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

-- Rot Path

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 Nationa Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through 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, National Coalition of Motorcyclists A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

There are times when I dislike knowing what's going on in the biker world.

For instance, when I hear of one of you getting hurt on a bike, or misused by the authorities because you look like a biker, or when I hear negative comments about chapter or state officers who are working their hearts out for you.

Then there are times like this week when all the news is good and I couldn't be more proud of you or more pleased to be a part of *A.B.A.T.E.*

This feeling of pride started when I picked up my local Sunday paper with a lead story about congressman Peter DeFazio having given up his spot on the house aviation subcommittee, one he's held for 18 years, to focus his attention on "our" highway bill,

T.E.A.-21-LU. He is now one of the four most powerful members of the house subcommittee on highways. According to the Roseburg News Review, "this move makes DeFazio the first Oregon member of congress to occupy a prime spot on a major spending bill since the legendary Mark Hatfield". He has assured us he will be fighting hard for the passage of the motorcycle safety initiative within the current highway bill and his new committee assignment gives him the weapon he needs to win this fight for us.

In the same issue, the paper profiled newly elected state representative Bruce Hanna (R-district 7). Bruce is from Roseburg, is a motorcyclist, a member of C.M.A., and a friend. I am excited about his posting to the powerful house ways and means committee and of the possibilities this

represents to A.B.A. T.E. Bruce's new chief of staff is none other than our own Bob Avery, former A.B.A. T.E. vice-coordinator—south, current chair of the Lane county republican party, and my coworker on during our lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. If ever there was a "dream team" in Oregon politics, this is it.

And today, just a couple of days later, I listened to a radio broadcast hundreds of miles from home describing our fight for free choice regarding helmet use before the legislature, followed by a recording of Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. member Michael Boggs' eloquent argument that asked why this state, which permits free choice in assisted suicide, prevents us from choosing to enjoy our lifestyle without helmets.

These news items offer hard proof that your commitment to *A.B.A.T.E.* is worthwhile. You, and your money, *are* making a difference. Thank you.

I thank all of you who attended S.T.E.A.M., those of you chaired seminars, and especially Geoff White who organized another great event. I'll bet you're glad that you attended. If you never been to S.T.E.A.M., don't short yourself. Be there next year. Thank Geoff yourself, if you get the chance.

With increased spending for *BikePAC* and *M.R.F.*, and our *Team Oregon* reimbursement program, things are a little tight financially within *A.B.A.T.E.* If we were to double our membership these problems would simply disappear, together with greatly increasing our clout in the political arena. So, please, each of you make an effort to sign up just one person this year. You won't



by Joe Laurance

believe the difference it will make.

Lord, help us walk the walk, not merely talk the talk

Joseph Laurance

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Central Oregon Chapter



Greetings from sunny central Oregon!

Here it is almost the middle of February and we haven't had much of a winter. I hope some of you have gotten out and put some miles on your bikes on the warm days. If you do get out remember to watch out for those cinders.

By the time this newsletter comes out we will have held elections. I will let you know who our new officers are next month.

With spring right around the corner we will be planning our three major functions: roadside cleanup where we clean approximately four miles of the Sisters-Redmond highway and have a chapter B-B-Q at Sisters Creekside Park afterwards; our Third Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation Run where all profits are donated to the M.R.F. for motorcyclists rights (last year we were able to donate \$1400); then our Eighth Annual Teddy Bear Run which is a big group ride delivering stuffed animals to area hospital emergency rooms. If you

want to be part of the planning process come on down to the meetings.

We have two motorcycle awareness banners up in the central Oregon area on different establishments.



One is on *Tobacco Jo's* in downtown Redmond. If you get by there swing on in and thank Kenny Wheaton's wife Jo for letting us hang one there.

The other is on the *Black Horse Saloon* in Bend. If you get in there, thank Larry and Lisa for letting us hang that one.

That's about it for this month. It's kind of a quiet time of year.

Remember, "United we stand ..." and you all know the rest of that sentence.

Later,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) *Black Horse Saloon* Bend, Oregon

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17505 Snow Creek Road Bend, OR 97701 Turn out is still strong at our meeting – 42 members and 12 guests. Our membership has now grown to 170 members.

Rob made his toy run report stating that the state treasurer had brought in enough money from ticket sales to pay for the bike. The bike is being donated by *Paradise* and is a 2005 duce lava red. It can be seen at the roadster show March 4-6. The trailer for the bike has been cleaned up and will make the bike look good.

Our state representative, Joan, is doing a great job a getting information back to our chapter regarding the issues at the state level.

The chapter had guests speakers from *BikePAC*: Ken Ray and Patrick. Ken Ray informed the chapter about how *BikePAC* works. He informed the chapter about two hearing dates at the capitol regarding the helmet law. Those days were Tuesday, February 16 at 8:30 am in room B and Thursday, February 17 in the evening. He encouraged as many of the chapter members to attend. You would have two minutes to speak at the hearing and should have a [up to] 25-page statement to turn in as well.

The chapter had its first planning session to plan the year. The planning session came out with two new small chapter runs and after chapter meeting putts. The after chapter putts will include a rally and scavenger hunt. The chapter was excited about the new ideas and will continue refining their planning session ideas throughout the year.

The Sweetheart Dance was a success. There was a great turnout and everyone had a fabulous time. I want to thank all of my people for the great job they did to make this a success.



The chapter was challenged by Northeast Portland Chapter to match their donation of \$200 to the Southeast Portland Chapter's canned food drive on February 26. The chapter excepted the challenge and will donate \$225 to Southeast Portland Chapter.

Larry

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm) *Jubitz Truck Stop* 10310 N. Vancouver Avenue --Portland Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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Douglas County Chapter

'Tis the season,

No, not the christmas holiday season, and not even groundhog day celebrations. But after attending our chapter's January meeting, I realized it's the inauguration season, soon to be followed by a state of the union address. I write this update now (the end of January) realizing you won't be reading it until early March. Nonetheless the comparisons are here. Our chapter didn't actually have an "inauguration" for new officers – we just basically showed up, ate pizza, and took over our new duties. And no real boring speeches for us about where we're headed in this "brave new world".

However, our new coordinator, Abe Zaffarano, opened with his perspectives on the coming year. His first order of business was to offer special thanks and appreciation to all those who served as officers and volunteers last year, recognizing that our successes last year grew out of their efforts and willingness to serve. Abe also emphasized his desires to fully use committees in the year ahead, to increase participation, and strengthen our chapter. It may not be as glamorous as bringing freedom and democracy to all points around the globe, but I think it speaks pretty directly to our needs as a chapter.

For the moment our greatest focus will be on finalizing our events list, so that we can submit it to state A.B.A.T.E. for sanctioning before March 20th. Currently proposed events include: partnership in the S.O.S. Run, a casino night, a chapter ride and camp-out, support for a christmas cause, planning for Fossil games, and possibly having a christmas party for chapter members. Absent from this years list will be our participation in a swap meet.

Abe remarked that our commitments to staging these various events will again challenge our memberships, willingness



to be more than just a member. He reemphasized that details in planning these events are best worked through in committees and then brought back to the group. We're looking forward to greater attendance at our February meeting so we can begin forming the committees that will coordinate the events. Somewhat in the same vein, Joe Laurance reminded new officers and members that S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled in February and that the session is very helpful in presenting a member's role in *A.B.A.T.E.*

I have some observations on this beginning of a new cycle and call to volunteerism. It seems to me that membership in A.B.A. T.E. is sometimes sold as a discounted way of attending certain events with somewhat less emphasis on the "brotherhood" aspect. I know my own experience reflects this observation. For a lot of months, I was just a "hanger-on" at the local meetings, just checking things out, and not so sure I understood what it was all about. But over time, for me, the attraction wasn't quite so much what it was about, as who it was about. It became a gathering of new friends, people you enjoy riding with, talking to, and working together with on projects.

Roger Horton closed our meeting with comments about life's trials building character, which adds flavor to our lives and, in turn, to our community. I'm optimistic that our enthusiasm to bring in more than just "the usual suspects" to meetings and committees will go a long way toward accomplishing our goals this year and adding to the character of our chapter.

Bill Korpa secretary Douglas County Chapter

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm) *Round Table Pizza* Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports **Hub City Chapter**



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Riding season is almost here and we are sure ya'll will be looking for ride destinations.

If you are traveling east of I-5 in the mid-Willamette Valley, we would highly recommend a stop at the *Brownsville Saloon* in Brownsville. It is easy to find as it is located on the main street in beautiful downtown Brownsville. This is a great destination for a ride ending with a bite to eat or just a place to stop to wet your whistle.

Stopped in there last week and had a great burger that will satisfy the hungriest biker's appetite. Follow that with a PBR pounder for a buck and what a deal you get! Good selection of other brews is also available. They also have a menu of other sandwiches and appetizers as well as a dinner menu that includes steak and chicken. And the pool tables are newly recovered for those pool players out there.

Oh, did we mention that the proud new owner is a *Hub City* member and Ms Natalie loves to see those bikes parked out front. Occasionally on the weekend there is live music for those who like to party. Hours are 11 am to midnight Monday through Thursday and 11 am to 2 am Friday and Saturday. So stop in and say hello. You won't be disappointed!!

Our first annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Mike Schliske and Ron Vonsild. They did a fantastic job of organizing the event and a special thanks to all the member who showed up to help. The limit had been set for 100 players but due to popular demand we found chairs for another 10 players. After eight hours of grueling poker, the big winner of the evening was Tristan Fricker from Port Angels, Washington. A great time was had by all and we would like to thank everyone for coming to support motorcycle safety and awareness. A big thank you to The Eagles for allowing us to use their facilities and due to the popularity, this event may become an annual event or maybe a biannual so watch for this in the future.

Everyone is invited to *Hub City Biker Night* March 18th at *The Eagles*. This is our third year having this event at *The Eagles* which benefits the self-enabling charity *Fish*. \$2 or two cans of food will get you in the door. Clean usable clothing is also welcomed. For

entertainment the infamous *Elixxer* will be playing! There will be door prizes and 50/50 raffle. This is a terrific organization so please come out and show your support.

Thanks to Max Holt for donating his 50/50 winnings back to the chapter. And again, where were you John Brunsom? You weren't at the meeting to claim the monthly membership prize. Oh well, more for next month's winner. It pays to come to the meeting!

Looking forward to the good weather and seeing lots of you folks on the road,

- tb and wh

HUB CITY MEETING TIME

and PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Josephine County Chapter





Well, by the time you get this report it will be March and another month has gone by. It seems to me that this winter is going by fast here in southern Oregon. We've actually had some good riding days this winter.

At our last meeting we discussed several upcoming plans for this year but the best part was when Tim Rohde brought are old *Josephine County* banner back to this chapter. Jerry Morgan, the last coordinator of the old *Josephine County A.B.A. T.E.*, found it in his stuff and gave it to Tim to give back to us. We haven't seen the banner in ten years. It was a great surprise.

I myself along with a few other members of the chapter were part of the old *Josephine County A.B.A.T.E.* and can remember when we had that banner made back in 1988.

Now with the new chapter formed in 2003 we have a piece of our history from the past back and it's in great shape.

I'd also like to thank these other clubs and groups for their support of our chapter. They are: Wind and Fire motorcycle club, Booze Fighters motorcycle club, Solutions motorcycle club, Sons of God motorcycle club and members of a few other groups like the C.M.A., Rogue Valley Gold Wings, and the Illinois Valley Bikers. These bikers have been very supportive of our chapter in many ways. I'm proud to be a part of a group of people who get along so well with each other and give each other respect.

I'd also like to thank Gypsie for the great job she's been doing in writing stories for us in the different publications on the west coast.

Look for lots to be going on in the future here. This is a great area to ride in.

Take care and ride safe!!

Spanky

P.S. Thanks Jerry for getting our banner back to us!

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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North Coast Chapter



Greetings from the North Coast Chapter,

It's finally March, which means at long last we are starting to turn the corner to sunnier skies, drier roads, warmer weather and longer days. Time to get those scoots ready to hit the roads and off to all the many state wide and beyond *A.B.A.T.E.* runs and events.

What's new on the north coast?

Our run committee has been busy coming up with some fresh ideas for road activities to get us out on the road more and more this year with fun for all.

Once again this year we'll have our *Sunday Runs* on the forth Sunday of each month starting at different locations each month. A fifty-fifty pot will be offered again for those who choose to possibly line their pockets with some extra loot. These runs will be real causal with the focus on enjoying the sights of our area and the comradely of our brothers and sisters on the road. All are welcome to join us. For more info give our chapter secretary Amelia Williams a call at (503)-325-6686, or coordinator Sue Mills at (503)-325-2823.

