you can check it by looking here," I replied showing him an area down on the engine casing. "I can't be bothered to look down there," came his reply and he waved me on.

The people are a really great blend of Maya, Creole, Mestizo (Spanish and Indian mix), Garifuna (black Caribbean Indians, the ones with the dreadlocks), Mennonites (people of German descent who live off the land and have a dress code), East Indians and international wayfarers who never left. They had a history of wars, slavery and struggling to survive.

I think that Belize (formerly British Honduras) has so much going for it as a tourist destination. It is a premier destination for eco tourism, touristy things connected to nature. Aside from the diving, snorkeling and fishing out on the islands and reef, there is horse riding, birdwatching, rafting, lots of Mayan ruins and I did get to canoe through a cave with Mayan relics. It was great.

But I think the greatest thing that Belize has going for it is the English language. The world's biggest tourist market, English speakers, can come here and get to know the Caribbean life and Maya people without having to learn another language. Britain, of course, only seriously laid a claim to Belize after Guatemala claimed it. There is still a disputed area of land between the two.

The only update to my earlier report on motorcycle use in Belizean health deliveries is that the riders say they don't enough money for gasoline. This is because they want to ride home to their families each night. Overnight expenses while out delivering health services are not yet covered by government.

El Salvador

I am e-mailing from *Academia Británica Cuscatleca* [A.B.C.], a school on the outskirts of San Salvador, the capitol of the tiny country of El Salvador. The country is just south of Guatemala on the Pacific coast of Centro America and is about 300km long and 100km wide. The main income here is money sent home by El Salvadorans working abroad. The next is from coffee. There are very few full blood indigenous Indians. Estimates are as low as 5%. They were either killed by right wing government death squads in the 1930s or emigrated in the 1980s. Most people are of Indian-Spanish mix. El Salvadorans have very dark brown eyes, almost as black as the pupil, and are quite captivating. It is the most densely populated of the Centro American countries. The U.S.A. pumped \$1 million per day into El Salvador during the civil war, which ended in the 1990s, in an effort to prevent Communism spreading from Cuba. Pollution is rampant.

Yesterday I took about 500 children on a virtual world tour with presentations in the playground and theatre. The

A.B.C. school (www.abc.edu.sv) is also making a corporate contribution to the Flores Project and a number of children donated too. I'm staying for a few days

with science teacher Glynn Morgan. He has also arranged for me to meet with relevant people in the health sector to talk about primary healthcare delivery.

El Salvador is on the Pacific "Ring of Fire". Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are incessant. Half a mountain collapsed here two years ago burying thousands in the the torrent of volcanic sand.

The first difference in El Salvador I noticed three days ago (when I crossed the border) is that the people have more ready smiles on their faces and seem to be happier than the Guatemalans. The atrocities committed by the government ended much earlier here. Perhaps they have had time to recover. Another difference is that here the Catholic church stood up strongly against the brutal government in favor of the people, whereas in Guatemala the church was part of the problem.

Guatemala

I want to say really big thanks to www.casaxelaju.com and www.spanishguatemala.org (Ulew Tinimit). Both schools gave me a free week Spanish study with homestay in Quetzaltenango (Xela). Now I am starting to understand what people are saying to me! Xela is a great learning environment without too many tourists, and most of those want to speak Spanish anyway! In Xela the language students are kindhearted by supporting various causes and doing volunteer work. I am reminded of North Western Thailand.

I met the Administrative Director of the Asociation C.D.R.O. (Cooperacion para el Desarrollo Rural de Occidente). It runs a fleet of 19 motorcycles for use in delivering all sorts of development services like education and health. 10 of the bikes are now in various stages of repair. Some last just three years although usually a maximum of five years. The bikes cost about \$2,000 each. The organization has a mechanic and runs a maintenance system only for its four wheelers. The riders of the bikes have had

no training but are responsible for maintenance. I left the organization with details of a maintenance system, since they cannot afford the \$5,000 to send someone to the International Academy of Vehicle Maintenance in Zimbabwe Africa. I figure they would save more than \$30,000 over ten years, aside from the positive impact of reliable continuous delivery of services. Guatemala probably uses well over 500 motorcycles for this type of work and perhaps a half of them are in for repair. I am going back to Xela and will offer to show the riders how to lubricate the chain among other things and explain why we do that sort of thing.

