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S.T.E.A.M. organizers Patricia Carner and Geoff White.



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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.

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, 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

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Coordinator's Comments



by Ed Vaughn

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

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

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

If you are confused about the direction your chapter is headed, read these words and see how what you are doing applies. If you feel you are off course, use our mission statement as a guiding light to find your way back.

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

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

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

Our financial and legislative support of *Team Oregon*, our reimbursement of *Team Oregon* tuition to our members, and actions like getting an exact definition of a legal helmet and eliminating handlebar height limits are perfect

examples of what we can accomplish when we apply ourselves to our mission statement.

We have a lot of work to do in the next two years to accomplish our goals.

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

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

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

Central Oregon Chapter

Hello from sunny *Central Oregon*,

Well, as I write this the weather is just beautiful here in Central Oregon. Finally a little riding weather for mid-February.

As the new coordinator of the *Central Oregon Chapter*, I would like to personally give John and Jackie a large thank you for all the hard work and time over the years you folks put into this chapter. Thanks again for a job so very well done. Also to all the other members who have worked hard to make our chapter what it is today. Hats off to all of you.

I will be very honest with you and admit about one thing – Renee' and I have not met a lot of our members and we are horrid at remembering names. So bear with us as we fumble our way through.

Francis has offered to teach a certified C.P.R. and First Aid certification class on either March 11th or the 18th for any of our interested members. This is excellent opportunity for anyone interested. I would like to thank *G.F.P. Enterprise* for the use of the equipment and also Francis for doing this for us. For more information or to register, call Francis Baltzore at (541)-610-3810 or Kevin and Renee' at (541)-389-2167.

Congratulations to Ron and Francis on their wedding. May you always ride together for a long and wonderful life.

We will be planning our roadside clean up/BBQ and the *Rock, Bridges, and Lakes M.R.F. Support Run* over the next couple of meetings. If you remember at the roadside clean up and BBQ last year, we had a great turnout. No body went home hungry.

Hope to see you at the meetings.

That's all for now,

Kevin

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Before our meeting we had a guest speaker, Jim Robison, who is running for state representative # 44. He will be working on several issues if elected including helping us with our helmet law.

Donnie brought our meeting to order. He welcomed our four guests.

[Reading of] the minutes was waived.

Kyle, treasurer, reports we now have \$1,286 in the bank. We brought in almost 400 dollars last night at the sweetheart dance.

Shag, toy run reporter, reports that *Yamaha Action* has donated a scooter for our run. We are having trouble though with the license for the run.

Joan filled in for Rhonda for our legislative report.

Bill, historian, reports that he got excellent pictures at the sweetheart dance and hopes to put some in our records.

Joan, state representative, reports that we need to remember other organizations but most of all remember *A.B.A.T.E.* She also says that people need to start remembering our mission statement. Many people don't and it's very important when we are telling people about us. Pretty soon we will have our mission statement on the back of our courtesy cards. We also need to make *A.B.A.T.E.* known. She has had many problems with radio stations not knowing who we are along with other company's.

The swap meet is coming up soon and we need all of our sergeant-at-arms involved.

From now on we need to make sure that all of our events are sanctioned. Many people have been forgetting about this but it needs to be done. Any gathering or promotion of events needs to be sanctioned. Don't forget when you send in the forms to send the money with it and if there is liquor being served by any outside party they need to give you a copy of their license and insurance to be sent it with the forms.



Everyone needs to try and donate butt cans and garbage cans for events this year to the [state] quartermaster. If anyone wants a water tank for any events they need to get it themselves. We do not have one for anyone to use.

At events if there are any drunk people we need to take initiative and take their car or bike keys away and if that fails they need to leave the event so that we don't have the same problems as *Run 21*.

Chapter was not happy with what the state proposed in regard to our membership dues. *Brother Speed* spoke up against taking out our family prices. They believe this is a good thing to have to get younger people involved or anyone for that matter.

New Business

BJ brought up that there will be a car and bike show on February 17-19. *A.B.A.T.E.* will have a booth at this event. [It] will be held at the [Portland] expo center.

Bill wants to get a new member photo. We will be taking this photo next month after the meeting so if you want to be in it come next month.

Special report: Lee gave his report about the *Summer Run*. We had a great turn out at the planning meeting. There will be lots of fun stuff to do such as bike game, kid games, adult show, fashion show, and many more. But he did say that we need people to volunteer to run some kind of clean up crew. If you want to attend the next planning meeting it will be held at the *Turtle Shell* at 12:30 February 26.

The 50/50 went to Karren from

Southeast Portland Chapter.

There will be a can food drive two weeks from 11 February at *Tippy Canoe*.

Special thanks goes to everyone who donated to our sweetheart dance: *Love Leathers*, *Stewart's Leathers*, *Renegade Classic Outlet* store, the *Echo Inn*, *Pleasant Home Pub*, *Kenton Club*, *Taste of Village*, and many more.

Holley
(a.k.a. Frosty)

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET- ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
The Spare Room
4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland

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

Douglas County Chapter

Greetings from *Douglas County!*

January brought us lots of rain with only three days that didn't have measurable precipitation, a new record.

Thought about trading the *Harley* in for an ark. Luckily couldn't find a good used one.

And as usual, the sun came out and so did the two-wheeled rides. It was almost as good to see bikes on the road, as it was to see the sun.

The new year is rolling along for our chapter with getting organized and events being planned. We have a mix of officers, with some old timers such as myself and some great new blood. Hopefully we will be reenergized and ready to get on with the business at hand.

Speaking of business, I was thinking about why we do this and what is to be gained from it. I have been an *A.B.A.T.E.* member since around 1987, before the mandatory helmet law came into effect. In fact, as a *Coos County* member I did a number of radio shows talking about the effectiveness of education as a

deterrent to crashes vs. legislation (mandatory helmets). We all know the outcome of that battle.

In reflecting on the status of helmet laws here and in other states, there have been some losses and some gains.

And, as part of my reflection on motorcycling issues, I was reminded that there is more to lobbying and legislation than repealing helmet laws.

No, I'm not a heretic, just a realist.

There are factions that want to mandate, moderate, and sometimes eradicate our rides, the places we ride, how we ride, and whether we ride. Issues such as insurance (medical, liability), traffic laws, motorcycle "free" areas, exhaust/emissions, noise, after-market parts, modifications, tire size, and the list goes on.

It becomes easy to focus on only one issue.

What good is it to get rid of the helmets if we can't ride what we want, where we want, the way we want?

We might just find ourselves riding a monstrosity with air bags, fueled by a hydrogen cell going "whoosh, whoosh, whoosh" down the road.

Sounds appealing, huh?

A.B.A.T.E. is only one of the organizations watching and responding to the issues that threaten us. The organizations are many: *A.B.A.T.E.*, *M.M.A.*, *BikePAC*, etc.

One of the watchdog groups is *A.M.A.* and it would do us all well to give up a couple nights out a year to pay for an *A.M.A.* membership. Most of the organizations have minimal membership fees and use the many small donations to represent our interests in a variety of venues. There are representatives dealing with *N.H.T.S.A.*, insurance companies, parts and accessory manufacturers, legislators, and others on all these issues. They deserve not only our interest but our support.

My hope is that 2006 will bring us to a place of better understanding the many and varied issues confronting us. Whether we consider ourselves, bikers, motorcycling enthusiasts, fair-weather riders or off-roaders, we are all in this together. Every time we lose a little, we stand to lose a lot.

Ride safe and free,

Becky Garino
secretary

**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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Hello,

Wishing everyone a happy St Patricks day and the luck of the Irish!! Do not forget to wear a little green on March 17th or at least drink a little green stuff on that day!

Wow, Mr. Weatherman was very accommodating this past month and many took advantage and did some riding. One beautiful Sunday our sanctioning officer put close to 300 miles on a trip to the coast. I heard rumor that a few folks even scooted out of work a little early to take advantage of the sunshine to get some riding time.

Events are starting to take shape for the 2006 riding season. It seems that each year the selection of activities grows.

Hub City is working on our annual poker run June 3rd and the *One Night Stand* campout for August 5th so be sure and put those two dates on your calendar for sure. Watch for more information in the coming issues of this fine newsmagazine.

Another event to put on your calendar for this year is *Fossil*. It is the first big run of the year and looks to

be shaping up to be a great run. Rumor has it a wedding may be taking place that weekend!!

In keeping with the *A.B.A.T.E* mission statement, *Hub City* is going to sponsor an outside billboard in the local area to promote motorcycle awareness and safety. The committee is working on getting some graphics for the sign and we are looking to have it put in place in by May or June. Due to the increase of motorcycles on the road, we feel this is one way to alert the general public to be more aware of riders and make the roads safer place for everyone.

Many local troops have been returning home from tours in Iraq. We want to say a special thank you to all those riders that have turned out to support these wonderful people rain or shine. As Fred Tucker keeps reminding us, a little rain should not keep us from welcoming them home. After all, these folks endured much worse circumstances to provide us with our freedom.

Our monthly meetings continue to average about 50. It is great to see so many people joined together for a common cause.

Taking home a little something extra from the last meeting was Carolyn Freeman who won the 50/50, which totaled \$75. Rene Pardoel was not present to win the membership drawing.

If you want some good food (especially pizza) and friendly folks to talk with about riding issues, join us at our monthly meeting at *Ciddici's Pizza* located at 135 5th Ave, Albany, Oregon on the third Thursday of each month.

Until next enjoy that sun when it shines!!

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE

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

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Josephine County Chapter



Well, the weather sure was nice for a bit here in February. But like always this time of year, it's hit and miss.

I'd like to report some good news. By the time this comes out it should be all taken care of.

I'm proud to announce that our chapter has been asked to be involved in the *S.O.S. Run* at Wolf Creek this year.

I don't think there will be any problem getting it approved by our membership either.

As far as I'm concerned, this is great news.

Now for some more stuff to get out.

Our chapter's got a lot going on this year and we can use as much help as anybody can give. So if you'd like to help, out please feel free to let me know.

Our next run is the *Sparc in the Park Poker Run* on May 13, 2006 so I hope we can get many of you and your friends to support this poker run.

One of the things we want to do this year is to plan some rides to different places around the area this summer. Also we talked at our last meeting about having quarterly potlucks at our meetings. That would be a great way to get together also.

This chapter has come a long way in the last three years and we seem to just be getting better too. I'm hoping that with the support of everybody this will continue to stay that way.

So remember, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the *Fruitdale Grange* on Rogue River highway in Grant's Pass at 7 p.m.

I hope to see you there too,

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange

Rogue River highway

Grant's Pass

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North Coast Chapter



I have a correction to make to the last chapter report right off the bat.

North Coast member Roger Tower has volunteered to be our legislative representative. When I listened to Roger tell all of us at the run committee meeting on the 4th of February why he choose to remain in the office and his explanation of why different people join the brotherhood of A.B.A.T.E., it really hit home how important his office is. *Muchas gracias*, Roger. I'm glad you will be there for us when we cannot. Our freedoms *are* worth fighting for!