The run committee is also starting to work on our major annual events for the year and looking toward establishing some new chapter runs to entice riders from the great northwest to the north coast to join us for more great times. Stay tuned for more information.

More campouts are in the planning stages after the great time we had last year at Cougar, Washington.

Fun social events for the whole family is another item in the works.

A *Texas Hold-Em* event is yet another item being discussed.

Looks like a whole lot of fun will be had by all in the months to come.

And don't forget to check out our web site at:

http://groups.msn.com/ ABATENorthCoastChapter

It's growing with information all the time. Check out the calendar for upcoming runs and events.

Another reminder about our *A.B.A. T.E.* brothers and sisters from the Washington side of the Columbia River the *Pacific County Chapter.* They have several great runs coming up in the near future. Check out the Washington state web site for a listing of these future events at www.abate-

wa.org/. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful country in the southwestern corner of Washington and all the good times the *Pacific County Chapter* always offer.

Until next month, all the best from *North Coast*.

Keep the rubber side down hard and above all don't lose sight of the fight for the freedom of the road.

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NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

4 th Thusday at 1900 (7 pm)

Moose Lodge
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Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Northeast Portland Chapter

The Cabin Fever Party was great! We had over 100 people go through the door with dozens of bikes lined up in front of the Rocky Butte Tavern. The weather was dry and not too cool – good riding weather for a winter night. Al and Angela gave away a ton of door prizes and three memberships were won. The Muddy Joe Band was great. Thanks go to all in the chapter who helped make the party a success. Thanks go to the following businesses that supported A.B.A. T.E. with door prizes:

Action Motor Sports, Oak Grove Chopper, Latus Harley-Davidson, Olive Garden, Home Town Buffet, Stewart Leathers, Love's Leathers, Stuff 2 C, Silver Safari, East Side Motorcycle, Portland Motorcycle, H & H Cycles, Hooters.

Special thanks goes to *Rocky Butte Tavern* for allowing us to take over their fine establishment. Many thanks goes to Muddy Joe for a great night of music. And thanks to all members who made contributions and for everyone who showed up to make it a success.

We will have our first ever, planning meeting on February 16th. We'll have an abbreviated meeting and then plan our direction in the coming year. We might even do such a good job at planning that next time you will read about it in this column before the planning session happens so you can make plans to be there. We'll put our phone tree to good use letting our membership know that we are having a special meeting. Next month I will have a full report for you.



All are welcome at our meetings. It doesn't matter what you ride. Check out what's parked in the lot: a *B.M.W.*, a *Suzuki* cruiser, *Hondas*, *Yamahas*, and some *Harleys*. You don't even have to own a motorcycle to be an *A.B.A.T.E.* member. We're still looking for the grizzly character who rode his *Honda 70* to the meeting a couple of years back. I am hearing he's spending some time in Minnesota taking care of family business. We miss him and look forward to seeing him again. We wish him and his family well.

We have our chapter meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at *Round Table Pizza* on NE 122nd street (near *K-Mart*). The meeting starts at 7:30 PM and soft drinks are free. Al "You-can't-keepthe-paper-sack" Thompson works his magic with great door prizes and we have a membership drawing to boot. *Round Table Pizza* is a child friendly, non-smoking environment.

Adios,

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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River City Chapter



February 1, 2005

Good, small, quick meeting tonight. No drawings. We talked about our upcoming trip to Salem and also S.T.E.A.M. We are planning to get to work on our stretch of highway in March.

Brian

Called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm, 15 people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Steve.

Guests: Cindy Judah

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Rick because they were presented in e-mail and written form; passed.

Correspondence: *B.O.A.* statement, *BikePAC* membership card and letter, a St Vincent de Paul thank you letter.

Treasury report: \$665.35

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 60

Board report: None.

Legislative report: Bill numbers: SB195 is the health care bill and HB2488 is the helmet law modification bill.

Ways and means report: Bobbel bike raffle through March; poker run committee meeting on 01 March at 6:00 pm

Public relations report: None. Historian report: None. Old Business

Group riding protocols: Several good rides with good weather lately.

Planned rides: Biker day, Salem-14 February 2005; S.T.E.A.M.-19 February 2005 at *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem; road cleanup on 05 March 2005; *Klickitat County Fair* parking project looks possible, 20-21 August 2005.

New Business

Membership drawing for \$15 was not held due to no treasurer. It will be \$20 next meeting.

50/50 was not held due to no treasurer.

Adjourned 7:36 pm

February 15, 2005

We had a good day at the capitol on biker day and got our new representative to support all three bills! Our senator supports the helmet law modification bill. Pat Williams won both the membership drawing and the 50/50, for a total of \$23. Congratulations, Pat. Our weather is getting better and we will soon be out enjoying it more than ever. Come join us.

Called to order by Lee at 7:00 pm. 11 people present, one arrived later. Pledge of allegiance led by Lee.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Debra because they were presented in e-mail and written form; passed.

Correspondence: *B.O.A.* statement, Treasury report: \$676.35

Bills submitted: Brian, \$25 for board of directors travel.

Membership report: 62

Board report: Brian reported on the recent board of directors meeting.

Legislative report: Brian reported on biker day. We had seven people from our chapter there and met with our

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RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm) *Lone Pine Restaurant*

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Salem Chapter



Wendy at *Love's Leathers* would like to have information on events. You may e-mail her at leather@love leathers.com

Our chapter is proud to put on another *Ice Breaker* this month on March 26th. Please see flier in this issue of the newsmagazine. Please come out and join us, bring your favorite dish, or just enjoy a burger and chili on us.

A big get well soon goes out to Bob Woodworker who has been on the mend but has suffered a setback. Hope all goes well for you, Bob.

Don't forget the swap meet in Portland next month, April 24th, at 10000 N.E. 33rd. The state web site at

http://www.abateoforegon.net has the flier but the address is missing a zero.

The chapter received notes of recognition from Stayton fire department, Jefferson fire department and the *White Wolf Sanctuary* for fund raising efforts implemented in their behalf. Way to go, *Salem*, for stepping up to help the community at large.

This month will be our last at the *Chalet* in Salem on Market Street.

The minutes in April will reflect our new meeting place. Please stand by.

Usually the minutes are longer but I am in the process of moving again. *Salem Chapter* sends their very best to you and yours.

Be happy and smile alot. It worries some people.

Kindest regards,

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SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm) Chalet Restaurant Market Street, Salem

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South Coast Chapter



Greetings from the south coast,

Following a pattern established by the military, as chapter coordinator I think it appropriate that I be able to step up and cover the duties (at least marginally) for any our team of chapter officers.

With the permission of our very able (and multitasked) secretary, Carole Abshire, I'm going to take a stab at this here report thingy.

Something I've had a little trouble getting my head around is the concept of reporting the February news and happenings before it happens (I haven't got that whole time/space continuum thing down yet) but the March newsmagazine guidelines require submission early in February unless there are two new moons *and* two full moons in April which makes December become August and the 34th of Octember is a Tuesday.

Okay, I'm lost! So the best I can do is to take cues from the last edition of "the report".

January, now over a month past, presented those lucky enough to be on the south coast with some truly incredible riding weather, which hopefully explains the lack of membership attendance at our meeting.

We were also fortunate enough to

gain a little in our efforts to fill out our officer quota with the addition of Mike Fisher stepping forward to handle the duties of road captain and almost immediately presenting a plan for the first chapter ride of the season in April. More details on this later but we would like to invite *Douglas County Chapter* to join us for at least part of our trek as it will be taking in part of their turf.

One of the disadvantages of being on the coast is that we only have three of the four major compass points available for consideration. So look for us to be showing up in other neighborhoods through the course of the season.

Also swelling the ranks of our officership is Roy Donaghey who is assuming the sgt-at-arms position and providing a valuable addition to our chapter brain trust of officers, on which I will be relying upon heavily for input on the considerable number of issues and decisions that we will no doubt be confronted with during our tenure.

Peering deep into my crystal ball [to the February meeting] I foresee the possibility of filling the ways and means officer position and further expanding the range of experience that we bring to our voluntary servitude for the betterment of motorcycling.

February also brings us Oregon's birthday (February 14, Valentine's Day, so bring your sweetie) and the first of the scheduled biker day's at the capital. I predict significant motorcycle presence and advancement of dialog and cooperation with our elected officials.

I will go just a little out on a limb here and state (predict) that my

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SOUTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1300 (1 pm) *Gino's Pizza* 1324 Virginia Street North Bend

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Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey there folks,

It was great to see everyone that was able to get out to *Northeast Portland Chapter Cabin Fever Party* and *Columbia River Chapter Sweetheart Dance*. We all had a great time.

Southeast Portland Chapter hopes to see everyone at our 24th Anniversary Party on March 19th at 7:00 PM at the M&M Lounge on 3rd and Main in Gresham. Tim Brezeall a Southeast Portland Chapter member and Flashpoint will be performing. We will have our famous broomstick pool tournament and a 50/50 drawing. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Preceding our anniversary party in the AM we will be having our annual canned food delivery to the *Lighthouse Mission*. We will all meet at 10 AM at the *M&M Lounge* in Gresham to group ride to the mission. Hope to see all that want to warm their hearts show up to help out.

S.T.E.A.M. will have come and gone by the time this report gets to you. Hope that everyone who could, took advantage of this free seminars. Not only is S.T.E.A.M. a great learning opportunity, but also a chance to see folks from around the state that you only see at *Fossil* or the state board meeting. We would like to thank Geoff White for all of the work that he did to make this happen.

Another important happening last month was Valentines Day, which was also the first biker days at the capitol this year. Hope you all took your sweeties for a romantic ride to Salem to meet our new legislators. More to come on this next time.



Now on to Run 21. A new run sight has been selected by the committee. The sight is adjacent and similar to the old run sight. Maddog has got some great bands booked this year such as, Rick Derringer, Head East, Jesse Lang, El Loco, and hopes to surprise us with a special guest. Tickets are now available from committee members and on the Run 21 web site (www.Run 21.info). Ticket purchases are already being made on-line. We hope Run 21 2005 will be our biggest and best yet. We would like to thank the Gateway Pub and the Horseshoe Bar and Grill for being our sponsors. Thanks Bob and Dale.

Southeast Portland Chapter regrets to inform you all that Nicole Battista has made the decision to step down from her position as recording secretary. We thank her for her hard work the past year and wish her all the best. Vicki will be filling in as secretary until someone else can step up and do the job. We hope someone will consider filling this position soon.

Spring is on it's way, time to get your bikes tuned up for the nice weather. Everybody ride safe.

Tami



S.E. Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Washington County Chapter



Well, I wish I could blame the weather for not riding much this winter, but I cannot. The muchanticipated cold and snow of November, December, and January did not materialize. February has been mild and the flowers and trees have been tricked into an early spring. Therefore, I must follow their example and get out on the road.

Our education director, Patricia Camer, has been diligent about reminding us to check tire pressure and make sure the bike is in good running order. She also put together a spirited look at riding two-up on a motorcycle at the first meeting in February. Everyone was well entertained. Members had suggestions for the rider and the passenger. Her advise is timely and should be a part of everyday riding procedures.

Just like we should check our vehicles and make sure they are in good working order, so should we check our bikes, our gear and our skills. If you have not taken a refresher course lately, please check out the schedules through *Team Oregon* and brush up on your skills. The information may prove invaluable in a moment of crisis.

WaCo will be celebrating its 21st birthday this month and the party

will be March 5 at the *Beaverton Elks*. It will start at 7 pm and the kitchen will close around 9 pm. They will be having a prime rib special and other menu items will be available. Cost for the party will be \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. It will be 21 and over and drinks will also be available from the bar. We will have both a silent auction and a live auction for exciting prizes. There will also be free pool.

Check our new web site for event information at www.wacoabate.info.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Other upcoming events include our 13th Annual Roll-n-Ride which will begin this year at Beaverton Honda on June 12. Sign in at 10 am, departure at 11 am. The chapter will provide a family picnic at the Stocker compound in Hillsboro and the band, Avalanche, will play until they are done or the food runs out.

We will also have our *Poker Run/Pig Roast* on July 30 and that will begin at *Hillsboro Honda* and end at the home of Cindy Henderson in Cornelius. A change this year will be the pig will be roast on a spit rather than pit barbecued.

A big thank you to our web master, Trace Ceccacci, and to everyone else who helped out with the change of the web address. I have not seen the new site yet, not having intenet access, but I hope to visit it soon.

Don't forget to stop by the meetings or come to the events. Our chapter products director, Dave, is putting all the old stock on sale! You know that grey 2003 *E.O.S.* t-shirt you wanted? It's on sale for just 8 bucks! There are 2004 black t-shirts and women's tanks for just \$9, *WaCo* rockers are \$3, *WaCo* coffee mugs are \$5 each until they are gone, and there are five styles of run pins for \$3 each.

