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**March 2008**



# S.T.E.A.M. Happened

Does corporate “dumbing down” of motorcycle rider courses lead to more rider injuries and deaths?

Where does the money from motorcyclist endorsements go?

These thought-provoking questions and others were the focus of speakers Wendy Moon and Troy Costales at the annual Seminars To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.) hosted by *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* on 16 February in Albany.

Wendy “Moonrider” [pictured left] led off with a presentation concerning the efforts of major motorcycle manufacturers to ruthlessly eliminate other motorcycle rider courses through legislation and legal intimidation in order to substitute their own easily-passed course so that they can sell more motorcycles. As she points out, corporations (unlike most elected officials) have no duty to the public, only their stockholders. Further information about this deadly trend may be found on Wendy’s web site at: <http://moonrider.journalspace.com/>

Troy Costales from the *Oregon Department Of Transportation Highway Safety* related the very positive role that his department plays in helping make Oregon’s roads safer for riders and in providing funding for motorcycle safety activities.

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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-for-profit organization

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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# State Coordinator's Comments



by  
Matt Price  
state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of  
Oregon, Inc.

If you reach back and notice that you have a washboard rump from sitting on your hands, it's time to wake up and smell the formal-dehyde!

At the current levels of participation, it won't be long before some agency or legislative body tries to plow us under.

Is it fair?

No.

Is it possible?

Yes.

I watch a core group of concerned people struggle to overcome apathy as well as adversity.

No! They can't do it alone.

Yes! They need your help just to stay even with the tide of opinion and activism that has reared its ugly head against everything that has two wheels and the people who pursue individuality by riding them.

If you don't know it can't be done, you can do it.

Pulling off a motorcycle show at a major shopping mall in six weeks is a doable thing. (I was told it was impossible, so I did it anyway.)

We have many challenges in our future and they will come from many directions. None of them will be insurmountable if we set aside all our differences and stand together. We must remember that this is a brotherhood (sisters too) that was established for the common good.

If we are asking others to make changes that favor us and our activities, we must be willing, even eager to keep ourselves trained and fit, current with the issues and how to address them, responsible and

accountable, endorsed, trained, and retrained.

70% of the people we lose are involved in single vehicle crashes. I know personally and all too well that memorial rides suck. An unimpaired rider lives longer and the one who slows down to enjoy the journey gets to the destination.

Sharpen your skills in a *Team Oregon* class. If it's been five years since you took one, you are overdue! The life you save will be your own.

This is the most positive way we can lead, by example.

Members are bringing great new ideas to be considered and implemented that will make us larger, stronger, and more effective. I'm excited about the new level of participation, but it will take more of us on the front line to claim a victory. Make yourself heard.

See you down the road.

KSU

Let's ride.

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IS  
COMING

GET YER  
FOSSIL  
TICKETS  
NOW

GET TO  
FOSSIL  
BEFORE YOU  
BECOME ONE

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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports****Central Oregon**

I am the new coordinator. My name (as everyone calls me) is Jay bird. This is going to be my first attempt at writing this report.

All went well at our January meeting. We had enough people to hold officer elections and I was the lucky one to get this position. So this is new to me and I hope that I get all the help I need to make this chapter as successful as in the past, if not better.

I would like to thank Kevin and Renee for all the great work they have done for the past couple years and I will be looking toward them for guidance. I would also like to thank those who stepped up and filled the positions that needed to be filled. I should be able to give you the names in the next report.

I would like to ask for everyone to attend the meetings for we will be getting ready for our *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run*. We need all the help we can get. The more help the better.

I would also like to say a big thank you for all the people who have helped in the past years. I would hope that I, and everyone else, can pull off of your knowledge for the upcoming run to make it another success. Any and all comments and help will be appreciated.

On another note: the snow over here seems to come and go. We have had more snow in Bend than Redmond. Which makes for some interesting driving and for those like myself some cold rides on the dry pavement.

Since the snow has started to melt I have seen that there are a lot more swimming pools on the road. ( Potholes. Really *big* potholes. )

So if you are driving/riding over in this neck of the woods keep a sharp eye out for the new swimming pools. It will rattle your body if you hit them and some of them can do some real damage to your four wheeler as well as the two wheelers. And for those three wheelers too!

Well, I guess that is enough for now. I hope that everyone rides with extreme caution and makes to and from your destination, where ever it may be.

The new *Central Oregon* coordinator,

Jay Bird

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Douglas County



Greetings from *Douglas County*,

Things here are moving along with some big changes. We have officers on board for our chapter, some new, some not so new. (No age digs intended, but you oldies know who you are.) Some of our members have stepped up to be involved on the state level which is good for all of us.

We have been meeting weekly with an event committee to put together a calendar of events and activities that will cover a range of riding interests. We hope to draw back some of our former “activists” with these rides and attract some new riders and some new to *A.B.A.T.E.* into our ranks. We hope to add to the variety of weekend runs and campouts happening around the state by offering a number of local one day or evening events. Not too big of a time commitment, not too much work, but a chance to put on a few miles and gather with some friends.

It seems like the weather may be turning a little for the better, and I actually saw an “unidentified shining object” today.

Oh yeah, that’s the sun.

I almost forgot.

So . . . in anticipation of better days, it’s time to get the ride tuned up and cleaned up. Make sure you do your maintenance and keep it safe.

Just a reminder that we have a new meeting day and location. The third Thursday, 7 p.m. at *Willie D’s*. It’s located on Jackson Street in downtown Roseburg. Our thanks to the owners and *A.B.A.T.E.* members, Willie and Chris. And, if you’re passing through Roseburg and need a bite to eat or a little beverage, stop in. They are *very* biker friendly.

That’s about it for now.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back out on the road,

Becky Garino



**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIME and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Willie D's*  
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

# Hub City



Hi everyone,

Spring officially begins in a couple weeks and hopefully good riding weather.

Since a lot of us have had our bikes stored for the winter, this message can not be repeated enough times. It is a good thing to do a safety check before you take it out for the first time. You lose several pounds of air pressure per month when the bike is just sitting idle, so tire pressure would be very important to your safety. Also all hydraulic lines and mechanical cables, fasteners, and fluids need to be checked.

In the coming riding season, since most of us do ride in groups, it is a good thing that everyone knows the appropriate hand signals to communicate with each other. Motorcycle hand signals are important for all riders to know and understand, since not everyone (riders or drivers) use tow-way radio equipment. In most states, riders have to understand the hand signals in order to pass the license exams, so this is a good reference to print and have on hand.

Communicate with other drivers and riders by signaling your intentions. A false signal is as dangerous as none at all. When you need to make a lane change, use your electric turn signal and then check to see if the driver behind you had reacted. Don't rely on the other driver "seeing you".

As you're riding in a group, periodically check your review mirror to make sure the persons behind you



isn't falling too far behind. Otherwise your riding buddies could not see the hand signals or electric signs.

One place you can find a hard copy of the signals is at the following web site:

<http://www.willowcreek.org/motorcycle/handsignals.html>

We are very excited that so many *Hub City* members accepted the challenge and stepped up to fill officers positions in 2008. We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to all the incoming officers for 2008.

**coordinator:** Don Mason  
**vice-coordinator:** Don Erich  
**secretary:** Wendy Mueller  
**treasurer:** Judi Debord  
**membership secretary:** Mary Burnett

**srgt arms:** Ray Kintner  
**srgt arms:** Randy Mueller  
**srgt arms:** Red Ayers  
**srgt arms:** Jim Burnett  
**quartermaster:** Ron Debord  
**run coordinator:** Dan Lindquist  
**state board:** Nic Oliver  
**legislator representative:** Joe Maffei

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### HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Josephine County



The problems that *Josephine County* had getting their article into the newsletter for December centered around a new temporary secretary that don't know what she is doing. Hopefully, a trip to Albany in February will help solve that. This newly elected officer is looking forward to meeting everyone at S.T.E.A.M. on February 16th at the *Eagles Lodge*.

December "showered" us with lots of bad weather and not much riding time. We had a low turnout for our December meeting even though it was a potluck. Smallest potluck we've ever had.

Election of officers proved to be challenging, but most offices have now been filled.

- coordinator** - Pat (Spanky) Allen
- vice-coordinator** - Lance Tolle
- treasurer / recording secretary** - Karen Tolle
- ways & means / quartermaster** -

- Larry and Donna Stocking;
- chaplain and state representative** - Michael Flaherty
- sgt at arms** - Cleve Mosley
- historian** - Jackie Kilpatrick
- membership secretary** - Pat Wine

On January 1st many of our members participated in the *Polar Bear Run*. One group rode from Grants Pass, another group left Medford, and we met in the middle. We had about 100 bikes end up in Gold Hill. It was a great day for a polar bear.

At the January meeting we began making plans for the calendar for the year. We will plan for most of our runs this year to be on a Sunday, as many of our members work Saturdays.

Sunday, May 4th: local chapter poker run.

Saturday, August:  
*Second Annual Run to the Coast.*

Sunday, September 14th: *Last Chance Poker Run and Bar-B-Que.*

Sunday, October 5th: Toy run at the fair grounds.

Spanky would like to plan some quick fun runs whenever possible including a canned food drive for the food bank.

Well, I hope I didn't bore you and that I didn't scare off any members from coming to the meetings.

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**JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Fruitdale Grange*  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports****Lincoln County**

*Lincoln County Chapter* is surviving winter and waiting for the warmer weather to start.

We are trying to plan a highway clean up but the weather is still not the best.

By the time you read this, Valentines Day will be over and I hope your sweetie treated you well.

We are looking forward to our *26th Anniversary Party* on March 22nd at the *American Legion* hall in Newport. Come and join us.

We are surveying Beaver Creek to see what needs to be done. I'm sure there is more than one or two small things.

The state board representative picked up *Fossil Run* tickets and will begin pre-selling them. We are hoping that support from members will again bring it to where it was. Even if you can't go, buy a ticket. It is for an important group that we are supporting, ourselves, so show that you care.

We were excited heading to state board to be able and take a local member over to Albany to take custody of a brand new *Harley*. Sure is pretty toooooo.

*Lincoln County Chapter* is in need of recruiting some new blood also. Our membership has dropped some, so the time has come.

Does any chapter have to key to activating and keeping members interested? If you do, you should share it with us. Seems like the state is down and that is because we are not keeping members active.

We were informed that an old and dear friend of *A.B.A.T.E.* is slowly



slipping away. I know we are all mortal but he was so very special. Ed and Leroy both signed my card when I passed the basic riding course. Leroy did most of the riding to show us how to handle problems and he did it on a large bike. I've never seen anyone since who can handle a bike like he could then. It's not always the bike that takes you down.

S.T.E.A.M. will be history when this is read but the information and enthusiasm gained from it will last a long time. It is a wonderful program for members and officers to attend. No one knows it all, so all can learn, including the instructors.

I hope to be on the road by summer and that will feel so good.

Keep the rubber side down and may the wind always be at your back.

Millie  
*Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.*



**LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900  
( 7 pm )

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Newport

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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# North Coast



Business as usual at *North Coast Chapter*.

As of this reading S.T.E.A.M. will have been concluded and our small contingent of officers will have soaked up the knowledge to help *North Coast Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* achieve its goals of making motorcycling safe and free.

On this line *North Coast* education director, Al Jaques, has been working with *55 Alive* on motorcycle awareness and will be teaching a Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) certification class after our next chapter meeting.

Good Don, our new run coordinator, is working on getting our events sanctioned. He also has reinstated the third Sunday runs to start in March, weather permitting.

Membership secretary, "Egg Lady Chris", reported membership at 91, four up for renewal.

Long time member Jin Nyberg has passed away.

This is the second time a member has let their membership lapse, therefore their surviving family's are ineligible for the \$2,000 *A.B.A.T.E.* life insurance benefit.

Another good reason to keep your membership current.

Secretary, Skye McKey, has stepped up to get our web site back in order. She plans on getting together with Trace Ceccacci, state web master and work to get our information on the web.

It was a pleasant surprise when staff sergeant Chuck Verbrugge showed up at our meeting on leave from Iraq. Our chapter had previously passed the hat and presented Chuck with a *North Coast Chapter* membership and t-shirt. Now maybe we need to help him arrange for his new ride when his tour is completed. Sergeant Verbrugge, who is the brother of *North Coast's* sgt. of arms Rick Verbrugge, then enlightened us on his duties in Iraq and answered questions. It was interesting hearing a fresh view on the war.

Please stop the rain!!

Howie



NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

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****River City****February 5, 2008**

What a great chapter!

It's nice to get together with people who have intelligence, wit, strong feelings, and care for our organization.

We had a very good meeting with lots of discussion of chapter and state business.

We talked about several ideas which are developing in the chapter and discussed how I should vote at the state board of directors meeting for my chapter.

We had a birthday, Mariah Gove. Twelve today. She also won the 50/50. (Which she does almost every time she attends a meeting.)

Now, if the weather would just warm up some, we would be all set.

**Regular Meeting**

Called to order by Rick at 7 p.m. Eleven people present, one arrived later.

Rick read the mission statement.

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

Correspondence: Bank statement, chamber newsletter and directory; annual receipt from *St Vincent*

*DePaul.*

Treasury report: \$131.62 in checking and \$1534.34 savings.

Membership report: 76 interesting people.

Board report: Coming up.

Legislative report: Opening day is February 4.

Ways and means report: No progress on patches. Poker run meeting 6 p.m. on 19 February.

Public relations report: Flyer ready to go to mags. Gene brought up his truck sticker idea and Steve reported on Rod's flag project.

Historian report: Need new picture.

**Old Business**

Regarding motion 3 from last state board of directors. Motion by Steve to vote "no". Passed.

A discussion followed about *Patriot Guard Riders* activities.

**New Business**

50/50 was won by Mariah at \$7/\$7, who donated \$2 back. Thanks, Mariah. (And a very happy birthday.)