Can't do much reportin' on last month's chapter meeting. I was partying at my 90 year old uncle's birthday in southern California. But, I can make us all educated as to what the run committee is up to.

We are getting serious about raising our chapter operational coffers, because we would like to be able to do more things to help raise the awareness of what A.B.A.T.E. does in our communities and have a heckofa good time doing it too. We need money to make things happen as well as the gift of your volunteerism.

Around Saddle Mountain is on for its 11th year and the date has been

selected, June 24th. (Look for our poster in next months state newsmagazine.) We're also working on *Fruit Loop* for August. Look for that one in the newsmagazine too.

The first of our *Fourth Sunday Runs* will begin with a run after our new chapter meeting time of 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. Hopefully, we'll see a lot more of chapter members on this weekend time.

The first run will be on March 26th and we'll ride up to Tokeland/Bay Center, Washington for a stretch and some oysters. Let's all think sun!

The run committee also tossed around the idea of putting on a biker's bowling night as a chapter fund raiser and it was generally thought that we should begin work on doing it. The image of bikers with bowling balls is a little bit scary, but hey, it sounds like fun.

The subject of chapter campouts is also on the table. We talked about a nice long Fourth of July weekend in Bend again. Last year those who made the trip did not regret it. The warm weather and fireworks display and all that great scootin' friendly blacktop made me want to do it

again this year.

Think about it and let one of your chapter officers know if you'd like to head out with us. We need to set the space reservations for that weekend real soon.

Cougar, Washington is again on the list for another campout. Everyone has a great time at this one. Plenty of food, a swimming pool for the kid, (in all of us) and the majesty of Mount St. Helens with her great roads to wander around on is a real favorite. This campout will require space reservations also. Dates and further information for these and other events

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1030 (10:30 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter

Spring is springing.

I'm hearing the frogs croaking down in the swamp and our winter soaking will soon become just a fond memory.(?)

Among our other fond memories will be *January's Northeast Chapter's Cabin Fever Party*. We thank all of our friends who helped make it a success and cause us to realize that we need to find a bigger place for *Cabin Fever 2007*.

Spring is springing (did I point that out before?) and it's not too early for us to think about all that "junk" we need to part with or that "treasure" we have yet to discover at next month's *All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet* on April 30. Buyers and sellers win and you support our chapters, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, and our mission.

The *Northeast Portland Chapter* has been spicing up our meetings with special guest speakers. We thank Jim Robison for visiting us in January to tell us about his 44th district candidacy for representative.

At the beginning of February, Pat Carner, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* education director I, did an excellent job entertaining and informing us about *Team Oregon* motorcycle rider

education. We thank Kevin Mannix for agreeing to come to our meeting in February to tell us about his candidacy for nomination in the Oregon republican governor's race.

On March 15, Angela Lyons from the *National Rifle Association* will be speaking to us.

Check our web site for the latest announcements of more guest speakers:

<http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com/> Visit and take part in your chapter's meetings.

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If that's your *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Northeast Portland* membership identification number and you come to one of our March meetings, you can claim the March bribe prize.

For February it was two 2005 *Summer Run* t-shirts and two 2006 *Summer Run* tickets.

March may be the same prize, but check the web site to be sure. Bring your ID card. This is part of our "mystery-identification-number/come-to-the-meeting" incentive program.

A new number will be drawn for April. This number is also posted on our web site, <http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com/> and

more details can be found there.

That's about it for now. Read our newsmagazine, check in at the web sites, <http://www.abateoforegon.net/> and <http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com>, and come to the meetings. Tell us what *A.B.A.T.E.* can do for you and what you can do for your brothers and sisters of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

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Northeast Portland Chapter

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter



January 17, 2006

Wow, what a meeting!

We started with a pre-meeting about our new planned rides committee and discussed a lot of stuff in a short time.

Next, we had a lively regular meeting with lots of discussion about plans, political agenda, finances, *Fossil*, and anything else that came up. We set a ride committee meeting date of Thursday, 26 January at 7:00 p.m. at M.C.C.F.C. (3221 west 10th street, The Dalles).

Bob won the 50/50 at \$7.50/\$7.50 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

Delese Kendrick would have won the membership drawing for \$5 if she had been present. It will go up to \$10 next meeting.

I sure do enjoy our meetings because we have such a great group of assorted interesting people.

We had a *big* meeting tonight!

Twenty-two people showed up.

Twenty were members and two guests.

That is over 30% of our membership.

We had excitement and lively discussions as well as all the usual good cheer. We voted to renew our *M.R.F.* membership, pay half of tuition for completed *Team Oregon* classes, and sponsoring trophies at the *Fossil* cruz In.

We reported on poker run preparations and on our new planned rides committee.

Nancy won the 50/50 at \$9/\$9 and donated \$5 back to the chapter. Thanks, Nancy.

Larry won our membership drawing for \$10 and donated it back to the chapter also. Thanks to Larry, too.

— Brian

February 7, 2006

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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

<http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>**Salem Chapter**

Greetings,

As I write these minutes I am late, teetering over the deadline vicariously, and wondering about human beings, why life is the way it is, and are children still our greatest hope and if so, why don't people act like they are. Must be the full moon that has me so introspective.

When the minutes for our meeting we had on January 22, 2006 are published in the March newsmagazine there maybe a watermark placed behind the text. This graphic is from years back in the chapter. When I came across it I knew this would work for our chapter patch.

What do you, the membership of *Salem Chapter*, think? You may ask why I didn't wait until the next meeting but with so few people showing up to the meetings this seemed a good way to get the ball rolling.

Heard of the *C.R.S. Motorcycle Group*? If you see Rainman at the next meeting ask him. He was very informative.

This month the date for our meeting is on March 26th at 2:00 p.m., *Papa's Pizza* on Commercial Street S.E.

The address number is 4550.

Every month on the fourth Sunday. Yeah! We gave away another coordinator's prize in the drawing and will be having a membership drawing for monetary gain (your's, not the chapter's) at the above mentioned meeting.

For those of you who like to look forward to your exercise: the next road pick up is on May 21, 2006.

One week before *Fossil Run*.

Good time to start getting in shape.

Same area on Wallace Road outside of west Salem. For more information call me, Michelle, at (503)-390-4292 or check out the web site. I have asked Rot Path to place the address for it at the top of the page above these minutes.

Hey, for those of you who just might have stumbled upon this newsmagazine in happenstance, this is what we believe in: "A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action."

For *Salem Chapter* membership call Ann at (503)-831-0351 and she will

steer you in the right direction.

Have fun, be well and laugh when it's not needed.

Blessed be!

chapter goddess
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**SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE**

4th Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Papa's Pizza
4550 Commercial Street, Salem

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

Southeast Portland Chapter



Greetings from *Southeast Portland Chapter!*

By the time you read this, our *Food Drive Fund Raiser* and *S.T.E.A.M.* will have passed. We hope those who made it had a great time at both events.

The weather has been good and spring is on its way. So get that last little bit done on the bike so you can enjoy the road on the warm summer days.

New officers have taken their positions within the chapters. Thanks to all officers who worked so hard last year and much success to all of our volunteers.

A special thanks to Barry Skinner (coordinator) for stepping in last year. You did a terrific job!

To Killer (recording secretary, treasurer and all around go-to person), a.k.a. Vicki Messenger, you're a real asset!

Debbie Ammann, ways and means, did an outstanding job collecting for all of the events and meetings.

The energetic Geoff White who managed to bring his enthusiasm, cheer, and knowledge to *Southeast Portland Chapter* in everything he

volunteers for.

Our new officers include:
coordinator – Matt Hobbs
vice coordinator – Richard Ebling
recording secretary – Michelle Hobbs
treasurer – Debbie Ammann
ways and means – Debbie Ross
legislative director – Lloyd Buckley
historian – Bruce Davenport
state representative – John B Robert Hale
alternate state representative – Robert Hale
sgt-at-arms #1 – Buffalo

And the officers who have been elected to continue are:

membership secretary - Pee Wee
public relations – Bill Cameron and his side kick Judy Haage
toy run committee rep – Dick Edmonds
webmaster – Jim Neice
chapter chaplain – The honorable Mike Friend
products – Soft tail (you know who you are)
road captain – Terry Schaffer

And here's just a reminder: The morning of Saturday, March 18th, is our canned food delivery to the

Harbor Light Mission in downtown Portland. All are invited to meet us at the *M & M Restaurant and Lounge* at 10:00 a.m. Departure is at 11:00 a.m. to ride together for the delivery of the goods. Later that evening will be the *25th Southeast Portland Chapter Anniversary Party*.

Well, I'm gonna sign off.

Be safe, stay well, and enjoy the moment,

Soft Tail

P.S. Remember to renew your memberships and bring a friend the meetings!

S.E. Portland MEETING
TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Washington County Chapter

Finally, the days are getting longer and the plants are coming back to life after a long winter nap.

The road beckons the weary, anxious rider to come out and explore.

But wait!

Before you venture out in response to the call of the road, take a moment and check your gear and your bike.

If you have not been on the road for a number of months, be sure to check your tires, batteries, and lights. Make sure your riding gear is in good repair and that you have your "necessaries" in your saddlebags.

The sun may be shining now, but it only takes a few minutes for the weather to turn and having the extra gear for cold weather riding can make the difference between getting home and being miserable in the effort.

I have noticed the calendar beginning to fill up with parties and events for each of the chapters.

WaCo will not be left out of the celebration schedule.

We are hosting our second annual party this year at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge* at the corner of NW Cornelius Pass and Quatama Roads.

Please join us on March 11 for music, friendship, live and silent auctions.

Please note the date has been

changed due to a scheduling conflict with the location.

Dinner will also be available if you would like to come early and this year, we have planned for more than the 40 dinners anticipated last year. Dinner is separate from the event, and I am assured the food is quite good.

So mark March 11 on your calendar. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this fine publication. (Arghh!) [*crusty ol' editor note – Did someone just sit on a belaying pin?*]

Membership at the meetings has been holding steady around the 50 person mark.

Just a reminder that we have not only the 50/50 drawing, but also the membership drawing at each chapter meeting.

50/50 in January was won by Rich Virchow and Chris Daley.

Membership drawing for the new year started out at over \$75 and Kristian Jenson was not present to win for the first January meeting. Cindy Henderson won just under \$100 for the second January meeting.

Hey, it pays to attend!

Not only do you get to be an active part in decisions made by the chapter, you get to meet or keep in touch with friends you have made by being a member. The camaraderie of the

group is comfortable. Please consider attending.

We are also looking to increase membership, so see Cindy Henderson if you need tri-folds to sign up new members. Heck, just carry around a copy of this fine publication (arghh!) [*c.o.e. note – Can someone get rid of that belaying pin?*] to hand out to other motorcyclists you meet. They will need to refer you when signing up and paying dues so that you can possibly win the membership contest currently running. If they are an expired member, they need to have been expired for two months or more.

