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

What We're About

#### A.B.A.T.E. is a not-forprofit organization

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

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

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

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

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

> -- Rot Path crusty ol' editor

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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

by Bill Bish

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

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce 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.

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# State Coordinator's Comments

What to write, what to write, what to write?

Some months writing the coordinator's comments is easy, the thoughts run lucid through my brain and the words flow onto the screen as fast as they can considering my limited ability to type.

Other months it seems to me that I'm rehashing the same rehashed subject we've all heard a thousand times.

But the reason subjects get repeated is because they are important and not enough people seem to hear or pay attention the first time around.

I didn't join *A.B.A.T.E.* for any noble aspirations of fighting for my rights or paying attention to what was happening on the political front. I joined *A.B.A.T.E.* because I had a good time at a run and wanted to know where and when the next party was.

Some where along the way I got sucked into *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*'s true purpose and I like it.

*A.B.A.T.E.* of Oregon is a motorcycle rights organization, born to the purpose of protecting our right to freedom of choice in regards to our chosen mode of transportation and for many a chosen lifestyle.

Can we have fun along the way?

Absolutely, but let's not forget where we come from and why we are here.

We are here to protect our right to choose. Whether we are choosing the height of our handle bars, to fuel our own motorcycles, or what safety equipment is necessary and when, we deserve the right to choose.

If all we care about is the next party

we will never win.

Okay, so now it's March, spring is just around the corner, and the riding season is just about to begin.

One more time you've been told that A.B.A.T.E. is a political rights organization and not a social club and if a few more of you have gotten sucked in to our true purpose, it was worth the rehash. Hopefully all of you have e-mailed your elected representative in regards to HB-2399 and those who can go to the capitol on short notice have given their names and numbers to their chapter legislative officers so they can be notified and attend any hearings on either HB-2399, or SB-356 as they are scheduled. With enough participation from our over two thousand members, we as members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon could honestly say we did our best.

Ed Vaughn



Ed opening S.T.E.A.M.-2007



by Ed Vaughn



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# **Central Oregon**



Hello from Central Oregon,

Here it is March which means that the days are already starting to get a little longer and also a bit warmer. Quite a welcome change.

As it so happens this year our April meeting, being the second Sunday also falls on Easter. Therefore we have decided to change this months meeting to Sunday the 1st.

The date for our annual roadside clean-up will be held on Saturday May 12. We will have a BBQ afterwards at the Creekside Park in Sisters. Same as last year. We will also have the monthly meeting for May there.

Our fifth annual *Rocks, Bridges and Lakes Run* will be held on June 16th. The proceeds from this poker run will be split 50/50 with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and the *M.R.F.* 

If I'm not mistaken (wouldn't be the first or last time) this is our chapter's 13th anniversary. We were also the 13th chapter for the state. It had been mentioned to possibly try and put something together for a celebration of some sort this summer. It is all up to our members to decide.

Ride safe,

Kevinn

#### CENTRAL OREGON MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

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

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# Columbia River

Happy Valentine's Day from *Columbia River Chapter*,

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

We waived the minutes and membership reports. We had two guests.

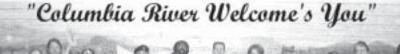
Our treasurer says that we have over a thousand dollars after the *Sweetheart Dance*.

The toy run report was that we bought the bike for the toy run. We have a scooter again from *Action Motor Sports*, and a coat, chaps, and boots are donated by *Renegade*. We, also, had a motorized wheelchair donated for our kids by Dee Boisebain who no longer needs it.

Legislative report was on the helmet bill. We need to flood our representative's e-mails and mail until they start to listen to us. Call them and see them if you have to, but get your voice heard. You should be given the choice to wear a helmet or not. There are several laws that need our attention. Read your newsmagazine. If you don't get one, start getting hold of the membership secretary to make sure that you will get one. We need get in touch with the to transportation committee to let our voices be heard.

The *Sweetheart Dance* made a profit of \$586. The Sweetheart pictures donated \$20 to the chapter bringing our final tally to \$606 for the night. A big thank you goes out to all who attended and all who helped. You are all greatly appreciated.

Our sergeant-of-arms Lauren made some announcements. She is





planning a ride from *Latus* to S.T.E.A.M. this next weekend. It is to start at 7:45 a.m.

There is a *Make-a-Wish Poker Run* coming up.

Wide glide was diagnosed with cancer. The prognosis is not good. He wants to sell his bike for \$17,000. He has \$24,000. He wants to have the money to go to *Daytona Bike Week* for his last hurrahs. Let's see if we can help this man.

There are several things that our coordinator would like to ask members about so let's attend the meetings to find out his thoughts. If you have suggestions, voice your suggestion, but you need to come to the meeting to voice that opinion.

Ways and means brought in \$36.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Keep the rubber side down,

Linda #1 elf

#### <u>COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-</u> <u>ING TIME and PLACE</u>

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

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## **Douglas County**



#### (Report not received)

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm) *Round Table Pizza* Roseburg POINT of CONTACT Tom Burns (541)-459-7652 http://www.dcabateoforegon.org/ CHAPTER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 501

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### Taxes And Letters (a Deep Red story)

Easing her long slender legs into the warm water, Deep Red sought for the wooden hot tub's upper bench with her toes, the chilly evening air making the water seem hotter than it was. Mona was already settled contentedly up to her chin next to the wooden slat fence that separated them from the submerged wood stove that heated their liquid oasis. Her ol' man was tending the stove's fire.

"How're your taxes coming along?" inquired Mona, eyes closed in contentment.

"Oh, man," sighed D.R. bringing her full weight and both feet onto the submerged bench, then bending over and reaching out to steady herself as her foot explored for the lower bench opposite Mona. "Forms and numbers keep buzzing around in my head."

"At least you're getting them done earlier than usual this year," obsevered Mona, cracking an eye open, then offering her hand to D.R. Grasping the proffered hand firmly and gratefully, D.R. began lowering herself into the enveloping warmth, letting it slide up her thighs as she stepped down.

"Yeah," admitted D.R. "not rushing around on the day before they're due *does* make a change for me."

Her skin prickled as she eased herself down and the encircling ring of hot water moved up curves of her well-formed body. Water gently spilled over the rim as D.R. settled herself, Mona's ample form having already brought it up to the top. - R. O'Toole

"How're yer letters to legislators doing?" asked D.R.

She seated herself crossed-legged on the bench, not wanting to encounter the stratified cool water at the bottom of the tub yet. She flipped her long red hair to the outside of the tub as she leaned back against the side, feeling the water completely envelope her body in its warm embrace, letting her long arms float.

A soft clang immediately to the side indicated that Mona's ol' man had finished stoking the underwater fire and was replacing the stove's lid.

D.R. closed her eyes and sighed.

"Well," began Mona, "I'm trying to let them know that our helmet amendment isn't really about

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It is March already and time sure flies when you are stuck indoors!

Although the sun has been shinning it has been pretty dang cold.

Springtime in Oregon is notorious for its changing weather conditions, so be careful and be prepared. Carry all the gear you may need when going for a ride.

Remember you can always take it off but you cannot put it on if you do not have it!

Many of our members, new and old attended S.T.E.A.M. this past month and reported that they found it enjoyable and informational. Several braved the weather and went on two wheels. They came away charged up with new ideas about how to promote our issues and motorcycle awareness within the community. And the food that was provided was very much appreciated. Thank you state *A.B.A. T.E.* for putting on another excellent educational program.

If you read the newspapers or watch television, you are aware that the middle east conflict is taking its toll on the brave sons and daughters of Oregon. Several of our members have gone on missions this past month to honor their sacrifice for our freedom. We all know it is hard to attend these missions since most of them are during the mid week and most are working. We want to express our gratitude to all bikers who are able to attend these services for our fallen heroes. Their families greatly appreciate the support the Patriot Guard Rider [P.G.R.] group provides in shielding their families. If you are interested in attending one of these



missions or gaining more information about the *Patriot Guard Riders*, log on to http:// www.patriotguard.org/

Hub City

In keeping with the A.B.A.T.E. mission statement to promote motorcycle awareness, Al Sims, along with his two lovely assistants, conducted two M.A.P. [Motorcycle Awareness Program] classes this past month. Young drivers are educated on safety issues pertaining to motorcyclists and asked for their awareness and respect on the road. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm and interest shown by the students towards issues pertaining to the motorcycle community.

Each year more and more events are available and your calendar fills up fast. So, remember to mark your calendar for June 2nd and make plans to attend the annual *Hub City Poker Run*!

Enjoy the green beverage of your choice this month!!

Ride safe,

wh and tb

#### HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Josephine County ANNEX Abbus

Well here it is, another cold spell but soon it will be over and we will be riding again.

Our February meeting was canceled because of the bad weather. It's the first time that's happened to us, thank god. I really hate not getting together with everybody every month.

There's not a lot to report this time but here it goes anyway.

On Sunday, May 27th we're having our first poker run. By the time you get this newsmagazine, there will be a flyer out.

The poker run will be a 50/50, half of the money will be going to *BikePAC* to help them in their work. The other half will go to the chapter to help pay for some of the things we do.

Also in May there's a swap meet at Touville Tavern. We have a booth there. A few months ago we talked at a meeting about selling stuff there to raise money for the chapter. So if anybody has anything they could donate, like bike parts, clothing, leathers, or anything else you might think of, let me know I'll pick it up.

On August 4th we have our forth annual poker run to the coast. During that time in Cresent City they have their county fair going on. The Son of God motorcycle club has something going on out there too but I'm not sure what yet. This run is a lot of fun and a very nice ride also.

I'd like to say I'll be glad when your back Gypsy because I can't do this newsmagazine as good as you can.

Your coordinator and friend

Spanky

#### **JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

**MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm) Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass

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# Lincoln County

A trip was made to the state board meeting on February 10th. I'd forgotten how passionate some people are about *A.B.A.T.E.* It is a good wake up call for those of us who are not close to what is happening on the state level. It was so good to see those that I haven't seen in awhile and meet new ones. All new officers are supposed to attend a state board. It is sad seeing so few who do.

*Lincoln County* is preparing for their 25th anniversary party. It will be held at the *American Legion* hall in Newport. There is a flyer in the newsmagazine giving information on this. Would love to see you there. Ruth is working very hard on this and there are never enough ways to say thank you for all she does.

We are chatting already about *Beaver Creek 2007*. This will be our 25th anniversary for our run also. We have been blessed to always be able to have it at the same location. Hugs go to Gary and Vicki Lechner for this. They have been with us since the beginning of our chapter and we would not exist if not for them and their support and participation. There are so many in any chapter that do so much to help that we forget to say thanks.

I'm looking forward to flowers on Valentines Day but am so very happy with a special hug from that special person.