If the weather holds, check your bike and get back out on the road. The groundhog may not know it, but the rest of the plants and animals think that winter is over and spring is here. Get out and ride!!

And watch out for the other guy! Linda Henderson WaCo secretary

will do secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Our Officers at Work

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

12 February 2005

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 12:10 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All present were eligible to vote. Chapter not in attendance was *North Coast*.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and first time attendees: Dave Noble (*Lincoln County*), Tony (*Douglas County*), Pat (*BikePAC*), and Diesel Dave.

Reading of the minutes from the January 8, 2005. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Kurt Speas to adopt the minutes as printed in the newsmagazine. Motion carried.

Coordinators Comments

S.T.E.A.M. is next week and is an important training tool, especially for new officers. All are encouraged to attend. Nancy Curran fell and broke her ankle as well as pulling her arm out of socket.

Correspondence: None.

*** Officers Reports ***

Legislative director: Rick Maish said on January 10th he attended opening day at the legislature with 10 or 12 others. He saw Bob Avery who works for Bruce Hannah. He also had a chance to speak with Wayne Schumacher.

Update on our legislation activities:

- 1. BikePAC bill SB-195 Health Benefits Protection. Members of this committee include senator Bill Morrisete as chair.
- 2. BikePAC bill HB-[2586] Standardized Sentencing for Right of Way Violations. This bill doesn't have a number yet. Linda Flores of district

51 has agreed to submit this bill at the request of *BikePAC*.

3. BikePAC bill HB-2488 Adult Helmet Choice Restoration. This bill was submitted at the request of Jeff Kropf. This bill usually ends up in the transportation committee, but with some great work from Wayne Schumacker and other our adult helmet choice restoration bill HB-2488 was rerouted to the general government committee. In fact we are having two hearings this week: Tuesday February 15th at 8:30 a.m. in hearing room B which is on the main floor to your [left]; Thursday evening February 17th at 7:00 p.m. and the room number is yet to be announced.

We need all of you to be at the capitol during the hearings, writing letters, and calling your legislators to get these bills passed.

A.B.A. T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Rick Maish) There is no open parking at the capitol except for Biker Day at the Capitol. Be prepared all other times to have plenty of quarters on hand to feed the meter. Also be prepared for more security at the capitol after the incident earlier. [Knife-weilding man.]

BikePAC is wondering where our *A.B.A.T.E.* contribution to pay Wayne is. Charlie said that Nancy is aware of this and is working on getting it out.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Michael Schneider did not make it to the last meeting.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Karen "Kornfed" Colvin did



by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

not attend the meeting due to the ice storm.

Education director: Geoff White said he will make copies of his hand written S.T.E.A.M. agenda and pass them out after break. There will be three sessions with four classes each.

- 1. Insurance Options, Meet your Crusty Ol' Editor, Sanctioning, The Big Picture.
- 2. A.B.A. T.E./BikePAC Working Together, Secretarial Skills, Events Planning, Working On Federal Level.
- 3. Political Agenda, Treasury And Financial Work, Leadership Skills, Grass Roots Politics.

Geoff has M.A.P. classes going on in the halls. During session 2 he will have a M.A.P. tune-up class. There will be continental breakfast, lunch with salad and sandwich and our keynote speaker will be Wayne Schumacher.

Education director II: Ricci Laurance – No report.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy said if your chapter has a new secretary or membership secretary, they need to attend S.T.E.A.M. as this is a requirement.

Jill still needs the officer lists from Central Oregon, Douglas County, Josephine County, and Lincoln County chapters.

Jill is still working on the *Easyrider Bike Show*.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path thanked all for timely submissions. Need reports from *Lincoln County*, *Southeast Portland*, *Willamette Valley*. Need newsmagazines brought to the

capitol. Encourage recording secretaries and everyone to go to S.T.E.A.M.

Products: Murge Gunter said she is planning to contact chapters and working on *A.M.O. Swapmeet*. Reminds everyone to make your orders through your state representative and allow a month for all other orders.

Public relations: (Richard Androes) Flyers for *Fossil* and swap meet are in the back. Richard said he also looked up bike shops to send flyers to. Be sure to take flyers back with you and get them out.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Duane Calkins – The committee met last month and made decisions on flyers. Thinking about offering a web special pricing package. Q.C.S.N. has damaged us with their holding of our sites. Many can't find us now on the web.

The game hosting at *Fossil* continues, looking for the next chapter to step up for the rotation. Need art work for the t-shirts to be submitted by next state board meeting. Winner will get two tickets and two shirts. Need to rent a vehicle F250 with ability to tow. Also need help with passing out flyers in Washington.

Sgt-at-arms—east is still an open position. We need to get it filled and looking for someone to sell tickets for the leather jacket raffle. Working on securing sound for *Fossil*, then the bands. Next meeting will be at S.T.E.A.M. during lunch.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton – Not here.

State Run Coordinator II: Ted Tracy – Swap meet flyers are ready and in the back for you to take along with *Fossil* flyers. Vendors have been calling

Cindy. Ted is working with Stephan regarding doing the storage locker.

Treasurer: Nancy Curran was excused due to an injury.

State auditor: Nancy Curran – Charlie said Nancy reported the parent taxes are almost done and she will be continuing chapter audits at a later date. Also, if you have anything to take back to Nancy, Charlie can take it to her.

Historian: Iris Yeager reported all to keep submitting items for the history book.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman (webmaster@abatoeoforegon.net) reported the problem with Q.C.S.N. keeping our domains and he has been trying to work with them with Joe as an in-between. People are having a difficult time finding us now. Marty said it is important that all others be sure to have our link. Some of the chapters are back up. He can also post your events now. He has included web sites in the packets. Keep an eye on the old domain names. Domains should rest with the web page editor. Randy asked about trademarking. Joan said copyright is cheaper to do.

Vice coordinator-north: Ed Vaughn reported attending some other chapter events and having a good time. He also reminds everyone to attend local events too.

Vice coordinator—east: Ed Miller reported it has been peaceful on his side of the mountain and he has been riding a lot.

Vice coordinator-south: Hal Fletcher said he went to *Hub City*'s

Texas Hold'em game and was impressed with them. Also he said he received in the mail some highway safety info and touched on some of it.

Sergeant-at-arms-north: Randy

Phipps reminds all we will need security for *Fossil* and swap meet in Portland.

Sergeant-at-arms-south: Al Sims – What Randy said.

Sergeant-at-arms-east: (This position is open.)

Sanctioning officer: Ron VonSild said it is important that information for web page and newsmagazine be run through him for sanctioning. Need run calendars from chapters.

Quartermaster: Stephan Baton – Not here.

Unfinished Business

Treasury items listed and Nancy couldn't make it.

New Business

- 1. Motion made by Michael Schneider, seconded by Kurt Speas that A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon Inc., pay for expenses for Michael Schneider, Joe Laurance to attend N.C.O.M. [convention] in May. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Motion made by Duane Calkins, seconded by Randy Phipps for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, to purchase two P.C.P. tickets to Multnomah democratic celisa dinner. P.C.P. prices is \$50 per ticket instead of \$100. This item was tabled until the next meeting to make sure this is an allowable item.

Diesel Dave spoke to the group noting he wore two hats. One he has been a motorcycle activist for 25 years and he is also a part of the motorcycle caucus. Dave considers himself a motorcycle activist first. Dave explained the fight motorcyclists have had with legislatures for years and how we have grown in strength over the

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years and that they now know we are people too and don't eat our children. Dave said Oregon has the highest percentage of nonaffiliated party. If you know someone who is not registered with a party call him in the evenings at (503)-255-8460 or email at

democraticmotorcyclists@hotmail.com.

They are having a democratic caucus meeting here today after the board meeting. Pat [Ryan] is the executive director.

Announcements

Sweetheart dance tonight.

March 12 – 21st birthday celebration – Washington County

March 18 – Biker night – Hub City

March 26 – Ice Breaker at

Greenway Park, Silverton – Salem

June 4 – Motorcycle caucus

potluck at Diesel Dave's new house

(503)-255-8460

Valentines in the back.

Next state board meeting March 12, 2005 – Junction City.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill, state recording secretary



Legislative Report Rick's Ramblings On Stuff

The first month of 2005 has come and gone, and what a month it has been. We have three bills already working their way through the legislative process thanks to *BikePAC* and Wayne Schumacher and a number of others working in the background.

Update On Our Legislation Activities

Wayne Schumacher and Ken Ray updated us at the February 5th *BikePAC* board meeting as well as numerous e-mailings these past couple weeks. Below you will find the correct titles and bill numbers of our bills. It is very important that "We all speak of these bills as one voice" with the same information and titles so as not to confuse communications to our legislators.

BikePAC bill SB–195 Health Benefits Protection

This bill would prohibit denying of health policy benefits based on method of transportation or type of activity involved in. This bill was introduced at the request of senator Frank Shields of district 24 and at this time is headed to the senate human services committee.

Members of this committee include senator Bill Morrisete (district 6) as chair with Jeff Kruse (district 1) as cochair, Rick Metsger (district 26), Laurie Monnes Anderson (district 25), and Charles Star (district 15).

BikePAC bill HB–2586 Standardized Sentencing for Right of Way Violations

This, like it says, would increase and standardize how penalties are applied for right-of-way violations. Representative Linda Flores (district 51) has agreed to submit this bill at



Rick Maish legislative director lynandrick@msn.com

the request of *BikePAC*. Also at this time we have two co-sponsers for this bill, representative Krieger and representative McPherson.

Currently it looks like this bill may head to the judiciary committee with Wayne Krieger (district 1) as chair, Greg McPherson (district 38) as vice-chair, Andy Olson (district 15) as vice-chair, Bob Ackerman (district 13), Jeff Barker (district 28), Linda Flores (district 51), Bill Garrard (district 56), Kim Thatcher (district 25), and Kelly Wirth (district 16).

BikePAC bill HB-2488 Adult Helmet Choice Restoration

This bill will have the same basic language as it did in 2003, which is adult freedom of choice for motorcyclists 21 and older. This bill was submitted at the request of representative Jeff Kropf (district 17). This bill usually ends up in the transportation committee but with some great work from Wayne Schumacher and others our *Adult Helmet Choice Restoration* bill HB-2488 was rerouted to the general government committee.

General government committee:

Vicki Berger (chair), Peter Buckley (vice-chair), Mac Sumner (vice-chair), Sal Esquivel, Larry Galizio, Brad Witt.

By the time you read this report, we will have already had these meetings and hopefully the outcome was good, but we will still need your support on

future hearings and get down to the capitol and talk to your legislators! We need your help!

We need your help in getting these legislators educated and in supporting these three bills so we can get them through the committees in a timely manner and on the floor for a vote.

BikePAC/Wayne Schumacher and a hand-full of A.B.A.T.E. and other M.R.O.s can't accomplish it by themselves. We need people like yourself at the capitol during the hearings, writing letters, and calling your legislators to get these bills passed. If you don't care enough to fight for these bills then why should your legislators support it?

Have you joined BikePAC yet?

We need your support. If you're unable to get involved at the capitol or in other ways, at least become a *BikePAC* supporter by becoming a member. Get on Ken Ray's e-mail list and get informed.

Opening Day At The Capitol

A number of us bikers (10-12) made it to the January 10th opening of the Oregon state joint legislature. Many of us managed to circulate and make contact with some of our legislators and even make appointments for the February 14th biker/Valentines day. Say, if anyone else has made those appointments, please let *BikePAC* know so they can work with you if needed.

While there, we even got a chance to talk with Wayne Schumacher and get some good information as well as an update on what our bills are doing. Oh, did I mention we had the pleasure of seeing one of our own working in the capitol. Remember Bob Avery? He started out working *A.B.A. T.E.* legislative issues some years back, he

then decided to became a P.C.P., got very involved in the republican party and worked his way up to become the Lane county republican party chair. He then began working on legislator campaigns as well as being a campaign manager and now is the lead staffer for representative Bruce Hanna of district 7. It was great to see Bob again. Looks like he is doing great! With all this, he's still working *A.B.A. T.E.* issues for us while at the capitol.

Okay, let us get back to the opening session. It starts with the seating of everyone. Now that sounds simple. They call it the "processional". They pick members from the current legislature to usher in the former governors, state elective officers, tax, appeals and supreme courts and lastly the governor.

Wow, now that's what I call something. Just haven't as yet figured out just what. I am sure they believe it's an important tradition to have this grand opening of the legislature.

The most impressive part of the 73rd opening of the legislature (in my opinion) was the presentation of colors. The *Oregon State Police* honor guard and the *Portland Police Highland Bagpipes Honor Guard* did this. Now that was a moving moment

To top that off, senior *O.S.P.* trooper Daniel Johnson sang the the *Star Spangled Banner*. That too was a great moment. He did a number on it, singing it with the emotion that it deserves.