The chapter membership drawing for \$25 was not held. It will be \$30 next meeting.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1928 *Harley-Davidson* JDH two cam.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

**Upcoming meetings**

March 4, 2008

March 18, 2008

**RIVER CITY MEETING****TIMES and PLACE**

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

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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Salem



We held our meeting in Salem on a very cold and windy Tuesday night. Thank you all for your continual attendance.

Heidi Disrud, our state board representative, brought us up to speed on the state board meeting. (S.B.–1959 and the *N.T.S.B.* latest effort for a national helmet requirement.)

Matt Price, state coordinator, talked about his plans for the the direction of *A.B.A.T.E.* in 2008.

Joye Howell, state treasurer, spoke about the insurance matters facing the state.

The fight ahead of us is centered in California with the Richard Quigley case due up in May 2008.

A call to action has been put out from *A.B.A.T.E. of California* and a challenge from *A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware* to financially support this case.

This could be the landmark decision on the helmet issue in California.

Can *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* meet the Delaware challenge? We should and can. Read the February minutes from *Josephine County* for more information.

Thanks to Frank Saxton for putting

into words how a lot of us feel.

The mission statement should be changed to a freedom fighters rant rather than the politically correct one that is in use. (In my opinion.)

Freedom and liberty.

That is what we were about.

Nothing wrong with education and the rest, but that is not the priority I have.

Do not wear a helmet, take the ticket, and fight it as far as you can. We need to prepare a strategy on procedure in the courts in Oregon. A freedom fighters guideline on how to fight a helmet ticket in Oregon.

With the current political climate, it is in the courts where the fight must be fought!

*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments.*

That, my friends, says it all.

With respect,

Quiet Mike  
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING  
TIME and PLACE  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Almost Home Restaurant*  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports****Southeast Portland**

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E. hosted an event at the *M&M Restaurant /Lounge* in Gresham on February 24th to raise funds once again for our annual *Harbor Light Mission* food donation. Our goal was to raise \$600 to meet our normal goal of \$2,000 for the donation of food that we provide every year. Because the event has not happened I am unable to let you know if that was met but due to the great members of our chapter and other surrounding chapters I have no doubt that it will be reached.

Our *Southeast Portland Chapter Anniversary Party* is coming up and we hope to see everyone there. It will be held on March 15th at the *M&M Restaurant/Lounge* located at 137 north Main Street Gresham, Oregon. Gates will open at 7:30 p.m. Cover will be \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. There will also be raffle: \$1 per ticket or six for \$5 and a 50/50: \$1 per ticket or six for \$5. Our entertainment for the evening will be *Idle Hands*. Hope to see everyone there. I am sure it will be a great time for all.

That is all for now!

Hope everyone has enjoyed the nice few days we have had for riding.

Don't forget to check the web site for any new upcoming events.

Until next month,

Jennifer

**S.E. Portland MEETING****TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon)

*M/M Restaurant & Lounge*  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Twin Rivers

## Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



Meeting was called to order by Bird at 1311 hours.

Yukon officiating today.

Pledges of allegiance was conducted. Yukon made mention that someone had stolen his flag off the front porch.

New guests: Linda, Aaron, Tommy.

Reading of the minutes: None available. Wheels not present.

Lee mentioned that Wheels should make them available in the future, if he is going to be unavailable.

Yukon stated that he will be stepping down as coordinator somewhere by the end of the year. Discussion ensued with the subjects of shadowing by new officers to train them for whichever position they will be taking. Possibly voting in the new officers in November. He will also be out of the loop for about a month, due to upcoming surgery.

Vice-coordinator: Not present.

Treasurer: \$3085.73 in bank account; \$150 in *Downed Rider Fund*;

*Cabin Fever* brought in \$127.21 profit; fifty paid persons at the door.

Membership secretary: Not present. However, there were eighteen people in attendance today.

Road captain: Glen read from an article that discussed an insurance scam concerning replacement airbags

in cars. Seems some shops are using airbags which have already been deployed and are not safe. He stated that one should insist on the replacement being new O.E.M. items.

Also fuel contents of gas stations was mentioned. Watch out for water in your fuel. It settles to the bottom of your fuel tank and that is where the fuel pump is in late model vehicles. It can lead to plugged lines and injectors. Suggested periodically draining the fuel and to remove water and dirt.

Legislative: Randy mentioned that SB-1599 (thought police) is still in a holding pattern in committee. Also brought forth HR-5124, designed to restore funding for the southern border fence.

State board: Randy had already given report last meeting. Mentioned that the chapter needs to send someone to the next state board of directors meeting, as he will be in *Fossil*. Grace and Robert are also working in *Fossil* that weekend.

Grace will or already has drafted a letter of protest to the executive board about the chapter not being in compliance (false accusation), and being refused a vote at the last board meeting. State officers fail to follow the bylaws.

Randy read from the January issue a grievance statement from *Southeast Chapter* which had been submitted to the board and published in the newsmagazine. Some discussion ensued.

Toy run: Shag and Mike addressed this. Mike is taking a more-behind-the-scene involvement and announced that Ed Dahl with be chairing the committee this year. Shag mentioned that they think they have a scooter lined up for the second place prize. Tickets should be available by the first part of March.

Chaplain report: Mike mentioned

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TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1300  
(1 pm)

*The Spare Room*  
4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland  
(503)-287-5800

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

**Washington County**

Hello from *Washington County*!

Well, our new year has started with much on our agenda, along with our established and new officers meshing together to accomplish a great year ahead of us.

We are working on many up and coming runs as well as our B-day party. Our birthday party is April 5th at the Hillsboro *Elks*, which we're really excited about. Wendy is our coordinator for this event, with many volunteers to coordinate the flyers, hotel, parking, shuttle bus, dinner menu, band, tickets, the auction, balloon prizes, and the decoration party.

Speaking of which, we currently have the pre-sale tickets available until the last meeting before the party. Otherwise, at the door tickets will be \$10 single, \$17 couple.

So please call Wendy for any questions, volunteering, or contributions. And you may also want to call the *Holiday Inn* in Hillsboro for reserving your room at

(503)-844-9696. ("AVA" is the room code.)

So mark your calendars and come party with us!

We've also touched bases with our upcoming events and committees such as the *Roll-N-Ride* (June 8), *Mid Summer Poker Run* (July 26), *End of Summer Run* (September 19-21), and *Toy Run* (November 15). The committees are busy drawing up their plans from sanctioning to public relations, and everything in between!!

Since S.T.E.A.M. is coming up, we need everyone's support (rain or shine and in large numbers), where we can all learn something. (Especially us newbies!)

Thank you all for your help and patience in learning this new position which will take a while as well as remembering everyone's names and position, but I'm sure it will be an awesome adventure that I am really looking forward to.

Let's hope for an early spring with lots of sunshine so we may ride, ride, and ride!

Sharon Mize  
recording secretary  
*WaCo Chapter*

**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

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Cornelius, OR 97113



**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

**Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.**



Wow, winter is in full swing here in the southern Willamette valley and as I'm writing this report, it's snowing and we've even had some thunder. (Together?)

We had our normal *Willamette Valley Chapter* meeting, but only had sixteen members present out of the 107 members and one dog that we currently have.

Jeff opened the meeting talking about the upcoming riding season that's ahead and we all need to be thinking about it and planning ahead, looking for the extra time off for the long weekends. Summer will be here before you know it!

Currently Sunny (chapter activities) has been leading some discussions on rides to support runs such as the *Fossil Campout* May 23rd to 26th, *Summer Eruption* in eastern Oregon on July 18th to 20th, and a new run in northern Idaho, *Too Broke for Sturgis Run*, that's held August 1st to 3rd. Sunny is also seeking input on short rides. We need to have a little more fun.

While we're talking about runs and events, check out the *Willamette Valley* web site. Rod has pulled together a great calendar of events and is also seeking more input and event information.

A number of officer's are planning to attend S.T.E.A.M. this year, especially since Moodrider will be speaking. Should be an interesting session.

We're also getting ready for our *Spring Casino Night* that takes place March 15th at the *Spirit's Bar* in Springfield and our *Rhody Poker Run* that takes place on May 17th – Come join us and have a great time.

And let's not forget the *May Awareness Rally* May 3rd at the state capitol.

At our Christmas dinner, Hal Fletcher pulled together a *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* slideshow and now is planning to make a number of copies to pass around. It takes three C.D.'s for a set. The plan is that each person that receives a set will make a couple more sets to pass on to others and so on. Hal also thanked everyone who supplied pictures for the C.D. slideshow. Plan is to also send a copy to the state historian.

Our new newsletter editor, Sue Burnes, is picking up the task of pulling it all together and doing a fine job.

Hal did a super job for a number of years. Made the *Willamette Valley* newsletter what it is today. Great job, Hal.

And by the way, Hal has been doing it since 1999. That's nine years. Great going, Hal.

Rod covered the state board meeting:

1. We discussed what was going on with *Douglas County*. We have a number of close contacts and friends down there and the state doesn't want to lose them either. Bob will make a contact, see what's happening and get back to the chapter. Rod also mentioned the changes that the state board is reviewing.
2. Great news: Voted on and passed

the changes with the annual planning meeting and election of state officers. We will also need a number of changes/updates to our *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws to meet these goals.

3. Reviewed S.T.E.A.M. and some of the agenda.

4. Discussed the supporting of *BikePAC*. The chapter agreed. *BikePAC* is an important part of our legislative process. Need to redirect our focus to biker safety.

Rick brought up that we have received a renewal notice from *BikePAC*. Rick will check with *BikePAC* and Anne our treasurer to see what's going on. We made a donation, we thought, sometime back, but no one at the meeting had

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**WILAMETTE VALLEY**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Roaring Rapids Pizza*  
 4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene  
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## Our Officers at Work

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

09 February 2008 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, coordinator, at 12:19 p.m. with 12 of 12 chapters represented. All chapters were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Janie Curtis and Annette Murray. (*Douglas County Chapter*)

Motion made by Bob Highfill of *Lincoln County* to accept minutes from January 12th state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine and correction made by Nic that the sgt-at-arms– south report had been changed to reflect “ex coordinator” where it said “new coordinator”. Jordan Kelley of *Washington County* seconded. Motion passed.

**Coordinator comments:** Matt Price reported that it is time for a fresh start at *A.B.A.T.E.* Announced that we are starting with a clean slate to facilitate a greater teamwork atmosphere and getting help to those that need it so that we can get our work done.

Discussed a packet that he had received from the *O.T.S.B.* (*Oregon Traffic Safety Board*) Had a lot of information and reports in it. These included crash reports showing that 70% of crashes involving motorcycles were single vehicle crashes, 30% were D.U.I.s, and 30% were unendorsed. Stated that we have an obligation to bring these numbers down. We need to promote *Team Oregon* training and

how *Team Oregon* training can serve in test waivers at the D.M.V. when applying for a motorcycle endorsement, with the *Team Oregon* certificate of completion.

**Correspondence:** Nic reported that we received a request from *A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware* for a copy of our by-laws as they are revamping theirs and would like input from others for ideas. Nic was instructed by the board of directors to send the requested materials.

Randy Phipps reported on a *Full Throttle* request for donations to the legal fund for *A.B.A.T.E. of California*. The “Quigley case” regarding language in the current helmet law is getting close and they could set a nationwide precedence with a win. This was reported also as a challenge by *A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware* to donate. This issue involves the F.V.M.S.S.–218 standards, *Snell* helmet manufacturers was mentioned. Brain Stovall reported that *Snell* is private and that *U.S.D.O.T.* (*United States Department of Transportation*) is the one that set the testing standard, which is what F.V.M.S.S.–218 is. F.V.M.S.S. is not enforcement standard. This has been arbitrarily used as an enforcement standard, which is impossible to do but it has been quoted as the standard anyway. The use of F.V.M.S.S.–218 is only designed to be a testing standard, nothing else. This has been part of the argument between the *Oregon D.O.T.* (*Department of Transportation*) and the federal *D.O.T.* on the



Nic Oliver  
state recording secretary

standards and there is a push to require all states to require F.V.M.S.S.–218 as the enforcement standard. Oregon does not adhere to F.V.M.S.S.–218 as an enforcement standard. Randy suggested that we contribute but it was decided to hold off until we have more information of the status of the lawsuit first.

A letter was read regarding an inmate, who wants to make some money, has available hand drawn artwork for sale. The proceeds are split 50/50 between his family and the fund for Indian Larry’s widow fund. These run around \$2,500 each.

**Vice coordinator–north:** Heidi Disrude reported that she is looking forward to getting to chapter meetings. Stressed the need for education in all areas and is important all of the time. Road hazards and rider training go hand-in-hand towards safe riding. Mel said that we should check the local D.M.V. offices to see if they have the new training manuals yet as they barely mention motorcycles. The current road hazard watch is for work crews leaving grooves that they had cut into the roadway that can cause a bike’s front tires to catch and cause a crash. If you see any hazards you can report them to *O.D.O.T.* at 1-800-ASKODOT and they will be addressed and/or fixed.

**Vice coordinator–south:** [Vacant]

**Vice coordinator–east:** (Gene Mortimore) Excused. Brain reported

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that Gene could only make one meeting this month, so he will be attending S.T.E.A.M.

**Treasurer:** (Joye "Grace" Howell) Report handed in. Reported that we have to watch our spending as it went out pretty fast today. Had a lot of *Team Oregon* reimbursement checks to hand out. Those alone were \$89.50 each, which added up to almost \$1,000 just for that today. So the report reflects our totals prior to the start of today's meeting. Checking \$3,315.42, savings \$34,080.83 for a total of \$37,396.25. At the time of giving this report the total had changed to \$37,493.47 for savings and checking. This will go down before the end of the meeting. Reported that everyone needs to work together in solving the problems and not just hold the chapters responsible for all the problems. There are a lot of people that have never done their job and that makes it difficult for others to pick up the pieces. We need to work with the chapters to get things working right.

**Membership secretary:** (Linda Henderson) We currently have 1,919 members. Brian asked about electronic use versus the current paper methods. This issue will be looked into.