My Bike

My own motorcycle is fine. However I slipped up very badly by not bringing with me spare front and rear tyres from the U.S.A. I paid for new tyres since I can't get hold of *Metzeler* here. The rear one is a super dooper Kendo. Hoorah. Nobbly and wobbly. Anything over 80kmh and the bike writhes around the road and for corners I need nearly to get off and push! Oh to have my dear Metzeler's back. At least I have a sidestand again thanks to Joe Ebenezer the radiator man in Xela.

Hasta luego

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The morning session kicked off with coffee provided by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Several legislators came down to greet us including Senator Bill Fisher who is a *BikePAC* member. The Senator rode his *Road King* in to the capitol today in our honor. Other legislators [who] stopped in to say hello were Representative Pat Farr, Representative Linda Flores, and Representative Jeff Merkely.

BikePAC provided an update of the bills being worked this session. Many attendees were coming and going with appointments to see their legislators. Lobbyists Lyle Irons and Iris Yeager were able to be introduced to several influential legislators that they wouldn't have met otherwise due to biker constituents making appointments. All in all it was a highly successful day of lobbying and fun.

The most effective tool *BikePAC* has is the bikers of Oregon showing up at the capitol [and] working our issues.

Current bill status:

- Helmet Bill HB2432. Assigned to Transportation
- Headlight use optional HB2419. Assigned to Transportation
- Lane Splitting Bill (no bill number) In Legislative Counsel for final drafting
- Ending health insurance discrimination In Legislative Counsel for initial drafting
- Enhance vehicular assault penalties not yet submitted to Legislative Counsel.
- Other bills of interest (not *BikePAC* sponsored)
 - Allowing multiple headlights and blue dot taillights HB2398 Assigned to

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- Permits veterans plates for motorcycles. HB2392 Assigned to Transportation

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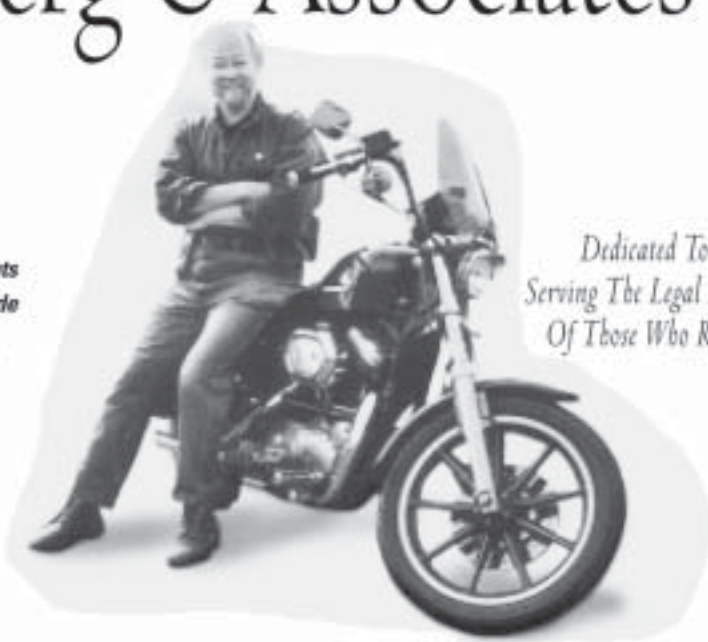
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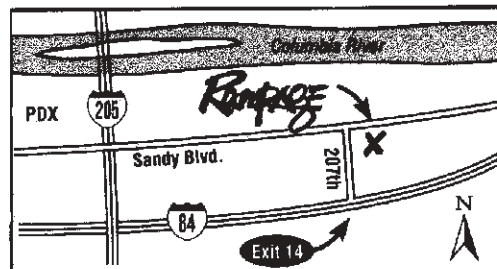
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Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1995 Harley Sportster 1200 Custom Flames - KuryAkyn forwards detach. Sissy w/ rack, solo and 2-up seats, recent transmission rebuild, SE pipes and carb. Very well maintained **\$7,200**, OBO

Harley synthetic leather saddle bags for Sportster with new yoke & 94-up supports. In good shape, minor wear. **\$250**.