A group of kids from the *Oregon* School for the Deaf sang What a Wonderful World by using signing. That was interesting and moving also. Never gave something like that any thought before, but maybe it should

be the second required language instead of Spanish.

We then finally got into the meat of the joint session, the address to the assembly by Peter Courtney and Karen Minis and the state-of-the-state address by governor Ted Kulongoski, I missed part of it. I had to keep my parking meter happy

If you've never attended this event you should. It's quite impressive and you might even learn something. Take your kids to it. Get them involved early in the legislative process.

Harley-Davidson Pride

(Now here is one positive note. What an excellent example for other employers to follow, if they have not done so already. — Rick)

The national committee has honored Harley-Davidson for employer support of the guard and reserve, in conjunction with the secretary of defense with the 2004 secretary of defense employer support freedom award. It is estimated that 14 percent of Harley-Davidson employees are members of the guard and reserves. Upon mobilization, the employee receives frequent care packages, pay differential, continued health and life insurance, and 401k benefits. They also make sure that upon return from active duty that their job is still waiting for them.

The only reason that I bring this to our attention is that while we all may grumble about the prices of our scoots and accessories from Harley-Davidson, it is nice to know (and may take a little of the sting out of opening our wallets at the dealerships) that Harley-Davidson is supporting the American troops both at home and abroad.

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State Run Coordinator

Fossil Campout 2005



Duane "Big Daddy" Calkins

As some of you may have read in like this to happen to us again. the minutes of last month I made the announcement that I got married to the girl I've waited for all my life. We were high school sweetheart's in the early '70s and then became reacquainted 30 years later. Barbara and myself look forward to meeting all of you at this year's Fossil Campout or sometime throughout this summer.

The committee met after the last board of directors meeting January 8, 2005 and came up with some good ideas for the upcoming 2005 Fossil Campout. We made decisions about the fliers and they are here today for this board's approval. We also established an entertainment budget Fossil.

We also discussed the possibility of creating a "web special only" advance package deal, for either one or two people. On the advance purchase, the ticket holder would receive one admission ticket to Fossil Campout, a 2005 Fossil t-shirt, Fossil run pin, and current year bar. All of that and more week that *Hertz* truck rental, where we for a price of \$40.

The 2004 committee put a lot of hard work into the web site of the Fossil Campout and our recent troubles with Q.S.C.N., our web site hosting service has not only hurt a few individual chapters of A.B.A.T.E., but also crippled the state's web site and related web pages and damaged this organization as whole, www.fossilcampout.com web page included. We as an organization are

In the A.B.A. T.E. planning session 2003 the Fossil apprenticeship was discussed and now two years later we are still continuing with volunteer chapter of a rotation. I thank *Hub City* for their participation in making the games of Fossil Campout 2004 exciting for all those who participated. I'm proud of the Douglas County Chapter for volunteering last year to handle the 2005 games. I would like for the state representatives of each chapter to discuss with their chapter of the need to fill next year's rotation. Come on all A.B.A.T.E. chapters statewide, pony up.

The annual contest for the artwork and some of the other logistics for and design of the t-shirt for Fossil Campout 2005 is due. All artwork entries need to be submitted by our next state board of directors meeting on Saturday, April 9th 2005. The winning art submission will receive two tickets to Fossil Campout and two

> It has come to my attention last have exclusively rented trucks in the past, has indicated that they will not have a truck available during our annual Memorial Day event. A brandnew Ford F-250 turbo diesel fourwheel drive that can pull all of the infrastructure for Fossil would sure be nice. If anybody knows of any other place that would rent such a vehicle and be able to tow with it also, please call me.

The Monroe swap meet is coming now working to never allow anything up on March 6 and I could use three

or four people to carpool to Monroe, Washington with me and help hand out fliers for our state event.

Fossil Campout is one of the major fundraisers of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. that helps support this organization throughout the year. It costs a lot of money to be effective in the way that we are, in keeping our membership informed and educated of the issues that affect all of us. The moneys generated also support BikePAC of Oregon in helping introduce and influence new legislation in Salem, for the betterment of all motorcyclists in

The annual Fossil motorcycle run/ music festival truly belongs to each and every member of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. It belongs to every chapter of A.B.A.T.E. in Oregon. For 28 years now Fossil has been the granddaddy of motorcycle runs in Oregon. Each and every member should be proud that we as an organization can belong to one of the truly independently free motorcycle gatherings in the northwest.

So what is the cost of free? (Wow, what an oxymoron that is.)

The cost of free is a lot of hard work when it becomes show time and before. I know a lot of you who are reading this have worked Fossil in some form or capacity. I know that there are a lot of you. That is why I'm asking for membership-wide support of one of our most important fund raisers of the year.

I'm concerned that we do not have

a sergeant-at-arms from the east at the state level. If you or somebody you know would be a good candidate for this state office, I urge you to contact me and I will follow-up with this information.

I was doing some simple math and crunching numbers concerning how many security personnel I would need throughout the weekend and I figured I needed about 60 people. If I had that many, nobody would need to work more than a four-hour shift.

Then there is the A.B.A.T.E. information booth and the setup crew and the transportation crew that leaves the Wednesday before Fossil. I am also looking for someone who has a three-quarter ton pickup who would want to be part of the transportation crew that leaves on Wednesday. There is some benefit to this position.

Then of course there is all that cleanup after the masses have left.

So if you'd like to help somehow, contact me.

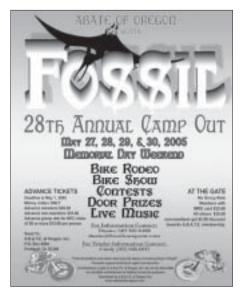
Each A.B.A. T.E. chapter across the state needs to not only contribute labor, but also needs to supply two 5 gallon cans of gasoline, one large roll of caution tape, three premium door prizes, one big box of large trash bags.

I am also looking for a single individual who would be willing to sell raffle tickets for the leather motorcycle jacket donated by *Love's Leathers*. The proceeds of that raffle are donated to the *Fossil* emergency medical technicians who provide emergency medical service for all of us at the run. This person would take the jacket around prior to *Fossil* and also at the run.

We all bring something to our organization as members. Each of us

has our own special talent to offer, a difference of opinion, and diversity in the way that we process information. And that very element "diversity" is what makes A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon unique and the premier organization that it is. Take pride in your organization. Pride of ownership. It belongs to you! And just as you would own something like a motorcycle or a car, maybe a house, take care of it, keep it maintained, keep it ready, make it shine. And when it's time to give, whether it be time, money, labor or whatever, give to your organization, so your organization can give back to you. Be a producer and not just a receiver, then A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon and all the chapters it incorporates will continue to grow and prosper.

I thank you for letting me be a part of this organization and look forward to my service to my brothers and sisters, *A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon Inc.* who appreciate the blues, good music and the beauty of motorcycling in Oregon.





BikePAC Update



The next two *BikePAC* meetings are March 5th and April 2nd. Both meetings are at the Salem central library at noon. The April 2nd meeting will be a full board meeting which requires 30 days notice.

Ken Ray executive director BikePAC of Oregon





Historian

by Iris Yeager



It is important to me to clarify what happened at the board meeting in January 2005. I am sorry that I made the comment about *A.C.T.S.* at the wrong time during our state board meeting. It appears that what I meant to say was not understood due to the timing goof up.

I know that A.C.T.S. (Alliance for Community Traffic Safety) is a very good group of peoples equally concerned for safe transportation on our roads, whatever vehicle is used. I believe it is prudent and wise to support this cause with effort and funds.

We are as a group contributing several dollars to *A.C.T.S.* knowing that they are equally concerned for the needs of motorcyclists. The governors advisory committee on motorcycle safety is a large presence at the conferences. They meet each month and are ready to listen to concerns of citizen motorcyclists. It is wise to be in a position that might help them want to listen to our thoughts, ideas and needs.

The ideas and decisions made by the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety are given great importance by our legislators and state agencies such as police and department of transportation. It is important that our concerns as motorcyclists are given serious consideration When you have road or traffic concerns one phone call to

A.C.T.S. of Oregon will give you access to the best department and person to care for you need. 1-(503)-656-7207

You can get information on the web: www.actsoregon.org

Address:

A.C.T.S. of Oregon 405 W. Arlington Street Gladstone, OR 97027

Again, I am sorry my concerns at the last meeting were miss timed.

Sincerely,

Iris E. Yeager



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

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

River City

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representative's aide and senator Ferrioli. We received a reply from representative Dallum tonight that he would support all three bills. Senator Ferrioli is with us on the helmet law bill, skeptical of the health insurance bill and very interested in learning more about the right of way bill. We also met with representative Peter Buckley, who is on the general government committee (HB 2488).

Ways and means report: Bobbel bike raffle through March; poker run committee meeting on 01 March 2005 at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping should be there.

Public relations report: None. Historian report: The book is here. Old Business

Group riding protocols: Matt and Deb rode to the capitol.

Planned rides: S.T.E.A.M. 19 February at *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem; road cleanup on 05 March; 02 April is *EasyRider* swap meet; Tacoma ride 16 April; *Rocks and Bridges*; *Best of the West -* 24-26 June 2005; *Klickitat County Fair* parking project looks possible 27-28 August 2005.

New Business

Membership drawing for \$15 was won by Pat. It will be \$5 next meeting.

50/50 was won by Pat at \$7/\$8 Adjourned 7:56 pm

Upcoming meetings
March 1, 2005
March 15, 2005
7:00 pm

South Coast

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learning curve went near vertical at S.T.E.A.M. this year and the information I received is proving to be absolutely priceless in the execution of my duties as coordinator, and encourage all *A.B.A.T.E.* members to take advantage of this learning opportunity.

Also for February we have scheduled one of our little efforts to keep our highway's presentable for the traveling public by filling up a bunch of those yellow trash bags with the debris that accumulates on the shoulders of our roads while we allow those balance impaired cage dwellers to have their way with our scenery.

As of this printing (late February) we on the south coast are getting critically near the deadline for having our May Motor Cycle Awareness Month Mall Show plans finalized, submitted and approved. I am hopeful that this year's offering will be fruitful. Being held on Mother's Day weekend, I predict that there will be an expanded schedule of going's-on's including focus on those of our peers who blend leather and lace so invitingly (this would be the ladies ... duh!). An invitation is offered to all to come help us not only educate in the area of motorcycle awareness and safety, but also celebrate the profound value that our mothers, wives, ole' ladies, and buddies of the feminine persuasion have in our lives.

At the risk of sounding like skipping record, or smudged CD, membership participation is still the single most critical element in the success of *all* functions and events. If as little as 50% of the *A.B.A.T.E.* membership would donate just a few

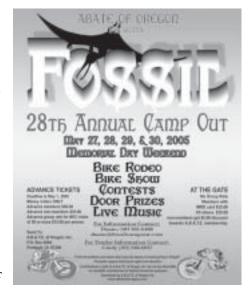
hours out of each month to the function and promotion of their chapter's efforts all could have time for the enjoyment of that common factor that has brought us together at this point on the highway of life. The wind, the runs, the rides, the brother and sisterhood of motorcycling. And have that warm and fuzzy sensation that comes from seeing your efforts rewarded by the smiles and happiness of our brothers and sisters of the road.

This is after all an organization by and for the membership and the freedom of the road.

If you please, a moment of remembrance for our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, fathers and mothers who have and are answering the call by service in our armed forces. *Semper Fi*.

Ride free to stay free,

Michael Van Osdol coordinator(2005 edition) South Coast Chapter





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The Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.) released a plan would close more than 90,000 acres to off-road vehicle users in central Oregon, including a desert area known as the Badlands that has been identified as suitable for wilderness designation. The closure would prohibit trucks, off-highway vehicles (O.H.V.s), motorcycles and cars from being driven on any of the roughly 50 miles of roads and trails that run through the 32,000-acre area.

The O.H.V. ban is part of the *Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan*, which will guide the long-term management of about 400,000 acres of public land in central Oregon. The agency is seeking public comment on its final environmental impact statement (E.I.S.) for the plan. *B.L.M.* officials expect to officially adopt the new resource management plan sometime this summer.

Overall, vehicles would be prohibited on 93,776 acres under the plan, compared with 6,550 acres currently. The new plan would also prohibit vehicle use off roads and trails on all *B.L.M.*-administered lands, changing the management of 153,600 acres currently open to all O.H.V. use.

The Washington state legislature is considering several bills that would have a dramatic impact the ability to use both on and off-highway motorcycles and A.T.V.s. The most egregious of these proposals, and one that requires your immediate action, deals with the ongoing lawsuit between state and county officials to

either re-open or pay back the money owed (\$1.6 million dollars) to the N.O.V.A fund due to the closure of the Thurston County O.R.V. park.