**Sanctioning officer:** [ Vacant ] Matt reported that the sanctioned runs so far include:

15 March – *Willamette Valley Spring Casino Night*.

17 March – *Willamette Valley Rhody Poker Run*.

22 March – *Lincoln County Long John Poker Run*.

15 April – *Washington County's*

birthday party.

08 June – *Washington County Roll & Ride*.

11 October – *Willamette Valley Fall Casino Night*.

Matt volunteered to stay in the position of sanctioning officer if the board wanted him to. Brian suggested a committee be formed of at least three people and the head of the committee be named sanctioning officer. That all sanctioning will be done by the committee and the head of the committee do the reporting. Brian also suggested that the vice coordinators help in doing this. After discussion, Matt Price will temporarily head the committee until the committee makes their choice on who will lead. Robert Hale volunteered to be on the committee. This could promote better cooperation in getting dates and functions sanctioned quickly.

**State auditor:** (Deb Ross) Report handed in and given by Nic. There were a lot of chapters that were needing to get their reports in right away. This is tax crunch time. There can be no more delays. Some of these chapters will probably be turning in reports at the board meeting and this does not reflect that. The non-reporting chapters (prior to board meeting) are: *Douglas County, Hub City, Josephine County, Southeast Portland Chapter, Lincoln County, Twin Rivers Chapter*. Again, this is important and to those of you who bring your reports to the meeting, thank you. All representatives stress this to your chapters.

**Newsmagazine editor:** Rot Path – Thanked everyone for getting their reports in. They are due by

tomorrow, as that is the 10th. Rot Path reported that he has gone entirely electronic in turning in the material to the printer for publication of the newsmagazine. This could save some money over the long term.

**Legislative director:** (Quiet Mike) Absent. Heidi gave the report that there were approximately 23 people at the capital for "Black Monday".

**Sergeant at arms–north:** (Randy Phipps) Reported that the *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.* are looking for support for closing the loopholes for insurance coverage in the *H.I.P.P.A.* language of HR– 1076. To promote health care coverage parity.

Reported on the city of Berkley, California kicking the Marine Corps recruiting office out of town. Stating that they were invaders and unwanted in Berkley.

[ **Note from Nic** – I was called out of the room with an emergency phone call. The following notes were taken by Matt Price and Pat gave me a written report for education. Thanks to everyone for helping out while I was out of the room.]

**Sergeant at arms–south:** (Bill Foster) Reported that he visited *Douglas County Chapter*.

All chapter representatives get a list from your chapter to him of volunteers for *Fossil* and the swap meet. This is everyone's responsibility to help out at state functions.

**Sergeant at arms–east:** (Art Schultz) Absent.

**Products director:** (Dave Meeker) Absent.

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**Education director:** (Patricia Carner) Report handed in. S.T.E.A.M. is next Saturday, 16 February 2008 and Pat has asked for our guest speakers, Wendy Moon and Troy Constales, to expand their discussion beyond fatalities to include trauma level crashes and factors contributing to injuries.

Need assistance in hosting Wendy Moon for S.T.E.A.M. Need offers by either chapters or members to provide Saturday night dinner and or Sunday breakfast.

*Lifesaver's Conference* would like to have *A.B.A.T.E.* send a representative or put up an exhibit. Discussion followed. Mel recommended combining with *Team Oregon* to display our materials. Geoff reported that he will pay his own way. Patricia expects employer to send her at their cost. Recommended that the state pay for one representative and recommended Randy Phipps.

[Matt's notes concluded.]

Bus wrap program to start May 1st. See motion two that follows.

**Education director II:** (Geoff White) S.T.E.A.M. flyers are out. Mel and Iris taught 26 students at *Linn-Benton Community College* and 47 at *Jesuit High School*

Ed Dahl is out of mothballs and will pay his own way to the *Lifesaver's Conference*.

**Public relations director:** (Debra Lutje) Excused. Report turned in and read by Nic. See everyone at S.T.E.A.M.!

The major bike media, *Thunder Press* and *Easyrider* and others, have received press releases and preliminary flyers for the *Fossil* campout. Postcards and bike shop

packets are in the works and will be mailed in the end of February. They are being combined with the swap meet. (Kill two birds with one stone.) Radio and TV P.S.A.'s will go out in March.

Suggested that during *May Awareness Rally* that each chapter hold a local event. It could be as simple or complex as you want. "Repetition, repetition, repetition" is advertising's oldest maxim.

Anyone wanting ideas can contact me for help.

Suggested that we need more state stationary and better done ones. Maybe look for working with a local print shop and advertise for them or something for some consideration.

**State run coordinator (Fossil):** (Howie Long) Reported that the flyers have been updated with a map. Bands are pending with Sunday's band now signed. Tickets are printed. Deb is working with the media for ads. Buy a ticket to support *A.B.A.T.E.* Working on getting people to sign up for security, gate booth, and other duties. Artwork contest for the t-shirts: see Howie for more information.

**State run coordinator II:** (Jeff Schuaer) Absent.

**State swap meet coordinator:** (William Sanders) Absent.

**Historian:** (Mary Burnett) Excused. Report turned in and given by Nic. Mary has about 100 pictures for Patricia to show at S.T.E.A.M. It should be fun for members to see themselves in years past.

**Web page editor:** (Trace Ceccacci) Reported that the state web page has a new host. Send information and photos for putting on the web page.

JPEG is a good format for photos. E-mail them in the original format.

[ Nic returned to meeting here.]

Whatever format you have will work but PDF formatting works best for flyers.

**Quartermaster:** (Robert Hale) Storage and lockers are paid. Everything is in good shape.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:** (Randy Phipps) Reported that March's and April's meetings will be held at the *Eagles Lodge* in Albany. Mel reported that this is due to the rooms being occupied at the Salem library for tax consultations.

Brian reported that there were not enough officers at the meeting on February 2nd for a quorum. Everyone that can make it to the next meeting should come as we want to discuss legislative work needing to be done. Chapter and personal input wanted and encouraged.

We will be looking at the vehicular assault and sentencing requirements. We are asking for the same consideration as was given to bicycles and pedestrians. Tobias Reed was no help in this area. We want to if we can get this legislation to cover motorcycles.

In order to be ready for the start of the usual session next January (in 2009) we have to get things started in July of this year.

Heidi asked about what it would take to get this helmet thing through? Brian told her that it would take everyone getting behind this and not just a few. We must have the entire "rank and file" involved or we may face another loss.

Mel Yeager pointed out that now is the time (February 1 – March 11th)

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to sign up to be on the ballot as a P.C.P. (Precinct Committee Person) in their county. Said it should be an easy win.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative:** (Pat Williams) Report turned in. January 13 meeting produced new officers.

Chairman: Old Poop of the *Outsiders*

Co-chairman: Showman of *Brother Speed*

Secretary: Jim of *Christ Disciples*

Treasurer: Whistle Bill of the *In-Country Vets*

Sgt-at-arms: Mike of the *Free Souls* then Big Kat of the *Gypsy Jokers* then Squire of the *Veterans*.

List of days for clubhouse open houses was turned in. Next meeting is Sunday March 9th at the *Round Table Pizza* at 4141 NE 122nd in Portland.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative II:** (Ray DeMelo) Reported that the *Free Souls* are having their anniversary party in Eugene.

### Unfinished Business

- 2008 vacancies in officer positions were opened for nominations. The decision to have a sanctioning committee replace the sanctioning officer but that the head of the committee will carry the title and report to the board of directors.

Annette Murray stepped up from *Douglas County* and volunteered to serve as vice coordinator–south. A vote was taken and Annette Murray was voted in as our new vice coordinator–south. Congratulations.

- **Planning session recommendations:** Matt Price, coordinator, conducted review/implementation.

Proposed that S.T.E.A.M. be moved from February to October to train new officers and assist in the providing support as in the mentoring idea. Brian, Patricia, and Geoff made suggestions including: Having training in November at the same time as the board meeting specifically for officer training, keeping S.T.E.A.M. in February and have the Officer training in November too. Patricia and Geoff will look into this further and report back on findings.

### New Business

- Matt Price stepped down temporarily as coordinator and Heidi Disrude (vice coordinator–north) stepped in the fill the position of board chairman. She recognized Matt Price. Matt then outlined an idea that had come up regarding increasing membership through giving a free one-year membership to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* with every new bike purchased. Discussion included that the cost of a new member requires ten years to recover the total cost. Suggestions included the possibility of giving discounts to *A.B.A.T.E.* events. Ideas are needed and more research done.

- Matt Price also stated that he had obtained information on *A.B.A.T.E.* having a booth at the state fair. This would come with admission while working would be free and that three people from each chapter to cover fully the eleven days of the fair would be needed. Or, one chapter could cover each day. The cost would be about \$2,200 for the eleven days. Patricia asked whether this fell under the purview of the education

director? Matt replied that this large an outlay should be brought to the board. This booth could cover many aspects of fundraising and membership growth. Representatives were told to take this to the chapters for ideas and bring a decision to the next board of directors meeting for voting. The application deadline is March 15th.

### Motions

#### Tabled motions:

1. Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Bob (*Lincoln County Chapter*). *A.B.A.T.E.* to purchase a laptop computer for the recording secretary and membership secretary with appropriate programming. An amendment was made to include one for the treasurer. Approximate cost of \$899 each. This motion was tabled from January for further review and study. More discussion and Trace Ciccacci will do some research into the viability of making such a purchase. Nic pointed out the reasoning for this is not only need for the future but continued use and passing the equipment over the next officer would be so much easier than handing over a complete computer system and monitor. As well as being able to have information instantly available as the unit would be readily portable and officers could possibly keep theirs with them at functions. Trace will bring more information next meeting.

2. Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Bob (*Lincoln County Chapter*). *A.B.A.T.E.* change the bylaws, article VI, section 2,

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subsection F, #3 to read: "Ninety (90) days, action will be taken that could include revocation of the non-compliant chapter's charter." Voting to be held at April board of director's meeting. No discussion was held on this issue.

### Current motions:

1. Made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) and seconded by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*). That we (A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.) send \$2,500 to the *California Judicial Fund*. This was in response to an e-mail call to arms from other state organizations and a challenge made by A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware. After much discussion it was decided that this motion be tabled until more is known of the status of the "Quigley bill", as it was nicknamed. Tabled.

2. Made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) and seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*). That A.B.A.T.E. send not more than two people to the *Lifesavers Conference* in Portland April 12-14th, 2008. Cost not to exceed \$600. Discussion of the support of A.B.A.T.E. and our record of attendance and what this conference was about was led by Randy Phipps. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Made by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*) and seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*). Create officer training at November state board meeting so new officers voted into office in October get early S.T.E.A.M. training. This was discussed as the new officers take office in January and have no real training until February. This would

keep S.T.E.A.M. as it is and have an additional training in November before the mentoring is done and the need for officers to really be prepared for their duties of office. Comments included that we consider how chapter officers would be affected and to have the chapter representatives take this to their chapters for vote in April. Passed 10-2. Tabled for voting in April.

Report given by Nic for Iris Yeager on the *Governor's Committee on Motorcycle Safety*. Report handed in. The next meeting of the G.C.M.S. will be a forum with the public invited to speak on the issues that may be proposed to the legislature for the upcoming session. It will be held at the *Veteran's Affairs* building in the corner of Summer and Union Streets in Salem. The parking lot is free at the time of the meeting. This meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on February 15th. For more information contact Iris. Full report on file.

### Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: March 8th, 2008; *Eagles Lodge*, on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon, at noon.

- 09 February: Benefit party for Leroy Hecker. He was a shaker for A.B.A.T.E. and proved that a mobile program on rider training could be done. Thanks to his doing, *Team Oregon* now has mobile classes. This benefit, as presented by Brian Stovall, is to assist his wife as she had to quit her job to take care of Leroy. It was suggested that A.B.A.T.E. donate \$500. The discussion involved many relevant factors and it was decided that to do this even better. A challenge was made to each chapter to raise \$100 for a

donation to the Leroy Hecker benefit fund. For more information you can contact Brian Stovall or Teresa Hepker.

- 09 February: *Twin Rivers Sweetheart Dance*. *Front Row Saloon*, 3075 NW Front St.

- 09 February until *Fossil*: *Fossil* clean up. Contact Howie Long (*Fossil* run coordinator) for more information and dates.

- 15 February: Meeting of the *Governor's Committee on Motorcycle Safety* at 6:30 p.m. at the *Veterans Affairs* building at the corner of Summer and Union streets in Salem.

- 16 February: S.T.E.A.M.

- 17 February: *Coalition of Troop Support, Chocolate Sunday Extravaganza* at the McMinnville armory from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and you will get a \$5 "goodie bag" to take home.

- 15 March: *Willamette Valley Chapter Spring Casino Night*. *Spirits Bar* in Springfield, Oregon.

- 29-30 March: *Resurrection Of The Bike Show* at the Clark county event center, Ridgefield, Washington. For more information go to: <http://www.myspace.com/motorcycleevents> or call 1-(503) 254-8041.

- 05 April: *Washington County Chapter Anniversary Party*.

- 26 April: *River City Chapter Mystery Ride* at the *7th Annual Cherry Festival*. Sign in at *Spooky's Pizza*, 3320 W 6th street in The Dalles. Last rider out by 12:30 p.m.

- 03 May: *Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally* at the capital steps in Salem. Noon to 2 p.m. with a bike show and prizes to precede the speakers. This free event is a great way to start the year and hear some great speeches and see some great bikes.

Meeting adjourned 3:53 p.m.