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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

11 February 2006

Viking Sal Senior Center Junction City, Oregon



*by Deb Becker
state recording secretary*

Call to Order / welcome

The meeting was called to order by Ed at 12:00 p.m. with 13 of 14 chapters represented. All chapters were eligible to vote with the exception of *Douglas County*.

Pledge of allegiance

Guests and first time attendees: *Southeast Portland Chapter, Douglas County Chapter, South Coast Chapter,* and Kay from *Washington County*.

Reading/approval of minutes: We waved the reading of the state board of directors meeting minutes from, January 14, 2006. Corrections: The *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* is *not* the reason for unreasonable information asked by some banks. Motion made by Randy to adopt as printed in the state news magazine [with correction]; seconded by Murge. [Motion passed.]

Coordinator's comments: Ed's vision for *A.B.A.T.E.*: Simple. He sees *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* with a stronger sense of unity looking into the bigger picture.

Correspondence: No correspondence that looks pertinent. Defer it to next meeting.

*** * * Officer Reports * * ***

Legislative director: Rick Maish – Another reminder: P.C.P. registration closes March 6. Get it done. Roger brought up the *Democrat Motorcycle Caucus*. Contacts are in the newsmagazine. S.T.E.A.M. will look at the two year legislative cycle. Join *BikePAC*. *M.R.F./E.P.A.* questionnaire: go to the web site and check the packet. *M.R.F.* web site good recourses for *E.P.A.* issues.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps – Had meeting last Saturday. Full board was there. Brian is legislative director, picked up Randy Comer (*Washington County*) membership director full time. Will get a quicker response. Three year cycle officers. One office yet to fill. Get a hold of Ken Ray if you are interested in an office.

Brian: Passed the resolution to get to work last month. He has copies of the political cycle, different motorcycle organizations and how they fit together. Has a packet for each chapter with assignments for us. Legislative district maps. Get familiar with candidate filings as of 9th of February. Meet them, invite them to your meetings. We are not waiting for them to reach us. Don't just ask them if they're going to vote to pass our helmet law. Work with them! Most of our energy should be on the candidates in the house and senate. Come to S.T.E.A.M. for a seminar on politics in Oregon. Has a sign-up sheet for chapter legislative Reps, e-mail addresses, etc. for his data base.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams – Not present.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: William Hunter – Not present.

Education director: Patricia Carner – Is at a training class at this moment. Is working on S.T.E.A.M. and it's all in order.

Education director II: Geoff White – Plugs S.T.E.A.M.. Many, many fliers. Please put up. *A.B.A.T.E. of*

Illinois has a new motorcycle awareness video. He has sent for one.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy [Not present. Report given by Ted Tracy.] Ted says numbers are down again. Way down! From May of last year, down 400 people. *Washington County* is having a membership contest with prizes. Membership recruitment is a must. Jill doesn't have a middle initial in her data base. She doesn't want to know your middle initial. Recognition of service certificates were passed out.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path – Thanks us for reports. Needs guidance for a Vietnam memorial ride advertisement from Ashland to Portland. They sent a full page ad. Will try to fit it in, check to see if it's a competing day for one of our events. Please do not send sanctioning stuff to Rot Path. First to Al then he'll forward it to the newsmagazine. Live in the future, send in your event stuff early. *Columbia River* changes in newsmagazine. Generally three months in advance for copy/event fliers, etc.

Products director: Dave Meeker – Has *BikePAC* 50/50 drawing tickets. Suggests putting sponsors on the back of t-shirts. He's restocking and has tons of gold metal year bars.

Public relations director: Joan McCarty – She's getting press packages ready for *Fossil*. *May Awareness Rally* coverage: news contacts are being established. She gives kudos to the *Salem Chapter* for

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their, *Got A Bike?* flyer. Suggests public relations chapter fliers. There's a Portland state writer doing an article on *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.* Suggests the *Rose Festival Starlight Parade*. Lets ride!! The web address on the tri-folds is wrong.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Ted Tracy – Read a letter: membership dropping. Information booth. Looking for help there. Give Jill a call if you can. Went to Fossil and was treated quite nicely, ate steak dinners, etc. Good communication with the Fossil folks. *River City* member there. The city council wants us there. The city can fill the water truck for \$0 possibly. Will have a concessions booth at the rodeo grounds next year. *Douglas County* will do the bike show and games. Show and games both the same day, giving Sunday free to do poker ride or whatever you'd like. Went to Bear Hollow; doesn't look too different. Adjoining property isn't useful to us either. Back to Homer's ranch! May have a shuttle this next year. Bands are signed up. Will have a great master-of-ceremonies also. [Ted] has *Fossil* tickets available. Get them now for \$5 less. *Fossil* tickets will *not* be mailed. You must get them through your state representative or from Ted in person. Has 15,000 *Fossil* flyers. Sweetheart dance tickets provided for drawing.

State swap meet coordinator: William Sanders – Has flyers ready to distribute. Pass them out. Roger says, getting ready to do the mailing. Everything is going along good.

State run coordinator II: Rich Virchow – [Excused absence.]

Treasurer: Nancy Curran – Discussed financial procedures. Latest

revision 2004, but there's very [?] change. Expense report forms need to be filled out. Mileage is paid by the mile, not gas receipts. 25¢ per mile. You can get an advance from Nancy if you know about what you'll need. In writing. (Expense advances) Discussion followed regarding, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* budget consideration report. Signature cards: State treasurer needs to be signed on bank accounts. All but a few chapters need to do this. Normally only your driver's license is required for opening a bank account and one other piece of [identification] only for verification. She needs help at both the swap meet and *Fossil*.

State auditor: Margo Virchow – Margo will take over after S.T.E.A.M.

Historian: Rhonda Kindy – Picked up the boxes today. Long term project to catalog our history by theme, event, historical archive will be easier at access. Contacting all the chapters. Proactive: moving forward by being more accessible. She's hoping to be half as effective as Iris was.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman – Haven't been doing very well with photos on the web site. Needs some sort of graphic for the web site. Launched the e-mail list. He mentioned unity, keeping us on the same page. Officers list was going to everyone, he's now fixed that. If you want to use the officer list you must have "officerlist" in the "TO:" of the e-mail. If you don't want to be on the list contact the webmaster, Marty. Brian will use this list for legislative purposes. Discussion followed about product sales on-line. Hits on the web this month from Germany, Russia,

Madagascar, Japan, France, Poland, and Greece. He has nothing for the *May Awareness Rally*. Contact person is Mel Yeager. Maybe publish the minutes on the web. Joan will write up reports on *A.B.A.T.E.* and what we're doing for Marty.

Vice coordinator–north: Al Sims – Mentioned the *Got A Bike?* Salem flier was great! Use this sort of thing to reach folks outside out area of *A.B.A.T.E.* It's also a good cheat sheet of information. We do a lot of work for charity. Please encourage your chapters to donate moneys to the state of Oregon [*A.B.A.T.E.*] Remember we are a political type group. Always remember our mission statement and stay focused. Use the Salem flyer as an example on the web site. Al is willing to attend any chapter meeting to answer any questions. If you're having trouble at meetings, come to S.T.E.A.M. Practice unity. Charity begins at home. Come to *Fossil*.

Vice coordinator–south: Hal Fletcher – Absent.

Vice coordinator–east: Ed Miller – Stay focused on our mission statement. Find ways to raise money or we're going to die. Planning session will help.

Sergeant-at-arms–north: Randy Phipps – Eleven weeks until the swap meet. Chapters' sgt-at-arms need to contact Randy. Asking for a couple of hours of your time. We need bodies.

Sergeant-at-arms–south: Richard Andros – No report other than make sure you check your tires' [pressure] and [there's] loose gravel this time of year.

Sergeant-at-arms–east: James Brummond – Absent, excused.

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Sanctioning officer: Al Sims – Sanctioning paperwork is a three page[form]. Fill it all out. This is on e-mail [state web site?], if you want the form. The cost will hold constant until April. Also in your packets there is a calendar for the runs that have been turned in for this year. April 30 is the end of our insurance. The calendar is a guideline, not set in stone. Get your sanctioning three months prior for your event. If you don't see your event, get busy with your advertising, sanctioning, etc. There is no such thing as a non-sanctioned event. One reason: insurance! In advance we need to turn that in for calculations for insurance. It used to be that we bought a blanket policy. Now insurance wants how many attend, do you sell alcohol, etc. There's a ton of legal stuff we have to take care of. If we want to play we have to play with the big boys, their game rules. We do not sell or vend alcohol. \$10,000 fine. You need to set a deadline in advance for events. Give at least 60 day (outside alcohol provider information), 90-120 days in advance for fliers. There will be a seminar at S.T.E.A.M.. Discussion. Maybe it should all be submitted at the same time: fliers, alcohol, etc. We need to fix the problem. No way to raise money if we don't fix insurance issues. If the *A.B.A.T.E.* name is on it we are implying sponsorship and therefore liable. How are you using the name *A.B.A.T.E.* I.R.S., department. of justice all have requirements we need to follow. Look at the calendar and check dates for your events, get your paperwork done! It looks like we will have continuation of our current insurance policy :-)

Camp outs and poker-runs are events. A lot of leeway for casino nights, dances, and other gatherings. Don't loose our rights to fundraising!

Quartermaster: Robert Hale – Update your phone list: (503)-314-2518 phone. (Cell phone with answering machine.) Need to know if we can get plastic tubs for storage. Something more water tight. Need to re-weld the awning frame. Needs butt cans, trash cans donated. Also a flat bed trailer for our water tank. Will check on the generator for maintenance. Each chapter should get their own water tank. The *Fossil* one will stay in *Fossil*. Officers have the authority to purchase what they need to do their job. When is the rent up for the storage? Nancy has paid one month, now will take care of the annual fee.

Planning Session

State Budget Nancy – Putting the state on a budget. General discussion with handout. State would establish a budget by percentages. Per member revenue is \$12.32. Cost per member is \$25.98. Does not include conferences. Options: increase the dues? Reinstate the chapter contribution of 25%? We're giving the newsmagazine away! If someone wants our newsmagazine and doesn't belong to *A.B.A.T.E.* they should pay for it. 1,850 households are receiving it now. There's a \$2,000 expense for overruns. We should use tri-folds for recruiting new members.

Unfinished Business

Ted gave out new officer lists. Joan would like to know more about the *Run 21* lawsuit. What happened: individual riding his motorcycle

drunk, ran into a lady and broke her leg and other injuries. The rider has since passed away [from] cancer. The insurance company (prior to our current company) is handling it. Al has the legal paperwork. The *Run 21* folks took the drunk back to his camp and told him not to ride anymore. He did soon after and blew between two vendor stands and nailed the lady. The insurance company says we're guilty. \$1.25 million is what she's asking for. It's an ugly scene right now. Al is in touch with the insurance agent ever other day. Pending on the settlement.