In a memo to colleagues, state senator Karen Fraser, D-22nd district, and chair of the capitol budget committee, has proposed allocating another \$1.6 million dollars directly out of the motorized N.O.V.A. funds portion of the state budget to cover all costs associated with this lawsuit!

The A.M.A. is encouraging all evergreen state riders to contact their elected representatives and demand that no such "deal" be allowed to occur. Insist that the motorized community of Washington state deserves to be treated fairly and honestly, and this type of double dipping goes against all standards of common sense and fair play.

For more information on these bills please visit

http://www.AMADirectLink.com
The Blue Ribbon Coalition at http://
www.sharetrails.org and Northwest
Outdoor Coalition are also taking an
active role in the O.R.V.-related bills.
For further information, contact
A.M.A. western states representative
Nick Haris at nharis@ama-cycle.org
or (530)-626-4250.

European parliament has introduced legislation whereby young adults will be banned from riding larger motorcycles. Riders under 25 will have to gain two years, experience on a low-powered bike before they can use the road on larger models. The plans are designed to simplify licensing

laws across the European Union.

The proposed changes could mean that people will lose the right to ride a motorcycle with an engine size larger than 125cc until they are 19. Older novice riders may not be able to directly gain a full license to ride larger motorcycles after rider training until they are 25. In addition, new car drivers will lose the right to ride mopeds with a full car license, which they can do after completing compulsory training.

Currently, novice riders in Britain can take a motorcycle test at 17 and are able to ride motorcycles and scooters of modest power (approximately that of a 350cc machine) for two years. After this experience period, they can ride the motorcycle of their choice. Novices can opt to take a direct access course to ride larger motorcycles when they reach 21 years old. (*Motorcycle Industry Association*)

A North Carolina bill to prohibit children under the age of ten (10) from riding as passengers on motorcycles has been sponsored by representative Nelson Cole (D-Rockingham County). House bill 39 was introduced on February 2, 2005 and referred to the house committee on transportation.

HB-39 assumes that legislators know better than parents when a child should be allowed to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle.

Your letter in opposition to HB-39 may be sent to: the honorable Nelson Cole, 1218 Legislative Building,



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American Motorcyclist Association

Raleigh, NC 27601-1096 and follow up personal calls to his office can be made at

(919)-733-5779 or through e-mail message to

Nelsonc@ncleg.net

The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America reports that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.) 2003 Annual Report of A.T.V. Deaths and Injuries shows that while the number of four wheel all-terrain vehicles (A.R.V.s) in use increased by 700,000 units between 2002 and 2003, the estimated injuries per 10,000 A.R.V.s declined for the second year in a row. The report indicates that the A.T.V. injury rate has declined 6.2% from 2001 to 2003.

At the same time the popularity of A.R.V.s continues to increase. The number of A.R.V.s in use grew 13% in 2003 from 2002. Since 1998, the number of A.R.V.s in use has doubled.

Although the overall number of injuries has increased, when the rising popularity of A.R.V.s is taken into account, there has been no appreciable upward trend in injury risk during the six year time period since *C.P.S.C.*'s new injury sample and methodology has been in place. As noted, the injury risk has in fact declined from 2001 to 2003.

Further, the report shows that the proportion of total A.T.V. injuries sustained by riders under 16 has fallen from 37% in 1998 to 31% in 2003. The report also indicates that the risk

of fatality per 10,000 A.R.V.s has declined 21% from 1999 to 2002.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (A.D.E.Q.) has determined that vehicle emissions testing for motorcycles, collectible vehicles, and vehicles more than 25 years old provides a significant air quality benefit and will therefore not recommend that they be exempted from existing state implementation and maintenance plans for air quality. To learn more about the history of this issue and to view the complete report, visit A.D.E.Q.'s web site at http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/vei/index.html

New York motorcyclists have a victory on tolls for motorcycles on the New York state thruway. Beginning May 1, 2005 motorcycles will pay about half of what cars pay as long as the motorcyclist has an E-Z pass. Right now, a car driver with or without an E-Z pass pays almost four cents a mile. Motorcyclists have been paying the same amount. Come May motorcyclists with an E-Z pass will pay 1.9 cents per mile. To get an E-Z pass, motorcyclists can go to http:// www.e-zpassny.com for the application. The efforts of A.M.A. community council, capitol area, and A.M.A. district 3 president Lawrence Schwartz assisted in making this reduction possible.

The A.M.A. board of directors has awarded the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* the A.M.A.'s first organizational motorcycling advocate

award for its years of service fighting for the rights of motorcyclists.

A.M.A. board chairman Rick Gray and A.M.A. vice president for government relations Edward Moreland presented the award to M.R.F. president Karen Bolin.

The honor was bestowed on the *M.R.F.* at the 20th anniversary of the *Meeting of the Minds* held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Based in Washington, D.C., the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is a leading voice for street riders. The organization stands for freedom of choice, freedom from unsafe highways, and freedom from unfair and overly restrictive federal and international regulations. For more information on the *M.R.F.*, go to the organization's website at http://www.mrf.org/

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

109th Congress Is Now In Session



The 109th congress is now in M.R.F. has learned that subcommittee session. The last session of congress adjourned with a grand total of 2,400 measures introduced in the house with a scant 177 making it to public law.

handing out committee assignments, orienting freshman, and approving the rules under which the chambers will conduct business. Most of the legislation that the M.R.F. is concerned with is yet to be introduced which means there are no bill numbers yet. The M.R.F. has been working with the congress to further our agenda.

The Highway Bill

The Transportation Equity Authorization (T.E.A.) bill that authorizes spending for highway and mass transit projects is one of the major pieces of legislation that has been labeled by leadership as a "must do". The previous bill died on the table in a lengthy and combative house and senate conference committee in the previous congress. The bill will need to be reintroduced in the 109th Congress.

The *M.R.F.* is working with key members of congress and staff to insure the inclusion of the M.R.F. motorcycle safety language in both the house and senate versions of the bill. There have been some committee leadership changes in the senate which should help move our agenda. The senate commerce, science and transportation committee, which has jurisdiction over a portion of the highway bill, is now chaired by a good friend of the motorcycling community senator Ted Stevens (R-AK). The

assignments have not been given out, delaying any formal work on the legislation.

It is anticipated that the highway The congress is in the process of bill will be introduced in late February or early March The M.R.F. will provide relevant bill numbers as they become available.

H.I.P.A.A.

The loophole that currently exists that allows health insurance providers to exclude coverage of an injury based on the source of that injury was almost closed last session. The senate passed the bill unanimously. Unfortunately, the adjournment of congress did not allow enough time for the bill to navigate the three committee process that parity bills, such as this bill, must complete before floor consideration.

The legislation is yet to be reintroduced in the 109th session of congress. The main house republican sponsor, Scott McInnis (R-CO) has retired to spend time with his family. The search has begun for a new sponsorship. The A.M.A. and the M.R.F. will make available the bill numbers as soon as they are issued.

Rider Education: Carnage in California

California's motorcycle safety instructors and training site managers are appealing for immediate help from the motorcycling community. In October 2004 the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.) moved to terminate the training contract of the

Motorcycle Training Center (M. T.C.) in Los Angeles. M.T.C. has provided training at multiple sites for years. This attempt was foiled partly by reaction from the riding community.

On January 1, 2005, M.S.F. terminated the contracts for four separate training sites in the San Francisco area with a two day notice sent over the holiday weekend. The site manager, James LaBarbera was a vocal critic of the M.S.F. curriculum and their program management. The California Motorcycle Safety Program (C.M.S.P.) manager Rob Gladden charged LaBarbera with serious safety violations including dead batteries, bald tires, and faulty helmet liners. Further investigation revealed one dead battery on a bike not in use, a bald tire on a motorcycle that a M.S.F. representative refused to examine, and sanitary paper helmet liners used by medical professionals everyday. Helmet liners are not required by C.M.S.P. policies. As of January 26th, the San Francisco sites are not in operation. Mr. LaBabera had been providing training in San Francisco for decades.

The M.R.F. has received numerous reports of Q.A.V. (quality assurance visits) by Dr. Sherry Williams, or her designees in California. Dr. Williams, a recent graduate of the novice riding class, with no instructional experience, is the M.S.F. director of quality assurance. Site managers and instructors (rider coaches) report than unlike site visits conducted by the previous program management, current visits do not focus on improving the quality of instruction. The truth of what researcher Harry Hurt said in this month's *Motorcycle Consumer News* interview is being played out in California, said a site manager who asked to remain anonymous fearing *M.S.F.* reprisal.

"What we need from the M.S.F. and the California Highway Patrol (C.H.P.) we are not getting," said another administrator. Already this year many of the top instructors in the field have left in disgust. Everyone who knows someone who rides a motorcycle should be concerned about what M.S.F. is doing in California. We're sounding the alarm. Call your state representatives. Alert

the governor.

"A.B.A.T.E. of California is aware and concerned about the situation," stated Jean Hughes, legislative director, A.B.A.T.E. of California. A.B.A.T.E. encourages California motorcyclists to look into the status of rider training in their local areas.

California site providers and instructors are asking motorcyclists to contact the governor's office and appeal for an investigation into both the management of the *California Motorcycle Safety Program* and an accurate assessment of rider training in California.

governor Arnold Schwarzenegger State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA. 95814 (916)-445-2841 http://www.govmail.ca.gov



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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Honda Plans To Develop Airbags For Motorcycles

Japan's *Honda Motor* has launched research into developing the first safety airbags that could be mounted on motorcycles, reported the mass-circulation newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun*.

Japan's largest motorcycle manufacturer aims to commercialize motorcycle airbags in about three years, the paper reported on January 5, 2005 without citing sources.

Honda plans to develop an airbag that will fit under the handlebars and protect the driver from the head to lower back when it is opened in the event of an accident, it said.

No immediate comment was available from *Honda*.

Honda wants to commercialize the product after finding ways to minimize production costs and working out the best suitable shape of the airbags, the daily said.

The newspaper said that the technology had been offered before, on *B.M.W.* motorcycles, but it had proved too costly at more than \$2,000 for most buyers.

Pennsylvania Considers Ban On "Self Serve" Gas

The keystone state is considering legislation that would prohibit self-service gas stations. House bill–73, dubbed the *Gasoline Station Dispensing Safety Act*, which states in part:

"The general assembly finds and declares as follows:

Because of the fire hazards directly

associated with dispensing fuel at a fuel dispensing facility, it is in the public interest that gasoline station operators have the control needed over that activity to ensure compliance with appropriate safety procedures, including turning off vehicle engines and refraining from smoking while fuel is dispensed."

"...When customers, rather than attendants, are permitted to dispense fuel, it is far more difficult to enforce compliance with safety procedures."

"...Exposure to toxic gasoline fumes represents a health hazard when customers dispense their own gasoline, particularly in the case of pregnant women."

"...The significantly higher prices usually charged for full-service gasoline in states where self-service is permitted results in discrimination against low-income individuals, who are under greater economic pressure to undergo the inconvenience and hazards of dispensing their own gasoline."

The bill goes on to prescribe penalties for "non-authorized users" and stations that do not comply, and describes training and certification of attendants to qualify them to pump your gas.

"In my opinion, this bill is an answer to a question nobody asked!," said John Mullendore, legislative coordinator for *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* and a member of the board of directors of *N.C.O.M.* "Let your representatives know that this

is not a good idea especially with motorcycles. I will fill my own thank you."

Currently only the state of New Jersey prohibits "self-serve" gas pumps. Oregon bikers won exemption from such a law in 2001, winning their right to pump their own gas thanks to the legislative efforts of *BikePAC*, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Sam Hochberg who helped draw statewide attention to the problem.

Arizona Mulls Emissions Testing For Motorcycles

Arizona is currently the only state to require motorcycles to pass emissions-testing, which are required only in Pima and Maricopa counties as part of the state's clean air plans. But that may soon change as collectible-car and motorcycle enthusiasts are nibbling away at the state's vehicle-emissions policy, successfully arguing that they should be exempt from the vexing test because they barely put a dent in air quality.

A state study backs them up, although only for the 6,200 motorcycles registered in Pima county, where Tucson is located. The 22,000 motorcycles in more populated, and polluted, Maricopa county, home of the city of Phoenix, would not get the same pass.

However, motorcycle and collectorcar enthusiasts say they see house bill 2357 as the first step in efforts to exempt their vehicles entirely from the test, regardless of location.

A study done by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality concluded that a blanket exemption would harm the clean-air plans in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. But certain groups would have only a "negligible impact" if they were exempted.

Bobbi Hartmann, a lobbyist for A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, is hoping to persuade lawmakers this year to exempt all motorcycles. The M.M.A. of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs agree, and are also lobbying for passage of the emissions exemptions.