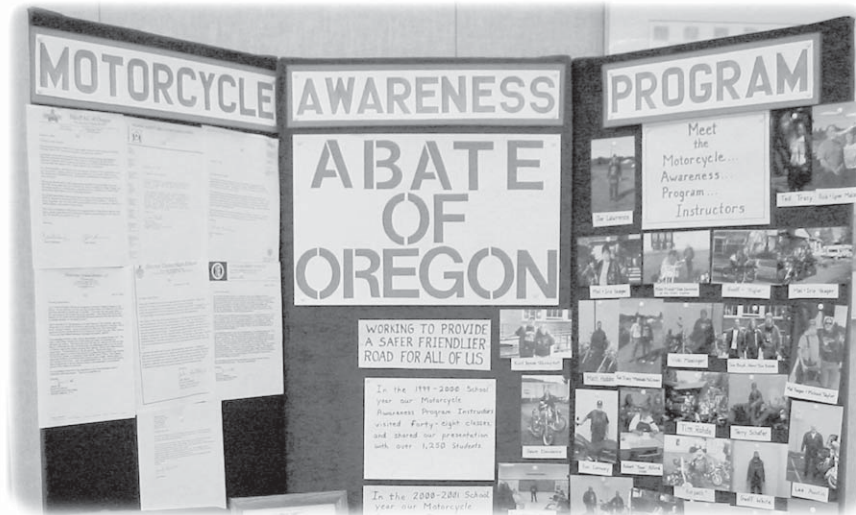
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**Education Report**



*Patricia Carner  
education director*

# Looking Ahead in 2008



By the time this article hits, S.T.E.A.M. 2008 will be history. I would like to thank all the members who attended and those folks who were willing to share their expertise and experience to train our new officers. S.T.E.A.M. is a great opportunity to learn about the workings of *A.B.A.T.E.* in the legislative sessions, how to get our mission accomplished, and work together to improve motorcycling awareness in Oregon.

With this in mind, your state board representatives should have brought a proposal to your meetings to move S.T.E.A.M. to November. This will be voted on at the March state board meeting. For those of you who are *Indian Creek* members or have not been attending meetings, this move would allow you an opportunity to learn about officer positions, committees, and becoming active in *A.B.A.T.E.* before the chapter elections. This move would also allow

us to gear up for the legislative session before the session begins, making our efforts more effective in the following year.

Our leadership this year is focused on building membership. Ideas to increase membership will be shared throughout the year, but it takes all of us talking up *A.B.A.T.E.* and presenting the organization in a positive light to make *A.B.A.T.E.* inviting to potential members. Focusing on our mission statement and sharing our accomplishments is means to this end.

Enough on this subject . . . let's go riding!

I went for a great ride on Sunday after spending most of Saturday at the state board meeting. I had to really watch the altitude as it was easy to get into snow on all the good roads. But it felt good to just get back out there and carve some corners. I try to ride year round, but we have had a lot of ice in our area this year.

Between that and work, my winter riding has been limited.

So folks. It's still cold out there and the roads could be slimy. Look ahead and slow down for the conditions. A good pre-trip can make the ride more enjoyable.

Check your tires pressure. Even sitting a week in the cold garage can cause a drop in P.S.I. Check your tread, look for cracks if the bike's been sitting a while. Take it easy for the first few minutes of the ride, let your tires warm up before you get aggressive in the corners.

Check your fluids. Hopefully you put stabilizer in your fuel before winter. Check the oil, transmission, primary, brake fluid, front forks.

Battery: Did you have your bike on a trickle charger this winter? Hope it starts! I like to stop and enjoy the scenery, so I need to trust my bike and know that it will start.

Gear up for the whole ride. Check the weather and make sure you have a spare layer of clothes in your bag.

Rain gear! We live in Oregon and our weathermen are occasionally wrong. Carry rain gear all the time.

Keep your bike in good running or make sure you stay in cell phone range so you can call for help.

I prefer to keep my options open and ride wherever the patch of sun takes me.

Ride safe,

Patricia



# Fossil Report



With spring approaching, it's time for run planning.

Well, we hope *Fossil* is in your plans.

I've taken on the challenge of coordinating this historic campout.

At first I was a bit apprehensive, but after achieving a few tasks and getting such a great response at our first two run committee meetings, I'm looking forward to working with this group.

This *Fossil* will be different.

First, we are moving back to Bear Hollow. We've heard your comments and are trying to accommodate. Bear Hollow is a beautiful area, but has its limitations.

It is cozy!

R.V. spots will be very very limited.

This is a motorcycle campout.

There are places in the immediate area for motorhomes and R.V.'s. Call me for information.

The advantages are water, limited power, emergency phones, designated fire areas, flatter landscape, trees, less dust, less wind, two permanent bathroom facilities, and Gene Mortimer is working on shower facilities.

Wheeler county now owns Bear Hollow and has given us complete access to the park for Memorial Day weekend.

The tickets are ready. Anyone needing them, contact me.

I'm in process of signing bands.

We are in need of sound and lighting. Any ideas would be

appreciated.

Debra Lutje has been busy getting *Fossil* to the media.

Steve Baton has started work on vendors.

I've also been working with Trace Ceccacci on the *Fossil* web page.

If everybody pitches in a little we can get a lot accomplished. Let's make this another successful *Fossil Campout*!!

See ya there,

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## Murge Letter . . .

I have decided it is time to roll back into *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc., Salem Chapter*.

Ready and willing to do my part to help us maintain a good relationship with our communities and the other chapters of *A.B.A.T.E.*, to be an individual public relations person for the organization once again.

I plan to do as much as a body can but always remember to consider other obligations when volunteering for roles.

I believe a lot of what happens to new officers and members is they do not really get into the swing of the position or the role of member and do not have an action plan that schedules a bit of time either every week, every other week, or every

month. It is important to plan to be and stay active within the context of active member and of holding a position at the state or chapter level to see it through the whole year.

I am coming back to have a very good year with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and would like all of my brothers and sisters out there to feel like it is the beginning of a new round and we are ready and refreshed.

You volunteer to do your part and strive for the yearly planning goals to take form and to blossom with help of all the active members and state and chapter officers. If your not active this year, that is fine. But do plan to take up a position even if that means just attending the chapter level meetings. If you have not been active in the past, this is a good time to give it a whirl.

Well, I hope for all of you a grand and enjoyable riding season. For some of us it is an overhaul season.

Wherever you're at in your walk, please consider making some time with *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* this year.

Together we are the sum of all the parts. Divided we are only little islands.

Let's bring it around full circle and have the best of years.

It is my hope that you will be truly blessed as you put one foot in front of the other and walk the walk when talking the talk.

Murge Gunter

*A.B.A.T.E.* member since 1981

*Southeast Portland* (first chapter)

*Salem* charter member, current chapter member

Klamath Falls to be south central someday

## Becoming A Precinct Committee Person

It just occurred to me that this is a year with a primary election.

In this year, any and all persons wishing to be on the county ballot as candidate for precinct committee person (P.C.P.) must file a form SEL-105 with the county clerk in the county where you live.

The registration period is from February 1st to March 11th this year.

It is a painless process and requires only a few minutes of your time to file. Please pass this message on to all of your members and encourage them to become elected as a P.C.P. for their precinct.

This is the grassroots level of involvement.

This is where it all begins.

We need participation from motorcyclists to their county political party to have our issues heard and supported.

Don't delay.

Get on the ballot and become elected.

Usually there are several openings in each precinct that are never filled. Don't let that happen in your precinct. To be on the ballot is a sure win for the position.

Mel Yeager  
secretary, treasurer  
*BikePAC of Oregon*



## Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety



Dear fellow motorcycle riders, and brothers and sisters in riding with concerns for safety and individual rights for all travelers,

The next meeting of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* will be a forum with the public invited to speak on the issues that may be proposed to the legislature for the upcoming session. The meeting will be held at the *Veteran's Affairs* building in Salem at 6:30 p.m. The building is located at the corner of Summer and Union streets. The parking in the lot is free at that time of day.

The subsequent two meetings are scheduled for March 21st and April 18th at 6:30 at the *O.D.O.T.* safety office as usual.

Also please be aware that it is important for our legislators and the general public to realize that motorcyclists are good people who like motorcycling. Go see your legislators. Be friendly with all people you meet. Let the general public see us as the nice folks that we are.

Now I am concerned to hear (while attending an *A.B.A.T.E.* state board meeting) that some chapters are not seeing the need to help pay for a lobbyist. A lobbyist in the capitol is able to keep his ears and eyes on what is happening there and keep us informed. If action is needed, *BikePAC* officers are notified and an

immediate call to action will be sent out to all motorcycle organizations. The lobbyist also lets the legislators know what our needs are and is invaluable in furthering our efforts.

Our lobbyist knows exactly what we want and need and how to word it so there is no confusion.

Please, each chapter and other motorcycle rights organizations, you can have fund raisers dedicated to helping *BikePAC of Oregon* pay for the operating expenses and for our lobbyist. By doing so, you help protect your right to ride freely and safely in our great state.

Thank you

Iris Yeager  
*A.B.A.T.E.* member  
member  
*G.A.C.M.S.*



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**From The . . .**

## GUNNY'S SACK

This month there is a ton of information to pass on to all you good folks out there. The Gunny's move into his own digs is nearly complete and I'm ever so grateful the chore is almost behind me. Moving is for young folks, certainly not for old farts like me. I hope this will be the last move in this lifetime for me!

I need to remind all that the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* convention is just around the corner. **May 8-11, 2008** is the date and is particularly important as this year is an election year. There will be seminars and workshops the whole time folks, and every one of these events has an impact on the way we do things in our own backyards. The *Confederations of Clubs* report alone is worth the trip. We have won some and lost some this year, and the lessons learned will help us in our fights for freedom in our own states.

The *2008 N.C.O.M. Convention* is in Houston, Texas, at George Bush International Airport, at the *Sheraton North Houston Hotel*, at 15700 J.F.K. boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032. The reservation phone is: (281)-442-5100 and ask for the *N.C.O.M.* rate. Call right away to make your reservations before you wind up in an adjacent hotel and find yourself going back and forth. The days will be filled with enough work that you'll want to stay in the same hotel as the convention. Plus, all the fun kids will be there.

To register, look for flyers from your state M.R.O., contact *N.C.O.M.* at 1-(800)-531-2424, or

look on-line, at <http://www.aimncom.com> But send your people, as many as you can afford. *N.C.O.M.* suggest at least two people from each group or club, so you can cover all the workshops and seminars that will be taking place.

The three main days, Thursday through Saturday, will be some of the busiest you will encounter for some time, but the information you bring back to your people will help to guide your decisions forward. We're losing our freedoms faster than we realize. We better get a handle on it soon or we won't know what hit us when we wake up one day and find we don't have any say in our lives, let alone our motorcycles.

Don't forget to register for both the convention and the *Silver Spoke Awards* banquet on Saturday night. The cost for both is \$75, and for the convention alone it's \$40. It's money well spent on education for you and your people. The banquet is the wrap-up of the convention. Ya don't want to miss it. This is where *N.C.O.M.* honors those folks in society who've contributed in some special way to the welfare of the motorcycle community. All in all a fitting end to a very intense three days.

Don't come thinking it's gonna be one long party. (Not that some partying doesn't take place.) We go so we can learn and absorb information that will be helpful at home in our continuing fight for our constitutional rights and freedoms, as bikers and citizens.

Make no mistake about it, there are



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

those who claim our constitution and bill of rights are outdated and need to be abolished.

I tell you here and now brothers and sisters, our forefathers knew what they were talking about when they wrote and approved those documents. We owe them a great debt.

### Newsbits—N—Pieces

*Rio De Janeiro, Brazil* — The price of hair here must be awfully high. Two men on a motorcycle grabbed a woman on the street here and chopped off her four-foot long hair with a machete. Police there said this sort of thing is happening more often. Hairpieces can cost upwards of \$500, so long hair on a woman in Rio can be dangerous to wear. Thieves are quick on bikes and apparently well aware of the value of the stuff.

*Vail, Colorado* — The word on the ski slopes here is helmets have cut injuries but not fatalities. We've been trying to convince our elected officials of that for years. According to the *Vail Daily Newspaper*, helmets were supposed to prevent deaths. Over the last nine years that has been proven not to be true. I'll be damned, I coulda' swore it wasn't true.

*Baghdad, Iraq* — It's not all the seriousness of war here. Some of our soldiers have been drawing big crowds by popping wheelies on their motorcycles in parking lots. People here are looking for anything to take their minds off the killing. One of

## GUNNY'S SACK ( continued )

these guys said he wouldn't do the stunts on the streets because security forces would think him a terrorist and probably shoot him off his ride.

**Brussels, Belgium** -- The *Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (F.E.M.A.)* is proud to announce that 2008 marks 20 years of pro-active lobbying in Brussels and in Geneva, Switzerland. The anniversary will be celebrated with a series of events throughout the year. Congratulations to these folks who have worked so hard.

**United Kingdom** -- I never thought I'd see this day. A Canadian inventor has been granted a patent on a motorcycle seat that protects riders from magnetic fields that some believe can cause cancer in some organs. I guess I'm lucky. I've ridden since 1948 and so far I'm cancer-free. I'm sorry folks, I just gotta take this one tongue-in-cheek. On the other hand, they could be right.

**Washington, D.C.** -- **F.B.I. Wiretaps Dropped Due to Unpaid Bills** This came to me from Jay Huber, state president of *K.M.A./K.B.A.* in Kentucky. Telephone companies have cut off *F.B.I.* wiretaps used to eavesdrop on suspected criminals because of the bureau's repeated failures to pay their phone bills on time, according to a justice department audit. How sweet it is.

**Portland, Oregon** -- Our *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg, reports that the city government here started a *Motorcycle and Scooter Advisory Commission*. He went to their February quarterly meeting and says they're just now getting off the

ground. I think this is the only such commission in the nation. They have lots of info on-line, too, including a map of motorcycle parking!

<http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=40219>

**North Carolina** -- That federal helmet standard, *F.M.V.S.S.-218*, has reared it's ugly head again. As of the first of January, in North Carolina ya better have a valid *D.O.T.*-certified helmet on yer noggin. The powers that do our safety thinking for us passed a new law that says so. If ya have questions about it or to see if yer bonnet is the correct one to wear, they supposedly have a list of "legit" helmets at the fed's web site for the *N.H.T.S.A.* agency, at <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

I've been tellin' ya, don't turn your back on your elected officials. If ya do, they'll take care of ya and ya won't like it.