New Business

Ted Tracy motion: That *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* raise membership dues \$5 across the board. Seconded by Randy Phipps. Move by Brian Stovall to table the motion, Joan McCarty seconded. 69 life members, 894 family members. Approximately \$9,000 [increase with \$5 increase] \$18,000 at \$10 [increase]. Vote 11 for, 0 against, 2 abstained.

Brian Stovall motion: Allow *BikePAC of Oregon* legislative director to have access, with supervision from *A.B.A.T.E.* membership director, to the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* database for the purpose of effecting our political agenda. Seconded by Al Sims. 12 for, 0 against, 1 abstained

John B. (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) motion: Information about any lawsuit be published in the newsmagazine as membership at large should be informed when they are being sued, by whom, and of the ramifications of the suit. e.g.: insurance problems. Seconded by

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Brian Stovall. Much discussion followed about airing dirty laundry and legal issues about publishing while the suit is pending. Vote 3 for, 9 against, 1 abstained. The motion failed. After the litigation is finished there may be some published results.

Announcements

Medical kits: Can we update them? Joan will deal with it.

Kay (*Washington County Chapter*): Has handout: [chapter] birthday party March 12. It's the same [date] as state board [meeting] and isn't too much further.

Best of the West: June 16-18, Arizona. There is a flyer.

Brian's chapter [*River City*] is selling tickets for a fundraiser.

Marty's chapter [*Northeast Portland*] is having a guest speaker.

Sweetheart dance, *Columbia River Chapter*. See Joan. Gave tickets for drawing.

Columbia River Chapter has a legislative representative speaking at

their meeting.

Janie (*Douglas County*): Storms' involvement. She suggests sending a truck of supplies down to the New Orleans area. We could put a[n A.B.A.T.E.] banner on the truck. 17 of the 135 [New Orleans] schools are open. Kids are hurting for school supplies, bikes, etc. Already sent one truck. Katrina/Rita recovery efforts. Phone: (541)-229-5532, (541)-680-1047 (cell phone)

Next state board meeting back at the *Eagles Club* in Albany.

Drawing is for \$29 and two tickets to the dance (Sweetheart)

Randy: P.C.P. folks, fill out their forms.

February 24, 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Steve March Multnomah free food. Running for office.

3:04 p.m. adjourned by Ed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Becker
state recording secretary

North Coast Chapter (continued from page 9)

will be posted in the chapter's membership newsletter and in the *A.B.A.T.E.* state newsmagazine. So read them both!

S.T.E.A.M. has passed (did I just say that?) and if you didn't go you missed a really great educational opportunity. All of us could benefit from attending this seminar. If knowledge is power, then when you leave after a full day of learning about what our organization is doing for bikers in Oregon and how they are going to help us take back our right to decide for ourselves whether or not we wear our lids, you are going to be one powerful biker.

With spring busting out all over even though my calendar tells me it is still winter, I'm getting a real bad case of cabin fever. I'm more than ready to hit the road for far away places. Speaking of far away places, we need a showing from our chapter this year at *Fossil*. I'm planning on making the trip myself. I hope to see many of you *North Coasters* in the high desert supporting our state *A.B.A.T.E.* campout.

It's been a real slice of heaven, *mis amigos*.

Live the good life and be good to each other.

-- Rachel

WaCo Chapter

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The member who signs up the most new members will win an exciting prize (and Cindy will not be participating in the membership drive).

Well, get out there, get the sun in your face, the wind in your hair, but watch out for the other guy because he is not yet ready for you!

Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

Moving?

Don't forget to call or contact the state membership secretary at 1-(877)-552-2283 with your updated mailing address in order to keep receiving renewal notices and these fine newsmagazines.

There's even a handy change-of-address form on the inside of the rear cover.



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

Legislative Report

Rick's Ramblings On Stuff



Rick Maish
legislative director
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At the last state board meeting the following was brought up and it needs to be repeated, again and again just to be sure everyone gets it. It's that important!

First: Become or reapply as a precinct committee person in your area and in the party of your choice. You have from February 6th to March 6th to register. You have several sources for the information: your state newsmagazine, your state chapter representative has a copy of how to make it happen, and you can even find it on our *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state web site.

Second: Rotten Roger brought up the [*Oregon*] *Democratic Motorcycle Caucus* and the fact that all democratic motorcyclists should be members of it. Even if you can't be super active in *O.D.M.C.* you can at least be a supporting member and keep up on what's happening. So get in touch with either Dave or Randy and get involved. Contact Diesel Dave, chair of the *O.D.M.C.* at: democraticmotorcyclists@hotmail.com or call him one of the following numbers: (503)-255-8460 or leave him a message at (503)-901-0192.

You can also contact Randy Phipps, correspondence secretary, at: ordemmotocaucus@yahoo.com or phone him at (503)-347-0524.

Third: We talked about Brian's political cycle, a two year cycle of grass roots politicking. You ask "What is this all about?" Well, get involved. Let Brian know you are interested in being politically active

as a motorcyclist and you want to get involved in the grass roots political process.

What is the political cycle? It's the continuing cycle of the [*Oregon*] election year (even years) and the legislative year (odd years). We're currently in the election year cycle where the following is or should be happening: On the public side, candidates have started their election campaigns. They are seeking support from people like us, all Oregonians. This process will go on until the final election on May 16, 2006.

Meanwhile, what are we doing to support this process? Well, we should be showing our support for *BikePAC/A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and the agenda we have agreed upon. We should be finding out about the candidates in our areas. Where do they stand on what's important to you, not only as a biker, but to you personally.

In the upcoming weeks and months *BikePAC/A.B.A.T.E.* will be looking to us for support. They will be asking people to work with their candidates to help them in the election process. You may even decide to become a "biker buddy" to your legislator of choice.

Starting in February, *BikePAC* will be collecting information on candidates and developing talking points. We will be introduced to and learn how to become a "biker buddy" as well as how to use what we call the "opinion matrix" when you are dealing with your legislators.

By February 18th you will have

attended the annual S.T.E.A.M event (Seminars To Educate And Motivate) in Salem. Possibly you were involved in education concerning officer duties, becoming a biker buddy or P.C.P., and how to use the opinion matrix in working with your legislators. You may have attended discussions on legislative agendas, needs, and issues facing *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* in the coming two year political cycle.

Through March, April, and May we should all be involved with our candidates of choice and be supporting them as biker buddies. *BikePAC* will be working up a primary election guide and have it published prior to the May 16th primary election.

Have you signed up to support *BikePAC of Oregon* yet? Or how about your chapter signing up as member of the advisory board? (M.A.B.) *BikePAC* can't do it alone. It takes dedicated members supporting *BikePAC*, *A.B.A.T.E.*, and our lobbyist to get the job done. The applications is in our *A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine. Rip it out, fill it out, and join *BikePAC* today!

From the *M.R.F.*, January 25, 2006:
(Condensed a little.)

Motorcycle Riders Foundation
Announces New Electronic
E.P.A. Questionnaire

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Legislative Report

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The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) has created a web based, on-line version of the survey about the impact that the new *E.P.A.* emissions rule will have on the custom motorcycle industry and individual riders.

The survey originally ran as part of an article in the February edition of *American Iron* magazine in a full display. Originally developed by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* government relations department. The principle behind the survey was to obtain feedback from custom shops and their customers to determine real numbers of how many shops and bikes are going to be affected by the *E.P.A.* rule.

Rather than ask shops and motorcycle enthusiasts to send information to the *E.P.A.*, congress, or any other government organizations, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* agreed to act as the clearing house of the valuable information. The *M.R.F.* gives full assurance that the information will only be used to help motorcyclists fight the *E.P.A.* and not for anything else. In fact the survey guarantees absolute anonymity of all who take the time to fill it out.

The more surveys the *M.R.F.* receives, will strengthen the case that this new rule should not stand or get stricter. Please take the time to fill out the online survey today and help the *M.R.F.* in Washington, D.C. fight the *E.P.A.* on your behalf.

In addition to the questionnaire, if you would like to join the *M.R.F.* when they meet with *E.P.A.* or the small business administration on this important issue please contact the

M.R.F. in the Washington D.C. office at (202)-546-0983 or by e-mail at dad@mrf.org

Important call to action: We need your help with the *E.P.A.* ruling by completing our on-line survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=98991669717>

The survey starts out with a small shop owners section first (1 through 16) then goes on with an individual section survey (16 through 26).

Have you joined the *M.R.F.* yet? If you need a push read this article from the *Motorcycle Consumer News*, *The Best-Kept Secret In Motorcycling*, by Fred Rau elsewhere in the state newsmagazine. [*c.o.e. note: Space permitting.*] Or check out the information below then ask yourself why you're not a member. I'm sure after reading the article and reviewing the material below you won't be able to keep from signing up. So what are [you] waiting for? Go to <http://www.mrf.org> and get signed-up.

Also, while you're on the *M.R.F.* web site, check out the information available on such topics as:

- *E.P.A.* emissions standards for street motorcycles:

<http://www.mrf.org/epa.php>

- *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.):*

<http://www.mrf.org/healthcare.php>

- *N.H.T.S.A./T.E.A./motorcycle safety:*

<http://www.mrf.org/nhtsa.php>

- Summary on the *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.* grant program:

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/TEAgrants.pdf>

- *Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Act* of 2005 (HR-2048):

<http://www.mrf.org/hr2048.php>

(You can also find some in-depth articles from

American Iron magazine about the new *E.P.A.* regulations, how they affect you and the shops you may use.)

- *American Iron* magazine article (part one-30Nov2005) *How It Works:*

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/E.P.A.-AI-1.pdf>

(Discusses the new *E.P.A.* ruling, how it works and what you can expect, in the way of fines, if you do not comply.)

- *American Iron* magazine article (part two-30Nov2005) *E.P.A. Action Form:*

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/E.P.A.-AI-2.pdf>

(This is a handy form for the *M.R.F.* to collect the information we need to represent you in future discussions with the *E.P.A.*. We can't make it much easier than this for shop owners.)

- *M.R.F. Releases E.P.A. For The Layman - Revision 2* (22Nov2005):

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/>

These new regulations will become effective in stages, starting March 15, 2004 and will be harmonized with California in 2010. Here we present some of the most frequently asked questions from the street rider and an explanation of what the rules will mean to you. This explanation does not apply to California.

- You can also check-out the articles at *American Iron* magazine at:

<http://www.aimag.com/epa/index.htm>

Best of the West is June 16th-18th in Prescott, Arizona. Hosted by

A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona, and Arizona Confederation of Clubs

Pre-registration goes until June 2nd and is only \$100 per chapter to attend.

Meeting of the Minds is September 21st–24th this year and it's in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Pre-registration ends August 21st and it's being hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana*.

Have you joined the *M.R.F.* yet? You can join by contacting either Ted Tracy, Brian Stovall, or better yet attend S.T.E.A.M. and sign-up at the event. You could sign-up for both *BikePAC* and the *M.R.F.*

You can also sign-up on the *M.R.F.* web site at <https://www.mrf.org/register.php> or use the form in your *A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine that Rot Path has provided or just call 1-(800)-M.R.F.-JOIN / 1-(800)-673-5656.