Arizona, she said, is the only state that tests motorcycles and the test, she argues, gives a skewed picture of emissions since it's done only when motorcycles are idling, and air-cooled engines don't run clean at idle, making it difficult for them to pass emissions testing.

"The two big things, looking at the big picture as far as emissions, is that motorcycles are absolutely nothing," Hartmann said. "And the fact that they're testing only under idle is unfair."

The bill, which won unanimous support from the house environment committee, later passed by a near-unanimous vote on the house floor on February 2nd and will be taken up next in the state senate.

Lone Star Bikers Fight Helmet Law

Okay, so Texas was one of a handful of states to recently rescind their states' mandatory helmet law for adult riders, but in order to ride lidless a rider must be at least 21 and complete a safety class or carry a minimum amount of medical coverage.

Those requirements may change now that a state lawmaker has introduced legislation to allow anyone 21 and older to ride without a helmet, regardless of safety training or health care insurance.

Proponents feel they have a right to decide whether or not to wear a helmet, especially on hot summer days, but opponents of the measure fear that further weakening the helmet law could result in more fatal accidents. Now it'll be up to the legislature to decide.

Changing Gears

When Fox Cable Networks Group re-launched Speed Channel in February 2002, executives thought that devoting two-thirds of their scheduling to fast-moving cars and a few motorcycle races were all the network needed to draw viewers. Now the head honchos are changing gears.

The network has gained more than 20 million subscribers, and now reaches 63.3 million homes, but ratings gains have not equaled the expectation that a growing nationwide interest in N.A.S.C.A.R. would deliver a big audience boost.

This February, *Speed Channel* hoped to do better by pushing past its car racing roots to, among other things, launch a new reality series for those who like to watch a good bike build. Only this time it's not Jesse James or *O.C.C.* wrenching on a fabulous putt, it's just Joe Average.

Build or Bust is billed by Speed Channel as being a little different than typical reality shows. The customization occurs on motorcycles, and regular joes rather than specialists do the work. The series, which premiered February 23, gives motorcycle enthusiasts all the tools to build the bike of their dreams in 30 days. If the task is completed, the builder keeps the bike. If not, they get nothing.

Quotable Quote

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt Citizen in a Republic April 23, 1910

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From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

our biker people elected to the legislature and other elective offices in our states. This is a good thing, but it they paid dearly for us to have those isn't all there is to it.

A good friend of mine, Clark Brooker, is working on a bill to present to our legislature and he is looking for a sponsor to get it considered. He is looking at the left turn signals and other electronically-driven traffic lights that don't trip for motorcycles.

He says, and I agree, that bikes should not have to sit all day waiting for the light to change when its obvious it won't change unless a car hits the right spot on the road. He proposes that after the second or third cycle of the lights, the bike should be permitted to proceed through the light caution. doesn't This automatically allow the biker to *ignore* the light, but it gives us a practical solution!

What's interesting is that one person can do this, with some spare time and a lot of energy. We can do much to preserve our rights and freedoms just by getting involved in the processes that govern this land. It's easier than you think!

The battle over whether or not to be forced to wear helmets when we ride isn't the only fight. I agree, we should have the choice and I will fight for that right as long as there is breath in my body, but I'm not against wearing a lid. I wouldn't for the world deny people the choice. I think there are a lot of issues out there we need to deal with that are just as important. The whole reason we have this country

We are always talking about getting to live in is the folks who went before us needed the freedom of choice in their lives just as much as we do, and liberties.

All Motorcyclists Invited And Welcome!

May 5-7, 2005.

This year's National Coalition of *Motorcyclists* convention is to be held in Nashville, Tennessee folks. It will prove to be one of the best yet. Reservations can be made at the Sheraton Music City Hotel at 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214. Call (615)-885-2200. The special rate is \$79 per night, single or double. You get the rate by mentioning you are attending the N.C.O.M. convention. After the end of March you will have to pay the full amount because the special rate will end then. Make sure you don't miss out on this trip. The seminars will be the best and the party won't be forgotten for many moons. There will also be a National Confederation of Clubs meeting you just don't want to miss. I'll see you there.

Newsbits-N-Pieces

Malta, New York — Starfire Inc, manufacturer of motor products has a new ceramic composite disc brake system that is drawing high praise from Jason DiSalvo, one of the world's foremost motorcycle racers. The system is comprised of a new lightweight brake pad and rotor system that even improves fuel mileage

Starfire is a leader in improving



motor vehicle performance with innovative improvements in design and operation of many components of motor vehicle parts form autos to trucks to motorcycles. The braking systems will be available for motorcycles early this year.

Keizer, Oregon — The cops are at it again in this small town that's grown into a suburb of Salem. Our Oregon A.I.M. lawyer, Sam Hochberg, is doing a pro bono (for free) case down there for around thirty Gypsy Joker folks who were ticketed by some overzealous officers. It's also a project of the Oregon Confederation of Clubs, the C.O.C. It's the same story Sam keeps running into, the last few years: The police see one rider who they think committed a traffic infraction, and it turns into a citation festival - or as Sam says, a "fund-raiser" for the town's treasury – when they cite *all* the bikers. Sam's going to court on it soon, so we'll let you know what happens at trial, right here in The Sack.

Dana Point, California — Patriot Motorcycles Co. has proven there is a growing market in America for the affordable "Yamoto" off-road bikes, made in China. They took over distribution last November and in the first 60 days they delivered 1,750 units at the average price of \$950.00 each. We need to pay more attention to the manufacturers off shore! If you're interested in selling Patriot bikes, you can call their Sales Director at (949)488-0434. Who knows? You might make a new career with a dealership.

Portland, Oregon — I looked over a Korean motorcycle in one of our shops here in Portland not that long ago — Columbia Scooters it was — and I was impressed at the fit and finish as well as the good looks of the machine. If you're in the area, go check out all the other interesting machines they sell there. They have a 3-wheeler truck with a motor under 200cc's that can haul a full ton and it sips the gas! They're made in India, where they use 'em all the time.

Germany — Police in Germany are hunting some folks they think are just pranksters, who have been sticking miniature U.S. flags into piles of dog poop in public parks. You know, some people around the world have very little regard for this country and they can have their opinions, but this kind of thing irritates me. German authorities say they don't know what they will do if the clowns are caught, because there is no statute that deals with this sort of behavior. Maybe there should be. There are laws that govern everything else, especially in Europe.

Web-wrecks — For those who like to read about bike wrecks, there's a web site that supposedly collects and links you up to all motorcycle crashes that are reported in the papers. It's interesting to see how folks mess up, but it's scary when you see the ones you just know could have been you.

Sobering stuff, but it *does* keep this Gunny's eye on the ball just that much more, out on the road. Here's the site, courtesy of my boss, Sam Hochberg, our Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney. He likes to poke around the internet: http://www.wcow.com/html/html/motorcycle_accident.html And no, Sam says he's not sending out letters to crash victims, like a dozen or so

other lawyers do here in Oregon. Sam's plate is pretty full anyway. He says it seems *pretty damned slimy* to send out a letter trying to hustle some poor guy who's all busted up. Some states forbid that altogether, but not Oregon.

Portland, Minnesota -- David Sharp of the Associated Press brings us this bit of news: Safety experts suspect older motorcycle riders with a lot of disposable income are buying more machines than their aging brains and out-of-practice bodies can handle. Several other groups have come out with similar stuff on us older riders and I'm starting to get annoyed about it. I may be the exception, but then I've been riding a looonngg time – well in excess of fifty years, and I'm still doin' okay. I ride a big bike, too. The difference might be that I take rider education courses often. It really helps folks, especially with the traffic on the highways the way it is nowadays. It distresses me to read about all the folks being killed and maybe for no better reason than lack of preparation when it comes to getting on their scooters to enjoy life a little more. Please take a riding course if you haven't ridden for a few years or if you're a new rider. It just might save your life and keep your family from losing someone they love. The annual number of motorcycle fatalities among 40-plus riders tripled over the past decade to 1,674 in 2003, in the U.S.A. That's way too many of us gone.

Helmet Protest In India

Cutting across party lines, elected members of the *Pune Municipal Corporation (P.M.C.)* resolved to launch a mass protest against the state's decision to make helmets compulsory for motorcycle riders and passengers. We are not alone in the agitation

caused by compulsory helmet laws, folks. These are elected officials protesting what the state says they have to do. Kudos for them. I hope it does the job.

Gunny Again

As always I remind you good people, the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorneys across this country are the best source of help that bikers have when we get ourselves in a nasty crash or any other mess dealing with the laws of this land. *Use their expertise* and be glad they are here for us. We have enough going on in our lives without trying to get around the insurance companies alone. The number to call is 1-800-On-A-Bike. and the old number works, too: 1-(800)-531-2424. Visit 'em on the web, at http://www.On-A-Bike.com or http://www.AIMNCOM.com. Both'll getcha there! Sam Hochberg and Associates here in Oregon are at 1-(800)-347-1106. You will get at least some good advice.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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

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Millenium Ride

19 January 2005

areas of Indonesia. Save the Children U.S.A. expressed interest in having Willy Bala, director of Health for All (H.f.A.), to conduct a needs assessment in the province of Aceh. But he has to wait at least a week for approval because there are too many relief workers in the area. Next week he hopes to go to Jakarta for discussions before proceeding to the worst hit area at the north of Sumatra island. H.f.A. currently enables sustainable delivery of primary health services for a population of 55,000 in Flores, at the other end of the massive island nation. Motorcycles play a central role in its success.

Hello everyone,

Willy asks for prayers during this forthcoming important and stressful work. Please support Willy's request asking firstly for God to open the way for his visit and then to guide his work for the best solution for the people living there. We have been with Willy since the beginning and already he has achieved international recognition for his abilities. But his greatest work is now so let's not let him down.

The high interest in the work of *Health* for All in the wake of the tsunami disaster shows how crucial is primary health care (women and children matters) for building strong communities. The development gurus who spend taxpayers' billions every year know it very well. But primary health has been ignored for decades because it does not make news headlines. Millions more across the developing world are denied basic health services, a human right enshrined in I have decided to change a few items on international law. With an international development budget of U.S.D. 100 billion per year, there is enough money

to provide health for all. Why does the situation continue to worsen? Because we Motorcycles may be used to help have not demanded value for money, in rebuild the health network in tsunami hit the form of performance criteria and evaluation, from the aid industry.

> I've been the last few weeks here in Ghana, one of the safest countries in Africa with very charming people. I spend New Year and the following week at the coast. I try narrow 'doors of no return' at corners of castles and forts used in the slave trade by the British, Dutch, Portuguese and Germans.

> After hearing of the tsunami disaster I camp high up on the ramparts of a solid stone castle built in 1683 by the Prussians at Princess Town, towards the border with Ivory Coast. I look out through the coconut palms, beyond the rocks to the horizon. I imagine a huge tsunami rolling in, slowing, growing in height (surely it could not be taller than the castle, at about 30m elevation), crashing over the half moon beaches stretching kilometers in each direction, washing away the matchbox like town at the foot of the castle, converting once again into a huge wave as it meets the inland lagoon. I imagine the devastation in Indonesia.

> Sumatra island. I had ridden through its lush jurassic park like scenery in August 2000, in awe at extinct volcanos and camping at crater lakes. Petrol was 8 cents (U.S.) a litre and the forest was being raped by illegal loggers. Now I feel I should be doing something to help. Do they need motorcycles? Probably, because how will health services get through once the helicopters go home? Look at the state of the roads on TV. I'd better get to an internet cafe and speak again with Willy. In quicktime Willy establishes that what we offer is indeed needed.

> Before heading north to Burkina Faso my bike here in the capitol Accra. The engine's sprag clutch and alternator need changing and also the front brake disc. I



Simon Milward

am very grateful both to Rotax in Austria and to Talon Engineering in the U.K. for sending the parts. Also big thanks to the Pink Hostel for a week's free B&B (www.pinkhostel.com), the Adeshie Hotel too (www.adeshiehotel.com) and all the Ghanaian businesses who are going to make a charitable donation! They are lead by Honda Mcs (Oversdeas Union Ltd) who have also offered two ST1100 (Ghanaian police bike) shock absorbers.

In any case the hamatan is blowing, the seasonal wind full of dust coming south from the Sahara Desert. It blocks the sun as well as my air filter. Perhaps the wind will lessen in a week or two when I am ready to ride north.

Don't forget Willy's important work. I'll keep you informed of progress.

All the best.

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Letters

I am writing to you about *Indian Creek* members, the little spoken of chapter of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

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Indian Creek.

Not quite.

It is a place for club members and patch holders to make their support known for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* without getting their club involved with local chapters.

Remember those chapters of the past that had to fold? How about those chapter officers of the past who gave their 110% until they were bled dry by all those members of their chapter who just sat around sitting on their hands?

Frustrated and burned out but still supporting A.B.A.T.E. they joined *Indian Creek*.

As a member of *Indian Creek* you may not have any officers or a state representative, but you can still jump right in and volunteer at biker days or any *A.B.A. T.E.* event and still give your 110%. You don't have to worry about whether or not the rest of your chapter is doing their jobs because no one knows who the other members are or how many of them there are. You can get an *Indian Creek Chapter* rocker from the state products director, but you won't see it advertised in the state newsmagazine.

At the state board meeting, never in my memory has the state membership secretary told anyone how many *Indian Creek* members there are in Oregon.

Respectfully, Bill Foster member at large Dear Bill,

Having attending a number of state board meetings over the last few years, crusty ol' editor can't recall the state membership secretary ever giving membership breakdowns by chapters, including *Indian Creek*. But then no one asked her or him for those individual totals. Since the highest security clearance required for such information is ridiculous, it should be forthcoming to any who

A couple of years ago crusty ol' editor asked to be transferred to Indian Creek Chapter for a number of reasons, one of which was that he didn't like how the other children were playing in the chapter sandbox. Indian Creek offers the newsmagazine editor a chance to be impartial in handling chapter materials. (It seems to c.o.e. that all state board members should be transferred to *Indian Creek* to avoid favoritism.) However wiser heads directed c.o.e. to take his toys and go play with different girls and boys and he's been reasonably happy ever since. You might consider visiting and working with some other chapters.

Sometimes the first pair of riding boots tried on don't fit.

Dear editor,

First off, thanks go to Spike for his letter about mixing religion into our organization. We must remain open and available to all bikers, and like Spike, I am an atheist. Any religion just gets in my way and it is not an *A.B.A. T.E.* issue.

Rot, it does not matter if Spike's

views are popular. What really matters is that he is free and feels free to speak up about them. That is what makes this country so unique and important. I hope that every reader recognizes that fact and supports the free speech itself.

Constirutionally yours,

Brian Stovall
River City Chapter

Dear Brian,

Crusty ol' editor keeps rereading his reply to Spike from last month's issue and finds that he is puzzled by the latter half of your letter. It seems that you are restating c.o.e.'s point. Or perhaps c.o.e's caffine levels have dipped too low.





Cold Weather, Hot Times

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Wow! The middle of February was quite eventful for Oregon motorcyclists.

Events began with the state board meeting in Junction City on Saturday, 12 February. It was announce that there would be three motorcycle events held in Salem the following week.

The first activity commenced on Monday the 14th with a Valentine's Day rally at the state capitol when over 50 people braved fog and sub-freezing temperatures to make their ways to Salem, nearly two dozen of us riding there from various parts of the state. We met in room 350 above the governor's office and heard from several speakers including Ken Ray of BikePAC and Wayne Schumacher, our lobbyist hired by BikePAC. Some folks went over to watch a short house session, a joint house-senate meeting, or to meet with their elected officials. Valentines were left for representatives and their staffs. Much chocolate was involved.

Tuesday morning saw several bikers attend a committee meeting in hearing room B of the capitol on house bill 2488, the helmet freedom restoration act. Vicki Berger is that chair of the committee and she ran a firm but fair hearing. Three or four bikers testified for the bill while four folks from various agencies opposed the bill.

What was interesting to observe during the proceedings was the panel member's body language while testimony was being given. Two of the members were leaning back during biker testimonies, one with his eyes closed part of the time, another reading. But when an *Oregon State Police* patrol officer was testifying, one of the reclining members leaned forward with interest about increased *O.S.P.* workload if the bill passes.

Two days later another hearing was held at the capitol on HB-2488, this time in the evening. It was very accommodating of the panel to schedule the hearings at morning and evening times so that working people had a chance to participate. (Being in the capitol at night is very erie. It seems so empty, though I'm sure there are hidden eyes watching everything that goes on.)

Light balances darkness and the sun returns to warm the pregnant earth and living hearts.

This time we had at least 45 of our people show up, with at least seven giving testimony. Some of the most telling testimony in our favor came from Ken Ray, executive director of BikePAC. Previous testimony by opponents had pointed out the rise in injury/death rates in states that amended their helmet regulations to adult choice and the fall in the same rates when helmets were required. Ken rightly pointed out that the change in statistics was due to the change in the number of people riding. When helmets are optional, more people ride, therefore the number of injuries/ deaths will normally rise; conversely, when helmets are required, the number of riders decreases and so too does the number of injuries/deaths. As such, there is no direct cause and effect link that can be directly attributed to helmets.

Deliberate statistical manipulation by the bill's opponents is, in yer crusty ol' editor's humble opinion, dishonorable.

The week rounded of with that wonderful *A.B.A.T.E.* event, S.T.E.A.M. (Seminars To Educate And Motivate.)

Wayne Schumacher was the guest speaker during opening ceremonies and it was the first time that many members of



Rot Path (c.o.e.)

the Oregon A.B.A. T.E./BikePAC community got to see and meet our biker lobbyist. He has been riding for 35 years and is an American Motorcyclist Association member. He briefed attendees on how the Oregon government is structured and helped them understand how our legislative efforts fit into the grand scheme of Oregon politics.

Brian Stovall made the very good point that Oregon bikers are a public asset, that we should never allow anyone to label us as a public burden.

On a very happy note, yer crusty ol' editor's coworker, John Strauch, who was severely injured in a motorcycle crash on 01 October 2004, has recovered enough to return to work part-time. He still has a way to go with therapy, but his progress is almost visible on a daily basis, due in large part to a strong will to recover.. John doesn't recall his actual two-wheel crash, so he has no fear of riding his hack when he's more fully recovered.

Now that's a biker.

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crusty ol' editor did not throw himeself out of a marginly good aircraft to skydive on his birthday last month. (It seems that he would have had to lose the equivilant of his age in weight in two weeks because skydive perators are not allowed to toss paying customers out of aircraft with cargo parachutes.) Instead c.o.e. lit a bonfire that evening and danced around it neked, giving gawking motorists ample reason to drive into ditches.

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South Coast 1300 (1 pm) Souteast Portland noon	21	Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	23	24 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	full moon (storm moon) 1199–inquisition begins (Nobody expected the Spanish one)	26 Salem Chapter ICE Breaker Silverton
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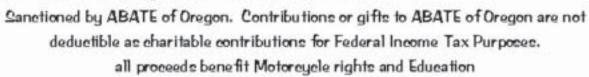
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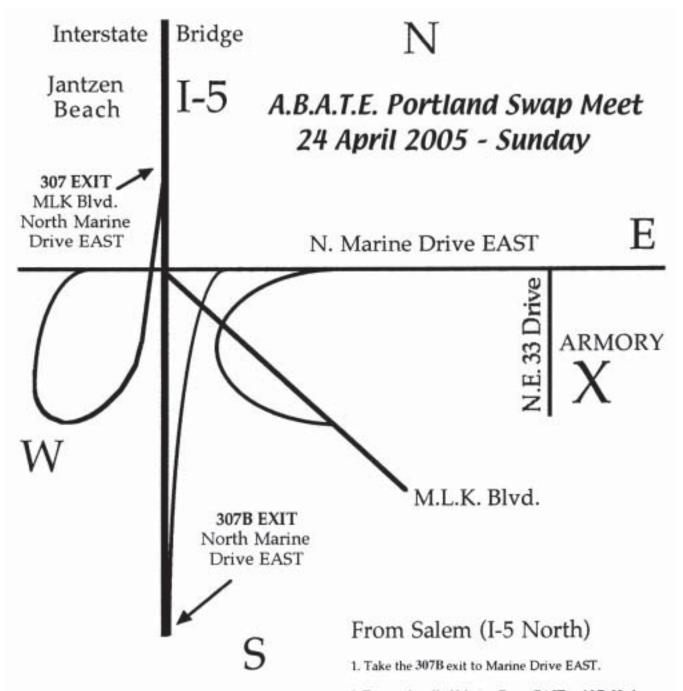
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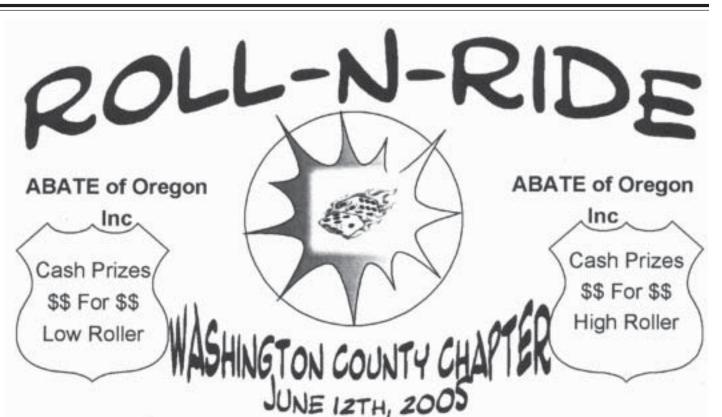
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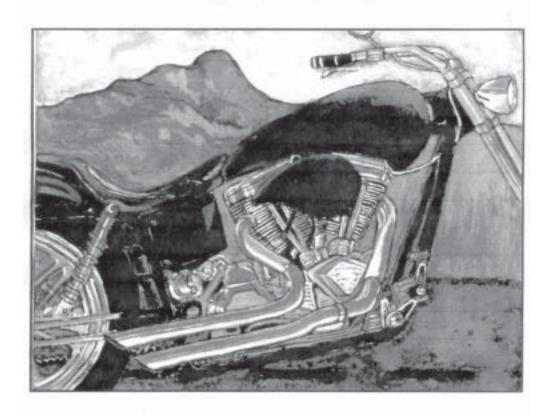
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From Our Members

Road Storys

Barry - Hub City

Hi everyone!

Have faith, spring time is coming...

Barry here with a word or two to help flesh out our fledgling newsletter, something every one of you should also consider doing. I'm quite certain that everyone in *Hub City* has had at least one experience, or knows a story worthy of being published here for everyone's enjoyment. (Just think, you'll be a "published author"!).

I decided to choose an experience from my early years on a street bike, a *Yamaha 650 Special*, which I had bought new in 1980 as my sole means of transportation. The timeframe is 1982 or '83, the setting is Bad Neustadt am Mein, Germany.

I had been in Germany for about a year, working as an interrogator at a border resident office for the U.S. Army.

Now, although Germany occupies approximately the same latitude as Oregon, the weather there is significantly more wintry than I had previously experienced in the good old northwest. I was exposed to a variety of unpleasant conditions including snow, sleet, ice, slush, and rain, as well as various combinations of the above.

Being, however, young and bold (stupid?) I braved it all, and only laid the bike down once or twice (or thrice) at low speed, at the cost of some bent turn signals and a mildly dented tank. Amazingly, though I courted disaster on a daily basis, I managed to escape with no serious

injury and very little road rash.

As spring time came around once again, I was really looking forward to being able to ride with a little more confidence. I dreamed of hopping on the autobahn and heading out to Munich or Frankfurt or maybe even Vienna. Pounding along down the fabled autobahn, not a speed limit in sight (although there was a helmet law), laid down low over the tank, the throttle twisted fully open, I could achieve the blistering speed of 85 mph! Well, I never said the Yamaha was a race bike. In fact, I think that several years of autobahn duty pretty well killed the old girl off. But I digress.

One fine, early spring morning I was determined to set out to . . . somewhere. It didn't really matter where, it was sunny and warm, the nicest day so far in a very early, but promising spring.

There were several local watering holes where I was known (imagine that), and had a good chance of running into someone to hoist a few beers with. I knew it would be chilly at speed, so donned my leathers and balaclava (I was wearing a full-face helmet in those days).

The autobahn was a mere 10 kilometers out of town, and after a brief, but exhilarating blast at warp 9 down to the next town, I reluctantly peeled off the autobahn. My destination was a little Gasthaus where I knew I could get some lunch, a beer, and if I was really lucky, might even run into Heidi. (Okay, it might

have been Gertrud, or Helga.) This was the quintessential German gasthaus, with stuffed boars on the wall, traditionally clad fraulein waitresses, and the typical group of smelly old men drinking beer and schnaps in the corner.

As I left the autobahn and started down the familiar road to my lunch spot, I was having a great time on the narrow and curvy country road. The pegs on the Yamaha were set significantly higher than on the Deuce, but I was quite adept at rubbing them anyway, especially on certain sections of this particular road. You had to be somewhat circumspect, however, when riding aggressively on country roads in Germany, since farm tractors, livestock, pedestrians or just plain shit on the roads could easily appear at any moment. (Much like here!)