Of course, the problem is figuring out what is "*D.O.T.*-certified" and what isn't, since the regs charge the lid manufacturers with testing and certifying. We went through litigating that here in Oregon back in the early 90's, when our *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* lawyer Sam Hochberg donated his time to appeal Oregon's helmet law, as unconstitutionally vague. Ya couldn't tell which helmets were legit from which they claimed weren't.

The net result was that at least here in Oregon, we now do not have *F.M.V.S.S.-218*. A helmet is a helmet in Oregon.

### Gunny Again

Every month I remind ya that your

*A.I.M.* attorney is your best friend if ya have any kind of a problem with the law. It's good advice folks. Talk to your *A.I.M.* guy if ya have a gripe. He will help you or turn you over to someone who can. Call through *A.I.M.* 24/7 at 1-(800)-531-2424, or call Sam Hochberg in Portland at (503)-224-1106, or toll-free at 1-(800)-347-1106.

He's on the internet at [SamBikeLaw@aol.com](mailto:SamBikeLaw@aol.com) too.

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for whatever. If I can help I will.

Keep the round side on the bottom!

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# So You're Interested In Becoming More Involved In The Grass Roots Political Process By Becoming A Precinct Committee Person (P.C.P.) In Your Area . . .

## Becoming a Precinct Committee Person

In order to qualify as a precinct committee person or candidate, you must:

- Be a member of the democratic or republican party. (Currently other parties do not have P.C.P.'s.)
- Have been a member of the party you wish to represent 180 days prior to election. (Since the previous September.)
- File in the precinct where you're registered, or in an adjoining precinct. (You can do this if you know your precinct has P.C.P.s but a neighboring precinct doesn't.)
- Fill out a standard *Filling of Candidacy for Precinct Committee Person for Oregon* form.
- Once the form has been completed, submit either in person or by mail to your local county elections office.

Oregon's election law authorizes one or more male and one or more female precinct committee persons for each major political party and for each precinct area, depending on its size. In other words, for approximately every 500 registered voters in a precinct area, there should be at least one person of each gender to represent that precinct.

Each precinct person is a member of his or her county central committee for that party. The County Central Committee is the highest authority in county party policies. This body has the authority to adopt rules or resolutions covering any matter of party government within the county. Additionally, this is the body that establishes the policies, articulates the beliefs, and establishes the standards for

local party candidates. These basic policies, beliefs, and standards are then passed on to the state and national party for action.

The precinct is the smallest political unit in the country.

A precinct cannot be divided by legislative, congressional, or supervisor district.

A precinct is where elections are won or lost.

Most importantly, it is your neighborhood. You know the people, the schools, and the community centers. You have your hand on the pulse of the precinct; you understand the problems and potentials and have a desire to improve your neighborhood.

So, starting February 1st you can get an application from your local county elections office, but you *must* have it in no later than March 11th.

You must also fill it out completely.

Incomplete forms will be rejected.

Information site for election calendar:  
<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/voterresources.html>

## Important Dates To Remember

**February 1:** Applications acceptance starts for registering as a P.C.P. in your area.

**March 11:** Candidate (P.C.P.) application acceptance ends.

**April 29:** Voter registration deadline for May 20 primary election. (Must be postmarked 21 days prior to primary election.)

**April 23–25:** Voters' pamphlet delivery.

**May 2–6:** Ballots mailed for May 16 primary election.

**May 20:** Election day. Statewide primary election.

## Didn't Make It On The May 20th Election Ballot?

Don't give up hope if you didn't get the application in and you don't end up on the May 20th ballot.

You can be a write-in candidate.

Write in your name on your ballot in the box for P.C.P. in your area.

Then get at least two other people in the same party in your area to write your name in also. (Make sure they all know how to spell your name correctly.)

You only need three votes!

That way you can still get elected.

### Information By Phone

You can find your local county elections office address and phone numbers by going to the blue edged pages government section of your local phone directory. Under the "County" section you should find elections, voter registration and their phone number for information.

### On The Internet

You can find all of the county Oregon elections offices on the internet by going to the Oregon state elections division web site:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/elechp.htm>

### Other Information Sources

Oregon democratic party  
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<http://www.dpo.org/>

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From yer . . .



# There Are No Motorcycle Accidents

*good news, indeed*

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by  
**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor

Many state motor vehicle departments and safety organizations have stopped using the term “accident” because it gives a sense that nothing could have done to stop the event from happening. What studies have found is that most vehicle crashes and wrecks are due to driver/rider error and therefore are preventable.

Many news sources and reporters have not caught up to the mindset that vehicle operators are responsible for their own actions.

Mandatory helmet requirements represent a failure of elected officials and the public to understand and address the root causes of motorcycle crashes. Helmet protection comes into effect only during a crash.

Wouldn't it be in everyone's best interest to prevent crashes from occurring in the first place?

That's exactly what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's Motorcycle Awareness Program (.M.A.P.)* and *Team Oregon's* motorcycle rider classes accomplish.

*M.A.P.'s* certified instructors go into driver's education classes and demonstrates to other road users how important it is to be aware of and to actively look out for motorcycles. This experience is especially important for beginning drivers who may have developed the attitude that driving is one big video game.

*Team Oregon* rider classes address making motorcycle riders safer and better able to avoid crashing by showing them how to spot potential road and traffic dangers, then handle their bikes in such a way as to avoid

crashing.

The only thing missing from these activities is a mechanism to ensure that Oregon roads are safe for motorcyclists. Riders should be able to expect smooth blacktop or prompt notification if road hazards exist. This involves not only mandating that cities, counties, *Oregon Department Of Transportation (O.D.O.T.)*, and contractors maintain road surfaces and immediately erect appropriate lights and warnings of hazards, but that during maintenance and construction they should never leave in place any surface condition that could upset the stability of motorcycles. (Metal plates need to have anti-slip applied and maintained, there should never be diagonal surface level changes, and the use of those round slippery bumps needs to be terminated.)

Yer crusty ol' editor often hears

*Light and dark in equal  
measure this month.*

*A.B.A.T.E.* members talking about “getting *A.B.A.T.E.* back to its roots” and “returning to the old ways”.

Such talk tends to makes c.o.e. slightly nervous.

You see, whenever people want to return to “earlier times” they are, possibly without realizing it, proposing a negative revolution.

In most cases, what people want to return to is a perceived “golden time” that likely never existed and lingers only in the imaginations of

those who aren't coping well with the present .

The trouble with the concept of “the old ways” is that times and conditions have changed. What we need to do is look at what worked in the past and see if we can adapt it to work with present circumstances.

*“How can we make happen what we want to happen?”*

We need to use our considerable imaginations.

We have incredibly smart people in our organizations. But if they can't express the significance of their concepts to other members in such a way that makes the little cartoony light bulbs go on over our heads, then the ideas and potential actions they represent are wasted.

It's not enough to have great ideas.

We need to help each other understand the significance of those ideas, why they are important, how they can help us. Only then can we take effective action.

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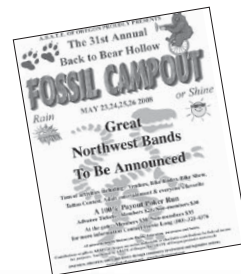
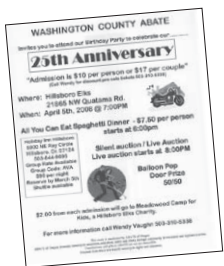
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I have absolutely no qualms with hard work so long as someone else is actually doing it. — Pat Henderson (08Dec2007)

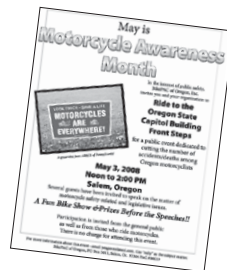
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15 March	Casino Night – Willamette Valley	Springfield	
29-30 March	Resurrection Of The Bike Show	Ridgefield, WA	(503)-254-8041
05 April	25th Annivesary – WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)-310-5338
12 April	Mountain Jam Motorcycle Show	Washington	(360)-828-7189
26 April	Mystery Ride–River City	The Dalles	(541)-296-9303
27 April	Spring Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)-249-8791
03 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally – BikePAC	Salem	
17 May	Rhody Poker Run		
23–26 May	Fossil Campout – Oregon ABATE	Fossil	
08 June	Roll-N-Ride – WaCo	Gaston	(503)-747-6725
13-15 June	Best Of The West – MRF	Vancouver, WA	(202)-546-0983.
18-20 July	Summer Erruption	eastern Oregon	
01-03 Aug	Too Broke For Sturgis	north Idaho	



**Motorcycling is like skinny-dipping on two wheels.**  
 -- Pat Henderson  
 (20Dec2007)



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

# March 2008

( ostara )

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2 Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	3	4 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	5	6	7  new moon	8 <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b> Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
9 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)  delusional sunshine tampering begins	10 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	11	12 Northeast Portland 1900 (7 pm)	13	14  2nd quarter moon	15 <b>Willamette Valley Casino Night</b> Springfield
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23 North Coast 1000 (10 am) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	24 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	25 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	26	27	28	29  4th quarter moon
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# WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE

Invites you to attend our Birthday Party to celebrate our.....

## 25th Anniversary

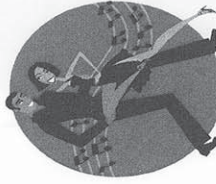
“Admission is \$10 per person or \$17 per couple”  
(Call Wendy for discount pre-sale tickets 503-310-5338)



Where: Hillsboro Elks  
21865 NW Quatama Rd.  
When: April 5th, 2008 @ 7:00PM

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner - \$7.50 per person  
starts at 6:00pm

Silent auction / Live Auction  
Live auction starts at 8:00PM



Balloon Pop  
Door Prize  
50/50

Holiday Inn Hillsboro  
5900 NE Ray Circle  
Hillsboro, Or. 97124  
503-844-9696  
Group Rate Available  
Group Code: AVA  
\$90 per night  
Reserve by March 5th  
Shuttle available

\$2.00 from each admission will go to Meadowood Camp for  
Kids, a Hillsboro Elks Charity.

For more information call Wendy Vaughn 503-310-5338

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Contributions and gifts to ABATE are not tax deductible.  
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# RESURRECTION OF THE BIKE SHOW MOTORCYCLE SHOW

MARCH 29-30, 2008  
CLARK COUNTY EVENT CENTER, RIDGEFIELD WA

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ABATE OF WASHINGTON, SW CHAPTER

2nd Annual

# Mountain Jam Motorcycle Show



April 12, 2008

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Clark County Fairgrounds

(Exit #9 off I-5)

*Blue Skies or Rain, the show must go on.*

Sponsored by:

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ABATE of Washington SW Chapter



Contacts:

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(360) 828-7189

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(360) 256-7151

All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Want to be a contestant?

Enter your motorcycle in one of the following categories:

- Sportster, Bobber's, Chopper,
- Custom, Rat, Antique, Metric,
- Custom Bagger, Trike/Side Car,
- Sport Bike, or British.

Contest entry forms can be obtained from the ABATE website [www.abateswva.com](http://www.abateswva.com) or from any of the sponsor's locations and mailed to

ABATE. Entry deadline is March 31, 2008. Setup will be the night before and the morning of the event.

Contestant fee: \$35.00 (includes everything)

Public fee: \$5.00

Children 14 & under: 2 cans of food

Parking: \$5.00



*Win this bike!*

Ultra Motorcycles and ABATE of SW Washington are offering you a chance to win this brand new 2008 Ultra "Groundpounder 330" motorcycle. Raffle tickets are just \$20 each and are limited to a maximum of 1500

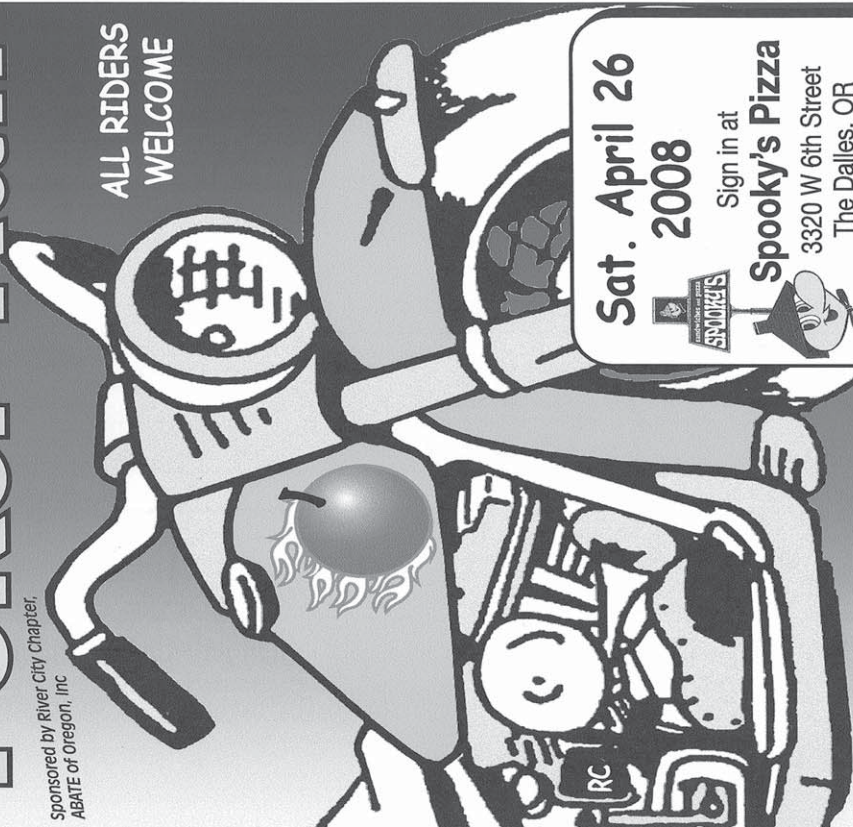
tickets. This is your chance to win a \$21,000.00 custom motorcycle for a small donation. All profits go to help fund ABATE of SW Washington, a non-profit organization that helps you

fight for your rights as a motorcycle rider. Ask your local motorcycle dealer or parts store to buy the raffle tickets, or you may get them at the ABATE booth at this show.