'Til next time.

Keep the rubberside down and the leatherside up,

Rick Maish
legislative director
Oregon-A.B.A.T.E.



Governor's Advisory Committee On Motorcycle Safety

The first of a series of meetings of the *G.A.C.M.S.* concerning the desire of the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* to also have their rider training program be recognized and approved in Oregon was held on January 20th, 2006. Committee members shared and heard concerns and questions from each other and guests from several motorcycling organizations. The comments from all were much appreciated and will be welcome at future meetings. Please remember that the next meeting is devoted to the actual program of the *M.S.F.* and the *Team Oregon* rider training courses. All comments are to be confined to that subject.

I have studied the curriculum offered by the two entities and found some differences that concern me. My recent experience in taking the *Team Oregon* basic riders course helped in understanding the terminology and training techniques that were offered in the training material.

Without going into a great amount of detail on any particular issue, I noted the differences primarily in riding in curves and turns, and braking in curves and turns.

Leaning and accelerating techniques differ and could be detrimental to the rider. When teaching new riders to survive on the road, it is imperative that the proper

method be taught.

Other differences showed up as I studied the two manuals side-by-side and I concluded that the *M.S.F.* program does not cover the basic rider's needs as thoroughly as the *Team Oregon* course.

Following the first *G.A.C.M.S.* meeting on January 20, 2006, these thoughts also came to mind:

Testimony heard at the meeting strengthened my opinion that the *M.S.F.* course has a long way to go before it can be recognized as an equal to *Team Oregon's* course concerning teaching Oregon's new riders how to ride safely.

It is my considered opinion that a motorcycle endorsement would be given only after completion of an Oregon approved course or by testing at Oregon *D.M.V.* by a qualified tester. (As opposed to some out-of-state entity.)

Motorcyclists with motorcycle endorsements from other states would continue to be recognized, as appropriate, by O.R.S. regulations.

The location and time of the next two meetings is: 700 Summer Street N.E. (The corner of Summer and Union Street in Salem. This is the Oregon *Department of Veterans Affairs* building.) The time is 6:30 p.m. on April 20th and July 14th 2006.

Iris Yeager



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American Motorcyclist Association

Riverside County, California Officials Again Consider Drastic Restrictions On Off-road Riding

After more than a year of effort by the *American Motorcyclist Association*, the *Blue Ribbon Coalition*, and *Off-Road Business Association*, off-highway motorcyclists (including former *A.M.A.* supercross champion Jeremy McGrath), and other motorcycling organizations, it appeared that a compromise had been reached with officials in Riverside County, California. However, at its most recent meeting, the Riverside County board of supervisors raised the possibility of new and even more drastic restrictions on off-highway riding, including the possibility of a complete ban on off-highway riding in "residential areas" and onerous permit fees for those who want to ride on their own land.

The board of supervisors' actions surprised and dismayed *A.M.A.* officials and other motorcyclists who have worked diligently with the Riverside County planning commission to reach a compromise.

Instead of accepting the planning commission compromise proposal, the board of supervisors discussed other options at its latest meeting, including a ban on riding in residential areas and expensive permits. Then the board postponed voting on the issue for another two months. As a result, a controversy that most motorcyclists thought was nearing an end is now up for debate again.

Florida highway safety officials have dropped a proposal that would have dramatically increased the medical insurance required of those who ride while not wearing a helmet from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Discovering that the insurance policies could be difficult, if not impossible, to find and exorbitantly expensive (and after getting a cool reception from governor Jeb Bush and the state cabinet) the *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles* scrapped the idea.

Oklahoma's *Jaggers' Law* represents *A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma's* renewed effort to enhance penalties for irresponsible motorists who injure or kill other roadway users. Senate bill 1989 is named in honor of David Jaggers, former sgt-at-arms of the *Downed Bikers Association of Oklahoma*, who was killed by an irresponsible driver in October 2003.

This marks the third year that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma*, *A.M.A.* and others are attempting to enact *Jaggers' Law* as part of the *Justice for All* campaign. You can get more information on this bill and *Justice for All* by checking out <http://www.AMADirectlink.com>

The United Kingdom's department for transport's *THINK! Take Longer To Look For Bikes* campaign started

on January 30th. The campaign urges motorists to continually look for motorcyclists throughout the kingdom. A parallel campaign, urging motorcyclists to make themselves more visible, will run via six-sheet posters.

The 30 second television advertisement encourages urban car drivers to look longer for bikes. A radio advertisement backs up the TV message and "acts as an in-car reminder," said a statement from the department.

In 2003, 73 per cent of all crashes involving a two-wheeled motor vehicle also involved a car. The department's report, *In-Depth Study of Motorcycle Accidents*, concluded that the most common cause of motorcycle crashes, as with bicycle crashes, is a right of way violation. The majority of these incidents occur at intersections and "it is usually the motorist, rather than the rider, who is at fault." In 65 percent of these right-of-way incidents, drivers fail to see motorcyclists who other witnesses report were easily visible.

To learn more about the campaign and view the advertisements, visit the campaign web site at: <http://www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/>

San Francisco, California area motorcyclists have turned an anti-motorcycle rant into positive press for



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riders.

Recently, morning disc jockeys on a bay area radio station, *Live 105*, complained about lane-sharing motorcyclists and joked about drivers opening car doors in front of riders, causing them to crash. Lane-sharing is not illegal in California and helps reduce traffic congestion.

Outraged motorcyclists, concerned that the comments could incite car drivers to injure riders, flooded the station with complaints. The *Bay Area Riders Forum (B.A.R.F.)*, an online message board, played a central role in allowing riders to coordinate their actions.

As a result of the complaints, the on-air personalities apologized and at least one of them has promised to take the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* rider course to learn more about motorcycling. The station also agreed to air public service announcements about motorcycle safety.

Vermont house bill 805 in would require *all* residents of Vermont to obtain health insurance coverage in order to get or renew a driver's license.

Part of the bill's statement of purpose includes a mandate for individual health insurance, proof of which must be shown to obtain a driver's license, state tax refund, or hunting or fishing license.

The *A.M.A.*, working with other state motorcyclists-rights organizations, and with the grassroots support of Ohio motorcyclists, has derailed proposed state legislation that would

have required all motorcyclists under 25 in Ohio to wear helmets.

The helmet provision arose almost as an afterthought on legislation that was originally intended to raise funds for agencies that provide services to person who have suffered traumatic brain injuries. The bill, originally introduced late last year by Ohio state representative Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), would have raised penalties for offenses such as driving with a suspended license. Some of the money raised by the higher fines would have gone to the agencies that treat traumatic brain injuries, including one in Patton's district.

However, tacked on to the end of the bill was a provision to change motorcycle helmet laws in Ohio. Currently, riders with less than one year of experience or under 18 years of age must wear helmets. Patton's original bill would have raised the age to 25.

Further, it would have increased penalties for not wearing a helmet, mandating a \$500 fine and either a weekend jail sentence or mandatory safety training.

When the *A.M.A.* and other organizations spread word about the proposal, grassroots motorcyclists responded. The ensuing flood of e-mails and phone calls to Patton's office convinced him to reconsider. Patton filed substitute legislation removing the change in the age requirement, and the *A.M.A.* government relations department is continuing to monitor the pending legislation to ensure that the

provision raising penalties for failure to wear a helmet is also removed. That change, if allowed to stand, would essentially make failure to wear a helmet a criminal offense instead of a minor misdemeanor, like most traffic infractions.

An even better outcome of Patton's discussions with motorcyclists was that he agreed to co-sponsor another pending bill in the Ohio legislature that would increase penalties for drivers who violate right-of-way laws and injure or kill another person.

That measure, house bill 388, was introduced by representative Jon Peterson (R-Delaware) and resulted from the Ohio right-of-way working group's efforts. The bill fits in with the *A.M.A.'s Justice for All* campaign.

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

N.H.T.S.A. Announces Update To Existing Highway Safety Program Guidelines



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) reports the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) has announced its intention to update the existing guidelines for state highway safety programs. Guideline three: *Motorcycle Safety*, is one of the six guidelines facing revision.

N.H.T.S.A. undergoes an amendment process every four to six years to expand its areas of focus. *N.H.T.S.A.*'s charter favors the promotion of highway safety however, if a topic is not specifically mentioned in the safety program guidelines, *N.H.T.S.A.* can not advocate on its behalf.

The twelve amendments to the motorcycle safety component are generated by *N.H.T.S.A.* behind closed doors with no input from the riding community. The open comment period affords our nation's motorcyclists the only opportunity they will have to voice their opinion on the potential revisions.

To inspect the amendments printed in the *Federal Register* and to submit comments to the docket go to the following web site:

<http://dms.dot.gov>

To view the amendments perform a "simple search" for docket number 23090.

In order to submit comments, register on the government's site and proceed by following the on-screen instructions.

You may also mail hard copies to: Docket Management Room PL-401

400 Seventh Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20590.

"The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* commends *N.H.T.S.A.* for putting a strong emphasis on the development of sound rider education and training. The *M.R.F.* also appreciates the administration's attempt to address the growing backlog in rider education programs. However, we are troubled with *N.H.T.S.A.*'s position which contends all states should have a mandatory helmet laws" says Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations. "The U.S. senate voted down a mandatory helmet measure, the *Lautenberg Amendment*, just last May. The resulting veto should have sent a message making it clear this is a subject *N.H.T.S.A.* needs to stay away from" Hennie added. "The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* supports states rights and contends each one should be able to determine the type and extent of helmet use law in their particular state."

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* encourages all motorcyclists to read the proposed amendments and use this unique opportunity to submit clear, straightforward comments. The current submission deadline is March 13th, 2006 but *M.R.F.* is requesting a deadline extension to allow additional time for a complete review of these important items. The proposed amendments do not place any restrictions on the motorcycle safety grant program contained in the recent highway bill (PL 109-59).

For any additional information contact the *M.R.F.* Washington DC office by phone (202)-546-0983 or by e-mail at jeff@mrf.org

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces New Electronic E.P.A. Questionnaire

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) has created a web based, online version of the survey about the impact that the new *E.P.A.* emissions rule will have on the custom motorcycle industry and individual riders.

The new rule aims to enforce the *Clean Air Act* by reducing the number of exempt custom motorcycles that small shops can build and individual riders can own. The rule also drastically reduces tail pipe emissions for all motorcycles effectively making carburetors a thing of the past and electronic fuel injection and catalytic converters a mainstay.

The survey originally ran as part of an article in the February edition of *American Iron* magazine. The survey was an idea that came out of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* government relations department and the good folks at *American Iron* liked the idea so much they ran it as a full page. The principle behind the survey was to obtain feedback from custom shops and their customers to determine real numbers of how many shops and bikes are going to be affected by the *E.P.A.* rule.