Ron (503)-690-7274

(Mar 2003)

Beautiful show condition 1979 Sportster XLH. Custom paint, completely gone through at Fast Eddie's Dixonville Cycle. \$5,200 or will consider trade for 1990's Softail plus cash. Photo and details upon request with self-addressed stamped envelope.

Call Jack at (541)-459-0101

FAX (541)-459-6267

(April 2003)

1951 Chevy 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade.

1965 Chev 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. **\$3,250**.

1982 Suzuki 750, low miles, fairings, tour pack and bags. **\$800** or best offer, possible trade.

DeWalt radial arm saw **\$250**.

1992 Geo Storm in good condition. **\$2,250** or best offer.

Portable dishwasher **\$50**.

Phone (503)-285-4329

Rotten Roger

(May 2003)

Answer to last month's cryptogram on page 20.

For Sale

Vance & Hines Exhaust Model V18461 for '95-'98 Honda Shadow 1100 ACE. Used, **\$100**

"Lefty" in Eugene

(541)-607-9425

(May 2003)

• 5x8x2 manufactured utility trailer **\$350**

Older 5th wheel hitch **\$50**

• 19' concession trailer, fully self-contained, 70 gal water, 5 sinks, 110v fridge, 110v chest freezer, 4200watt Sears generator. **\$1,500**

• 1978 GMC cube van camper, small block 400, rebuilt auto trans, carpeted, sink, propane burner, furnace and refridgerator. All work well. Foldup queen bed makes room for two bikes. **\$1,000**

• 1988 KAW Voyager 1200 custom trike, VW transaxle with reverse, three new tires. Ridable, needs TLC. **\$2,500**

Nina or Butch

(503)-668-8348

(May 2003)

Road King Classic parts. Fits 2000 or other years. Gas tank, front fender, rear fender and side covers. Tank and fenders are real teal and birch white.

Side covers are real teal.

\$1,000 buys the set.

call Joe at (541)-812-1189

(June 2003)

WIN A BRAND NEW SPRINGER!!

For a measly \$10 you can help the children of the Shriners Hospital and win a Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary FLSTS/I Heritage Springer.

Call: (503)-255-5415 Ask for Mike.

or e-mail: mailmikelfriend@aol.com for tickets.

The drawing for the bike will be December 2003.

For Sale

1980 XLH Sportster. Great shape, 500 miles on rebuilt top end, too many new things to list. Asking **\$4,600** If interested I can e-mail photos or call (503)-543-2821 You may also e-mail me at Parley@centurytel.net

(May 2003)

Northeast chapter selling 15' concession trailer -- cheap.

Leave message at

(503)-285-4329

(May 2003)

Wanted

Looking for rear cyclinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake.

(503)-665-5063

or

(503)-997-3558

Barry

Chev 235, 6-cylinder engine that runs good, 1955-1963

Phone Rotten Roger at

(503)-285-4329

(May 2003)

It seems my attempt at humor has caused my friend Dave Curl grief. My "Help Wanted, Hangman" ad has been mistaken as something other than a joke. Now it is important that everyone understand that neither Dave nor Pacific County A.B.A. T.E. had anything to do with this ad. Chuck Stuart, that's me, is the sole person responsible for the conception, writing and deliverance of this ad. To Dave and his cohorts I apologize, most sincerely apologize, and to those who misunderstood, I'm sorry.

Sincerely, Chuck Stuart

March Cryptogram

Z R X S E T W A R N X E M T U K S I R U Z

T K O R S T W E W E U M , X M V U M R U Z

W A R N X E M T U K S I R T U Z

I S K R H E W B W U I U M G K R S Z R X S E T

W A R J R P E M M E M B U Z Q E T V U N .

— J R S W S X M V S K T T R H H

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns 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 letter is "E".)

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Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$20
 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

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

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

Please send completed application to:

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U.S. POSTAGE
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PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

Smoky Joe went through a pack-a-day,
They were so vile he finally said, "Hey!
It's a habit I just can't beat,
So I'll turn it into a treat:
Just one *good* smoke at the end of day."
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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 March 2003 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>U&I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Merts Campus</i> ; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Pietro's Pizza</i> ;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 st Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Wednesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Foxfire Restaurant</i> ; 4740 Main Street; Springfield