# 7th Annual Cherry Festival

# Poker Run

Sponsored by River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.



ALL RIDERS  
WELCOME

Sat. April 26  
2008

Sign in at

Spooky's Pizza

3320 W 6th Street  
The Dalles, OR



after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM

Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

\$15 Donation Includes One Poker Hand

Extra Hand \$5

Cash Prizes High & Low Hands

Door Prizes

FOR INFORMATION: Call 541-296-9303 or

Email - [avalonblossage@gmail.com](mailto:avalonblossage@gmail.com) or write to:

River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

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

Poker run fees will benefit River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

**Please don't park between  
Spooky's & the Credit Union!**



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



Map on the back!

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

# All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

at the Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland Oregon

## Sunday, April 27, 2008

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

### Admission:

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

All Proceeds go to ABATE of Oregon

*Langhitz Leathers Gift Certificate Prize to be given away at 4 PM \* Worth \$300*

*\* Must be present to win \* Many other door prizes given throughout the day.*

Swap Meet parking available on site

Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only NO pets of any kind allowed

**For Swap Meet Vender Information Call Willie 503-249-8791**

Rotten Roger will be helping out.

ABATE of Oregon which promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

Thanks to all of the people who help make this function a success. It is the cooperation and generosity of individuals that contribute to motorcycling and our community. Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

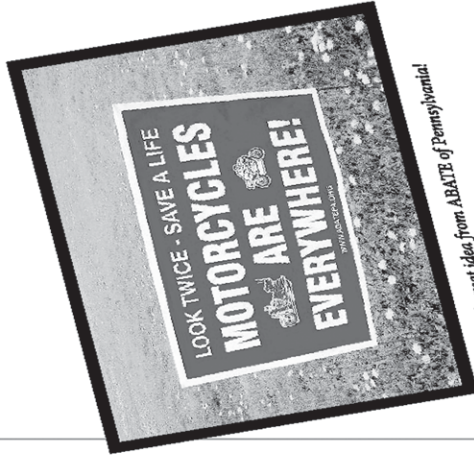
**<http://www.abateoforegon.net>**

# May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

In the interest of public safety, BikePAC of Oregon, Inc. invites you and your organization to

**Ride to the Oregon State Capitol Building Front Steps**

for a public event dedicated to cutting the number of accidents/deaths among Oregon motorcyclists



**May 3, 2008  
Noon to 2:00 PM  
Salem, Oregon**

Several guests have been invited to speak on the matter of motorcycle safety-related and legislative issues.

**A Fun Bike Show & Prizes Before the Speeches!!**

Participation is invited from the general public as well as from those who ride motorcycles. There is no charge for attending this event.

For more information about this event--email [yeagermel@aol.com](mailto:yeagermel@aol.com). Use "rally" as the subject matter. BikePAC of Oregon, PO Box 5612, Salem, Or. 97304 PAC #00019



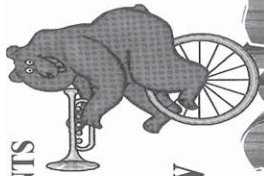
A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON PROUDLY PRESENTS

# The 31st Annual

## Back to Bear Hollow

# Fossil Campout

Rain MAY 23,24,25,26 2008 or Shine



## Great

# Northwest Bands To Be Announced

Tons of activities including: Vendors, Bike Rodeo, Bike Show, Tattoo Contest, Adult entertainment & everyone's favorite

### A 100% Payout Poker Run

Advance Tickets: Members \$25, Non-members \$30

At the gate: Members \$30, Non-members \$35

for more information Contact Howie Long (503)-325-4376

All proceeds benefit Motorcycle Rights, Education, Awareness and Safety.

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# Roll-N-Ride



Presented by ABATE of Oregon  
"Washington County" Chapter

## June 8th, 2008

Sign in @ 10:00 am --- Depart @ 11:00 am

Depart from: Beaverton Honda-Yamaha  
10380 SW Cascade Blvd Tigard Or

**DOOR PRIZES**  
Arrive at: Adea Wine Company  
26421 Hwy 47 Gaston Or **50/50**

2 Miles south of Gaston / Look for ABATE Signs



OR



One Hand = \$10

Two Hands = \$15

### CASH FOR HIGH AND LOW ROLLER

### FREE FAMILY PICNIC TO FOLLOW!!

Need more info?

Len Punzel: 503-747-6725



[www.wacoabate.info](http://www.wacoabate.info)

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 web page:  
<http://wyden.senate.gov/>

## Representatives

(Washington D.C. numbers)

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 (202)-225-0853

Greg Walden ( D – 2nd district )  
 (202)-225-6730

Earl Blumenauer ( D – 3rd district )  
 (202)-225-4811

Peter DeFazio ( D – 4th district )  
 (202)-225-6416

Darlene Hooley ( D – 5th district )  
 (202)-225-5711

I feel *so* much better . . .  
 The voices in my head assure  
 me that I'm not schizophrenic.

-- Rot Path



**Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

**BEST OF THE WEST**

ABATE OF OREGON

**Vancouver, Washington June 13-15, 2008**

Hosted By: Washington Road Riders Association and Abate of Oregon



**Red Lion Hotel at the Quay**  
 100 Columbia St., Vancouver, WA 98660 • 360-694-8341  
 Call 360-694-8341 for room reservations. Room rate: \$69.95 (single or double).  
 Rooms must be reserved by May 12, 2008. Amenities include: coffee maker, ironing board, microwave, refrigerator, outdoor pool, and airport shuttle.

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 Seminar Cost: before May 21, 2008: MRF members \$60, Non-MRF members \$70;  
 (after May 21, 2008): MRF members \$70.00, Non-MRF members \$80.  
 Chapter Group Rates: \$100 (no per chapter (at limited attendance)).  
 Names must be submitted by May 21, 2008. Chapter rate does not include dinner  
 (this must be paid separately) - \$35 per person.  
 For chapter registration please contact [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)

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 Registration is also accepted through the MRF website at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org). Visa, MasterCard, AmEx and Discover accepted. Mail registration fee to: MRF, 2365 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002. Questions? Call the MRF at 202-346-0868.

\*Please provide list of Chapter attendees



# BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

## Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2008

Due to the nasty weather, a small group of *BikePAC* representatives were present. Since there were not enough members to constitute a quorum, no official meeting was held and there were no decisions made or votes taken.

An informal meeting was opened at 12:10 p.m. by Brian Stovall, executive director. In attendance were Brian Stovall, Mel Yeager, Quiet Mike, Rod Baker (*United Freedom Riders*), Fish (*Gypsy Jokers*).

At this time copies of the corrected minutes of the last meeting and the financial report were passed to all attendees. Corrections to the last minutes were: That the gathering at the capitol is indeed a *BikePAC* function.

The minutes and financial report will be presented for acceptance at the next board meeting. The mention made in the previous meeting minutes concerning senator George's lawsuit was a separate issue.

Nic Oliver, development director, made his report via e-mail. He included a sample letter that he would like to send to businesses and dealers in Oregon. Brian suggested one change to the letter and it was approved for the purpose.

An open discussion followed as to the recent political activities of the motorcycling community.

A suggestion was made by Rod Baker for follow-up activity on the vehicle assault bill. Try to get mandatory sentencing for violators. How do we solve the problem of getting police officers and district attorneys to properly follow up by issuing citations to violators?

The motorcyclists informal gathering at the capitol on February 4th is still a go. Gather in biker gear at 8:30 a.m. and attempt to visit your representative

and senator, if possible. Tie up as many parking places as possible by parking one motorcycle in each one. These can be shared by late-arriving motorcyclists.

Brian complimented Quiet Mike on forwarding the legislative update that was sent to him from the legislature. The information was informative. Mike said that anyone can subscribe to as many of the committees as they wish. Brian explained how the legislative offices and staff work during the session.

Much discussion took place about the past successes and future plans of the motorcyclists here in Oregon. Quiet Mike asked if Sam Hochberg may research the legality of the vehicle assault issue before proceeding.

Rod Baker brought up the matter of the helmet issue. Much discussion was made about statistics, past arguments, comparisons with other non-helmeted states, and the public burden theory. No decision was made at this time concerning the potential issues we will pursue during the session.

*Governor's Advisory Board on Motorcycle Safety* report given by Mel. The next meeting is February 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the *Veteran's Affairs* building. It invites public input for issues that may be proposed for the next legislative session.

*May Awareness Rally* information was given by Mel. He showed a flyer created by him, one by Nic Oliver, and a new one created by Teresa Hepker. With one correction, Teresa's was approved for publication. There was some discussion concerning the insurance for the rally.

A court case in California concerning California helmet law was mentioned by Quiet Mike. Funds for support of the lawsuit are sorely needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for

*BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.*

P. O. Box 5612

Salem, Oregon 97304

PAC #00019

March 1st 2008 here at Salem library at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.  
Mel Yeager  
secretary/treasurer

The next two meetings of *BikePAC of Oregon* be held at the *Eagles* lodge in Albany.

The meetings will be on the first Saturdays of **March 1 and April 5.**

### **Albany Eagles Lodge Directions**

#### **From the north:**

Take **I-5** exit **234B** onto **Pacific Boulevard.**

Proceed approximately two miles to the **Corvallis/city center** turnoff. (This puts you onto **Lyon** street.)

Proceed nine blocks to **First** street and take a **left.**

Go two blocks to **Broadalbin** street.

Take a **right** one block to *Eagles* lodge.

#### **From the west:**

Coming from Corvallis on highway 20, cross the southbound bridge and turn **right** on **First** street.

Go one block to **Broadalbin** street.

Turn **right** one block to *Eagles* lodge.

#### **From the south:**

Turn off **I-5** at exit **232** onto **Santiam Highway** (highway 20).

Go **left** toward downtown.

Proceed to the intersection with **Pacific Boulevard.**

Take a **left** and proceed one mile to the **Corvallis/city center** turnoff onto **Lyon** Street.

Go nine blocks to **First** street.

Take a **left** two blocks and turn **right** onto **Broadalbin** street.

Go one block to *Eagles* lodge.

#### **From the east:**

Come west on highway 20.

After crossing I-5 follow the same directions as "**From the south**".





# News & Notes

AmericanMotorcyclist Association

The *Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (F.E.M.A.)* is celebrating its twentieth anniversary of pro-active lobbying in Brussels and in Geneva in 2008.

Reducing congestion, pollution, and crashes while increasing mobility is one of Europe's main challenges. The use of motorcycles clearly offers major advantages to the transport mix as well as solutions to many of the transport problems faced by E.U. members. Recognition of their positive contribution has been one of *F.E.M.A.* members' main reasons for creating the federation in 1988. Twenty years later, promoting fairer and appropriate legislation for motorcyclists remains *F.E.M.A.*'s main task.

On 25 June 1988, motorcyclists' associations from France, Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, Austria, and Luxembourg decided to form a European citizens' organization in order to make European riders' voice heard in the political debate: The *Federation of European Motorcyclists (F.E.M.)* was born. Ten years later, on 10 January 1998, *F.E.M.* and the *European Motorcyclist Association (E.M.A.)* merged to form the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.)*. The two associations joined their forces to offer motorcyclists the best representation possible. Today, *F.E.M.A.* counts on a four-person office in Brussels.

In 2008, 24 national road riding motorcyclists' organizations from 19 European countries will celebrate 20

years of riders' representation in Brussels. Throughout the year, *F.E.M.A.* will disseminate information about its history and how it works, but it will also organize a series of activities, such as participation in shows, workshops and conferences, interviews of keynote representatives, and a special edition of the *M.E.P.* motorcycle ride in Brussels. The detailed program and additional information are available on *F.E.M.A.* 20th anniversary dedicated web space

<http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/20years>

*Metropolitan Manila (Philippines) Development Authority (M.M.D.A.)* recently said they are not in favor of moves banning motorcycle along major thoroughfares in the metropolis, saying motorcycle owners have the right to use all roads like other vehicle owners.

Officials went on to say the best thing to prevent road crashes is road discipline citing such things as: intensified safety education, particularly among young riders, ensuring riders are speed-conscious, use of proper safety equipment, and drunk driving as contributing factors to the rising trend of traffic crashes.

Earlier, two legislators filed bills in the lower house aimed at preventing road crashes, particularly those concerning motorcycles as well as calling for their regulation. In this, they described the popular vehicle as a growing concern as its number increased to 40 percent annually in

the last three years.

On average, in metro Manila, 250 died from motorcycle-related crashes since 2004, averaging 83 fatalities per year. Last year, 1.551 million motorcycles were registered nationwide.

Someone with bad intentions is using the honored name of the *Patriot Guard Riders* as part of a phone scam. The solicitor targets veterans and asks them to join the *Patriot Guard Riders* along with submitting a membership fee. But in reality, the *Patriot Guard Riders* doesn't collect membership fees. Anyone who has information about this or has been contacted by the scammer, should contact 1-(316)-522-2000.

Florida's HB-137, *Offenses Committed While Operating a Motorcycle*, introduced by representative Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami), proposes that any motorcyclist charged with reckless operation or riding 50 miles per hour or greater above the posted speed limit would face arrest, seizure, and forfeiture of their motorcycle, and revocation of their motorcycle endorsement for ten years.

The legislation applies *only* to motorcycles and their operators. No other motorized vehicle or driver operating on a public roadway is threatened with these penalties. Additionally, motorcyclists would have to maintain both wheels on the ground at all times and license plates be permanently affixed horizontally



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to the ground.

Florida senate bill 828, sponsored by senator Michael Bennett (R-Bradenton), would prohibit passengers younger than 12 years of age on a motorcycle or moped.

Kentucky senator Julian Carroll (D-Frankfort) has introduced legislation making a law whereby all motorcycle operators and passengers would be required to wear motorcycle helmets while on a public highway. This legislation seeks to remove adult choice.

With support from the Michigan secretary of state's office and the state police, senate bill 104, introduced by senator Valde Garcia (R-Howell), was substituted in the senate transportation committee and passed unanimously by the full senate. Michigan motorcyclists who called for tougher penalties for right-of-way violations that kill or injury other roadway users watched the bill expand to include all traffic offenses where injury or death occurs.

Missouri house bill 1442, sponsored by representative Jeff Roorda (D-Barnhart), creates a class C misdemeanor crime of motorcycle stunt riding on a public highway for anyone observed standing on the seat, frame, or handlebars of a motorcycle; performing handstands on the seat, frame, or handlebars of a motorcycle; operating a motorcycle on one tire; or removing both hands from the

handlebars while operating the motorcycle. If the motorcycle has no license plate, the charge becomes a class A misdemeanor.

The *A.M.A.* has been supporting an effort by the *Pennsylvania Off-Highway Vehicle Association (PaOHV)* to strengthen liability protection for Pennsylvania landowners who allow motorized recreation on their property.

Washington's two O.H.V. noise bills, HB-1434 and SB-5544, are still technically "in play" and could be heard at any time in the current session. These bills would have seriously restricted O.H.V. use by prohibiting "audible O.R.V. sound" in residential areas. You can keep tabs on these bills and others in the *A.M.A.'s Rapid Response Center*.

The Honolulu city council is considering a proposal to require all motorcycles to have stock exhaust systems with the federal emissions label prominently displayed.

Motorcycles are the only class of motor vehicle being proposed to be equipped with an exhaust system labeled according to the code of federal regulations (40CFR205, subparts D & E).

Other classes of motor vehicles including passenger cars, light trucks, and S.U.V.s are excluded from this additional level of scrutiny from law enforcement.

The *A.M.A.* understands the public's growing concern with all

forms of excessive sound, including that from automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles with modified exhaust systems. Over the years we have acknowledged the problem and taken steps to make the riding community aware of the dangers of unchecked excessive motorcycle exhausts. Further, we acknowledge the right of communities to establish and enforce reasonable ordinances to consistently address sound related issues including excessively loud vehicle sound. However singling out one class of vehicle for this burdensome regulation is simply going too far.

The *A.M.A.* has mailed the city council to inform them of our opposition to this proposal. *A.M.A.* members in Hawaii are being notified of this proposal and we continue to work with activists and *Sport Bikers United of Hawaii* to thwart this legislation.

For additional information contact:  
 Nick Haris  
*A.M.A.* western states  
 representative  
 (530)-626-4250  
 nharis@ama-cycle.org

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# Congress Returns



The second session of the 110th congress officially began last week. Both bodies of congress have much work to accomplish in this session, however that seems highly unlikely when one considers that this is a hotly-contested presidential election year, as well as the bitter partisan mood of congress and a troubled economy.

All of the legislation that is assigned a bill number for the first session of this congress stands for this second session of the 110th. That means that the *H.I.P.A.A.* loophole bills (HR-1076 and S-616) are still in need of co-sponsors. Gathering co-sponsors for these bills will dominate the busy spring lobby season for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* and motorcyclists nationwide.

### Speaking Of Lobbying

Now is a great time to start planning your trips to lobby your nation's capitol for 2008. Haven't considered sending a group to D.C.?

What's stopping you?

Every lobby trip to D.C. promises to be a life-changing event for first and long-timers alike. Don't hesitate to contact the Washington D.C. office of the *M.R.F.* for more information on organizing a trip to D.C.

### T.R.B. Annual Meeting

The *Transportation Research Board (T.R.B.)* held its yearly Washington D.C. summit last week. The event brings every aspect of transportation together for a comprehensive review

and presentation of what's happening with regard to every form of transportation and the current research that is taking place. This annual meeting, one of the largest each year in D.C., is perhaps the most comprehensive look into the world's foremost transportation research.

The *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations has a seat on the motorcycle and moped committee also known as *ANF30* of the *T.R.B.* The committee met, as they do each time the *T.R.B.* convenes in Washington D.C., to discuss the research, emerging technologies, government studies, and international issues.

One of the items that piqued a lot of interest was the discussion on three-wheeled vehicles. Many states consider all vehicles equipped with three wheels, no matter the configuration, a motorcycle. For years that has not posed many problems.

Until now.

There has been an emergence of many covered three-wheeled vehicles with two wheels in front of the operator and one aft. These vehicles are often equipped with seat belts, doors, steering wheel, climate controls, and windshield. For all intensive purposes it's a car that's missing one rear wheel.

Many of these vehicles are powered by electricity and are being promoted as environmentally friendly alternatives to gas guzzling cars.

The issue with these covered three

wheeled vehicles is that they are not motorcycles. The key word here is covered. We don't want to single out trikes, sidecars, or even the new *Piaggio MP3* (that's the funky motorcycle with two side-by-side wheels up front). All of these are true motorcycles.

Covered three wheeled vehicles are sold as alternatives to cars with virtually none of the challenges of motorcycles and all of the benefits.

For instance, once classified as a motorcycle these three-wheeled cars are allowed on H.O.V. lanes, cheaper insurance and licensing fees, and motorcycle parking. It may be that we need to create a new classification for these new types of vehicles instead of just lumping them in with a completely different class of vehicle. That's what they did in Canada. It looks like our friendly neighbors to north are in front of us on this one.

### N.H.T.S.A. Quarterly Meeting

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* recently held it's quarterly motorcycle safety network meeting, and as always the *M.R.F.* was in attendance. This meeting was like most of its kind in the past. All of the relevant government agencies had representation, as did *Harley-Davidson*, the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)*, the *Motorcycle Industry Council (M.I.C.)*, the *American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.)*, the *American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators*



## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

(A.A.M.V.A.), and the *National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (S.M.S.A.)*

Vicky Sanfelipo from Wisconsin was granted a portion of the *M.R.F.*'s time during the meeting to present about *Accident Scene Management Inc. A.S.M.I.* prepares first responders in motorcycle-specific procedures. Many emergency response agents have little or no training with regard to motorcycles, which we all agree has its own set of characteristics from any other type of vehicle mishap, and more education for our first responders is key.

A significant difference with this meeting was that *N.H.T.S.A.* deputy administrator Jim Ports attended and led the entire 4.5-hour meeting. This is not the first time a *N.H.T.S.A.* honcho has attended, but it's the first time any one of their leadership has stayed for the duration. No offense to the past visitors, but they generally show up with just enough time to deliver a canned speech and then leave. Ports showed a true dedication to motorcycle safety that is sometimes hard to find. Jim Ports is himself a motorcyclist and a strong ally with *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland*, a former state delegate for Maryland, former *Maryland D.O.T.* administrator, and a friend of the *M.R.F.*

Thanks, Jim, for rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty with us. We appreciate it.

### P.R.O. Convention

The *Public Relations Officers (P.R.O.)* convention was held last weekend outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the *M.R.F.* was

given 30 minutes to present at the general session.


If you haven't heard of *P.R.O.*, it's an organization of the public relations officers for sport bike clubs across the country. The event draws over 1,000 sport bikers each year. The *M.R.F.* has been involved for the past three years and has plans to continue supporting this event.

The sport bikers have many similarities with the cruisers and there are a lot of issues that can be shared despite some obvious differences.

### Tuesday Group

Of final note was the *M.R.F.*'s attendance at a high-profile fundraiser last week. You may not have heard of them, but the *Tuesday Group* is Washington's latest faction of the house of representatives to organize and try to keep each other elected. The group (which, naturally, meets on Wednesdays) is made up of house republicans who are also known as "moderates." (Republicans who are not as conservative on issues as the right wing of the party.) With membership of the groups numbering in the low 40s, an unpopular republican president, and a soft stance on things like the environment, the *Tuesday Group* is becoming a force to be reckoned with. When they can stick together and vote on issues as a block, they are very effective and can sway controversial votes one direction or the other.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



# Europe Questions The Role For Motorcycle “Toys” On Public Roads

A leading *E.U.* transport “expert” has questioned whether there is any place for motorcycles on Europe’s roads. In an official report from the *European Transport Safety Council (E.T.S.C.)*, Norwegian Rune Elvik says: “In Norway, I believe all the most cost effective measures have been implemented - mandatory helmet use, strict licensing, engine tuning ban, daytime running lights for motorbikes. The question that needs to be raised now is whether there should be any place for these motorized toys in the transport system at all.”

On December 21, 2007 the Flemish parliament in Belgium was presented with the *E.T.S.C.* report as a basis for legislation on motorcycle safety. However the *Motorcycle Action Group (M.A.G.)* Belgium, with the support of members of parliament, defended the riders’ position by using the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations’ (F.E.M.A.)*, *European Agenda for Motorcycle Safety*, which highlights the importance of finding real solutions to improve the casualty rates for motorcyclists.

As a direct result of *M.A.G. Belgium’s* action, the *E.T.S.C.* report was rejected and instead, *M.A.G. Belgium’s* motorcycle-friendly program was adopted.

*Motorcycle Action Group—United Kingdom (M.A.G.-U.K.)* general secretary, Trevor Baird, said, “Motorcycling is under constant

threat from the european safety agenda. The introduction of this agenda has been thwarted in Belgium before it spreads further like a rash across *Europe. M.A.G.* will continue to protect motorcycling and defend riders’ rights from whatever quarter the threat comes.”

### Safer Cycling, Reports Government Study

According to the *Compendium of Motorcycle Statistics*, released by the *U.K. Department of Transport* in December 2007 (an annual set of figures released by the British government) motorcycle traffic rose by 37% from 1996-2006 while the number of killed or seriously injured (K.S.I.) crashes increased by just 8% (from 5,717 in 1996 to 6,151 in 2006).

The biggest factor is “failure to look properly”, a contributory factor in 15 percent of motorcycle crashes, followed by “loss of control” at 14 percent, and “failed to judge other persons path or speed” at 11 percent. “Careless, reckless, or in a hurry” also rates at 11 percent, but this doesn’t mean actually breaking the speed limit.

Despite U.K. government figures showing as many as 25 percent of riders go more than 10 m.p.h. over posted speed limits, “exceeding the speed limit” was jointly rated as the bottom contributory factor, alongside

“following too close”, also at four percent.

Other information in the report includes the fact that motorcycle riders are less likely than other road users to drink and drive, with just 1.5 percent of those tested failing breath tests, against an average of 1.9 percent for all road users.

### California Installs First-Ever Stop Sign Cameras

While red light and speed cameras are creeping into our traffic system, California has installed the first-ever automated camera in the U.S. designed to ticket drivers who make “boulevard stops” or slow to a crawl at a stop sign without fully ceasing forward motion.

The stop sign devices are based on red light camera cameras that photograph a vehicle entering an intersection if a signal light changes to red between 0.1 and 0.3 seconds after the car crosses a stop bar line. With the new stop sign cameras, a machine will make calculations to determine whether a vehicle did not stop for a long enough period and deserves a fine.

### Biker’s Son Snubbed By Military

When Jessi Lenti was eight years old, his father took him to Canada’s *Wonderland* where he dressed up like a little soldier and posed with a toy

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gun. "Dad, this is what I want to do," his father, Frank Lenti, recalls him saying at the amusement park north of Toronto. Now 23, Jessi has been rejected from joining the Canadian military because of his father's long-time association with outlaw biker clubs.

"I'm the criminal, so why punish him?" asked his 60-year-old father, formerly of the *Bandidos*, *Loners*, *Outlaws*, *Rebels*, *Diablos*, and *Satan's Choice* motorcycle clubs. Frank Lenti made his comments from the maximum-security wing of a Toronto-area jail.

Jessi's application for the military was supported by strong references from teachers. He also has a black belt in karate and no criminal record. "This is me," he said in an interview with the *Toronto Star* newspaper. "I'm myself. I'm not my father. Judge me for who I am."

He said he was shocked this summer when an officer in the *Canadian Forces* told him that he couldn't enlist because the *Canadian Security Intelligence Service* had concluded he was affiliated with organized crime. York regional police chief Armand La Barge said his force has never considered the young Lenti to have a criminal profile. "To the best of our knowledge, he has never been a member of an outlaw motorcycle gang and to the best of our knowledge, he has never been a member of an organized crime group or entity either," La Barge said.

Jessi is appealing his rejection to the *Canadian Human Rights Commission*.

**Toxic Tanning**

Imported leather products may be hazardous to your health, claims a December 29 report in the *News Journal*. With the reality of a global economy and different countries' approaches to regulation, cowboys, bikers, and other leather consumers need to be more aware of practices overseas and the journeys their exotic hides have made.

"Most of the leather that's for motorcyclists is from Pakistan," said Barney McCarthy, owner of *Barney's Leather* on North Beach Street in Daytona Beach, Florida. In Pakistan, the leather is tanned with lead-based chromium, which can be an environmental concern. "Overseas in Pakistan or China, people are getting really sick. They just pour all the chemicals in the water and people drink it," he said.

Tanning is the process that turns skin, which can decompose, into leather. It's done using natural or chemical additives, or a combination of the two. Most American leather is tanned overseas, so even if a product says "Made in the U.S.A.," that may just mean assembled here with leather treated elsewhere.

"The (*Environmental Protection Agency*) governs how we treat leather here, but not what comes in," he said. "That's why China can make toys with lead paint and they can come in here, but we could never make (the toys) like that."

America produces "the best cowhide in the world," but it's generally sent overseas to tan because domestic tanneries couldn't stay open. A few still work for shoe companies but that's all he knows of, McCarthy said. "People buying boots

from China. I'm wondering if it's like putting on toxic shoes," he said.

**Weird News**

**Vietnamese Bikers Terrorized By Elephants**

Three wild elephants that escaped from a wildlife preserve terrorized bikers in Vietnam, where motorcycles outnumber cars 9:1. The elephants crushed motorbikes in their path and stormed into residential houses.

In one reported attack, a biker transporting chickens had to abandon his motorcycle to escape, returning later to the carnage. "It was a frightening spectacle," said Nguyen Van Phong. "The motorbike was a pile of scrap iron and 20 birds were completely crushed in their cages. Nothing could prevent these animals from doing that."

**Quotable Quote**

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

— Plato  
(429-347 BC)  
Greek philosopher,  
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**Hub City**

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As run calendars fill up there will be no shortage of events to attend. Be sure to mark your calendar for the first weekend in June (June 7th to be exact) for the annual *Hub City Poker Run!* The plans have already started and it will be another great ride and good time!!

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**Josephine County**

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The board works hard to put on interesting runs and lively meetings. We hope to see more members coming out to the meetings this year. Pat Wine, our membership secretary, will work with coordinator Spanky to contact more of the members and try to get them to come to meetings and to remind everyone to renew their membership dues on time. At last count we had 155 paid up members, but only 15 in attendance at the January meeting.

See you all at S.T.E.A.M.

**Twin Rivers**

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that he and Willie had attended the funeral for Vic Voltz's brother. A good man who will be missed. Mike stated that the family is doing okay.

**Events**

**Summer run:** The site which was used last year, may not be available to us this year. We need to start looking for a new location. Coordinate with Yukon if you know of a site we might use. Also, discussion of the site in Washington may also not be available. More information in the future.

Shag mentioned and brought forth a motion to return *Summer Run* to the original dates in August. Item discussed and advertising in *Willamette Week* discussed. Motion agreed to and passed. *Southeast Portland Chapter* has already stated that if it were not changed, they would forge ahead on their own, without *Twin Rivers* assistance.

**Cabin Fever:** Bird will be writing thank you letters to the sponsors of *Cabin Fever* for their support and donations.

**Sweetheart Dance:** Bird stated that we need door prizes for this event. Please

check with him to see which sponsors have already responded so as not to tick them off and embarrass ourselves by asking multiple times. Bird also stated that this has happened in the past and he has been invited to leave some businesses establishments.

**Old Business**

Rotten Roger and Joan McCarty to receive \$100 each from *Downed Rider Fund*. This had been agreed to at the last meeting. Yukon will deliver the funds.

**New Business**

Motion from Bird to increase the funding for ways and means from \$150 to \$200 for the *Sweetheart Dance*. This to be a one-time action. Passed.

Motion from Willie to mail cards to the membership, one time, to remind them of our meetings and invite them to attend. Passed

Announcements: Various events.  
 Adjourned at 1442 hours.

Submitted by  
 Grace and Randy

**Willamette Valley**

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a definite answer.

Bob Lowell our chaplain told us how well our Christmas Family appreciated the food, clothing, and gifts were received. He then asked us if we are ready for the riding season that is fast closing in on us. Things like tires, regular bike servicing, how about your brakes, when's the last time you checked your tire pressures. Chad of *Westriders* bought up that in all the years he's been servicing bikes, a high percentage of them come in with very low air pressure, like front 10 -15 pounds and 20

pounds in the rear tires. Your tires should always be around manufactures specifications. Check your owner manuals. He usually likes to set them about four pounds under specified cold pressure.

Bob had also brought a wedding cake for our newlyweds, Randy and Karen, that he officiated for them. But they didn't show. Sure was great cake though!

We closed our meeting with a pass around of our *Downed Rider Fund*, then had our regular chapter drawings.

Brian Smith's name was drawn for \$50. Not present.

The 50/50 went to Chad West for \$15.

Next chapter meeting February 21st.

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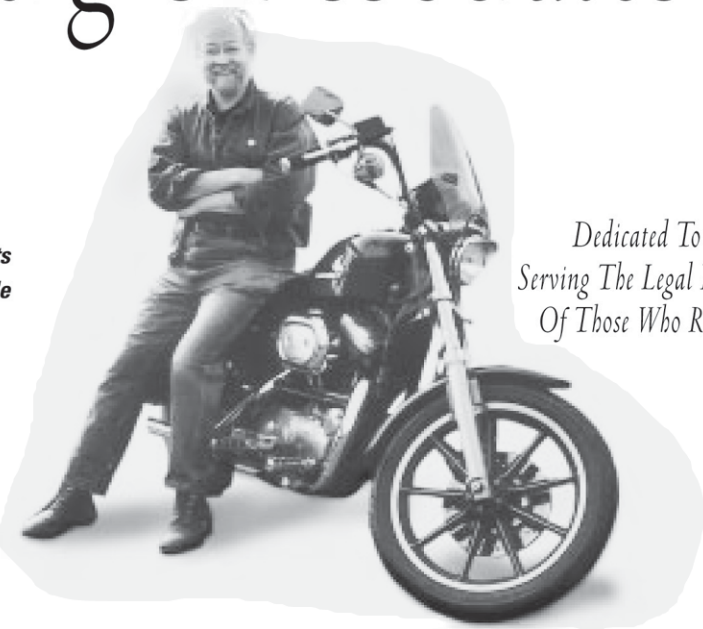
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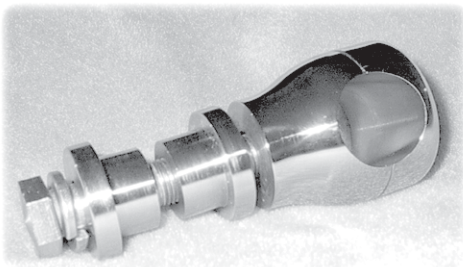
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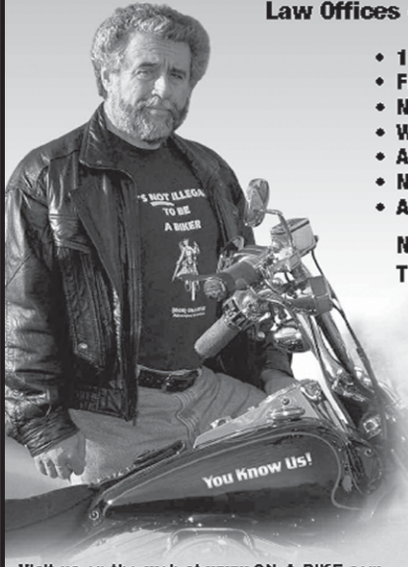
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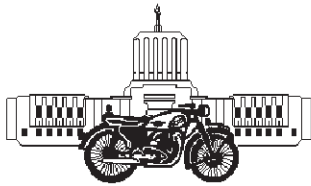
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Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X	X						
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence					X	X		
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton							X	

### South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point							X	
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay							X	
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X	X	
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X			X	X	

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**Is Your Road List Entry Correct?**  
**Please call (503)-838-6893 if your information changes.**

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

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

If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to [statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net](mailto:statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net), or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

name:                                      phone number:                                      location:

P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
I	O	A	H	N	E	A	O
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K	L	A	T	O	L	G	
U	S	G	O	S	I		
P	E						N'

South Coast area (continued)									
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X		
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X	
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Portland area									
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X		X
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X	
Southern Oregon area									
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-0686	Roseburg					X		
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X
Washington County area									
Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Willamette Valley area									
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X



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**Willamette Valley area ( continued )**

Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X X X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X X	X X	X		
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X X X	X X X			
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X X X	X X X X			
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X X X	X X X X			
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X	X X	X		
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X X X	X X X		
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X		X X		
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X X X	X X X X			
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X X X	X X X X			
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alnaby	X X X	X X X X X X			
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X X X	X X X X			
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X X X	X X X			
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X	X	X		
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X	X	X		

**other areas**

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X X X X X X X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X X X X X X X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X X X X X X

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Entry Correct?**

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if your information changes.

**Dumped Yer Scoot?**



**Maybe it's time for a  
Team Oregon class.**

*(And A.B.A.T.E. pays half the cost.)*

**Oregon Road Maintenance Phone  
Numbers for State and Interstate  
Highways**

**Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)**

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

- Region 1 (Portland and metro area) (503)-731-8200
- Region 2 (Salem and northwest Oregon) (503)-986-2600
- Region 3 (Roseburg and southwest Oregon) (541)-957-3500
- Region 4 (Bend and central Oregon) (541)-388-6180
- Region 5 (LaGrande and eastern Oregon) (541)-963-3177

Road and weather information:

**1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)**

web site:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

# HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

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

### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ a m / pm

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

### You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

# Member's Classified Advertisements

**For Sale**

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**For Sale**

**Wanted**

2000 *Harley-Davidson Road King*, black with hard leather bags, crash bar, factory tach, removable windshield, 20,600 miles. Ready to ride! **\$12,000**. Jim (503)-750-6047 (May 2008)

Free adult dogs. We have rescued a bunch of mini-doxies and they need good homes. They are adult females, ages 2-5 years with different colors and hairstyles. Please call (541)-487-5570 (Albany area) if you are interested. They are healthy and family-oriented. (They like people.) We just can't hold onto this many dogs. These are dogs are free to anyone who would like a great addition to their family, ride in their big rig, playmate for their kids, or even just as a pet. Help us save them from destruction by the county and adopt one or more. Great gift!

(Mar 2008)

1980 *Evo* system heads, intake for S&S "E" carb, 10:1 pistons, 0.010 w/cylinders **\$750**  
561 S&S cam **\$100**  
Tapered adjustable *Reu-Tech* pushrods **\$80**  
*Jim's* roller rockers **\$350**  
Less than 2,000 miles on parts, will take **\$1,100** for all. For info call (541)-472-0924 (southern Oregon area)

(Mar 2008)

2005 custom built softail, flat black paint with special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked 21 inch front wheel with bright red ring on outer edge. Custom 18 inch stainless steel rear wheel with stainless steel diamond style spokes with 170 series Avon tire. Powder-coated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34 degree rake and 2-inch stretch. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powder-coated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powder-

coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. **\$12,500** or best offer. Pictures available on *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site in classified ads. Call (503)-257-7390

(Apr 2008)

1977 *Shovelhead FLH*. 4,000 miles on rebuilt engine. B-grind cam, oil cooler, extra parts, original fiberglass. \$9,000 Springfield (541)-736-0242 or (541)-554-4795

(Apr 2008)

**Seeking Parts? Or That Special Bike?**  
Reach over 2,000 folks with their own little personal treasure troves who may be willing to part with them if you cross their palms with silver. (Or paper or plastic.) Wanted ads are another one of your perks as a member of Oregon *A.B.A.T.E.* Aren't you glad you joined us?  
(No business ads, please. This is personal.)

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 43)

## March Cryptogram

ZIRXO WH EAMHWLP MOP LEER.

DFIZWCB HEZP EFL LPHWRP

IH ZIC MARCH ACPIHWFN DREZ OWH DWRP.

— LIUWL ZxXERL

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

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

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

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play. Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements. *Note: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements.*

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V/F)  
or  
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att. Member Ads  
P.O. box 4504  
Portland, Oregon 97208



<b>Position/Name:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>NOTE: (c) = cell phone FAX #:</b>
<b>COORDINATOR</b>	1-(800)-xxx-xxxx (state-wide)		
Matt Price	(503) 463-4003		
<b>VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH</b>			
Heidi Disrud	(503)-951-8644 (c)	Heidi@midvalleycycles.com	
<b>VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH</b>			
Annette Murray	(541)-679-7668	SportyGirl59@hotmail.com	
<b>VICE-COORDINATOR EAST</b>	(541)-933-3725(c)		
Gene Mortimore	(541)-993-3725 (c)	mortimoreeloise@yahoo.com	
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>			
Linda Henderson	(503)-615-3101	jimandlinda802@verizon.net	
<b>SECRETARY</b>			
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<b>LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR</b>			
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<b>SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH</b>			
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<b>SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH</b>			
Bill Foster	(541)-942-7039		
<b>SGT-AT-ARMS EAST</b>			
Art Schultz			
<b>PRODUCTS DIRECTOR</b>			
Dave Meeker	(503)-985-0233	P.O. box 563; Gaston, OR 97119	
<b>EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1</b>			
Patricia Carner	(503)-671-0124	patriciahdgal@msn.com	
<b>EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2</b>			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>			
Debra Lutje			
<b>FOSSIL COORDINATOR</b>	(503)-325-4376		
Howie Long	(503)-791-2862 (c)	hll@pacifier.com	
<b>SWAP MEET COORDINATOR</b>			
Willie Sanders	(503)-249-8791		
<b>RUN COORDINATOR-2</b>			
Jeff Schauer			
<b>HISTORIAN</b>			
Mary Burnett	(541)-259-3860		
<b>RUN SANCTIONING</b>			
[ Refer sanctioning requests to Matt Price, state coordinator ]			
<b>WEB PAGE EDITOR</b>			
Trace Ceccacci			
<b>QUARTERMASTER</b>			
Robert Hale	(503)-314-2518		
<b>BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE</b>			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
<b>CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1</b>			
Pat Williams	(360)-852-8890	PatWilliams55@aol.com	
<b>CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2</b>			
Ray DeMelo	(503)-551-8627	redvtwin79@yahoo.com	

(Return address on reverse side)

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

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (tape bottom edge)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Members in Same Household:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Annual Rates:</b>	
___ Individual membership	\$25
___ Couple membership	\$30
___ Family membership	\$35
___ Lifetime membership	\$250

Total number of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send completed application to:

**Membership Secretary**  
**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
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PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**

PORTLAND, OREGON  
PERMIT No. 3142

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL**

There was a leprechaun named Michael,  
Who rode on a motorized bike'l,  
Then an Irish beauty,  
Asked him for his duty,  
And we're quite sure that, sober, Mike'll.  
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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 March 2008 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> )	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Willie D's</i> ; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1000 (10 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&amp;M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	1300 (1 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	1930 (7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard;	(541)-688-4268