Rather than ask shops and motorcycle enthusiasts to send information to the *E.P.A.*, congress or any other government organizations, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* agreed to act as the clearing house of the valuable information. The *M.R.F.* gives full assurance that the information will only be used to help motorcyclists fight the *E.P.A.* and not for anything else. The survey guarantees absolute anonymity of all who take the time to fill it out.

The survey results began coming in via fax and U.S. mail and the overwhelming volume of results prompted the *M.R.F.* to develop an online version. The more surveys the *M.R.F.* receives, will strengthen the case that this new rule should not stand or get stricter.

In addition to the questionnaire, if you would like to join the *M.R.F.*

when they meet with *E.P.A.* or the *Small Business Administration* on this important issue please contact the *M.R.F.* in the Washington D.C. office at (202)-546-0983 or by e-mail at dad@mrf.org

The *E.P.A.* survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=98991669717>

M.R.F. Announces New Online Store

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) is pleased to announce the opening of their on-line products store. The store will offer *M.R.F.* members and site visitors an opportunity to conveniently view and purchase *M.R.F.*-related items throughout the year. These products will also be available at any *M.R.F.* regional conference and the annual *Meeting of the Minds*.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* continues to undertake the issues impacting our nation's riders and has recently experienced accelerated growth which makes this an exciting and opportune time to launch the new store venue. The purchase of products supports the mission and goals of the *M.R.F.* and illustrates both pride in the organization and a high level of professionalism and commitment within our ranks.

You are welcome to visit the *M.R.F.* on-line store at

<https://www.mrf.org/shop>

There is also a direct link located on the navigation panel of our web site.

Sign up today for the *M.R.F.*'s new roadside assistance program by visiting

<http://www.mrf.org/mrfroadside.php>

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Of Florida Announces Financial Impact Of Helmet Law Repeal

On February 6, 2006 James "Doc" Reichenbach II, President of *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* and chairman of the board for the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*, released the following economic impact report covering the five years since Florida modified their mandatory helmet law to exclude most adult riders.

- 278,331 new motorcycles at an average of \$10,000 each = \$2,783,310,000
- Sales tax on motorcycles at 6% = \$166,998,600
- Registration fees for motorcycles = \$10,047,749
- Change of title = \$8,280,347
- Total = \$2,968,636,696

"This is almost three billion dollars in five years that has been put into the economy of the state of Florida, and this is a low figure as it doesn't include antique motorcycle or mopeds that are licensed in Florida," said Doc. "Over one hundred eighty million dollars went directly into the state treasury for the general fund, and this does not include the tourist money that has increased because of Florida being a freedom of choice state. In the past five years over two billion five hundred thousand dollars has been spent at *Bike Week* and *Biketoberfest*."

For the report, the motorcycle registrations were compiled from the *Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles*. The tax and fees

came from the Florida license and registration bureau. From July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005 motorcycle registrations in Florida went from 195,306 to 473,637 which represent a total of a 143% increase.

"I hope these figures will help anyone who has heard the bad publicity that has come out of our amended law," said Doc. "The motorcyclists have certainly paid their fair share into the Florida economy and it can be done in every state."

Virginia Governor Warner Creates Motorcycle Advisory Council

Virginia's governor Mark R. Warner has announced the creation of the governor's *Motorcycle Advisory Council*. The group, comprised of state and local officials, state agency representatives, and motorcycle enthusiasts, will work to promote motorcycle safety, tourism, and business development in Virginia. The council is the next step in governor Warner's *Motorcycle Virginia!* initiative created in 2004.

"Virginia has worked to expand its tourism markets in so many areas - and motorcycle tourism is a great opportunity for us," said governor Warner.

Council members are appointed by the governor and include one member of the house of delegates and

the senate of Virginia as well as a representative from various state agencies and from the Virginia's sheriffs, police chiefs, and the *Board of Transportation Safety* and sixteen citizen members appointed by the governor.

For more information go to <http://www.motorcycleva.com>

Bobbi Hartmann To Join N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* welcomes Bobbi Hartmann of *A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona* and a member of the Arizona lobbying team, as the newest member of the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force, joining other motorcyclist rights lobbyists and legislators in defending bikers' rights at the local, state and federal level.

"I am proud to announce that I was recently invited, and have since become, a member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* legislative task force," announced Hartmann. "The L.T.F. consists of members who are committed to the pursuit of liberty and are willing, through their actions, to be leaders. L.T.F. members lend their expertise and experience to other M.R.O.'s and as their schedule allows, *N.C.O.M.* will send them to visit other states, upon request, to assist them with their needs, and/or speak at their rally's."

Members of the *N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.* include several legislators; Wisconsin state senator Dave Zien, South Dakota state senator Jim Putnam,

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New Mexico state representative Rick Miera, Florida State representative Nancy Argenziano, West Virginia state delegate Greg Butcher, and former U.S. senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Two other legislators have also been named to the N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.; Texas state representative Norma "Da Lady" Chavez and Idaho state senator Skip Brandt. *Welcome!*

Texas Poker Runs May Move To Mexico

Texas has said no to charity poker runs, but at least one El Paso charity has an ace up their sleeve: Juárez.

Members of the *Vista Hills Rotary Club*, who had been trying to spice up their fund-raising with poker for years but couldn't find a legal way to do it in El Paso, came up with the idea of having a *Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament* in Juárez, to be hosted by its sister club in Juárez, the *Club Rotario Juárez Norte*.

In Austin, Sputnik, state chairman of the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association*, which organizes charity poker runs, found the idea brilliant. "Oh, yeah, that would work," he said.

Charities around the country including churches, have been cashing in on the *Texas Hold 'Em* craze without much controversy. But in Texas it's a little trickier since Texas attorney general Greg Abbott issued an opinion in December stating that poker runs, the popular fund-raisers in which bikers pay to pick up playing cards along a route to win prizes at the final stop, amounted to illegal gambling.

Sputnik, who also serves on the N.C.O.M. board of directors and

legislative task force, said he is looking for "a way around" the attorney general's opinion. He has brought up the idea of switching from poker to throwing darts, which is considered to be a game of skill.

In El Paso, Mando Parra, a member of the *Bandidos Motorcycle Club* and the chairman of the west Texas *Confederation of Clubs*, is looking to take his poker ride for cancer research to New Mexico, where gambling is legal. In that case, the fund-raiser would have to benefit a New Mexico charity, he said. "The El Paso charities are the ones that are going to lose," said Parra.

News Of The Weird Bike Vest Promoters Full Of Hot Air

Promoters of supposedly inflatable motorcycle vests have been sentenced on 30 felony counts of securities fraud and grand theft, as well as five counts of tax evasion.

John Duhamell and Toni Duhamell were formally sentenced in late October in San Bernardino county superior court. After they entered guilty pleas on all counts, a San Bernardino superior court judge sentenced John Duhamell to seven years in state prison and Toni Duhamell to four years and four months in state prison. In addition, the Duhamells were ordered to repay their more than 200 victims \$5.6 million in restitution, and they were also ordered to pay \$816,718 each to the franchise tax board on the tax evasion charges.

The attorney general filed a criminal complaint in September,

2005 alleging that the Duhamells stole more than \$5 million from investors over the course of three years on the pretense of financing a product known as the *AirVest*, a vest worn by motorcyclists that is designed to automatically inflate when they are thrown from their bikes.

The Duhamells falsely told potential investors that *Harley-Davidson, Inc.* had invested heavily in the company, which led more than 200 victims to believe their investment was secure.

Instead of putting the money into the company, the Duhamells used the investors' cash to live an extravagant lifestyle that included trips to Europe as well as the purchase of luxury homes and automobiles.

Quotable Quote

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

George S. Patton, Jr.
(1885-1945)

American general and
tank commander known as
"Old Blood and Guts"

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GUNNY'S SACK



This month, no way I can come close to including everything that is in the news that concerns us as bikers. I gotta tell ya, we have a hell of a lot more to worry about than helmet laws. I'm not saying to let up on that issue for one minute. Helmet laws and their effect on us is important. But, there are some things coming down the pike that worry me more, and they are still in the preventable stages.

The new *E.P.A.* regulations that are imminent are far more pervasive and dangerous and will, in not much time, negatively affect whether we ride motorcycles at all. As you read this, there are regulations on the books that limit the number of *E.P.A.*-exempt bikes that aftermarket builders can produce each year. As riders, *we are currently limited as to how many bikes we can build and own in a lifetime!*

Surprised?

Read on. I've got s more that'll scare ya.

Across the pond, at least in the U.K., they are building photographic data bases on every traveler and vehicle on their highways, including motorcycles.

Back here in the U.S., the *Honda Motorcycle Company* has air-bags optional this year on their *Gold Wings!* I'm not saying that it's a good or bad idea, but it scares the pants off me right now. What do we do if some safety-crat down the line says they should be mandatory? I want to see more testing before that takes place, if it ever does.

On another front, remember that

it wasn't long ago in Germany, when they wanted to dictate the brand of tires they could put on motorcycles! And in the *European Union*, the question is still up in the air about uniform clothing to be worn while riding, no matter where you live on this planet! The list goes on and on.

Let's not forget one of the worst and scariest things going on: the *U.S.A.P.A. T.R.I.O.T. Act [Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism]* is so full of holes for the feds to crawl through, it looks like Swiss cheese. It's the most invasive piece of trash I've ever seen put on paper, as for invasion of citizen privacy. Our current president screams at us that it's for our safety. I'm wondering where it will end. And, I wonder, when is the bike community gonna rise up and say "This is where the buck stops!" I hope and pray I'm not the only one who's worried.

Newsbits-N-Pieces

Los Angeles, California – How about that Californian Arnold Schwarzenegger's fat lip? In a bike wreck, but *he won't be charged for riding without his motorcycle endorsement*, which he was doing. If that had been you or me, they would have at least impounded my bike, and I might have had to wait awhile before I got my lip stitched up.

The governor, for those unaware, was on his *Harley-Davidson*, with his 12-year-old son in a sidecar, when he collided with a car on a winding canyon road. Police said he was riding

without a license, but the city attorney declined to file any charges after reviewing the crash report. He said it wasn't something handled by his office. I'm glad I live in Oregon.

In California, a standard license for driving a car cannot be used to operate a motorcycle, but according to *D.M.V.* spokesman Mike Miller the relevant sections of state law make no mention of a motorcycle with a sidecar. Miller said that means Schwarzenegger was operating within the law when he crashed. "From our perspective, there is no violation," Miller said.

Yeah, right.

China – For Ray Ma, freedom on the open road means riding his *Harley* behind two police cars through the Chinese countryside. The Hong Kong dental surgeon and members of his 35-bike group had to pay 10,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$1,290 U.S.) per bike, in escort and paperwork fees last fall, to make their trip to Guilin City a reality.

The day I have to pay fees like that to cross the Canadian border on my bike is the day before Canada sees me for the last time.

That's the way things are in the most populous nation on earth. They don't want imported bikes there. Maybe they have enough problems controlling their domestic bikes, although they manufacture over 10 million bikes every year in China.

For years, *Harley-Davidson* has pushed hard to sell its bikes in China.