The weather on the coast has not been very cooperative for us. We were iced in during the January state board so our new state representative wasn't able to attend. You should meet her in March.



I need to get this to the crusty ol' editor before he fires me. [*c.o.e. note* – Fortunately for all concerned, that ain't within his power.]

Stay warm and keep the rubber side down. See you in Salem when you meet with your representatives to talk about freedoms.

Be safe,

Millie Lincoln County Chapter

#### LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30 pm) *American Legion* Hall Post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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### North Coast



It's February 7th as I write this report. The weather has returned to the normal rainy stuff we all know and love. (Or we'd move, right?)

I just got my chapter newsletter. Thanks Skye. Sorry you got the crud for awhile and glad you are better. This report will be something of a repeat but, hey, what the heck.

As reported we have new officers thanks to the fine folks who stepped up when the call came.

Paul Eblemesser is your new chapter coordinator. Paul is a takecharge kind of guy and I know our chapter is going to really benefit from his natural leadership skills.

Linda Long has taken the treasurer's reins from me and she will be an excellent help to the chapter by keeping us in line monetarily.

Chris Hucke is our new membership secretary. Chris is a nononsense gal who will not only bring her organizational skills to this arena but also her creative thinking abilities which may help us move forward to increase our membership roll.

Vicky Wilcoxen picked up the sergeant-at-arms gavel, so my brothers and sisters don't f#%&\*&% up at our meetings, by jingo!!

Howie Long has become our

legislative representative. Howie takes this responsibility very seriously and we all need to thank him for attending the state board meetings for us. Besides he almost always keeps a straight face when he is called by his new moniker picked up last year: "Highway Ron."

Also once again; Skye McKey has volunteered to remain as secretary. Bravo, girlfriend!

We still need several volunteers to fill the positions of vice-coordinator, a products person, and chapter historian.

Run committee meetings have begun. Anyone can be a part of this aspect of chapter business.

Around Saddle Mountain is literally around the corner and work has begun to make this chapter run a huge success again. There are other so-called "pack runs" in this state but, this is the only true pack run where we ride as a unit and it is a unit to be reckoned with. By juno, when there are well over a 100 bikes and riders rolling and rumbling down the highways and byways of Clatsop County, the whole world sits up and takes notice and the motorcycle gods are pleased.

Be a part of this, not only as a

participant but, also as a volunteer.

In the interest of getting some of our south county members to a chapter meeting, it was voted that a second meeting a month be enacted. So from now on the second Thursday of every month a meeting will be held at *Dundee's* in Seaside at 7 p.m. and the second meeting on the forth Sunday at the Astoria *Moose Lodge* at 10:00 a.m.

Since this is a legislative year for our state representatives now is the time to start writing, phoning, e-mailing, and appearing on the doorsteps of our state representatives' office. We need to tell them how we feel about

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#### <u>NORTH COAST MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1000 (10 am) *Moose Lodge* 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Children are welcome

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Northeast Portland



This is the list of people that donated for *Cabin Fever*.

Love Leathers Parkrose Hardware Langlitz Leather Western Cycle Salvage Latus Motors Wingman Ent. Renegade Classics

Have a cool winter,

Rusty

#### **N.E. PORTLAND MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1900 (7:00pm) *Round Table Pizza* 4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> -- Portland

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### Taxes And Letters (continued from page 6)

helmets."

D.R. raised the lid over her white "crazy" eye and arched its corresponding red eyebrow. "Won't that confuse 'em? After all, they're only elected politicians."

She heard Mona's ol' man padding around the tub on the brickwork they'd laid last autumn. When he had come sloshing into the living room to let them know the hot tub was ready, he had managed to splatter their papers with water. She and Mona had a brief sincere desire to make him a sister, but the lure of liquid warmth soon mollified their flash anger and the drying paperwork provided ample justification for taking a break. "I'm trying to present the issue as an intrusion into people's lives," continued Mona, as her ol' man clamored up the tub's steps. The cool country air had reduced his tendency to jiggle and sway as he moved.

"You mean like part of the homeland security?" inquired D.R.

"That always sounds like something out Germany or Russia," observed Mona's ol' man. "Protecting the 'homeland' from aggression."

He stepped shakily into the tub, arms outstretched for balance. Mona casually reached up to grasp him, steadying and guiding him down to her. Water cascaded over the side as he submerged his body, soaking D.R.'s hair. "No," mused Mona. "More like government going too far, crossing a line between liberty and regulation."

"Yeah, but then they say that it's the 'will of the people' because helmets use was approved by voters," pointed out Mona's ol' man.

"Only because the legislature was too cowardly to act on the issue and threw it to the public where bikers didn't have the organization and resources to mount a public campaign," flared Mona.

"And don't forget that when the public sponsored and passed an initiative for term limits, elected officials promptly thwarted the 'will

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## **River** City



#### February 6, 2007

Tonight we mourn the passing of one of our fine chapter members, Ron Colegrove. Ron has been an enthusiastic rider and member for several years.

He was a fine person to know and we will miss him. Ron recently took the step to become a state officer and I know he would have made the chapter proud, again.

His memorial service will be Friday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles. Those who wish to ride together will meet at the *Lone Pine* parking lot at 2:30 p.m.

This meeting we spent a lot of time talking about Ron. Bob offered to take his chapter officer positions and was approved.

Brian made a strong plea for legislative action, right away. The written copy follows these comments.

Dennis Gray would have won the membership drawing for \$55 if he had been present. It will be \$60 next meeting. Sandy won the 50/50 at \$10/\$10 and donated \$8 back to the chapter. Thanks, Sandy.

We recently sent out the action

guide [published elsewhere in this newsmagazine]. We have heard back from only six people who have sent messages, as asked, and copied them to us.

We won't win this way.

Let's do it again, only harder.

Organize a message party where there is an available computer or two, or do a letter writing party at your meeting.

Do anything, but get those messages to the representatives!!

#### Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:08 pm, 13 people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Rick.

Rick read the mission statement.

Ron Colegrove passed away last Wednesday from a heart attack.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Debra because they were presented in written form

Correspondence: Two bank statements.

Treasury report \$118.48 in checking and \$1894.56 savings.

Membership report: 78

Legislative report: The time is now! Get busy and write your representatives.

Ways and means report: New

raffles. More run preparations. Old Business

Group riding protocols: Brian rode to our clean up site this Wednesday.

Planned rides: We want better weather.

New Business

Deicer is slick. Watch out!

Brian moved to approve Bob to replace Ron in his two positions with the chapter – passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings March 6, 2007 March 20, 2007

#### <u>RIVER CITY MEETING</u> <u>TIMES and PLACE</u>

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

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Salem



We were pleased to see a nice showing of faces at this meeting and a lot of motorcycles in the parking lot. By the time the meeting opened there were 39 people in attendance. Heidi, our new state board representative, shared information on HB-2399 (HB stands for "house bill", not "helmet bill") and its status. The bill proposes that riders over 21 can choose to not wear a helmet. It is assigned to the Transportation committee but has not yet made it to their hearings agenda. The transportation committee has declared that they won't schedule a hearing unless they have at least 31 house members supporting it. Heidi emphatically encouraged everyone to contact their legislators by phone, email, or in person.

*BikePAC* is having a legislative meet and greet at the capital, room 50, on February 14, 2007, Oregon's birthday. Try to be there. Meet your legislators, talk to them, let them hear your voice. We need to get 31 of them on our bandwagon.

There are 3,000 bills for them to review this session. Only a small percentage will make it to a hearing. If HB-2399 goes to a committee hearing we may have less than 72 hours notice, so we need to be ready to show up. We need people to show their support – motorcyclists or anyone who believes in freedom of choice.

Quiet Mike commended *BikePAC* for all their efforts and encouraged everyone to participate in the February 14th meet and greet, and to contact their legislators. He asked attendees who are members of *O.V.M.A., Bikers for Christ*, or other clubs to share what they learned at this meeting with their respective organizations.

I talked about my experience attending the recent *BikePAC* legislative training session. A lot of excellent information was shared at the event and I received a very informative publication produced by *BikePAC* which I showed to everyone. (If you want to know more, attend S.T.E.A.M. February 17.) You will learn a lot. There were requests for copies of the *BikePAC* publication and we will see what we can do to get a few more produced.

Joy announced that we currently have 163 active members, with four joining tonight. Members expressed disappointment that the newsmagazine is not arriving until late in the month. This makes it hard to know activities and news for the current month.

Quiet Mike pointed out that our fundraiser, the *Ice Breaker*, is coming up. It will be February 24, 2007, begins at noon at *Tony's Tavern* in Dallas, Oregon. This is a potluck event, so we need people to bring food. We will need door prizes and Larry Owens agreed to have *Bikers for Christ* provide them.

Heidi mentioned the *Fossil* shirt design entries are due by April 30. if anyone would like to submit one.

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#### SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7pm) *J.C.'s Pizzaria* 4200 River Road north, Keizer

#### **POINTS of CONTACT**

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# South Coast



From the South Coast Chapter,

As of January 31st 2007, the South Coast Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc., is no longer a viable chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

Due to lack of member participation and an unwillingness to fill required officer positions, the members present at the January chapter meeting voted to disband the chapter. Chapter members are still *A.B.A.T.E.* members and can transfer to other local chapters or be independent *A.B.A.T.E.* members and supporters.

Whether a chapter or a member at large, friendship is still there! Remember we are family in the motorcycling world. Keep in touch with each other.

Remember, you can restart the chapter when the right time comes!!! Ride free and be well.

Respectfully,

Francois D'Abeny

crusty ol' editor's note:

There are so many fine folks in the South Coast Chapter who have worked do hard to keep the group going through all the ups and downs that every chapter experiences. The chapter will be sorely missed and we can only hope that at some future time there will be enough local enthusiasm to revive and restart the chapter. (Ironically, it was South Coast Chapter who got the Revived Road List started again.)

*Thank you one and all, members of* South Coast Chapter. *-- Rot Path* 

#### SOUTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

#### **POINT of CONTACT**

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WEB SITE:

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



Greetings fellow members,

Southeast Portland Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon would like to remind you that our meetings are on the first and third Sunday of each month at the M&M Lounge, 137 Main St. in Gresham at 12 noon.

Chapter meetings are where the course of the organization is decided, how and what events we plan to have, and important information is provided. Meeting attendance is also important to the moral of the organization. We would like to see better participation from our members. The more member input received, the better the organization can function.

A.B.A.T.E. is your voice for freedom from unjust motorcycle legislation. Come let your voice be heard.

Thanks to John B. for his input in this newsletter.

I also want to thank Softtail for her hard work on the previous newsletters and I hope I can make them as interesting as she has in the past. She also holds many positions in the chapter. We would all be at a loss without her input, knowledge, helpfulness, and great smile.

If John Lesser were present at the meeting on January 21st he would have won \$170. The next membership drawing is for \$175. Remember, this is progressive and builds until won. You must be present at the meeting to win!

The *Run 21* meetings are held immediately after the first meeting of the month. Now is your chance to let your opinions be heard. We welcome all input and want to hold the best run ever. This cannot be done without everyone's support. If you want to change something or add something, be sure to attend the meeting.

Ride safe,

#### Honey Buns

P. S. The 26th chapter anniversary party at the  $M & \mathcal{C}M$ . March 17th at 7 p.m. and the canned food delivery starts at 11a.m. from the  $M & \mathcal{C}M$ . Come be a part of something special. We are hard at work on the preparations and look foreword to seeing all of you.



#### <u>S.E. Portland MEETING</u> <u>TIMES and PLACE</u>

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

POINT of CONTACT Matt Hobbs (503)-928-1486 E-mail: hobbsm@benefithelpsolutions.com

#### CHAPTER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 90233 Portland, OR 97290

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



Have you contacted your legislator yet regarding the helmet bill or the health insurance bill?

Have you made a phone call or sent an e-mail?

Have you visited the capital recently?

Have you been out on the road this winter?

Have you checked the tire pressure?

Have you checked the condition of your battery?

Have you checked the condition of your skills?

Are you tired of the nagging?

If you have done at least one item in each of the previous paragraphs, please proceed to the last paragraph of this submission and pat yourself on the back. If you have not, do one item in each of the previous paragraphs before proceeding.

If you send an e-mail to any of the following, please be sure to send a copy to Brian Stovall so he can keep track. His e-mail is

gulducati@gorge.net and he is very interested in who is doing their part.

The following legislators are on the committee and need encouragement:

rep.peterbuckley@state.or.us rep.gregsmith@state.or.us rep.tombutler@state.or.us rep.terrybeyer@state.or.us rep.tobiasread@state.or.us rep.carolyntomei@state.or.us rep.georgegilman@state.or.us

Even though they may not be your representatives, they are representing you and your desires. Be sure to acknowledge who your representative is and that the above listed person(s) represents you in their capacity on the committee.

Also, contact your representative and let them know, politely and concisely, your views on the helmet bill (and the health insurance bill). Each of us has a responsibility to everyone else who is working toward the same goal.

Our chapter birthday party has been rescheduled to April 7 at the

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#### WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm) *Prime Time Restaurant* 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

**POINT of CONTACT** (503)-357-3040

CHAPTER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113

Our January 18th, 2007 meeting was held and there were 26 people attending. We had four guests drop in and see what goes on at the meetings. Guests are always welcome to come and encouraged to participate, so if you have any interest, feel free to drop in on us the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, Oregon, and bring your thoughts about motorcycling and protecting our rights as citizens. ( Remember when being called a citizen wasn't related to motorcycling? We've come a long ways.)

Right after our pledge of allegiance we discussed how the Christmas dinner went and passed on the sponsored family's appreciation for all we did to help them out. It is great to be a part of such a giving group.

We also discussed the upcoming spring Casino Night to be held March 17th, 2007 at Spirits, 1720 Main Street, Springfield. The chapter needs members to bring things to be auctioned Also contact businesses who may have donations for the event. We also discussed looking into offering to help the mission serve a meal sometime in the spring, maybe even Easter dinner? Will discuss this more at the March meeting. The C.M.A. bike blessing is tentatively scheduled to be April 15th and will be held at a different location than in the past. It looks like it will be at Twin Rivers Baptist Chruch on Mohawk Blvd., in Springfield. All are welcomed to participate.

Our chapter is looking for a licensed caterer who has experience at cooking a whole pig outdoors, so



we can proceed with planning for the September 15th *Swashbuckling Bikers Pig Roast.* If anyone knows someone, have them contact Rod Hatter at (541)-747-3432 or (541)-744-2494 days.

Our fearless coordinator Jeff has requested that we adopt a run this year as one that our chapter would get together and ride to and share a great time socializing. We will be discussing what events to chose from at the next meeting, so bring your favorites and see if we can make this a fun time for all.

There were some legislative issues brought to attention at the meeting. HB-2399 is a house bill concerning revision of the helmet laws, and SB-356 is a senate bill addressing insurance companies denying benefits because you were on a motorcycle. All members are encouraged to find out who their political representatives are and to get in touch with them regarding these bills.

We then discussed what is going on with the lawsuit *M.S.F.* has filed against *Team Oregon*. Our chapter is searching for a way to support *Team Oregon* and find what we can do to help. We understand that there isn't much we can do except to send our support letters to *Team Oregon* and encourage them by letting them know how much we appreciate their efforts. We asked Rod to ask this at the state level. Hal stated that the newsletters need to get out to all of the supporters, so if you are near one of those businesses who support our efforts, contact Hal and find out how you can help.

Sunny and Noel have volunteered to make a 4' x 6' sign for *Fossil* to be used to mark the way to the event.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) *Roaring Rapids Pizza* 4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene **POINTS of CONTACT** Hal Fletcher (541)-688-4268 Rick Maish (541)-746-7837 Ruth Johnston (541)-935-6261 **CHAPTER ADDRESS:** Wilamette Valley Chapter ABATE c/o 4618 Daisy Street Springfield, OR 97478 **WEB SITE:** http://www.wvabateoforegon.com

### Our Officers at Work A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes

10 February 2007 - Eagles - Albany, Oregon

Meeting called to order by Richard Colwell, vice-coordinator-north, at 1201 p.m. with 11 of 14 chapters represented. 11 chapters present eligible to vote with the exception of *Douglas County* (absent), *South Coast* (absent), *Central Oregon* (absent).

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

Guests and first time attendees were Dustin Hamilton, Steve Herman (*Southeast Portland Chapter*), Deb Ross.

Reading/approval of minutes from January 11, 2007. Corrections: *BikePAC* representative report was given by Mel Yeager. (Treasurer of *BikePAC*.) Randy Phipps is the representative. Motion made by *Lincoln County* and seconded by *North Coast* to adopt as printed in state newsmagazine with the previously noted correction.

Coordinator's comments: Ed Vaughn (absent). "My apologies for net being here but work is keeping me from attending. All chapter representatives: Should push attendance at S.T.E.A.M. and I'll see all of you there."

Richard Colwell, announced that Ron Colgrove, *River City Chapter* and state sgt-at-arms–east, has passed away. Brian Stovall told about how Ron was a hard working individual and will be sorely missed. Ron died at age 55. Richard continued with a push to all chapter representatives to push S.T.E.A.M. attendance. This is very important to get all chapters and members going in the same direction and for the good of future officers. There will be a public relations class taught by Joan McCarty at S.T.E.A.M.

Correspondence: A letter from Mel and Iris Yeager was read thanking A.B.A.T.E. for their generous donation of \$100 to help with the burial costs of Mel's son.

Joan McCarty has received several letters from the media in support of *A.B.A.T.E.* and about *A.B.A.T.E.*'s entry in the *Starlight Parade*.

#### Officer Reports

Legislative director: Mel Yeager – Brian and Mel have been finishing the legislator handbook. We need to get people to the capitol as soon as possible. The legislators have been asking about us and notice when we are there. The handbook is smaller and more manageable now.

Howie passed out a handout on contacts. The legislators have commented that we are the only organization that gets people there to support our issues. We need to get 500 or more people there *en masse* when needed and we *will* be needed.

Brian brought up that when contacting a legislator, be sure to send him a copy of your letter so he has that information available when needed. Randy suggested that anyone who contacts any legislator use the blind-copy to protect the letter and to get Brian the information quickly.

Brian noted that the handouts he passed out had a two-sided copy and a single-sided copy. He also stated that some people have received this handout though the e-mail system.



Vic Oliver tate recording secretary

He stressed the use of these packets. He also stated that there was an error on the e-mail copy regarding Randy Sumner. Check your copy for correct information.

We need to have 31 votes to pass the house vote before the transportation committee will hear the issue and then send it to the floor. We have 23-26 now and a few more are wavering. Send e-mails to your legislator (and a copy to Brian) and to the members of the transportation committee. Brian read a list of names that have sent him copies of their letters and made a point to thank everyone for their efforts so far, but stressed that much more is needed.

Chapter legislative directors need to get busy in their respective chapters getting more people writing letters.

Lee followed with a statement on Salt Lake City's helmet proposal that failed thanks to e-mails from their respective constituents and from bikers across the country. Michelle suggested that a letter be sent to all chapter members on who their representative is. Brian mentioned that if you send and letter and get back an answer that stated that you are not one of their constituents, that you should check to see if they are on a committee or in a position other then representing their district. We should recontact them and note that it is their responsibility to all Oregonians as they are a member of a committee and not to just their district.

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

Mel reported that on Wednesday, February 14th, *BikePAC* is having a meeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the capitol, downstairs room 50. We should all be there if we can and if we give him a notice of our attendance prior to the 14th, he will try to get a meeting with our respective representative or their staff.

Richard's closing comments: This is what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about! He asked if we knew what a *Tupperware* party was? He stated that we could use the same type of get-together and have an e-mail party and write some letters.

Mel stated that all motorcyclists need to get the information as quickly as we can and that is the goal for this session so that we can get people to the capitol as needed. Also suggested that for information go to http:// www.bikeralley.com as they list all the important events for all of the U.S.A. This is a Colorado-based site

**BikePAC representative**: Randy Phipps reminded us that February 14th is Oregon's 148th Birthday as a state.

*Confederation of Clubs* representative I: Pat Williams – Absent.

*Confederation of Clubs* representative II: Bobby Schneider – Absent.

**Education director** I: Patricia Carner – Absent.

Education director II: Geoff White – Down to the final strokes for S.T.E.A.M.. Everyone can get as much as they want from S.T.E.A.M.. Much can be learned from the brainstorming that goes on as from the classes. The agenda for S.T.E.A.M. is set but there will be a meeting after state board to go over any last minute changes. For any information you can call the education director I or II. Registration for S.T.E.A.M. is from 8–9 a.m. and S.T.E.A.M. will end approximately 4 p.m.

Regarding the Motorcycle Awareness Program, if anyone is interested in seeing how a class is put on or if they are interested in becoming an instructor, get involved. Everyone is welcome to attend classes as an observer. Mel and Iris are also available to teach prospective instructors. There is a class in the works for a Team Oregon class for intermediary rider skills. This is a good one for renewing past training, keeping up on your skills, brushing up on skills that may have been not used in a while or if you need your endorsement. When there are 12 or more people ready, Team Oregon will put on the class.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – Thanks to everyone for all their help. We currently have 2,119 members. Over the last five years we have seen a growth of 459 members.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path – Thank you all for coming today. Legislative information couldn't be found on the web site. It looks like there isn't much being done.

Brian Stovall responded by going over the things that are being done and that in order to get information out as soon as he gets it, you need to be sure he has your e-mail address and the request so that he knows that you want it.

It was brought up about the number of newsmagazines that are being printed may be too many. Costs could be saved by cutting back. There have been more corporate sponsors lately and this may very well cover the added expense. It was pointed out that not just the membership reads this newsmagazine. There are plenty of other people interested in what we do. It was asked if we were going to have a booth at the *Easyrider Show* and Ted said that he would cover that in his report.

**Products director**: Dave Meeker – In need of *Fossil* art for the t-shirts. There will be sweatshirts available this year. Contact him if you want a sweatshirt, long or short sleeve to get on the list. Prices will be from \$15– \$20. All artwork must be in by next state board. Rocker bars for chapters are available.

**Public relations director**: Joan McCarty – Repeatedly stressed the need for communication. Not only for our functions but for our organization. Stressed how a breakdown in communication can seriously damage work being done. Has four radio stations on line and P.B.S. will cover events if they can get information in advance, up to six months.

State run coordinator I (*Fossil*): Ted Tracy – Announced that we have an indispensable person on board right now. G. Mortimer is the "*Fossil* gopher". He has the water tank and will get the stage and store it. Need to locate generator and rent it. Rusty Taylor is making the trophies but needs engine parts. Any help would be appreciated. Two to three chapter signs are done. There will be no golf carts this year. If someone has an

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#### Historian: Vacant.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman – Absent.

Lee gave report from letter by Marty. Stated that we are liable to lose Marty if we don't start getting him the information that he needs. This is the computer age of 2007 and not 1967. If we want to move ahead then we must provide information. Millions of people have access to what we put on the web and if we put nothing then what will they see? Marty is getting complaints about no information and has asked many times. We need to take advantage of what he is offering. He has e-mail accounts available for every officer if they want and everyone needs to get on board with the information getting to Marty if we are to make this work.

Vice coordinator–north: Richard Colwell – Chaired meeting today for absent coordinator.

To everyone in *A.B.A.T.E*.: All the chapters need to pull together. We are all *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and we all work for one goal.

Vice coordinator–south: Jim Jones – No report.

Vice coordinator-east: Vacant.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps – There are a couple of state events coming up: *Fossil* and the swap meet. I need volunteers for security, four hour slots. Chapter representatives contact your chapter and let them know that this is a state function and it is everyone's responsibility to chip in and help out.

Sergeant at arms–south: Vacant. Sergeant at arms–east: Vacant. (Due to death of Ron Colegrove.) Sanctioning officer: Lee Austin – Been busy. Reported the sanctioned runs: *Lincoln County* anniversary party; Salem – *Ice Breaker*; *Washington County* – birthday party: *River City* – *Mystery Run* (formerly *Cherry Festival*).

Flyers need to be sent either JPEG or PDF formats. Flyers need to be sized to 609 [?] for the newsmagazine. Run events are updated every month.

**Quartermaster:** Robert Hale – No report.

#### **Planning Session**

• Newsmagazine ads. Recommend newsmagazine editor develop a system to track and bill for advertisements. Rot Path is coordinating with the treasurer to track this. The rates for the ads and their sizes is in the newsmagazine.

Unfinished Business

• Unfilled officer positions: Debbie Ross volunteered to fill the state auditor position and when asked why she wanted the position she responded: "Why? You need one!" Deb Ross was nominated by the vice coordinator and seconded by Joan McCarty. She was unanimously approved by a vote. Deb Ross is now the state auditor. That will teach her to volunteer.

Historian – No nominations/ volunteers.

Vice coordinator–east – No nominations/volunteers.

Sergeant at arms-east – No nominations/volunteers.

• Brian Stovall gave the names for the transportation committee members so that e-mails could be sent to them as they must hear the bill before it goes to the floor.

A.T.V. or something like that, their assistance would be appreciated in its use. T-shirt designs are due next month. All chapters need to bring door prizes. Bands are done except for Sunday night is open. Need volunteers for first aid.

*EasyRiders* bike show is next month and we will have a booth there. For more information on the booth and manning it, call Jill Tracy at (503)-628-5445.

*M.R.F.* is giving away a \$40,000 bike that is donated by *Luca Oil*.

State run coordinator II: Howie Long – Need volunteers to get with Randy about *Fossil* security.

**State swap meet coordinator**: William Sanders – Absent.

Randy gave report that the swap meet is ready to fly.

Robert brought up that he wants to use walkie-talkies and shirts to help with Washington state's A.B.A.T.E. swap meet. Told to make a motion.

Treasurer: Sue Mills – Absent.

Nancy reported \$14,000 in the bank. Spent \$2,008 on S.T.E.A.M. so far but will need about another \$1,000 to complete it. Checking has \$4,916.82, money market has \$9,135.51. Total income for January 2007 was \$3,888.00 and expenses were \$8,862.11. We spent \$4,974.11 more than we brought in. We need an auditor. Qualifications are basic bookkeeping. (If you can balance a checkbook then you qualify.) All chapters must get their 2006 books completed so taxes can be done. This needs to be done in the next two to three weeks. You can bring them to S.T.E.A.M.

State auditor: Vacant.

#### State Board Minutes

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HD-5 — Peter Buckley

HD-12 — Teri Byer - Chairperson

HD-27 — Tobias Reed (New)

HD-41 — Carolyn Tomas (resistant)

HD-55 — George Gilman (opposed)

HD-57 — Greg Smith (opposed)

HD-60 — Tom Butler (wavering)

Another representative wavering on our side is Andy Olson HD-15 but he is not on the transportation committee.

#### **New Business**

• Chair – All state officers get contact information to Rot Path now. We need that A.S.A.P.!

#### Motions:

1. Motion made by Robert Hale and seconded by *Lincoln County*: To have Robert and Willy Sanders to help *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* with security. That will need radios (10) and orange vest (10) to be provided by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. April 15th for *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*'s swap meet. Discussion ensued. Motion passed... 11 in favor, 0 against.

2. Motion made by Jordan Kelley (*WaCo*) and seconded by *North Coast*: That the treasurer develop a report for the expected annual travel expenditures and have a provision for such in the annual budget. This is for N.C.O.M., M.R.F.'s Best of the West, Meeting of the Minds, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon representatives to Washington D.C., and the bi-annual platform conventions for republicans and democrats, A.C.T.S. Request was made to table this until more discussion could be accomplished. Motion to table by River City, Lincoln County seconded. Passed

unanimously.

3. Motion made by Richard Colwell (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) and seconded by *North Coast*: To bring a uniform typeset and content to all sanctioning disclaimers on flyers and event information. Discussion ensued. Motion failed: 1 in favor, 10 against.

#### Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting will be March 10th .

• The April meeting will be at the *Pizza Hut* on the corner of 14th and Clay, in the *Heritage Mall* area, Albany.

• Governor's Advisory Board member, Iris Yeager, reported that the proposed M.S.F. certification has been denied by O.T.C. and is now on its way to the governor. Iris thanked everyone who showed up for the meeting. The next issue to be looked at by the G.A.B. may be the issue of irresponsible drivers. Next meeting is February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at 235 Union St NE – Salem (The corner of Union and Front streets.)

Talked about the benefits of a refresher course with *Team Oregon*.

• Columbia River is having their Sweetheart Dance tonight. Everyone is welcome. \$6 single or \$10 couple.

• Willamette Valley would like more information on the M.S.F. lawsuit. Mel Yeager answered that at this time all the suit says is that *Team Oregon* stole intellectual property from the M.S.F. in developing their curriculum.

• *Lincoln County* is having their 25th anniversary party on March 24th. It will be at the *American Legion* 

and will include a poker run

• Mel Yeager has a new e-mail address: mel\_yeager@msn.com (Old server quit.)

• April meeting will be at *Ciddici's* as the *Eagles* has a prior reservation for the room. [?]

• Robert (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) – Anniversary party on March 17th.

• Josephine County – A girl who is a member of this chapter is going to be at the Eugene Hult Center doing Cinderella on March 10th. This sponsored child is a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Called for motion to adjourn.

Adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

#### **Taxes And Letters**

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of the people' by getting that regulation overturned," put in D.R., her passion heating the waters nearly as much as the fire.

"Hey, hey." Mona's ol' man held his palms up toward the two intense women. "I'm only saying what they told us at the committee meetings last time."

"Humrph," grumped D.R., settling back.

"But that's a very good point about term limits," said Mona, turning towards D.R. "Okay if I use it in our letters?"

"Be my guest," offered D.R. "Now, what else can say to convince enough representatives to support our bill?"

# S.T.E.A.M.-2007

held 17 February 2007 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon



lan King of Washington Road Riders Association was our feathured speaker.

The audience is getting S.T.E.A.M.ed



Commissioner Joe Laurance sails into a discussion

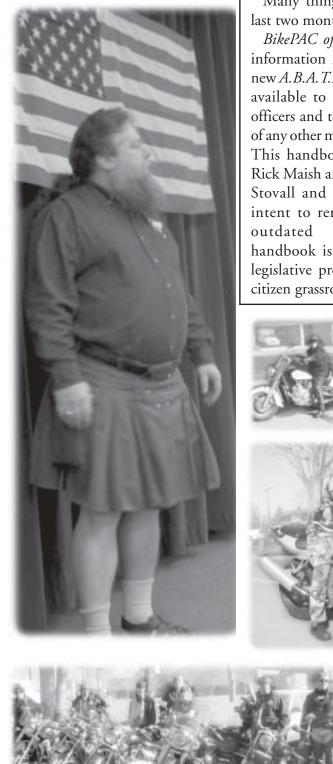


Patricia Carner presents material to attendees



Ken Ray of BikePAC competes with lan King for cutest knees

### S.T.E.A.M.-2007



### **Legislative Report**

Many things have happened the last two months.

*BikePAC of Oregon* has held two information meetings to make the new *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative handbook available to all chapter legislative officers and to the legislative officer of any other motorcycle organization. This handbook was organized by Rick Maish and was edited by Brian Stovall and Mel Yeager with the intent to remove duplicated and outdated information. The handbook is a great guide to the legislative process and to organize citizen grassroots action.



It includes how to approach your representative in the capitol, how to prepare and testify on behalf of our issues, as well as many other valuable items.

The first printing of the handbook was depleted and additional copies will be available at the S.T.E.A.M. conference on February 17th.

On Saturday May 5th, the nineteenth *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* will be held on the capitol steps. I am arranging the use of the fountain plaza across from the capitol for additional parking for motorcycles.

There will be a bike show from 9 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. The cost will be two dollars. The categories will not be known until the ballots are distributed at 10:30 a.m. The results will be tallied and prizes awarded at about 11:30 a.m. Only bike show participants will be allowed to park their bikes on the island in front of the capitol.

HB-2399 related to helmet use will be considered in committee only if there are enough votes from legislators to pass it on the floor.

We now have 28!

We must have at least 31 committed to vote yes on this issue.

Messages have been send to riders all over the state to have them contact their legislator and ask them to support HB-2399. With a good response from everyone we can get our issue heard.

Let's everybody do our part and make that e-mail or telephone call.

Mel Yeager legislative director *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* 

### Motorcycle Riders Foundation M.R.F./S.M.R.O. Leader's Dialogue

A new year is upon us and it brings new challenges. Challenges face us both internally and externally. A shift in the political landscape in Washington, D.C. and in many states has the potential to change many of our legislative priorities from proactive to reactive. Sen. Frank Lautenberg is now chairing U.S. senate committees and subcommittees dealing with transportation issues, so Jeff Hennie will be very busy watching for last minute motorcycle helmet mandates. Fortunately, M.R.F. and A.M.A. were able to open a meaningful dialogue with his office before the November election that swept the democrats into power in D.C.. This opening of discussion was in direct response to senator Lautenberg's letter extolling the virtues of mandatory motorcycle helmet laws that was sent to our state governors.

The flip side is the potential to finally pass our H.I.P.A.A. repair language. Our major roadblock in the house is now neutralized. After discussions with my congresswoman I think that there may also be a chance to pass a version of the Right to Repair bill. Both bills are going to take considerable work on our part. Please consider sending someone from your S.M.R.O. to Washington, D.C. this year. Contact Jeff Hennie, M.R.F. vice president of government relations ( jeff@mrf.org or (202)-546-0983) to find the best time to schedule your visit.

Jeff will be happy to accompany

you on your scheduled visits to your members congress. Coordination with Jeff is important though, so that he is not expected to be in two meetings at the same time. Jeff and Sarah can also help by suggesting hotels and transportation options. Feel free to take advantage of their knowledge of how to get around in D.C..

During the S.S.M.R.O. legislative strategy session at the Meeting of the Minds, we discussed the proposal before the M.R.F. board of directors to create a 501c3 subsidiary corporation, M.R.F.A.E. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education, Inc.) The intention is to use this new corporation as a tool to help offset costs associated with hosting conferences and to create new training and education seminars for motorcyclist rights activists. We may be able to even find some money to help offset a portion of the expenses for the day-to-day operations of our D.C. office. This would be done through applying for grants from foundations to fund the educational portions of M.R.F. operations and conferences. This could provide some welcome financial relief to our sustaining S.M.R.O. partners who currently fund the majority of our operating expenses. All of our lobbying expenses will still need to be from our conventional sources, S.M.R.O. contributions and membership.

Some serious concerns were raised about who we would be willing to



take money from. As to the question of how the *M.R.F.* will decide from whom to accept grants, the following process has been proposed.

1. A benefactor organization is located that has given grants for training and education in the past.

2. The researcher does an initial review to determine if the values of this organization are similar to the values of the *M.R.F.* 

3. The researcher contacts the *M.R.F.* grant committee via the grant committee e-mail distribution list requesting permission to send a letter of intent to this benefactor. A five-business day response is expected.

4. If the committee approves this benefactor, then a letter of inquiry is sent to the benefactor to determine if they will allow the *M.R.F.* to submit a grant request proposal.

5. Once the benefactor indicates their willingness to receive a proposal from the M.R.F., the proposal is drafted.

6. The drafted proposal is sent to the M.R.F. grant committee for review and approval before it is finally submitted to the benefactor organization. A five-business day response is requested of the grant committee members. (The quick response from the committee is imperative, if a submission deadline is missed, the M.R.F. may not be invited to submit another proposal.)

At the 2006 *Meeting of The Minds*, *M.R.F.* was given a wonderful opportunity. *Lucas Oil* donated a \$40,000 motorcycle to *M.R.F.*, no strings attached, for us to use as we see fit. Our board of directors has decided to use this gift as a membership sweepstakes prize. All existing members, including S.S.M.R.O.s, will be given a chance in the drawing. All new and renewing applications received in the office are eligible for a chance, and each member who signs someone up receives an additional chance. We are looking for your help in advertising this promotion in your S.M.R.O. newsletter. Any space you can allocate to this promotion will be greatly appreciated. The drawing will be held at the 2007 Meeting of The Minds in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Make sure to visit the redesigned *M.R.F.* web site. Look at the link to the state pages. If your S.M.R.O. does not have any current information posted, please either discuss this with your *M.R.F.* state representative and request that they keep the

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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.

information up-to-date, or appoint someone to keep the information for your state current. This section of our web site is for your use. With your help it will stay useful.

If we can be of any assistance to you, or if you need any questions about your *M.R.F.* answered, feel free to contact us, we are your S.M.R.O.s representatives to the *M.R.F.* board of directors. Together we can keep motorcyclists riding free in 2007 and beyond.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



### Freedom Of Choice May Come With A Price Tag

Pennsylvania motorcyclists successfully modified their mandatory helmet law in 2003 to allow riders 18 and older the option of wearing a helmet, but now a lawmaker wants bikers who don't wear a helmet to carry at least \$10,000 in medical insurance to cover injuries if they crash. State senator Constance Williams says the requirement honors bikers' freedom to ride helmetless while making sure they take financial responsibility for their decision.

Governor Ed Rendell, who signed the law that allows bikers to ride without a helmet, has said more Pennsylvanians die from smoking than motorcycle crashes, but senator Williams cites a national report being circulated among state legislatures that says highway fatalities are on the rise for the first time in 20 years, linking the increase to deaths from motorcycle crashes.

#### New Twist For Helmet Law Modification

Lost revenues from tourism has become a common theme for modifying helmet laws in states that claim motorcyclists are riding around them and spending their vacation money in other states that don't require helmets.

Now Virginia has taken that argument a step further by proposing legislation that would allow motorcyclists to ride without a helmet on state scenic highways. On all other roads, police would not be allowed to stop riders for not wearing helmets unless they are stopped for another driving offense such as speeding, making the helmet violation a secondary offense.

Virginia motorcyclists are requesting help from across the country to pass HB–2585, asking riders to write their delegates to let them know that you would spend your tourism dollars in Virginia if the state allowed freedom of choice on its beautiful scenic byways.

Bikers in Nebraska also want the right to make their own decisions about helmets, saying the current helmet law is costing the state \$2-5 million a year during annual bike festivals in neighboring states because motorcyclists avoid riding through helmet law states.

Motorcyclists are lobbying the unicameral legislature in Lincoln to support LB–253, a bill that would allow riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet. *A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska* is not asking for letters or phone calls to their legislators at this juncture, but they would like for outof-state riders to visit their web site at http://www.abateofne.com and fill out a simple on-line poll that will allow them to put together written testimony from motorcyclists from across the nation.

#### Connecticut Bikers Want To Raise The Bar

Connecticut state representatives Wilbur and Zalaski have cosponsored a bill to repeal their 15inch handlebar height law.

Representative Wilber, who cosponsored this bill with representative Zalazki, had an O.L.R. legislative report done that concluded that high handlebars are not a safety issue. The report also found that there has been a trend across the country to change the height restriction law with 16 states completely repealing the law. HBcurrently 6937 is under consideration in the transportation committee, and would completely repeal the handlebar law, allowing Connecticut riders to decide for themselves what height their handlebars should be.

#### Virginia Riders Beside Themselves

Virginia is only one of two states that specifically prohibit two motorcycles to ride two abreast in a traffic lane, but riders there are hoping to change that.

HB–1808 has passed out of transportation committee and bikers are urging their Delegates to support the bill when it comes up for a vote. They argue, among other things, that two motorcycles abreast in a traffic lane aids in making the motorcycles more visible to other traffic, and that

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in larger groups of motorcycles, riding two abreast keeps the overall length of the group shorter and discourages other vehicles from dangerously cutting into the group, an issue motorcyclists riding in groups often face.

#### **Oh Deer!**

According to transportation officials, nearly 200 people are killed nationwide each year in crashes involving wildlife, mostly deer. The collisions cost drivers almost \$1.5 billion each year in property damage, deaths, and injuries.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (C.D.O.T.) says they those are trying to cut numbers down. Flash lights and motion sensors are just a few of many solutions transportation experts are considering, and C.D.O.T. has put up a number of wildlife escape ramps on US-550 that allow wildlife to cross the road without getting stuck in traffic. C.D.O.T. says animals are getting more used to the ramps, even teaching their young how to use them.

On US 40, *C.D.O.T.* also installed a series of unusual looking reflectors to create flashes of light at 54 angles, horizontally and vertically, when a vehicle's light hits them. According to *C.D.O.T.*, the reflected light bounces back and forth across the road, deterring deer and other wildlife from crossing. Drivers cannot see the light because of the way it's reflected.

*C.D.O.T.* also hopes to install a motion detector system on US–160,

that when triggered by a deer or other animal will cause a large light to go on to let an oncoming driver see there's an animal on or near the road. The light may also startle the animal and keep it off of the road.

Meanwhile, an eight state research group met in Minnesota to brainstorm ideas for keeping wildlife off the road, and their leading proposal involves placing canisters of real or synthetic wolf and coyote urine near the roadways, hoping the scent of predators will cause the animals to flee.

#### Jesse James Fined By *C.A.R.B.*

California air regulators have issued \$271,250 in total fines against Jesse James of *West Coast Choppers*, the coproducer and host of *Monster Garage* and *Motorcycle Mania*, saying that 50 of his custom-built choppers ran afoul of California's clean-air rules.

California Air Resources Board officials said their inspectors found that the monster bikes sold between 1998 and 2005 did not have state certified emissions equipment on their exhaust and fuel systems, resulting in these bikes spewing hydrocarbons at up to 10 times the state limits.

The market for custom-built motorcycles has taken off in recent years, and prominent bike builders have achieved celebrity status, but progressively stricter new emissions regulations from the *E.P.A.* are already impacting the motorcycle industry.

#### Weird News Drunken Doughnuts

A Pontiac, Michigan motorcyclist gets sued, then sent to prison, for his actions that took place outside a bar earlier this year as he was "doing doughnuts" in the parking lot when he struck and injured a woman who was standing outside the saloon.

Now he'll be riding a prison van to *Stateville Correctional Center*, where he was sentenced to one year after pleading guilty to failure to report an accident with injury. He was also ordered to pay restitution, and faces a lawsuit from the injured woman who is seeking \$50,000 each from the rider, the owner of the motorcycle and the saloon owner.

#### **Quotable Quote**

"We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

> Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882 - 1945) 32nd president of the United States

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#### From The . . .

### **GUNNY'S SACK**

#### **Biker Road Ban**

For the past several months, I've been harping on my fellow bikers to stand up for their rights, and one way to do it is to visit your state legislatures. I had barely put last month's *Sack* to bed, when I received this letter from Doug Findlay, state coordinator of *A.B.A. T.E. of Virginia*.

"Gunny, I hope 2007 becomes the year bikers find their voice. Here in Virginia we're planning a protest ride along the lines of what bikers did in England. In a nutshell we'll be clogging up the toll booths on the Friday leading into Labor Day weekend. The primary reason is Virginia *D.O.T.* isn't following our state's anti-discrimination law when it comes to toll road design. Bikers are being excluded, and we're going to push back in a big way.

"I bet we make it into the *Washington Post*. I've already scouted the Dulles toll road outbound from D.C., and I'm hoping we can team up with *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland* to include the Chesapeake Bay bridge as well. When the time draws near I hope you will help spread the word. Everyone I talk to is excited about the prospect of making a splash."

And spread the word we did here in the *Sack*, although we don't yet know when. Contact these folks in Virginia. They're doing something about what's happening that severely limits their freedom to ride, and eventually all ours, too. Imagine, excluding motorcycles from public roads! That's one of the nastier laws I've heard about in awhile. I will be eager to hear more about this one, and we'll see if our Oregon A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney, Sam Hochberg, can gather more info from the A.I.M. lawyers in those parts. More soon in the Sack.

#### Winter A.I.M.

Sam tells me that the A.I.M. group of lawyers just had their annual meetings and seminars. They meet to learn from each other about what they're doing and can do in their states in bikers rights, and they hash over ideas in motorcycle personal injury law, which is how these guys make their actual living. Nearly every A.I.M. lawyer is involved and contributing significantly in some way to the bikers rights movement in their own states, and many of the rights cases are pro bono, latin for "for the benefit of the public," or something like that. In English, it means the lawyers work for free.

Why?

Most bikers who have worked with an *A.I.M.* lawyer in some way know that virtually all of these guys ride, and most for many, many years. I think of Larry Katkowski, a.k.a. "The Katman," who practices out of the Detriot area, as Michigan *A.I.M.* Katman stayed at Sam's when he rode to the west coast with his wife on the back of the *Tour Classic.* Like Sam and many other A.I.M. lawyers, Katman was a rider long before he was a lawyer, let alone before *A.I.M.* started up, and he stayed riding.

#### **Annual Rights Conference**

This old Gunny will stop about the *A.I.M.* lawyers and instead invite you to meet these folks, and around two thousand-plus other riders involved



Gunny chief of staff O*regon A.I.M.* 

in bikers rights from all over the U.S., and some from around the world as well, by coming to this year's *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* (*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*) conference. You won't be sorry. This year it will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, May 10th - 13th, 2007.

Details and online registration: http://www.aimncom.com/ncom/ ncom\_convention.htm

Or, just call *A.I.M.* or *N.C.O.M.*, at 1-(800)-On-A-Bike.

# Oregon vs. A.T.V.–riding parents and kids?

Senator Allan Bates from Ashland thinks he is smarter than most parents and is fooling around with the rights of parents as to whether or not they have the intelligence to determine the abilities of their own kids' riding all terrain vehicles, A.T.V.'s, or "A.T.'s." He is introducing SB–49 that would put severe limitations on the ages kids could legally ride an A.T. It says in essence that kids under 12 cannot ride at all; those 12 to 16 would be limited to 90cc's or less.

On top of that, there's another alternative bill from these same quarters. It's SB–101 and it requires class i and class III A.T.V. operators who are 7 years old or older to have A.T.V. operator permits, whenever riding 'em on premises open to the public. This law would authorize fines up to \$180.

Its real apparent to me that our

rights to ride almost any recreational vehicle are going to be severely restricted if we don't make it plain to our elected officials that we treasure our freedom. The full text of the first one, SB–49, can be found here: http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/ m e a s u r e s / s b 0 0 0 1 . d i r / sb0049.intro.html

If you feel as this Gunny does, then make a difference. Contact your own state legislators in Oregon. And, out of state or not, you can contact the author of the bill, and you can also help get the word out.

Senator Allen Bates 900 Court St. NE, S-312 Salem, OR 97301 E-mail: sen.alanbates@state.or.us Web site: http:// www.leg.state.or.us/bates

#### **Newsbits-N-Pieces**

"Hats off" to Utah bikers and bikers nationwide for their hard work in defeating a proposed helmet law, just for the city for Salt Lake.

The proposition was withdrawn, thanks to the combined efforts of Utah bikers and bikers across the country who took the time to write, call, and e-mail mayor Rocky Anderson to oppose a Salt Lake ordinance. It would have required helmet use by all motorcyclists and all bicyclists within the city limits. The mayor's office even said it was our voices that counted. He said they abandoned the proposal due to the immense amount of contact from bikers all over the country. Now if that isn't proof our voices are heard I don't know what to tell ya.

**Arizona:** There is an attempt here to require all riders to wear headgear.

Check in with your local motorcycle rights organization there for the latest and see how you can go talk to your legislators.

Missouri: There is a bill here concerning cell phones, seat-belts and helmets on riders. Pay attention folks.

**Pennsylvania:** Representative Frankel is at it again. He's trying to put lids back on folks in this state. Their helmet law was repealed in 2003. Most think it is a waste of taxpayer money. Pay attention here folks. They didn't think it could happen in Oregon either so no one worried about it. Now we can't get rid of them.

#### **Gunny Says**

If ya don't have yer *A.I.M.* card get in touch with your *A.I.M.* reps and get one in yer pocket. They are free and contain information that will help medical folks treat ya if you're hurt in an accident. Don't know your rep? Get with *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* in California, at **1-(800)-On-A-Bike**, toll free and they will send ya stuff and put you with your state *A.I.M.* representative or *A.I.M.* attorney, if you need to or want to.

Oregon's *A.I.M.* attorney is Sam Hochberg and he easy to get hold of. Call 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free or locally to Portland call (503)-224-1106. Get him on the internet at: SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Gunny is available at: AIMGUNNY@aol.com

Give us a whistle and we can usually make it out to a meeting here in Oregon, and we'd be glad to talk to ya.

Sam talks about bikes, bikers, and the law, and there's a lot of territory in there you can inquire about, and he can give you a general analysis on what sorts of insurance to look for. No, he doesn't sell it - he's the lawyer.

The Gunny talks about the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) program and I'll also tell you something about the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.), and the Oregon Confederation of Clubs.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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

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#### North Coast

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revision of the helmet law and E.P.A. regulations for motorcycles (which already way more are environmentally friendly than any cage) and this is very very important to us all. Senate bill 356, the health insurance discrimination act (this bill would prevent health insurance providers from denying benefits if the source of the injury is from a motorcycle) as well as any other beef you may have concerning how your state government is handling your affairs as a registered voting tax payer.

This when they need to hear from you. And as I hear it the first session was a real duzy. Can anyone say "special interest groups"?

So you can see how important this year is politically for all of us who ride. This is our state, the people of Oregon's state. Let's take it back. Let's not sit on our thumbs.

A list of your state representatives and their office addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses is readily available through our *BikePAC* officers:

Executive director, Ken Ray (503)-351-8193, ken@consultken.com

Legislative director, Brian Stovall (541) - 340 - 9442, gulducati@gorge.net.

These guys would love to hear from you.

Well, that's it folks, at least for another thrill-packed month here on the North Coast.

Have fun out there,

Rachel

#### Salem Chapter

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Our chapter is in charge of the games and bike show at *Fossil* this year, so we need volunteers to run the games and show.

Quiet Mike suggested an impromptu informal meeting in two weeks as we need to stay in touch more frequently during legislative sessions to keep up to date. He suggested *McCleay Inn*, 7 p.m., February 6. This is to be just a casual gathering to share any news we have.

Chris Wojcik

#### Washington County

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Hillsboro *Elks*. We will be having the silent auction, a live auction, music by *The Sinners Club*, and a buffet dinner (additional cost from event entry) with a portion of the proceeds going to *The House of Ruth*, a shelter supported by the *Elks*.

We are also still on the look out for a new meeting place that has a low food/drink minimum, is family friendly, and has ample room for 60 people. Be sure to check the web site or call any chapter officer to confirm the meeting location if you have not been to a meeting in a while.

Until I see you at an event, be safe, be kind to each other and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson

#### Willamette Valley

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Rod took a survey to see if there would be any interest in having a membership information page on the web site. It was decided that that would be great so if you have notices or ads, send them to Rod once page is operational. This is limited to members only. He can be reached via the web site's e-mail address.

Well, what do you know? Someone finally was present for the winning! Rick Maish was drawn for the membership drawing and won \$110.

The 50/50 drawing was won by one of our newer members, Debbie Kluttz.

Our next meeting was held February 21st.

Come and bring those ideas for where our chapter can ride and have some fun together.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter *Willamette Valley Chapter* web site editor http://www.wvabateoforegon.org



### **Capitol Rally Report**

On February 14th, 2007 several motorcyclists arrived at the capitol to hear about *BikePAC*'s efforts in working motorcyclists issues during this current legislative session. The meeting room was room 50 in the basement of the capitol where Brian Stovall, legislative director of *BikePAC*, Wayne Schumacher, our friend in the capitol, and Mel Yeager, secretary/treasurer of *BikePAC* educated those bikers who came to find out what they could do to help during the legislative process.

Many of the riders had never been in the capitol and were escorted to visit their legislators or staff by those riders who were knowledgeable about the layout of the building. Brian had a supply of valentines to be given to each person visiting a legislator. The valentines were created by Teresa Hepker and were unique to the situation, considering that this date is also Oregon's 148th birthday.

By 9:30 a.m. there were 40 bikers in the meeting room listening to Brian and Wayne tell of the actions needed for successful handling of our two bills.

HB–2399 (relating to helmets) is sponsored by representative Bill Morrisette. It has a chance of being given a hearing if our efforts today are successful in swaying three or more legislators to agree to vote for the bill on the floor. After today, we will poll the legislators to find out if we will have enough votes to pass the bill on the floor, when it come time to vote on it.

The discussions continued as bikers continued to arrive. By 10 a.m., there were 56 bikers in the room. Some of the riders had already

established appointments and were trickling out to make those appointments. By 11 a.m., we had almost a complete turnover of bikers arriving and departing to see their legislators. Since there were bikers coming and leaving the room, it was quite difficult to keep an accurate count. By the early afternoon an estimate of about 100 bikers had rotated in and out. Most of them reported that their representatives were in committee and were not available. All stated that they were well received by the staff people, however. The valentines were appreciated by those who saw them.

Bikers from the Albany area wrote personal greetings and a request to vote for HB–2399 in the cards before giving them to Andy Olsen's staff. I personally escorted seven riders to Andy Olsen's office.

There were bikers from *A.B.A.T.E.*, *O.V.M.A.*, *U.F.R.*, *B.F.C.*, as well as some who didn't sign in. Their threepiece patches were visible but I can't remember what they were. All the better.

I believe that we had a great turnout for this event. Brian Stovall put together a great program and I put together the e-mail list. The response to this non-emergency was super and all are to be thanked for taking the time to become involved in this legislative effort.

We feel confident, now, that when and if the call goes out for a massive response to ride to the capitol to show a presence that it will happen. Everybody on the *BikePAC* action team e-mail list will notify everybody on their e-mail list. See what can happen with cooperation and some leadership?

Wayne has been working hard in the capitol, keeping his eyes and ears on the wheelings and dealings. He is very knowledgeable and can keep us informed.

We may have less than 36 hours to respond when the call come.

Be prepared.

In behalf of Brian, Wayne, and myself; we collectively thank all who participated on Wednesday and to those who asked to be put on the action team e-mail list too.

Mel Yeager secretary/treasurer *BikePAC of Oregon* 

#### **Taxes And Letters**

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And so three people brainstormed and wrote letters to their elected government representatives about issues that concerned them and affected their lives. Other individuals and groups did the same.

Elected government representatives might be able smooth over the ruffled feelings of an occasional disgruntled letter-writer with a well-crafted reply, but not when so many people were writing about the same issue.

The well-heeled lobbyists wining and dining the elected government representatives hadn't been out in the autumn rains ringing doorbells and pounding in lawn signs, making phone calls, mailing letters to help them get elected.

People's involvement in government gave the elected government representatives thoughtful pause. And they saw that their duty was to the personally involved members of the public, not to well-financed special interest groups.

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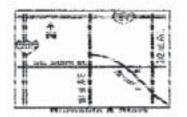
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### Letters

1-17-07

Dear A.B.A.T.E. people,

I've just received my *A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine today. It's January 17th.

I have consistently received the newsmagazine late in the month. Many events and ads are already past.

What can be done so I can receive the newsmagazine sooner?

Sincerely,

Richard Rameriz

Dear Richard,

Thank you for recognizing that people are who make *A.B.A.T.E.* work.

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Since crusty ol' editor has considerable experience in the how and why of the state newsmagazine, he will attempt to answer your concerns.

Traditionally we've found that the December and January issues of the *Oregon A.B.A. T.E.* newsmagazine are often delivered late because of the

heavy load our printer experiences during the holiday periods in November and December. You can thank rampant consumerism and greedy advertisers for the waste of pulp and our time.

No doubt we could pay extra to get our publication bumped up in printing priority, but can we afford to outspend corporations whose annual advertising budgets could feed third world countries for at least a decade?

This has been a problem since long before Rot Path became crusty ol' editor.

One attempt to cure the situation was to make the deadline for submissions the 10th of the month prior to when the newsmagazine was to be printed. The idea was that it would give the c.o.e. about a week to edit and assemble the newsmagazine (it takes nearly 40 hours) so that it could arrive at the printer's by the 20th of the month. That would normally give them ten days to work their magic on it, print it, and mail it out according to the mailing list provided by the state *A.B.A.T.E.* membership secretary each month.

Sadly, although most folks manage

to get their reports in on time, there always seem to be some each month who need to be reminded. Also, timely information from national motorcycle organizations often arrives late in the month. Final layout of the newsmagazine cannot be accomplished until it is known how much material is to be included.

So crusty ol' editor, out of the kindness of his heart, spends time that could be used for editing chasing down wayward reports instead. This often contributes to the newsmagazine arriving at the printer after the 20th of the month and to be slotted into the production schedule as time permits. (*i.e.* Later than we'd like.)

The situation often causes crusty ol' editor to regret being so long between drinks and to consider taking up recreational alcoholism once again. But then the newsmagazine would be even later.

Barring unforeseen circumstance, your newsmagazines should be more timely once again until the end of the year.

— Rot Path

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### When Money Isn't Enough Ferget The Cash, We Want Yer Bodies c.o.e. – 62

You've done it.

You've given money and joined a state motorcycle rights organization (S.M.R.O.) such as *A.B.A.T.E.* or *BikePAC*.

Is that enough?

The answer is "yes".

For many people, writing out an annual check without participating is sufficient. And we sincerely thank them for their form of support because S.M.R.O.s continue to need funding in order to carry out their missions and activities on behalf of *all* motorcyclists.

If everyone gave money but didn't participate could we succeed with our mission?

The answer is "no".

Just how many people are needed for success?

The answer is "as many as possible".

We've just lost the *South Coast Chapter* because not enough people were going to meetings and volunteering to share the load. This is a real loss because because there are so many talented people from that area. But it just got to the point where a few dedicated members were having to carry the load for everyone.

That just ain't fair, folks.

At least go to chapter meetings. Get there early so you have time to schmooze with other riders. You're going to get into some fascinating conversations if you let yourself open up.

If your chapter has an event coming up, don't be afraid to offer a little help, some of your time. Never fear that everything is going to be dumped on you. It won't be. Someone is always available to show you how things are done and to answer questions. And it's actually fun participating in a group activity for just that reason.

All you have to do is a little bit. And if you can persuade someone else to help you, then you only have to do half as much.

You're going to feel really good about yourself once you've screwed your courage to the sticking place and volunteered to work with others.

Every single person makes a difference.

And people with vision make the biggest difference of all.

There is the story of Simon Milward and his one-man sponsored ride around the world to drum up support for motorcycle-based health care in less developed areas in the world.

Although Simon is no longer with us in his physical form, the legacy of his *Millennium Ride* and the rural health care programs he set in motion are the direct result of his vision: that everyone in the world should have access to basic health care.

One person *can* make a difference. Especially if they have vision.

Not only do we have an equinox this month, but two eclipses as well.



by Rot Path

It's very easy to become mired down in mundane matters, so here are some questions to take readers out of the present.

How will emerging technologies affect motorcycle design and performance?

Will highways of the future even accommodate motorcycles?

Will traffic-dense roadways using computer controlled vehicles even recognize the motorcycle's smaller cross section? (Just think of all the present day left turn sensors that don't.)

Is a hybrid motorcycle possible? Or one powered by a fuel cell?

If wheels are replaced by levitation  $\frac{1}{2}$ devices, will motorcycles still be viable? (Will old school riders claim that only bikes with wheels are

motorcycles?)

Will the highway infrastructure be maintained if airborne autos become the norm? (Trucks and wheeled bikes would still need them.)

Contacting yer crusty ol' editor: Phone: (503)-838-6893 (Polk County) FAX: direct dial (503)-838-6893 (If you hear the answering machine message, wait until it finishes, then press # 9 9 and [SEND] on your FAX machine.) E-mail: rotnews@open.org Mail: A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon, Inc. att. newsmagazine editor P.O. box 4504 Portland, Oregon 97208 Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove

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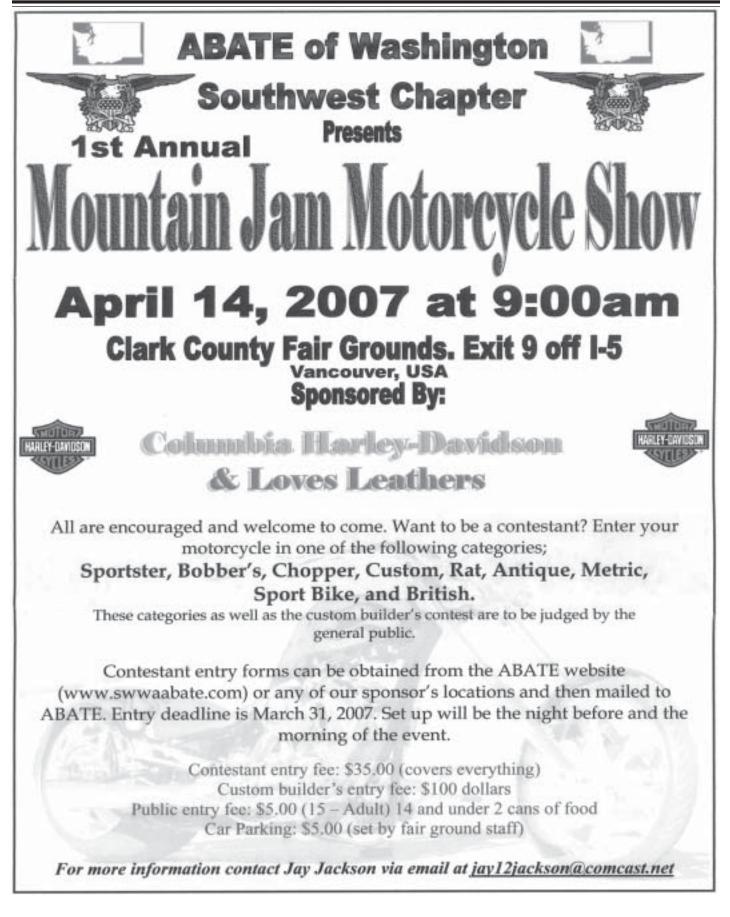
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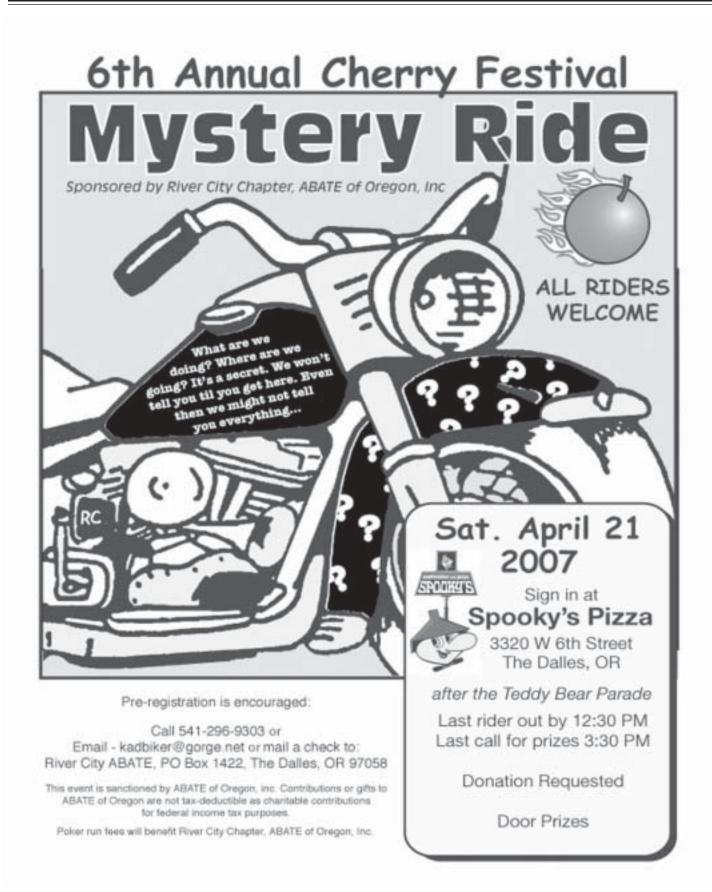




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# All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event at the Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland Oregon Sunday, April 29, 2007

Gates open to the public at 9 AM Admission:

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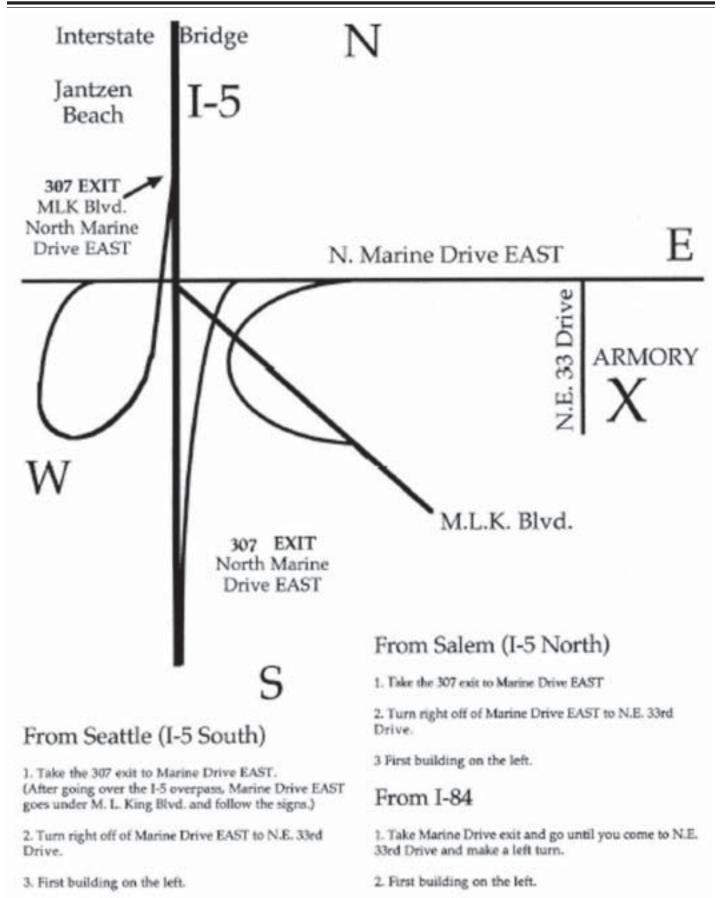
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### May is Motorcycle Awareness Month And time for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual

# Motorcycle Awareness Saturday May 5th 2007

Front Steps Oregon Capitol in Salem Sponsored by BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

10:00 Ride-in Bike Show

Noon An update on what is happening with motorcycling, motorcycle training and Motorcyclist Rights in Oregon. Leaders of ABATE, BikePAC, clubs and groups all around the state will speak. All are welcome!! State Legislators will be invited there to meet with you.

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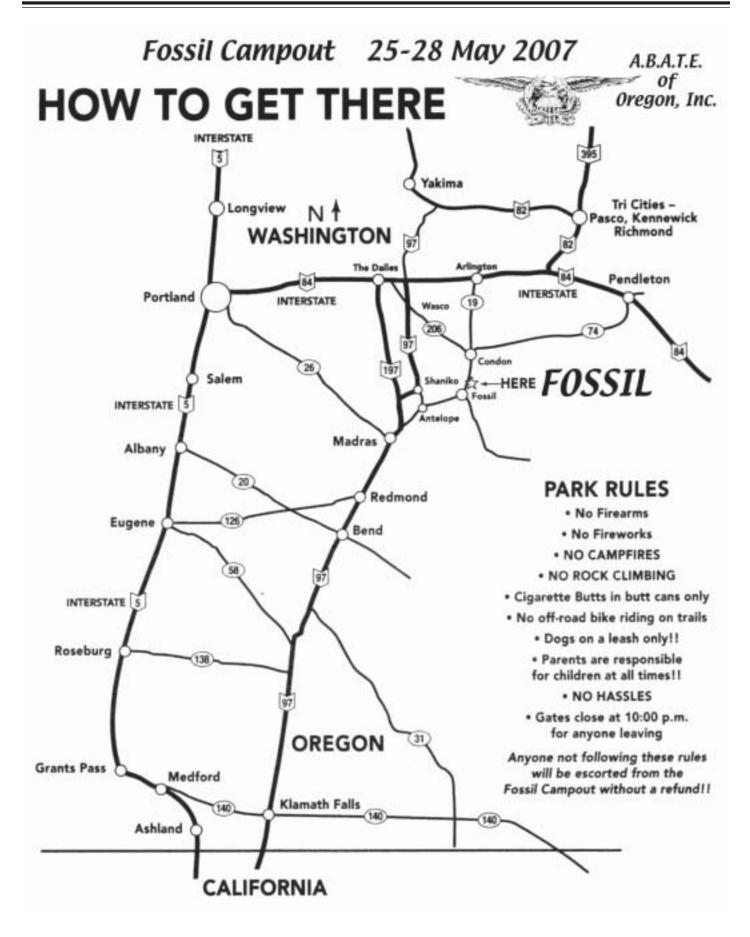
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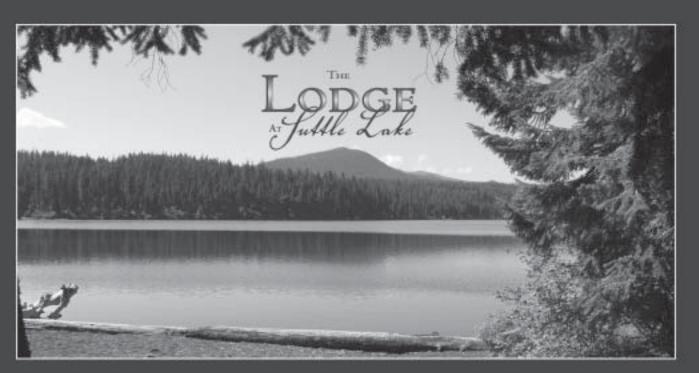
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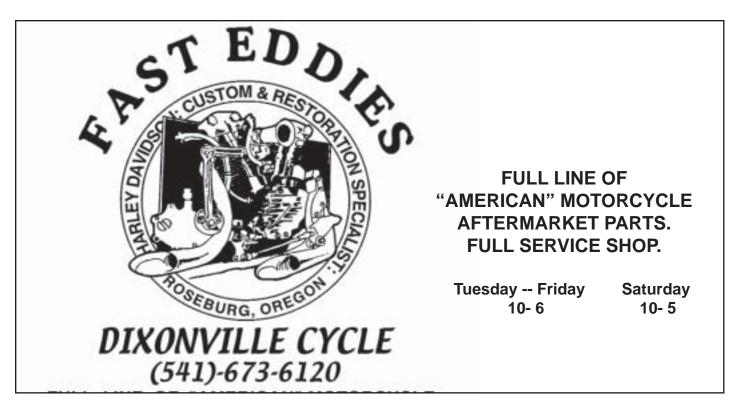
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Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	Х	Х	Х				
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	Х	Х	Х				
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				Х	Х		
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					Х		
	South Coast a	ea							
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					Х		
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					Х		
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		Х	Х	Х	Х	13	
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	

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Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			Х		Х		
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		Х			Х	Х	
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	х	X	Х	X	Х	Х	
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X		X		X		
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Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	Х	X	X			Х	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	37	X
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	Х	
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland		X	X		X	Х	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	Х		Х		Х	Х	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	
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Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland		Х	Х		Х	Х	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		Χ	Х		Х		Х
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		Х			Х		Х
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Σ
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			Х		Х	Х	
	Washington Co	ounty area							
Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		x	X	x	Х	x	x	x
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X			X		
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)		1		X		X		
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		Х		X		X		
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	л Х				л Х	
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X		л Х		
	(503)-502-4229(c)					л Х			
Greg GoatboyVaughn Mark Bratt									
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X		X		X v		
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047					X			
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	11.0	X	X			X		
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	toll-free	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

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Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653	nty area (continued)	х	х	Х	х	Х	хy
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		л Х	л Х	X	л Х	л Х	XX
	(503)-260-6451		X	X	л Х	X	X	XX
Troy Davis Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	л Х				XX
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Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				х	Σ
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene	21	x	Х			XX
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	x	X				11 1
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X	11	X	х	2
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X		Х	X	X	X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X		X	X	X	ХХ
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X		X		X	ХХ
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X	X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)	-r8	20	Х	Х		Х	ХХ
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	x				X	2
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	х	Х	х	Х	ХХ
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X		X	X	X	ХХ
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	ХХ
Michael & Peggy Schneider		Eugene	X	Х	Х		Х	ХХ
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			Х		2
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	Х				Х	2
	0	ther areas						
Ray & Kathy DeMelo	(503)-393-2201	Keizer		Х	Х		Х	Х
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	Х	Х	X	Х	ХХ

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NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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		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		LOUD
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00		LIVES THE
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		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers			
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#### **HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM**

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

Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 ATTN: Gunny

NAME:	·····				
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Was your helme	et confiscated? YES /	NO Explain:			
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\*(Daughters Of Brighid)

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#### NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 March 2007 at noon

*Eagles Lodge* – Albany, Oregon

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS								
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.								
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:				
Central Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1400 (2 <sup>pm</sup> )	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167				
Columbia River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1230 (12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-807-1606				
Douglas County	3rd Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652				
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802				
Josephine County	3rd Wednesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive;	(541)-471-6049				
			Grant's Pass					
Lincoln County	$1^{st}$ & $3^{rd}$ Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street,	(541)-265-6850				
			Newport					
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1000 (10 <sup>am</sup> )	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376				
Northeast Portland	$1^{st}$ & $3^{rd}$ Wed	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> ; Portland	(503)-777-5121				
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083				
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	C.C.'s Pizzaria, 4200 River Road north, Keizer	(503)-390-4292				
South Coast [ Chapter disbanded due to lack of participation ]								
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main;	(503)-666-8806				
			Gresham					
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	1930 (7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave;	(503)-357-3040				
			Forest Grove					
Willamette Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene	(541)-688-4268				