It was, however, none of these things which caught me out. I had in fact relaxed on the last couple of kilometers of relatively straight, wide, and farm free road leading into town. The last straight was in sight and I was already slowing down to enter town when I came to an area that was completely overhung by trees. I mean it was like looking down a dark tunnel on that sunny day.

I paid it no special attention until I realized that there was a veritable mound of ice across the entire road surface!

Nowhere to go!

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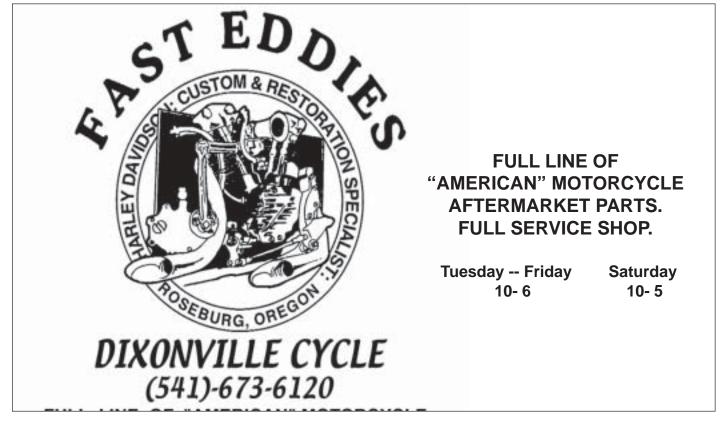
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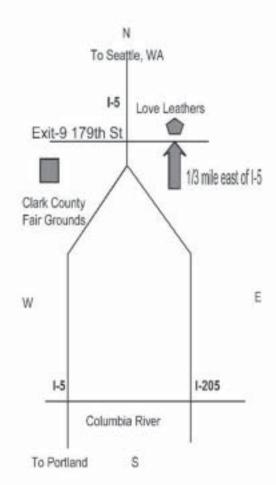


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Road Stories

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Too fast!

Prepare to bail!

In the next instant the bike was down on its left side and we were both careening down this thankfully long, straight, curb-free road. At this point I was sliding along on my ass slightly behind the bike at about 60 mph and could see that although we were not on target to hit anything solid, neither were we slowing down much.

Damned ice!

The pegs and other sharp parts of the bike were digging into the ice, and it was slowing down faster than I was. I decided that there was nothing I could do to save the bike and tried to guide myself to a slightly different trajectory so the bike would not wind up injuring me. (It's amazing how fast your mind works in these situations.)

Anyway, we're sliding and sliding and sliding some more. I even started to kind of have fun when I realized that the ice was reducing any damage to my leathers and hence to me quite drastically.

By now I had passed the bike and

was having so much fun sliding along on my ass and shoulders on the ice that finally, having slowed dramatically, I attempted to sit up.

Bad idea.

I was apparently still going too fast for such a maneuver because the next thing I knew I was doing a face plant on the asphalt! I was sure glad to be wearing a full-face helmet that day.

After that, having disrupted my nice tidy slide, I tumbled and rolled for a little further and finally came to rest about 40 feet past where the bike had stopped. My first thought was of course for the welfare of my bike.

I immediately jumped up and ran over to her to assess the damage.

Hmmm, a couple of bent turn signals (or were they that way already?), a slightly dented tank (is that dent a little deeper?), and a severe bend to my shifter. (That's new!)

All in all, not too bad for my fastest wreck to date (It still holds that distinction).

Hmmm, what about me?

No pain yet, everything seems to work. Damn, my leathers are scuffed up. Wow, look at the scratches on my helmet!

Well, it took a some very careful unbending of my shifter (it had to be replaced), but I was sitting down to a cold German pilsener a mere 15 minutes later and Heidi(?) was even there to console me!

The moral to the story is this (yes, I'm sorry, there's something to learned from all this):

First, we can never let down our guard, especially when road conditions are inherently suspect, such as late fall, winter, and early spring.

Second, your protective gear will save your ass, literally, but only if you're wearing it.

Finally, if you have a controllable slide in progress, try not to screw it up until you stop. Flipping and flopping down the road can be much more damaging!

(Please note, and I really want to make this clear, that I am in no respect an expert in this and the above comments are purely my opinion based on personal experience.)

Yes, spring time is coming.

Make sure to stay extra alert to road conditions.

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Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	
	Washington C	ounty area							
Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c	•	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gunny and Sue Hutcheso)	X	X	X	X	X		X
Debbie and Brian Done	(503)-357-5620		X	X	X	X	X		X
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Duffy's Revived Road List

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name:	phone number:	location:	P	E
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	Washington County area (continued)							
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 toll-free	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

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Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X	X	
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X X	
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		\mathbf{X}	X	X	
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X X	
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X X	
Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-686-6768	Eugene	X	X		X		X	
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X	X	<
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X	X	
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X X	
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X X	
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X X	
Michael & PeggySchneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X X	
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X		X	
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X		X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X	X	
Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	Albany	X	X	X	X	X	X X	

other areas

Ray & Kathy DeMelo (503)-831-1807

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A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

	PART					
QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00			
	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white			As A STREET, S	
	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00			1
	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00			
	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00		and the second	
	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00		The second second	4000
	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00			ADam
	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00			Or Oregan
	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/bl	ue 3.00			100000
	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00		YEAR PIN	
	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00			
	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00			
	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00			
		Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black			ABATE	6
	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black .	3.00		اح مواثنات ا	
	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/blac	k 3.00		35.0	
	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/go	old 3.00		999	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00		New!	
	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/bl	ue 4.00		Long-sleeved black shirt with	A.B.A.T.E. logo \$4
	41.510	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00		-	125
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	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00			
	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00		ABATE PINS	5
	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00			ABATE
		ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color				ABAIL
		ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold				5
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		Fossil Pin				640
	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00			~
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	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00		<u> </u>	
		Long sleeve T-shirts				
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	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	25.00		Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00	100
Sm_	Med_	Lg X-Lg 2X			(One time charge)	
		Polo shirts				3
		Ladies V-neck shirts				
		Ladies crew neck shirts	20.00			

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)

NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director before placing order.

	PART					
QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION		PRICE	TOTAL	
	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/	red (left side)	3.00		
	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/				Dr. a State
	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Roa	ad Sticker - large, insid	le, 5 color 5.00		DECIDE
	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Stick	ker - large, 5 color	3.00		
	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Stick	er - small	1.00		STICKERS
	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DE	CIDE Sticker - small	1.00		
	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike I				
		Don't Mess With It"	3	,		LOUD F
	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bum	per Stickers	3.00		PIPES III
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	FAB	Free America Pin				The second second
	EAP	Eagle Pin				
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	•					OFFICER
		Historian				ROCKERS
		Legislator				
		Educational Director				(special
	-	Ways & Means Director				order
	Chapter	Sergeant-At-Arms		5.00		items)
	Chapter	Public Relations Director		5.00		PRODUCTS DIRECTOR
	•	State Representative				- STANGTOR
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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. PLEASE SEND TO:

Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO) WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED? DATE STOPPED: _____ a m / pm LOCATION: ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY____ OFFICER NAME: PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: ____ am/pm CITE # COURT LOCATION: city / county: ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _______ IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime. Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)** Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH If verbal, describe: WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT? Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES: How did you plead? If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date? _____ YES: What was the verdict? GUILTY NOT GUILTY If quilty, what was the sentence? FINE:\$ 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 ____ MODEL: __ When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO) Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe:

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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Wanted

1983 FLHT full dress, 80 cubic inch motor, S&S carb, 5 speed. Looks and runs good, made to travel. 38,000 miles. \$8,000 (503)-873-5748 ask for Bob.

(April 2005)

Lawn Mower Man still has several valuable mowers available. One 21 inch 4 H.P. rear bagger and one 21 inch 4 H.P. rear bagger that's propelled.Call now before the spring rush. They won't last long. (503)-257-7390 (April 2005)

One of a kind custom built all stainless steel shifter linkages for softails. They look better than chrome, show quanlity, must see, several styles and several prices. Just like the big boys have only better. Makes a wonderful new year's gift for some lucky person. Call for information (503)-257-7390

(April 2005)

When the corner-stone is laid, And memorial tablets are errected.

Answer to February CRYPTOGRAM Those who first oppose a good work Seize it and make it their own,

1984 Ford pickup (F150), S/W, 4x4, 300 cubic inch 6cyl., 3speed., rebuilt front and rear ends. \$3,500 or best offer.

1959 45 trike. 2/3rds complete. New powder coated frame. **\$3,500** or best offer.

1963 Chrysler 300 Newport, 361 wedge 6 cylinder, factory 3-speed on the floor. \$2,000 or best offer.

Contact Tim at (541)-679-6674 (Douglas County)

(April 2005)

2002 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster. 350 original miles, Screaming Eagle pipes, custom seat, luggage rack. \$6,900 or best offer. (503)-969-4345 or bulmstf@comcast.net

(April 2005)

1972 Honda CB 750 four. Current tags, new clutch, backrest, extra front wheel and tire. Runs good. Call Jim (541)-680-1991 or (541)-229-5532 after 6 pm. \$650 or best offer. (May 2005)

Wanted

New state products director needs computer with current operating system to run MicroSoft Office and Quicken so she can bring you delightful geedunks. Phone Murge at (**503**)-**362-9136** if you're a rider in shiny leathers with a PC.

(April 2005)

Old toy, model replica toy cars and trucks. Also slot cars, gas powered models and electric trains.

Diesel Dave (503)-255-8460 or dieseldave72@yahoo.com

(May 2005)

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Your ad here.

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(No commercial or business ads please.)

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March Cryptogram

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

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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— Edgar Lee Masters

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Portland, Oregon 97208

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Joe Laurance	(541)-679-0150	josephlaurance@aol.com Note: Spell Joe	's e-mail address with "a nce",
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Hal Fletcher	(541) 688-4268		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Ed Miller	(541) 923-5503		
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Port	land area)	
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	fourtracys@msn.com	(503)-615-0550
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Charlie Hll	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
TREASURER			
Nancy Curra	(541)-888-2572	abateauditor@charter.net	
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Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
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SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH			
Randy Phipps			
SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Al Sims	(541) 926-2161		
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
(open position)			
PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
Margy Gunter	(503) 362-9136		
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1	(1)		
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2	(2 (1) (2)		
Ricci Laurance	(541) 679-3775		
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Richard Androes	(503) 394-2441	hdrider67@aol,com	(503)-394-2441
FOSSIL COORDINATOR	(500) 200 (100	1 00 11	(500) 200 (100
Duane Calkins	(503) 282-6488	duane@fossilcampout.com	(503) 282-6488
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR	(502) 7(1,22(2		
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
RUN COORDINATOR-2	(502) (40 57(6		
Ted Tracy	(503) 640-5766	fourtracys@msn.com	
HISTORIAN	(5/1) 0/7 120/		
Iris Yeager RUN SANCTIONING	(541)-967-1286	mrsyeager@cybcon.com	
RON SANCTIONING Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	watkins@dnc.net	(541)-924-3969
WEB PAGE EDITOR	()41)-724-3707	watkins@difc.flet	(741)-724-3707
Marty Soehrman	(503) 824-2924		
QUARTERMASTER	(707) 024-2724		
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE	(202) / 01-2202		
Rick Maish	(541) 746-7837	lynandrick@msn.com	
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Michael Schneider	(541)-349-9864	dyna88mike@yahoo.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2	() 11) 0 1)) 001	a, , mico.com	
Karen "Kornfed" Colvin	(503) 283-3054		
Tamen Rolling Colvin	(505) 205 5051		

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Portland, ORegon

Individual membership

Couple membership

Family membership

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NEW ADDRESS:

NAME:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: ZIP CODE: STATE:

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SIGNATURE:

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

Total number of members: ___

Date paid:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

	Membership Application
Name:	
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City: State:	
Phone: () E-mai	l:
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Congressional District: Senator:	Representative:
Annual Rates:	

\$20

\$25

\$30

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. P.O. Box 4504 Portland, ORegon

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PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE

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PORTLAND, OREGON **PERMIT No. 638**

TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED DATED MATERIAL

A wee folk who liked his drop o' mist cold, Lost his treasure when louts followed him home, So he got a wee bike, And now goes where he likes, And nobody can find his crock o' gold.

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 12 March 2005 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})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend			
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	Jubitz Truck Stop; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.;			
			Portland			
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	$1900 (7^{pm}))$	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg			
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany			
Josephine County	1st Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Abby's Pizza; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass			
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport			
North Coast	4th Thusday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria			
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland			
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles			
			(I-84 & US-197)			
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Chalet Restaurant, Market Street, Salem			
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend			
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M/M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham			
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bar; 4202 Pacific Ave;			
			Forest Grove			
Willamette Valley	2 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building			
			1626 Willamette Street; Eugene			