Harley says it plans to announce soon that it will open its first retail outlet in the country since at least World War II.

170 Chinese cities limit or ban motorcycle use or ownership, largely because they are viewed as underpowered, cheap, polluting machines that clog traffic and endanger others. Bans are where we're headed in this country, if we let things continue the way they are now.

Santa Clara, California – It's about time a motorcycle club won a fight in court, and it happened here. The *Hells Angels* sued the county for raids on their clubhouses eight years ago. Now, they're hoping the city of San Jose will see the light and settle this. The raids netted nothing for the police, but hardship on the club. The club sued the county and the city. A pet was even killed during the fiasco. The court agreed that the cops were out of line. Congratulations to the winners!

Garden Grove, California – The movie, *The Worlds Fastest Indian* is in release in February and March. I'm told it's a must see. It's the story of an older guy who sets a speed record on an *Indian* motorcycle. I am gonna go see that one.

Oregon Corrections – No, I don't mean the jail system. Last month I had bad information: The *Sack* piece said that in Oregon, to retain your motorcycle endorsement at renewal, you might have to take an approved rider course. I checked with *D.M.V.*, and that proved to be false. Of course, they *do* recommend it for everyone who rides.

Folks getting their first endorsement are required to take a course, if they're under 19. If you do

take a course and pass with high enough skills, you will not be required to take the *D.M.V.* road test for the endorsement. Hope I cleared that up. Always check with your *D.M.V.* anyway!

South Dakota – The former governor here will have his license to practice law reinstated. The man was convicted of felony manslaughter in the death of a motorcyclist and for that he served the "cruel and unusual" sentence of a big 100 days in jail. He also cannot drive for three years. I guess if you have the pull, you get away with murder. I'm baffled that the bikers of South Dakota and the rest of the U.S., for that matter, aren't up in arms over this travesty of justice.

Sorry folks. I guess I'm overreacting, but damn it, this guy killed a man because he ran a stop sign and I think Randy Scott's family got screwed royally over this.

Gunny Again

I never write *The Sack* without the guidance of our Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg. He is my editor and mentor and if it weren't for him, the column would not happen. Just one of the many things he and other *A.I.M.* attorneys do for us, and its *pro bono*. That means free, in lawyer-talk.

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Dear crusty ol' editor,

As the state legislator (and now an A.B.A.T.E. member) who carried the water on the helmet repeal bill and the "fill your own tank" bill while in the Oregon legislature, I can tell you who supported riders and who didn't.

We must remember that for a bill to have been vetoed, it had to pass first.

Republicans led the way and especially the conservative republicans in trying to keep helmets in the garage and off our heads.

Several freedom-minded democrats joined the republican majority.

Governor Kitzhaber vetoed the bill.

However, republicans and democrats alike joined to allow you to fill you own tank. The governor, thankfully, saw the wisdom of this bill and signed it.

Sincerely,

Carl Wilson
Former Oregon state legislator,
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A.B.A.T.E. Is For Swingers

scraped knees and all
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by
Rot Path

12 February 2006-1430

Just came in from mending fence panels and pruning back roses. It's glorious sunshine and blue skies outside. Quite a change from January's nearly continuous rains.

I need weekend pre-spring days like this to get the farm in order for the coming year.

Instead I'm back inside editing the March newsmagazine.

This morning started out so grey and overcast that I thought the entire day would be that way, that I could get quite a bit of the editing completed. But while I was processing such chapter reports as had been received by the deadline, the clouds burned off and I couldn't stay inside any longer.

I want to go back outside and let the sunshine wash over all my skin while I prune and repair. I want to get out and ride, feeling the wind and warmth.

But I'm too damn responsible. I know that every member of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is counting on me to get this newsmagazine edited and to the printer by the 20th. And I know how much time it takes to put each issue together. So much as I'd like to, I can't afford give up any more time for myself today.

Except for the little putt I'm about to take for a mocha expresso shake from *Brooks and Terry*, a coffee stand local to the Independence/Monmouth/Dallas area.

An editor, no matter how ol' and crusty, has to have a *little* fun on a day like this.

As day and night approach parity this month, we can look forward to six months of light riding.

Remember the way swings work?

You straighten and fold your legs at just the right time and that little action causes you to go higher and higher. It's all in the timing of your leg positions.

Science fans might call it physical reinforcement at resonant peaks.

We just called it fun.

Our motorcycle rights activities need to reflect this same basic principle.

We start with small actions such as writing letters, making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, putting out candidate signs, and keep doing them consistently. Before we realize it, we've gained some momentum.

We increase our action by attending meetings and rallies, visiting office holders. We keep doing this consistently and before we realize it, we've gained more momentum.

We volunteer for local council positions, we become precinct committee persons in political parties, we guide party platforms. We're consistent and we've gained even more momentum.

We are elected or appointed to political offices.

Now we can use all that momentum we've built up to guide and shape policies for the people of this nation.

Just as the framers of our constitution intended.

Here's a little experiment you can do at home or at a run to demonstrate the swing principle. It requires three to five feet of string, an object of less than one pound that the string can attach to, and a wooden pencil with a rubber eraser.

Tie the string to your object by whatever knotting method works best for you.

Tie the other end of the string to anything that will let the dangled object hang and swing free. (Such as the handlebar grip of a motorcycle leaning on its sidestand.)

After the suspended object is hanging perfectly still, start lightly tapping it with the pencil eraser.

When you get the timing of your little taps at just the right interval, you'll notice that your suspended object is starting to move a bit.

Now if you lightly tap each time it begins to move away from you, it will swing a little further before it comes back.

You can keep this up until the object is swinging merrily or the owner of the bike shows up.

Instead of saying that *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* rocks, you might say that we swing.

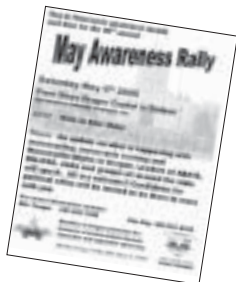
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Of course the best way to get a swing going is with a running start. And on occasion one's grip slips and down you go, scraping knees and hands. And as you start to get up, bawling, the swing comes back and clips you in the back of the head. (You'd think I'd get the hang of it by now.)

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March 2006

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	2 Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	3	4
5 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	6  2nd quarter moon	7 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	8	9	10	11 STATE BOARD MEETING Eagles-Albany 1200 (12:00 pm) Run committee 1100 (11 am) Douglas County Casino Night Springfield ----- WaCo Chapter Party Hillsboro
12 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	13	14  full moon (storm moon) Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm) lunar eclipse-1549	15 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	16 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	17 saint Patrick's day	18 Hub City Biker Night Albany ----- Southeast Portland 25th Party Portland ----- Southeast Portland Food Drive Portland
19 South Coast 1300 (1 pm) ----- Southeast Portland noon	20 spring equinox	21 Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	22  4th quarter moon	23	24	25
26 North Coast 1030 (10:30 am) ----- Salem 1400 (2:00 pm)	27	28 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	29  new moon solar eclipse-0233	30	31	

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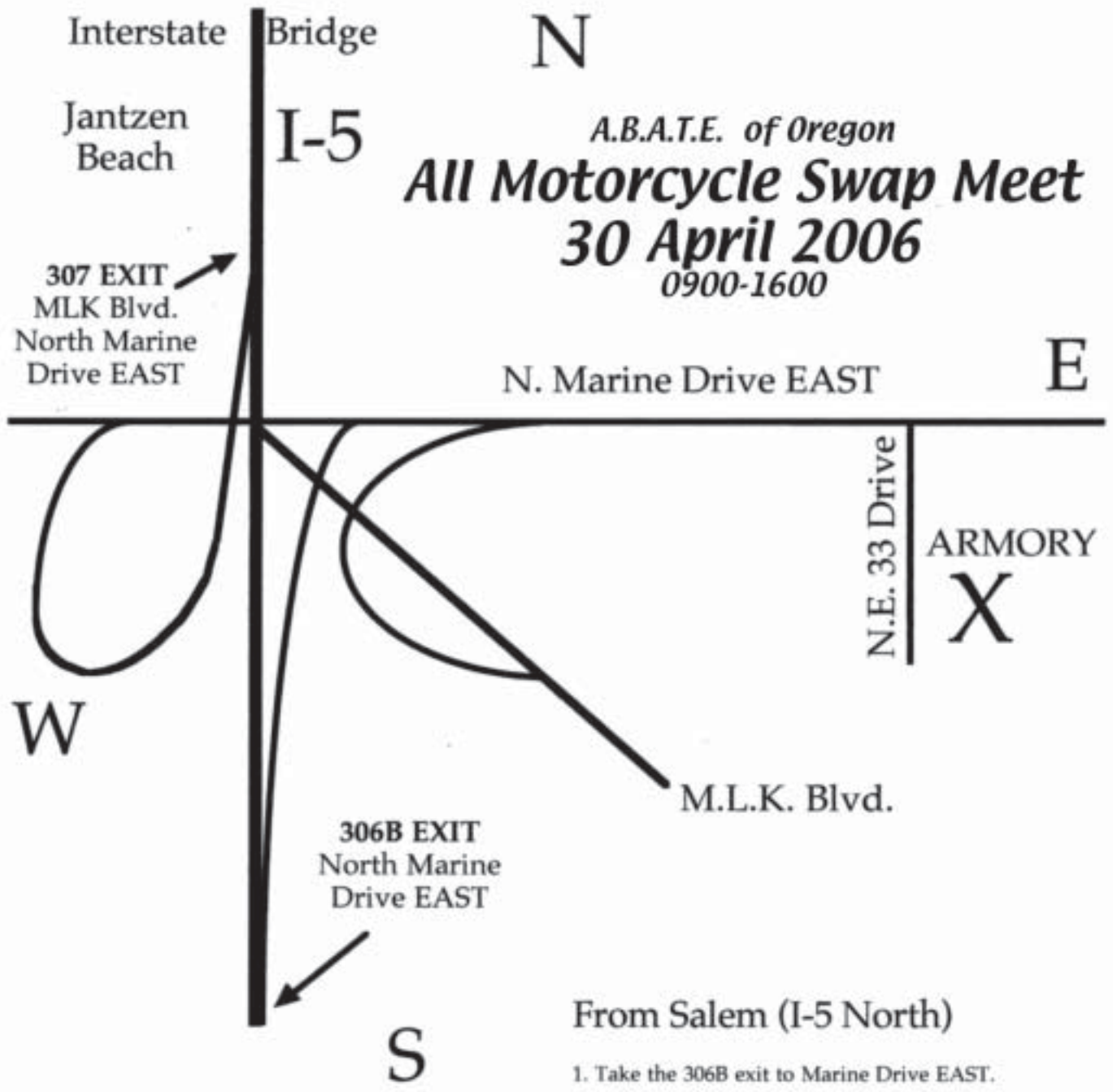
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For more information contact:

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Two Named As Board Members/ Officers Of *BikePAC*

On Saturday, February 4th, the full board of *BikePAC of Oregon* met. Among the business to be conducted were the applications for filling two of the vacant positions on the board.

Brian Stovall, a longtime member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and a founding member of *BikePAC*, had been serving in an interim capacity as legislative director. The board had previously reviewed Brian's application and found him to be qualified. On Saturday the board elected to make the position permanent. Brian is currently working on the political plan for the election cycle and will be conducting two seminars at S.T.E.A.M. regarding this subject.

Randy Comer, an *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* member, had applied for the position of membership director. The *BikePAC* board had previously reviewed Randy's application and found him to be qualified. The board elected Saturday to name Randy Comer as the membership director, a position that had been vacant. Randy is currently bringing the database to full accuracy and will be doing membership details and renewals as soon as he can get his feet on the ground.

Officer terms in *BikePAC* run on three-year cycles. Both the legislative director and membership director would normally have been elected in 2005. As these are mid-term replacements, Brian and Randy will serve out the remainder of the term, which will end in 2008.

With the addition of these two excellent people to the board, the only position still unfilled to complete the board is the development director. The development director would be responsible for growing *BikePAC* through outreach, business memberships, and coalitions with other motorcycling groups. Travel is expected and would be reimbursed. Persons who are interested should contact Ken Ray.

Ken Ray, executive director,
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BikePAC of Oregon is a nonprofit organization incorporated as a political action committee. *BikePAC of Oregon* promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy.

Cutting Down On Junk E-mail

Generally yer crusty ol' editor avoids clichés and forwarded e-mails like the plague. But this one came via Gunny Hutcheson (of *Gunny Sack* fame) and looks to be one of the most useful e-mails to plop through the spam filters in quite awhile. Unfortunately the author of this fine piece took their own advise and no return e-mail address or name was available for thankfulness.

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Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 09:54:55

Do you really know how to forward e-mails?

Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk e-mail?

Here's why:

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses and names, and the person who sent it to them, etc.

As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds and builds and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer.

Or someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk e-mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit.

How do you stop it?

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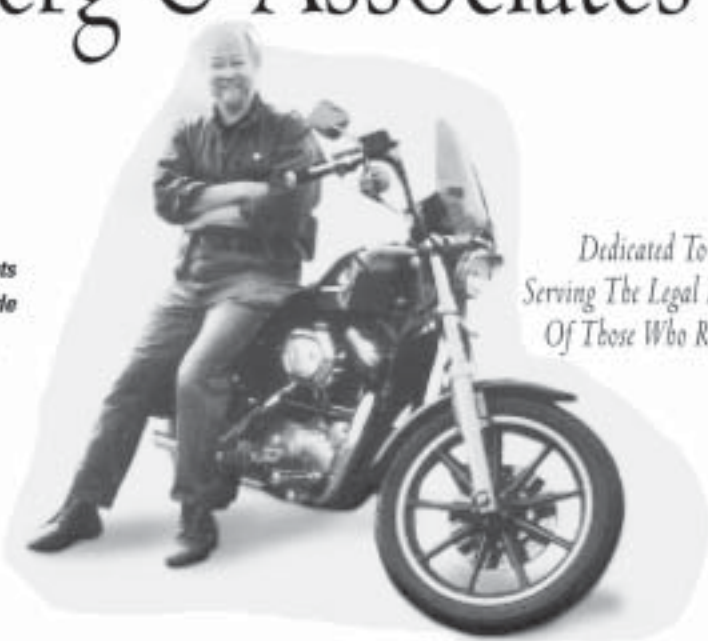
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Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X			X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X					X	X

other areas

Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-836-7548	Highway 38	X	X		X			X
Ray & Kathy DeMelo	(503)-393-2201	Keizer		X	X			X	X
Mike Farmer.	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X X

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available.

This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcyclists, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means **you**, telemarketers.)

If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to rotnews@open.org, or send your information to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Revised: May 2005

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

QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	(out of stock) ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Hats	15.00	_____
_____	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
_____	Long sleeve T-shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	ABATE Sweatshirts	25.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	Polo shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies V-neck shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies crew neck shirts	20.00	_____



YEAR PIN



New!
Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.E. logo -- \$40

ABATE PINS



MISCELLANEOUS

ABATE T-SHIRTS

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00
(One time charge)



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.

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00		
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00		
	(out of stock)	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00		
		ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00		STICKERS
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00		
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00		
		Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50		
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00		
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	free		
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	free		
		UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00		
		Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00		SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00		
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00		
		Eagle Pin	5.00		
		Chapter Coordinator	5.00		
		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	5.00		
		Chapter Secretary	5.00		
		Chapter Membership Secretary	5.00		
		Chapter Treasurer	5.00		
		Chapter Historian	5.00		
		Chapter Legislator	5.00		
		Chapter Educational Director	5.00		
		Chapter Ways & Means Director	5.00		
		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	5.00		
		Chapter Public Relations Director	5.00		
		Chapter State Representative	5.00		
		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)			



Sub Total

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$6.50**
 \$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$8.50**

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping **\$8.00**

TOTAL

Thank you for your order ;-)



mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS**

att. Products Director

P.O. Box 4504

Portland, ORegon 97208

PHONE: (503)-985-0233

E-MAIL:

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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

Chapter orders require chapter check or state representative purchase at state board meeting.

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
ATTN: Gunny

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

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)**

If no explain: _____

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 guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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1973 *Sportster* motor \$700.
1979 *GMC Jimmy 4x4*, 35,000 miles on 350 ci, rebuilt transmission, runs like a top, light rust, overall good condition. Asking \$1,350. Call Bird (503)-750-9726

(April 2006)

Two studded snow tires, size P225/75R15. Real good rubber, nice tires, they like to go in the ice and snow \$50 or best offer. Call Bill (503)-257-7390, leave message.

(April 2006)

1990 *Heritage Softail*. Two-tone red with lots of chrome, S&S carburetor, *Pythone* exhaust pipes, *Andrews* Ev27 cam,

Craine HI4 ignition, new detachable windsheild, huge *H-D* saddlebags in good condition. Outstanding motorcycle for its age. Runs great, a real classi. Good tires and brakes. A steal at \$9,250 or best offer. Call for details. Bill at (503)-257-7390, please leave message.

(April 2006)

1993 *Sportster* 883. 8,700 miles. \$5,000 Hugger, Kings tank. Just serviced.

1993 *Heritage Softail*. New, 20 miles. \$16,000. Red and black, bags, windshield. (503)-285-

4329 Rotten Roger

(April 2006)

2000 *V-Star 1100 Classic*, custom painted by Mark Pratt of XXX. Twisted ghost flames, two helmets, saddle bags, windshield, backrest, new front and rear tires, new brakes. 28,000 miles. \$6,500 Debbie (971)-409-6744

(April 2006)

Ladies black leather jacket. Size 12-14-ish, good condition with detachable liner, extra inner lining, fringe, conchos and beads. \$200 or best offer. (503)-760-9015

(May 2006)

1985 *Chevy* conversion van, new 350 motor, four-speed, front /rear air conditioning, fridge, power inverter, bench

seat/bed, seats six. Great for traveling. \$2,000

1989 *Mazda* MPV van. Bad tranny? Good interior/exterior, seats seven. Parts or fixer? \$1,000

Scott (503)-701-4397

(May 2006)

Three *Mercury* outoard motors. All look and run great.

1985 - 9.8hp \$650.

1985 - 40hp waterjet, rebuilt, low hours. \$850.

1999 - 25hp. Low hours, electric start, new cables and controls. Looks new. \$1,450.

Marty (503)-357-1933

(May 2006)

Wanted

Answer to February CRYPTOGRAM may be found on page 30

March Cryptogram

WORST PH LAMHPED MTD ELLR

BNOWPCQ HLWD LNE EDHPRD

OH WOC MARCH ACDOHPNJ BRLW TPH BPRD.

— EOUPE Ws SLRE

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

Dawg died. Biker, 51, and Hawg looking for new location. Good handyman skills(and tools), stable job and personal life. Anywhere within one hour ride of Hawthorne Bridge. (Job.) Must have garage access. Will consider any of following, or garage or basement apartment fixer-up rental or land contract with a five year ballon. Call Bird at (503)-750-9726

(April 2006)

Nine passenger *Chevy* wagon. Fifteen passenger *Chevy* van. Motors and tranmissions not important. Cheap.

Rotten Roger (503)-285-4329

(Mar 2006)

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.

Note: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements.

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V/F)

or

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att. Member Ads

P.O. box 4504

Portland, Oregon 97208

STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2006

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
COORDINATOR	1-(800)-xxx-xxxx (state-wide)		
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Al Sims	(541)-926-2161	abatesanctioning@comcast.net	(541) 926-2161
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Hal Fletcher	(541) 688-4268	hlfletcher@esassigns.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Ed Miller	(541) 923-5503	glyde68@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-640-5766 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	fourtracys@msn.com	(503)-615-0550
SECRETARY			
Deb Becker	(541)-563-2398	beckerhill@peak.org	
TREASURER			
Nancy Curran	(541)-888-2572	treasurer@abateoforegon.net	(541)-888-0810
STATE AUDITOR	(503)-357-3040(h)		
Margo Virchow	(503)-288-6870(w)	mvirchow@verizon.net	
NEWSMAGAZINE EDITOR			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR			
Rick Maish	(541)-746-7837	lynandrick@msn.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Richard Androes	(503) 394-2441	hdrider67@aol.com	(503)-394-2441
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
James Brummond	(541)-280-5521		
PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
Dave Meeker	(503)-985-0233		
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1			
Patricia Carner	(503)-671-0124	patriciahdgal@msn.com	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
PUBLIC RELATIONS			
Joan McCarty	(503)-249-7125	fanwrite@comcast.net	
FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Ted Tracy	(503) 640-5766	fourtracys@msn.com	
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Willie Sanders	(503)-249-8791		
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
Rich Virchow	(503)-357-3040	flhrci@verizon.net	
HISTORIAN			
Rhonda Kindy	(541)-619-2171	fredsgirl17@hotmail.com	
RUN SANCTIONING			
Al Sims	(541)-926-2161	abatesanctioning@comcast.net	(541) 926-2161
WEB PAGE EDITOR			
Marty Soehrman	(503) 824-2924	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	(503)-239-0556
QUARTERMASTER			
Robert Hale	(503)-654-8407		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1			
Pat Williams	(509)-310-9625		
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
William Hunter	(503)-249-7125	fanwrite@comcast.net	

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att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

(Return address on reverse side)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

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

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

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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P.O. Box 4504
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID

PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

There is a hole in my life where drink used to be,
It's continuing absence is disconcerting me,
But now I've dropped a few pounds,
And spending money abounds,
Drinking was more a habit than pleasure, you see.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 11 March 2006 at noon
Albany *Eagles*

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; Rogue River highway; Grant's Pass
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Sunday 1030 (10:30 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd .; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles
Salem	4 th Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Papa's Pizza</i> , 4550 Commercial Street, Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene