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March 2009
(Sorry it's late - editor sick)

Oregon's Own "Wild Ones"

Motorcycling has been a part of Oregon history since the early twentieth century. Initially folks were still getting around on wagon roads and horse trails. Paved roads wouldn't become widespread until the automobile had firmly established itself in society. So those early bikes and riders had to be a pretty rugged lot.

As can be seen from the photo at the right, by 1937 motorcycles were well accepted by Oregon's youth. In fact, the rider on the left, Elmer Atrops, has been involved with motorcycles most of his life. He recently celebrated his ninetyeth birthday with a gathering of family and friends that featured a motorcycle-themed cake. He is still vigorous and has plenty of tales about motorcycling in Oregon.

We need to seek out folks like Elmer and listen to what they have to tell us latter day riders. They demonstrate, contrary to what some have us believe, that motorcycle riders can have long, productive, enriched lives. They are our inspiration.



Elmer Atrops and Clair Wetzel in 1937 aboard their bikes outside the Sherwood country store.

Clair's bike on the right is reputed to be cobbled together from a couple of Indian frames and a Henderson engine. Hey, it rides.

We hope the young man in back of them doesn't have any plans for mating the object he's holding with an exhaust pipe.

And they have a lot of common sense knowledge of what works and what doesn't for Oregon riding.

So begin really listening to the stories of our earlier brothers and sisters, take notes, write out their stories, share with others. This is one way we can build up our

awareness of our place in Oregon's motorcycling history. And it will help the riders who come after us to understand and appreciate the work, effort, and joy of Oregon's pioneering motorcyclists.



Here is a wiser, mature Elmer astride his 1951 Panhead a few years ago. If you ever find yourself putting through Sherwood (like for the Robin Hood festival) keep a lookout for Elmer and stop to chat with him. He's been ridin' longer than many of us have been on the planet, so he's got lots of interesting stories to share.



Elmer Atrops' 90th birthday cake.

**Photos of Oregon's
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Celebration
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*,

Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

The roots of A.B.A.T.E. and biker's rights run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of freedom of the road.
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Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

A	A	
	Single entity.	
B	BROTHERHOOD	
	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association	
A	AGAINST	
	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.	
T	TOTALITARIAN	
	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.	
E	ENACTMENTS	
	To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.	

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Jordan Kelley
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"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual."

— Thomas Jefferson

Wonderful ideas in mind, not making it to print

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

Welcome back C.O.

The holidays are over and gone.
The in-laws are gone also.
Time to have a beer or two!

First just want say a big thank you to Jay-Bird for a job well done last year as coordinator for *Central Oregon Chapter*. Hope I can do the same.

For the new people who are out there, my name is Animal (Larry), the new coordinator for

Central Oregon Chapter. In the saddle for 40 years, Army for three years, *Central Oregon Chapter* for 19 years. Time goes by fast.

Well anyway this year is going to be kick-ass (can I say that?)* in *Central Oregon Chapter*. New faces and new ideas, new riders! So grab those apes-drag-bars or what ever you put your hands on and get ready for a great time in *Central Oregon Chapter*.

Okay, now for the fun stuff.

We will be having color this year for our teddy bear run t-shirts and



also t-tops for the ladies! Yes, don't we love T-tops so we can see the new ink work the ladies have on them.

We will be having our roadside clean-up on Sunday, May 9th this year. More on this as we get closer to that date.

Also we changed the date for the *M.R.F.* run to the 27th of June. Hopefully the weather will be warmer, but as we all know it can change any time around here.

Well, more ideas in my head so better close for now. Plus this is my first newspaper article, so better send it in to the office over the hill

So again I want to say thank you Jay-Bird for a job well done!

Also just want to say this will be a fun year in *Central Oregon Chapter*.

— Animal
coordinator

* [You already did. — c.o.e.]

**CENTRAL OREGON MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**
2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
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Bend, Oregon
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Greetings from *Douglas County Chapter*,

Well, we have our chapter meetings late in the month, so our news is always a little behind times. Add to that the secretary, me, was gone during our last meeting. I went to Tennessee for the grandson's 5th birthday. Imagine, missing our chapter meeting for that?

We are getting things together and planning our calendar for the the ride season.

Remember our *Thundering Water Poker Run* in June. We'll announce the date soon.

Last week a wonderful bunch of folks, the "South [Douglas] County Cew" as they like to be called, put on a benefit for Mike and Belva Button. It was well attended by our local members and many of the riders in our community. Many of you may know Mike and Belva. They have been around *A.B.A.T.E.* since the birth of *A.B.A.T.E.* and *Team Oregon*. Mike's life membership number is seven! Mike has been suffering from some health problems

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and they are doing their best to make ends meet. If anyone could please help by making a contribution, you can send it in care of the:

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Mike is also a master tattooist and many of us carry his ink. Any help from the *A.B.A.T.E.* family would be greatly appreciated.

The annual bike blessing, hosted by Praying Warriors, Bikers for Christ, Christian Motorcyclists Association, and others is scheduled for palm Sunday, April 5th at the Stewart Park pavillion at 11 a.m. Please plan to attend as it is open to all riders, all brands. There will be music, coffee, snacks, and the opportunity to get you and your ride prayed for. Getting ready for a safe ride season.

More to come,
Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**



Watch the calendar! Things will be coming up faster than you think. It's March now and soon we'll be having the *May Awareness Rally* (May 2). A couple of weeks later we'll all meet again at *Fossil*.

Two weeks after that (June 6) will be the *Annual Hub City Poker Run*. That has proven to be a classic. Leaves *Humpy's Dump* (916 Old Salem Road NE, Albany, 10 a.m.) A lot of work goes into making sure everyone has a good time and hey, it's only \$5 a hand!

Remember fun? Well, it's still alive and well at *Hub City Chapter*. See our web site: <http://www.hubcityabate.com> for more info. (By the way, my thanks to Don for a kickass web site.)

Another example of the active *Hub City Chapter* mindset is the action going on right

now at the capitol with the *Vulnerable User Bill*. If you're not familiar with that one, let me remind you: a couple of years ago, a bill went through that established set penalties for drivers convicted of injuring a "vulnerable" user. "Vulnerable user" was defined as anyone on a horse, a scooter (non legally licensed motorcycle), a tricycle, a bicycle, walking, driving a tractor, jogging, etc. Just about anyone and anything that wasn't a crash tested cage. You can see that the list is long.

Motorcyclists were specifically left off this bill, as there weren't seen to be in the same category as these other "vulnerable" users.

Well, that left the thought that if we weren't so vulnerable, why did we have to wear a helmet?

We called our representative, Andy Olson. He showed up at a meeting and had a good discussion with us. It was interesting and, dare I say it, fun.

Andy is a former Oregon state police officer and a fellow motorcyclist. He agreed that we had a good point, both legally and ethically. He also made the point that we would stand a much better chance of amending the vulnerable user law than we would removing the helmet law. *Hub City Chapter* agreed. Positive movement is what we're after, right?

When the current session opened in Salem, Andy already had written the bill, found a co sponsor for the amended bill and has started it through the channels bills go through right now. I look forward to how this turns out. *A.B.A.T.E.* will be following this one to see where we can work to develop support and be there to help when the time comes.

My real point of this story is that this is a good example of *A.B.A.T.E.* doing something: Following our mission statement.

See, it can be done! We must focus on these gains, not the drudgery. Smile!

We all hate to sit through the occasional long meeting, or trying to stay focused as someone is wandering through his or her report. It's part of the price we pay for trying to have something to say about how our lives are run. When the bills get action, or even considered at this point is part of the reward we're after. Others paid with blood to give

us this freedom.

Savor it and be proud.

Tell your fellow members! Tell your fellow non-members even more. Make sure all the riders you run into know that by default, they benefit from *A.B.A.T.E.*, which is you! Be proud of the benefit you build for your fellow humans. Offer them a chance to be a part of it.

When you see a problem, find out who your representative is, invite them to a meeting, and open a path of discussion. Personal involvement is what it's going to take, people.

Now, back to that
Vulnerable User Bill...

Simba

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 Fifth Street
Albany

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Hello once again!

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

It's been hovering around 70 degrees the last few days in a row here in Lincoln county but the rain started this afternoon. I suppose everything needs water.

Our 27th Anniversary Party and Long John Poker Run has been set for March 28th at the American Legion Hall post #116. Sign-ups for the poker run will be from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., with a spaghetti diner to be held at 6 p.m. Good luck to those who play poker. Hope to see everyone for dinner.

Boy, what a difference a few days makes! I started this blurb on February 8th when it was warm and sunny. Today it's February 12th and it snowed like crazy in Newport today! Took some great pictures.

La Nina – always so moody.

Well, as always pushing the deadline to the limit. (Sorry crusty ol' editor and everybody else.)

Talk at you next month.

Ride safe,
— Shirley



LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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We had a good January meeting.

It has been six months now since we became a chapter. Lots of trial and error getting use to the way things are supposed to be done.

We've changed meeting places. As some of you know, we are now at *Colvin's Pub & Grill*. (Still mixed feelings about that.) We'll probably have a vote next meeting, so if you show up for a *Lower Columbia Chapter* meeting and it doesn't look like a gathering, go across the street.

We spoke of the success of our food and toy drive that netted lots of food and many toys for *H.O.P.E.* of Rainier, and *Turning Point* of Clatskanie.

The bulk of our meeting was all about our upcoming crab feed. This being our first real event and our fund raiser, we have been getting a lot of support from our local businesses. We are about down to show time and I can't say enough about our members. It seems like everyone wants to help out in some way or another. Ticket sales have been good and there has been a good competition between members as to the amount of tickets sold. Anyway it should be a good

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dinner. (Hope we saw you there.)

Willy Brown (vice coordinator and head of our spring run committee) stated that all is well with plans for the spring run. The run has been sanctioned for May 9th. Hope to see you there.

Washington County Chapter had representatives at the meeting looking for support of a multi-chapter run. We look forward to being able to work with other chapters in the future. We're appreciative of the support we've gotten from some of you old timers. Thanks for your help.

If you happen down U.S. 30 or highway 47 in this false spring we're having, watch out for the pot holes. And there is plenty of loose gravel on

the road to go around.

That's about it for now about us.

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Saturdays at 1430 (2:30 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill

123 N. Nehalem

Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast



North Coast Chapter is business as usual.

Our first meeting of the year went very well.

Our new officers took off where our past officers left off.

The biggest issue on the agenda was changing our meeting date. Due to conflicts with the 4th Sunday and holidays and runs it was discussed and decided to change the date to the 3rd Sunday, same time (10 a.m.) It seemed our best option and was voted in.

There was also discussion on how to reward two local businesses who support our motorcycle rights. *Mary Todd's Workers Bar & Grill* and the *Astoria Moose Lodge* go out of their

way to work with us on our excellent runs, meetings, and events.

Also on the plate was the discussion on our affiliation with the state and *BikePAC*, and how to support them.

As a state representative involved in many state efforts and a past chapter officer, I see both worlds.

I believe bikers need to see the big picture.

We can't get our message out there just on the chapter level. We need to work and support all levels.

I don't think bikers on the chapter level understand what happens on the state and national level.

We are all one. Bikers need to venture out of their cocoons, get their wings on and ride. Go to venues

outside of the chapter scene. There are excellent ways of achieving this.

- Go to state meetings, attend S.T.E.A.M., volunteer at the swap meets, and *Fossil*.

- Check out *N.C.O.M.* and *M.R.F.*

Talk to your state rep on how to get started. If they don't know they will find out.

Happy birthday, Oregon.

Homegrown Howie

NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1000 (10 am)

Moose Lodge

1427 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **River City**

January 20, 2009

Larry led the meeting tonight in Rick's absence. We had a lengthy state board of directors report, with discussion. We also started our *Avon* teddy bear sale.

Brian won the 50/50 and donated his share back to the chapter. Bob won the membership drawing for \$5 and donated that back to the chapter, too. Thanks, guys.

We have a highway cleanup coming up soon.

— Brian

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February 3, 2009

We had a very short meeting tonight.

It is cold and quiet here in eastern Oregon, but the sun came out for a while today and I got in a short ride. It is almost time to start looking for those first wildflowers. I'm on it!

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Ways and means report: Avon bear sale in full swing

Planned rides: May rally, Fourth of July meeting.



Upcoming meetings

March 03, 2009

March 17, 2009

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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The Dalles, OR 97058

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Panhead Ric.

Salem Chapter received a thank you note from the Jefferson fire department for our donations. Sheryl Forrest and Mersha Studer are responsible for the biker nights held in Aumsville and Jefferson. Our thanks goes out to them for their hard work at these events. Thank you to all our supporters and attendees.

Salem Chapter membership is at 99 members. We have lost at least 50 in the last year.

The proposed budget was passed around for review and comment. The *Team Oregon* line got the most attention at \$10,000 and seemed out of line. The present balance of our finances stand at \$570.70.

At present we have the following officers:

- Coordinator – Quiet
- Sgt at arms – Panhead Ric
- Treasurer – Rick Disrud
- Secretary – Fish
- Membership – Heidi Disrud
- State representative – Quiet

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



These are trying times for a lot of people. The government can smell the fear that is in the air. They will push their own agenda as the time is ripe and folks are more concerned with more pressing problems at home.

Eric Holder as U.S attorney general should let you know where this country is headed.

Prepare yourself and teach your children the meaning of liberty. Do not let the government schools do this for you. They fear you. That is why they slowly erode your rights.

Do not fell the tree at the trunk, instead one leaf at a time.

Imperceptible.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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

Hello there to all you good people,

There has not been too much activity to report on this time.

Southeast Portland Chapter has their

Second Annual Musician's Food Drive Benefit coming up on the same day as S.T.E.A.M. Both will have already happened before this report hits your hands. We hope to see a lot of you at the benefit. Go to S.T.E.A.M. and get energized, and then putt on over to the *M&M* and relax to some great tunes and help us raise some money for our food delivery.

So, have any of you checked out the chapter web site or the *Run 21* site? If you haven't, you should! Jim Niece is doing an awesome job for us a chapter web master. When you're on the *Run 21* site, get your tickets. They are now available there or you can ask a *Southeast* member if they have any checked out and get one live. Tickets are limited due to space and forecast attendance, so your best bet is to buy in advance.

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009



Southeast Portland Chapter lost a beloved member, Terry Schafer. Terry was always there to offer a hand if he was able or even just a word of encouragement to anyone in need. God speed Terry. Ride free.

Our chapter members names drawn for the past two meetings are; Alan Wicker who lost out on \$90 and Ammine Chamberlain who lost out on \$95.

Love and respect,

— Mammy Tami



S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Twin Rivers

Hello again from *Twin Rivers Chapter*,

All the new officers are finally settled into their new positions.

By the time you read this, the *Twin Rivers Sweetheart Dance* will be done for another year. Hopefully it was a success.

It's still early in the year yet and there's still a lot of work to be done.

There are bills in Salem that we need to be concerned with. All *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters from all over Oregon need to come together and let our legislators know what our thoughts are on them.

Remember: We are part of this organization to fight for a cause — our rights and freedoms as motorcycle enthusiasts that lawmakers seem to want to take away. So let's pull together and fight.

Again our membership is down. *Twin Rivers Chapter* has 136 members. (By the way, where are all of our 136 members? Come to a meeting!) Let's build our



membership back up to where it once was.

That's it for now. Talk to ya next month.

Please come to a meeting!

TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

Spare Room

NE 42 nd street -- Portland
(503)-285-3718

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

Well, our new officers are rolling up their sleeves and our run committee is in full swing.

Our first event is coming up on Saturday, April 4 at the *Hillsboro Elks Lodge*. (Same location as S.T.E.A.M.) It's our annual birthday party, with silent and live auctions, balloon pop, and door prizes. This year's theme is *Mardi Gras*, with dinner available before the music starts. *Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers* will keep us dancing all night long! Please plan to join us for a fantastic time. See the flyer in this issue for more details.

At this writing, we are 288 members strong . . . or are we? Yes, we're proud to have that many members. But like many organizations, only about 25-35% of our members actively attend meetings and events. So we're embarking on a membership and retention drive this year. We hope to not only increase our membership, but increase the participation of our current membership. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come on out and see what we're working on this year.

Our chapter is only as strong as our individual members, and *A.B.A.T.E.* as a whole is only as strong as its chapters. Let's do what we can to build each other up and further the mission of this worthy organization.

On that note, *Washington County Chapter* would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest chapter, *Lower Columbia!* Several of our members have attended *LoCo* meetings and look forward to supporting their events this year. In fact, we're looking forward to getting to as many other chapter events as possible and invite you all to do the same.

As always, the latest news and information about

Washington County Chapter can be found at our web site: <http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm)

Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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(503)-643-4725

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Cornelius, OR 97113

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

2009 is a new year for *Willamette Valley Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* and as the promoter/activities coordinator I would like to place my two cents in the pot. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* in past years (from its beginning until now) has fought for the rights of motorcyclists as well as help the motorcycle community become what it is. It has given a much needed political voice to a group who rides the highways and is rarely seen in the public eye.

Motorcycle safety and education is another strong issue that is supported and even started from this group.

Every chapter is a little different and the unions formed are like family. Good, bad, and ugly sometimes happens, but family is family and sometimes all don't get along but life goes on in each chapter.

This year I intend to hopefully inspire other folks to join our chapter. I joined this chapter a few years ago and found the people in it unique and special. I never found this out until I started going to the meetings and becoming physically involved. Going

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



to meetings and the chapter socials is one way to meet these people and get to know them.

I encourage any and all motorcycle enthusiasts, whether you ride a *Harley-Davidson, Suzuki, Honda*, or any other make and model of the two or three wheeled variety, to join. All are welcome, even folks who do not own a motorcycle yet but want to be involved. This year should be an awesome year as our group has decided to put fun back in our chapter. Our coordinator, Michael Taylor, is looking forward to more fun times and has given me enthusiasm for the riding season coming up.

Becoming a member isn't just about paying your yearly dues. It's also about becoming involved with the meetings, social event, going to rallies and runs together as a chapter, and really making a difference with the presence of so many. These are

moments you will remember and enjoy for the rest of your life.

Additional officer list for 2009

Vice-coordinator – Jeff Schauer
Legislative director – (Open)
Rhody coordinator – Wendy Taylor
Newsletter editor – (Open)
Sergeant-at-arms – Matt Swartz
Road captain/run director – Matt Swartz
Historian – Rod Hatter
Photographer – Losten Schauer
Ways and means officer – Lyn Maish

The new chapter location is at *Far Man Restaurant and Bar* at 3111 Gateway street in Springfield (across from the old meeting place at *Sizzler's*). February meeting is the 19th. Meetings are at 7 p.m. until further notice.

Hope to see ya there!

Safe journeys,

Sunny Hatter

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Far Man Restaurant and Bar
3111 Gateway; Springfield

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Rod Hatter
(541)-744-2494

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

14 February 2009 – Eagles' Lodge; Albany, Oregon

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, state coordinator, at 12:09 p.m. with 10 of 13 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote. Chapters that are out of compliance will be given until the March meeting to be in compliance. Next month out of compliance will result in voting privileges being revoked. Chapters not present at this meeting were *Josephine County, Salem, Lower Columbia*.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Report on the loss of a brother, Terry Schaffer. He was a member of *Southeast Portland Chapter* and died last Saturday. He will be missed by many.

Guests and first time attendees: Jim Waggoner (*Douglas County Chapter* coordinator) and Gloria (*Washington County Chapter*) were present.

Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) to accept minutes from January 10th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Janie Waggoner (*Douglas County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley thanked everyone for being here today. There are a lot of faces this meeting, compared to last month. He made references to his statement in the state newspaper and that we need to really support *BikePAC* as they are our legislative arm. We can support them even more by joining as a member of *BikePAC* and every bit helps. He also stated that he hopes to see everyone at S.T.E.A.M. and that he has never seen anyone who wasn't motivated after hearing "Slider" Gilmore's presentation. He also stated that if anyone needs a place to stay, they can contact him directly and he will try to find them a place with one of our memberships. We all have a couch or an extra bedroom that we wouldn't mind sharing for a night or two. Especially in these hard economic times, we need to look out for one another.

Secretary report and correspond-

ence: There are some periodicals for anyone who wants to see what the rest of the country is up to.

There were some handouts in each packet for each chapter. Nic said that he forgot to put this one in last month's packets. Nic read a letter from the *Sturgis Motorcycle Museum* regarding nominations for their 2009 *Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame*. If you want a nomination form go to

christine@sturgismuseum.com or to their web site at

<http://www.sturgismuseum.com>

Nic also read a very inflammatory letter that was sent to the *Goldendale Sentinel* in Washington state which they printed in their *Letters From The Community* section of their newspaper. Nic stated that he and Debra Lutje (state public relations director) had written letters to refute that letter. They also warned that if *A.B.A.T.E.* member identify themselves as being members, then they must be careful to present an appropriate response. Debra's and Nic's letters are available by writing to them at their e-mail addresses (in the state newspaper) and could be used as guidelines. Debra read hers but Nic forgot to bring his.

Vice coordinator-north: Ted Tracy opened by asking that everyone silence their cell phones. He asked that officer reports be kept short and concise and asked that comments and questions wait until the end and be recognized by the chair. He said that he is going to try and follow parliamentary procedures. Jordan remarked that we tend to stretch those procedures a bit without too much damage.

Vice coordinator-south: Annette Murray – Excused due to health. Janie Waggoner (*Douglas County Chapter*) gave her report. Janie asked that we remember that Annette was in a bike wreck a while back and is still having problems. Janie reported that Annette plans to get in touch with *Josephine County* and *Willamette Valley* chapters very soon.

Vice coordinator-east: Gene Mortimore reported that he got the two year contract for Bear Hollow and he has been working on the park



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

to get it ready for *Fossil*. Any volunteers would be welcome as there is plenty to do before our run.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple reported that we currently have \$1,700 in checking, \$12,000 in savings and a \$3,000 eight-month CD. She reported that we have a bill from the I.R.S. totaling \$1,900 so far. She also reported that she still needs stuff from a couple of chapters for 2007. If this is not cleared up then the chapter will be suspended from the state umbrella and have to face the I.R.S. on their own for 2007 stuff.

Linda Henderson pointed out that the two old chapters that now make up *Twin Rivers Chapter* still have some items that did not follow along with other parts. So some stuff is missing.

Ted Tracy remarked that they could be in the chapter trailer and at the run site. A lot of *Northeast Portland Chapter* stuff has been sent and others have not.

Lee Austin presented a check to the state from *Southeast Portland Chapter* for last year's *Run 21* in the amount of \$784, which was the 10% from the run. It was also mentioned that any old check that has not cleared should have a stop-check put on it and a new check issued. There seem to be checks out that have not been negotiated.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson reported that we currently have 1,720 members. She also asked that all chapter membership secretaries try and keep their membership addresses as current as possible and not to forget to notify the state of any changes in address or if they die.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price (Excused) Report turned in and read by Jordan.

Sanctioning report

All current applications have had certificates issued. All applications have to include the chapter mailing address to expedite handling. All applications must be on the three-page form updated on the web site. All posters submitted for approval must be in MS Word or PDF format in order to forward them for publication. Generic word processors that cannot be read will not qualify. The

fact of stating repeated that MS Word or PDF is necessary for retransmission over the past year has gone unnoticed by some chapter representatives whose run coordinators are completely unaware of this requirement. Since posters are generated digitally on computers, it should be relatively easy to send them to sanctioning in this form.

Note: Applications, hard copy, should be sent to:

Sanctioning: Matthew Price

5196 Arcade Ave. NE

Keizer; OR 97303

Mail sent to the Portland P.O. box specifically addressed to sanctioning has been opened and further delayed enroute.

The issue of opened mail was discussed. Nic and Linda, who go through the mail, stated that this is a normal and necessary process to ensure that the mail goes to the right person, not to a previous officer or wrong director altogether.

State auditor: Richard Misener reported that two reports look real good right now. They are *Southeast Portland Chapter* and *Lincoln County Chapter*. They look to be current and in good shape.

Reminded all chapter representatives to let their chapter treasurer know that all reports sent to the state treasurer must also be sent to him. He said that he is willing to help any chapter with keeping things working smoothly and they can contact him at his e-mail address of RAMPDX1@aol.com or his phone at (541)-739-2879 or through the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site.

State newspaper editor: Rot Path showed pictures of the state of Oregon's seven-layer cake that was at the capitol today to celebrate this state's 150th birthday. He also let people know that they could go to the capitol and get a piece of that cake if they wished.

Since there was no representative from *Josephine County Chapter*, Rot said that he could not tell then that their chapter report was missing and won't be in the March state newspaper.

U.R.L. for all the state newsmagazines/papers since February 2002 will be in the next newspaper. They are available in PDF.

He asked that all flyers be sent to him in JPG format as there are so many versions of *MS Word* that is

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unlikely he can open everything sent in that format. Noted that *Word* is primarily designed for office networking and doesn't work well sending files over the internet or via e-mail.

Rot Path was asked about the accuracy of the road list and he stated that he only puts in what he gets. He does not check for accuracy of the road list as that is up to the people themselves.

Legislative director: Justin Handke reported on HR-45, which is a gun bill to have firearms removed from persons.

Reported that we should support HR-17, which is in support of the second amendment.

He also reported that passengers of vehicles or bikes could be frisked without their permission. Justin put out a request for all chapter legislative officers send him an e-mail with their phone numbers.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps reported that he will be going to the storage unit on Monday with Pat C. and invites anyone interested to join him across from *Stark's Lawn and Garden* on the Tualatin-Sherwood highway

Sergeant at arms-south: Bill Foster had no report to give at this time.

Sergeant at arms-east: Jim Middleton (Excused)

Products director: Dave Meeker asked that any chapter needing rockers to let him know. Dave has a list available of his items.

He will continue the *BikePAC* 50/50 at the state board of directors meetings.

There will be year bars at *Fossil* and for other chapter uses.

The t-shirt designs are due next month.

Education director: Patricia Carner presented to the state board of directors the signs that she has had made. There are three different designs and they look great! She asked that they be put out where they can be seen but to do it correctly, obey local laws. A \$5 donation is asked for each sign. There may be more coming, depends on grant request status.

S.T.E.A.M. is on for officer training.

Justin (A.B.A.T.E. state legislative officer) is going to be teaming up with Nic Oliver (interim director of *BikePAC*) to help with teaching about the issues that we are facing this session and how to be active. Proactive action is much better than a reaction.

Ted pointed out that the speaker, "Slider" Gilmore is the number one E.M.T. for motorcyclists.

The sample posters that were sent to each chapter for review will have the final corrected posters available at S.T.E.A.M.

Education director II: Geoff White (Excused) Pat reported that there is a class for our M.A.P. that is coming up at David Douglas high school.

Public relations director: Debra Lutje reported that her complaint about the *Mucinex* commercial resulted in a letter, which was typical bull, and two 50 cent coupons.

She spoke again about the letter from the *Goldendale Sentinel* and to write them if you wish.

She also reported on the eastern Oregon map project. She reported that we have a small ad now for free and will get a large one as soon as one is available. Great project and good work.

State run coordinator (Fossil):
< vacant >

State run coordinator II: Howie Long reported that everything is moving forward for *Fossil Run 2009*. There have been some changes made that will make things better.

- There is a new route planned for the poker run.

- There is going to be a \$5 night on Sunday night for the local people to join our celebration.

- There will also be more accountability for the finances this year. Any and all bills must be sent to Howie and he will give them to Kay for processing.

Posters will be available very soon and every chapter will get about 25 of them for distribution and display. Flyers are available on the web site. The tickets are almost done and the half page flyers are done and available.

Things needed from *each* chapter:

- Five door prizes.
- Five gallons gas for the generator
- Trash bags (very large ones)

- Toilet paper

The *Fossil* run committee meets at 11 a.m., just before the state board of directors. Everyone is welcome.

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner reported that Washington has their swap meet on March 28th.

The armory personnel are being deployed and the armory is unavailable for our April date. She asked if we wanted to find a new site? If so, we need a site that has indoor, outdoors, and is secure so that we can control entries and exits.

She also asked about having it the last weekend in May. (Right after *Fossil*.) The consensus seemed to favor moving it to May. More later.

Historian: < vacant > It was reported that there has been no contact with the past historian and no idea about condition of *A.B.A.T.E.* history tubs. Randy stated that he has tried many times, but to no avail. We may have to investigate alternatives.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci (Excused due to work schedule.)

At this time the *BikePAC* web site came up and Nic said that he is trying to get the information needed from the *BikePAC* membership secretary. She had said that she would try and update the site but was overwhelmed. Our own Trace Ceccacci has been in communication with Nic and has offered his assistance in getting the site back up to date. (This is one of those "going the extra mile" things. Thank you.)

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy reported that all of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s stuff is now in one place. This is the stage, the supply trailer, and the new storage container.

The stage trailer needs to have brakes and to be licensed. Ted was directed to get the trailer licensed and to check on getting the brakes done. (See motion #2.)

A.B.A.T.E.'s *BikePAC representative:* Randy Phipps reported on the list of bills that we are currently facing in this legislative session.

He read the *BikePAC* meeting minutes from February 8th.

Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*) stated that they are supporting *BikePAC* and they would like to be kept updated on crucial bills as they come up.

Ted asked if the *BikePAC* lobbyist could come to a state board of directors meeting and Nic said that he would look into it.

Nic also asked if anyone is interested in the executive director position coming up for vote at the March 7th directors meeting, to submit a letter to Mel Yeager via e-mail or U.S.P.S. Nic pointed out that he is the only one on the list and that he would like more names to be considered than just one.

Confederation of Clubs *representative:* (Pat Williams) Written report handed in. Pat read from the report.

Last meeting was January 11th at the Brother Speed clubhouse. *A.B.A.T.E.'s dues were paid at that time.* *A check for \$750 was presented to Dougy.* [I couldn't read the last name—sorry]

There has been a problem lately with some of the law enforcement organizations in that they are intimidating bar and restaurant owners that don't refuse service to patch-holders.

Pat C. came and made a presentation on the Motorcycle Awareness Program.

March 22 – Flying 15 – Spring Opener

April 11 – N.W. Vets – Spring Opener

Next meeting is March 8, 2009, at the Round Table Pizza at 4141 southeast 122nd street in Portland. *Officers meeting at noon, general meeting at 1 p.m.*

Pat at this time announced that she is at the top of the list for donors. Maybe her hell with this illness may be coming to a close for the good.

Confederation of Clubs *representative II:* (Kay Sipple) Pat already said it all.

Unfinished Business

- Operations manual committee progress given by Nic. Reported that work is almost done. He also said that he is waiting for the financial part from Kay and the sanctioning part from Matt for inclusion in the new manual. He has the original incorporation documents and we will be going back to our roots.

- Budget committee report given by Bob Highfill. Stated that there really isn't much to report on. The rest is

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up to the board of directors for voting. This will be looked into for presentation to the board next meeting.

- Vacant officer positions nominations:
 - Run coordinator I (*Fossil*): None.
 - Quartermaster: Richard Carter. (Needs to accept before nomination is ratified.)

New Business

Request for people interested in attending the *Meeting of the Minds* conference in September resulted in the following volunteers: Patricia Carner, Brain Stovall, Teresa Hepker, Ted Tracy, Nic Oliver. It was noted that we usually send four people. Anyone else interested is encouraged to submit their names to the state board of directors for state sponsorship or they may attend as individuals or as a representative of their chapter.

New Motions

1. Motion made by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*); seconded by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*):
To run a monthly ad free of charge

for Francine West & the High Speed Wobblers for half page for the Musicians Toy Run Benefit.

Motion was amended to quarter page ad instead of half page. The event is in December.

Voting took place: Yea – 7, nay – 0, abstentions – 3.

Motion passed
2. Motion made by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*); seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

Make a motion that Ted be authorized to get quotes and costs to have trailer brakes installed and if under \$100, get it done and if over that bring figures next board meeting.

Voting took place.
Passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: March 14th, 2009 at the *Eagles Lodge*, Albany, Oregon, at noon.

(Jordan let it slip that January 16th was his birthday)

- 14 February 2009 *Lower Columbia Chapter (LoCo)* is having a crab feed at the *American Legion* from 1-5 p.m. This promises to be a great

event from our newest chapter. Come show your support. Advance tickets are available. For more information call Dave Bridges at (503)-308-2059.

- 21 February 2009: S.T.E.A.M., Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. Officer training and motivational speaker “Slider” Gilmore. You can't miss this one! Flyers, with maps, are available on the web site.

- 21 February 2009: *Southeast Portland Chapter Musician's Benefit* from 2 p.m. until closing. Contact chapter for more information.

- 04 April 2009 *Washington County Chapter (WaCo)* is having their birthday party at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. More information will be coming on this event.

- 26 or 27 April 2009: *Cherry Festival* in The Dalles. *River City Chapter* is selling teddy bears for \$20 each until March 27 for charity. More will follow.

- 02 May 2009: *May Awareness Rally and Bike Show* at the state capitol in Salem. More information to come regarding this event.

- 07-11 May 2009: *N.C.O.M.* convention in Reno, Nevada

- 12-14 June 2009: *Best of the West* conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

- July is the time for *Run 21* presented by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. There will only be 2,500 tickets available for this event. There will be a special band there this year – *Foghat!* If you are interested, please check out the chapter web site for advance tickets and information.

- 23 August 2009: *All Harley Drags* at the Woodburn Racetrack in Woodburn, Oregon.

- Don Mason (*Hub City Chapter* coordinator/web site editor) spoke regarding the web site known as *OregonRidersForum.com*. He told of how it works and how a lot of information gets out and it is done in real time, as soon as someone posts something. The more people who join, the better the site. It has many areas of interest and special ones for those who want them. For instance: There is one for *BikePAC* on the site and only *BikePAC* members can gain access to it.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.

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team.oregon@oregonstate.edu

Legislative Action

Motorcycle Awareness

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<http://www.abateoforegon.net>
Find a meeting near you: <http://www.abateoforegon.net/chapters.html>

Answer to March CRYPTOGRAM

What is the first part of politics? Education. The second? Education. And the third? Education.

— Jules Michelet

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Clothing - Gifts

Fossil Hardware 763-3441
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Firehouse Deli 763-3810
Hot & Cold Sandwiches - Soup

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Heating Oil - Stoves - Bulk Fuel

Steve's Electronics 763-3263
TV Cable - Service

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Main Street Station 763-3333
Gas - Repair

Wheeler County Crafters 763-3333
Local Crafts & Rocks

Fossil Mercantile 763-4617
Groceries - Gifts

Bridge Creek Flora 763-2355
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Wilson Ranch Retreat 763-2227
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Interior & Exterior.

J & M Embroidery 763-2386
Computerized Embroidery

Bank of Eastern Oregon 763-2910
Full Banking Services

Floral Florals 763-3034
Floral Arrangements & Gifts

Wheeler County Title 763-4426
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Fishing Guide

Robinson Construction 503-645-8531
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O'Brien House B&B 763-3980
TL's Catering 763-4897

Fossil Museum

Todd McKay Contracting 763-2223

FOSSIL EVENTS for 2008

ABATE FOSSIL CAMPOUT - Memorial Weekend

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - Fourth of July Weekend

FOSSIL CRUZ-IN Car Show- July 5

MULE DAYS - July 18th thru 20th

FAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th

KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Meeting opened at 6:33 p.m. by vice president David Peterson.

22 people attending.

Introductions of the committee and by all visitors attending.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Team Oregon/M.S.F. lawsuit has been resolved completely.

Rider education by Ray Pierce (*Team Oregon*) is alive and well. Many instructors are being trained and selected. *Team Oregon* is 100% compliant with first aid training requirement. In 2009 *Team Oregon* is gearing up for a 27% increase in rider training. *Team Oregon* is also getting a new web site in the near future.

June Carter asked about the cell phone use bill. Troy stated that there

will be several bills of this type introduced. The bills will be consolidated and the language will be finalized in both houses before a final vote will be held.

Senator Walker will probably introduce the mandatory training bill, but it hasn't been seen yet.

Next item to be introduced was the Idaho *Start Seeing Motorcycles* video. It was a thirty second video showing a wreck of a car/motorcycle at an intersection. It is a possible subject for a public service announcement. O.D.O.T. may be able to show it in conjunction with *Motorcycle Awareness Month*.

The drinking and driving video was shown and discussed. An *M.T.V.* production about getting a ride



Iris Yeager
G.A.C.M.S.
member

home.

The next item was the "eye tracker" project by Ray Pierce of *Team Oregon*. This video showed where the rider's eyes are looking when riding. Many improvements are planned for future use of this project.

Troy Costales then explained the Oregon traffic safety performance plan for fiscal year 2008. This was an evaluation of safety programs. (Red book page 47 for motorcycle data)

SB-124 raises penalties for unendorsed riders. Provides maximum fine of \$750. This applies to all unlicensed or unendorsed operators. (At a hearing held on February

[January ?] 29, the committee decided to pursue the idea of graduated penalties. First offense could forgive the fine if the rider completes a certified safety course and get his endorsement. Second offense would probably allow the full \$750 penalty.)

Troy then explained the governor's budget for the next two years and how each department is affected by the planned funding.

Troy recognized the attendance of Mitch Putman (former director) and June Carter (former member of this committee).

March 3rd and 4th at Silver Falls Conference Center.

February 20 next meeting to be held at the O.D.O.T. traffic safety center at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

BikePAC Report



Meeting opened at 12:15 p.m. chaired by Nic Oliver.

Seven members attending. There was no quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report were presented for the attendees.

Comments and legislative update was made by Nic Oliver. He told of *BikePAC's* efforts at the capitol on January 29th, 2009. Issue to increase the penalty for riding unendorsed was the first to be discussed. The outcome of the first hearing was that the committee will amend the bill to show that the rider can get a break by getting trained and endorsed after being cited for riding unendorsed.

Nic read a letter indicating his desire to become the new executive director of *BikePAC of Oregon*.

Items of interest to motorcyclists were discussed:

Vulnerable user bill = HB-2554

Helmet modification bill = HB-2499

Medical exemption bill = HB-2409
Increase vehicle registration fees = HB-5549

Quadricycle explanation = SB-349

Distracted driving = HB-2377, HB-2038, SB-319

Graphic design for Motorcycle plates = SB-0345

Insurance discount for MC

Graduates = SB-0432

Vehicle tracking issue = HB-2266
Nic will send a letter to the elected officials showing our support or concerns. We also encourage all bikers to send or carry a letter to their representative and senator about our issues.

Make a petition sheet and gather signatures for each issue that we bring to the attention of our legislators to

show the support for our side of the argument.

Questions about our issues were asked and explanations were made about what we had planned for the session.

Several other issues were discussed about the mandatory motorcycle training for unendorsed riders and will be followed up as information becomes available.

Meeting minutes February 7th, 2009

Heidi was recognized as a hard working person who was instrumental in bringing our issues to the lawmakers at the capitol.

Next meeting March 7th Salem library plaza room at 12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

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

Our Officers at Work

Education Report

There are moments when I wonder why I am putting so much time and energy into A.B.A.T.E. stuff, moments when all the phone calls and frustrations just leave me wanting to quit.

I got to one of those points this weekend, then I went to the state board of directors meeting and walked into all that wonderful camaraderie, warm greetings, and hugs. When I explained the problems I was facing with the spring swap meet, I received several suggestions, offers to help, and encouragement.

Then, I went riding on Sunday. That's why we do it.

That's the reason to keep working on the projects that support our mission statement. We live in a country that provides us the freedom to get on our bikes and go, when we want.

I took my bike out, ran some of my favorite (low elevation) twisties, hit the highway coming back in and romped on it. (Only up to the speed limit, of course.)

Okay, I'm back to motivated. Just needed to recharge my batteries and

remember the reason I belong to A.B.A.T.E.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign

Last year, I had the opportunity to attend the *Best of the West*, followed by the *Meeting of the Minds*. It was my first time at either event as I thought the focus was legislative information and that's not really my highest interest.

Wow, was I wrong.

I highly recommend every A.B.A.T.E. member to attend these M.R.F. functions when possible. Those events are my inspiration to this year's push for awareness.

By now, all the chapters have received a set of awareness signs. You are probably saying, "Where do we stick these?" or "Who are we going to stick with this project?"

It's really not that hard folks.

Most of us are either old enough to remember or have traveled the road through Dundee and seen the *Burma Shave* ad campaign.

Take the "Look Twice, Save a Life" and the "Motorcycles are Everywhere" signs and cut them in

half. Then find a property owner who is receptive to helping reduce crashes along your favorite motorcycle run. Ask them if you may place the signs about 5-75 feet apart going down the road. What the motorists will see is a series of four signs giving the whole message.

Folks, please take responsibility for getting the signs out by March 1st. They won't help us if they are stuffed in a garage or storage unit. If you are not going to use them, bring them back to your board representative and we will find a chapter that will place them.

I have another 200 signs being created for May, *Motorcycle Awareness Month*.

As a chapter, feel free to add a sticker that states "Sponsored by [your chapter name]". The next order of the "Share the Road" signs will have A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. and our web site.

The other project that your education team has been working on is the posters which were distributed to your representatives in January. This poster is meant to raise awareness, drive up membership, and increase our visibility to the public. We are working to place these throughout Oregon. A supply will be

given to each chapter at S.T.E.A.M. and the March state meeting. With your help, we would like to have these placed in as many motorcycle shops, supporting businesses and rest areas as possible.

As your chapter meeting time, location, or dates change, please e-mail me so that we can update the information.

Last thing I am working on is expanding our motorcycle awareness classes. Next month we will have new pictures of our assemblies being presented at many schools during the month of March. I am excited about the new presentations that are rolling out in March and hope it will be met with parent support at the various schools. As the program develops we will pull more of our M.A.P. instructors in to help.

If you are the education director or a M.A.P. instructor at your chapter, please contact me. I need your help. We have a lot going this year and it takes all of us to reduce our risk on the road.

Thank you,

Patricia
patriciahdgal@msn.com
(503)-475-8765

14 February 2009



Before the February A.B.A.T.E. state board meeting, yer crusty ol' editor dug out his cub reporter notebook and Flash-O-Matic news camera, then motored over to Salem to record the festivities as Oregon began a year-long celebration of existing for a century and a half.

The mood was of surprised excitement as citizens filtered into our state's capitol building to view special exhibits and admire the seven-tiered cake commissioned for the event.

By the time festivities got underway, yer c.o.e. was heading south on I-5 to the state board meeting where he showed photos to folks there.

Colour photos are available at:
<http://www.otoolevideomagic.org/BDR/misc/Oregon150/OR150.html>



The only down side to an otherwise up-beat day: — privileged parking for officials elected to serve the interests of the people.

From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

Education Is Not Only For Teachers

sick, short, and late

c.o.e. — 086



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

In Oregon, teachers go through rigorous training before they are certified to teach our younger folk. By comparison, Oregon motorcyclists have it easy — we don't have to go to school, we just have to learn the issues.

You see, every member of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* is a potential educator. Each one of us is presented with on-going possibilities for correcting mistaken assumptions or educating the public and elected officials about motorcycle issues.

Speak only what you know to be true.

Listen and learn so your knowledge continues to increase.

Learn how to head off potentially damaging false statements.

There is critical instant when a damaging or untrue statement is made. If it is not immediately challenged, the speaker begins to take on a mantle of authority on the subject and others begin to accept the statement as truth. But if the statement is denied and logical reasoning is asserted, the situation may be turned to one's advantage.

It's Friday morning, the day before Oregon turns one hundred and fifty years old and yer crusty ol' editor adds yet another orbit around ol' sol to his growing collection.

There is a hint of light in the sullen overcast.

It's the first morning since last Sunday when c.o.e. has awoken feeling marginally human again. He's been sick all week with some kind of flu bug. He figures it was his turn. At least it didn't happen during the week that state newsrag is being intensely edited . . . this time. (Nothing worse than confronting run-on sentences and dangling participles with a runny nose. Lots of cursing and tissues involved.)

[Sadly, such gratitude was premature ... there was a relapse.]

*Twice only each year
are the two hemispheres
of our planet in perfect
balance of light and
dark.*

Apologies to everyone for this issue coming out late but yer crusty ol' editor picked up that three week flue bug in the midst of putting together this month's rag. February is traditionally a challenge anyway because it's shorter and doesn't allow much fudge time.

It seemed like c.o.e. could only work for thirty seconds, then had to spend a minute hacking up over the bathroom sink. Makes fer slow goin'.

One of the goals in taking on this job was to try to get each issue published and sent out before the end of the month. Many folks had written in that they sometimes received their newsmagazines in the middle of the month, thereby missing all the runs and activities that took place earlier. (One letter writer happen to be Richard, who Rot Path met at *Rick's Place* in Monmouth, Oregon a few weeks ago.)

That's why the day for sending in reports is the tenth of each month. It gives yer poor crusty ol' editor time to chase down wayward reports and edit everything together so the newspaper is easy to read, informative, and professional enough to attract new members and to garner respect from elected officials. The

goal is to have the newspaper's electronic files to the printer by the twentieth of each month so they have enough lead time to print our job in a timely manner and get it mailed out to you.

Be advised that next month, being April and foolish, none of the articles and reports will be edited, formatted, or spell-checked. It's become somewhat of a tradition to take off a month from editing and just be an assembler. The cover may have a Harry Potter wizarding newspaper look, if c.o.e. can figure out how to do a three-dimensional photograph in a two-dimensional media. (There *are* ways.)

PDF versions of A.B.A.T.E. state newsmagazines February 2002 to present are now available on:
<http://www.otoolevideomagic.org/RotPath/rotnews.html>

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Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove and your unclaimed contributions may end up keeping his toes warm.)

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 12)

March Cryptogram

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WRLKGHEMF. HOW CWKMFR? WRLKGHEMF.

GFR HOW HOEAR? WRLKGHEMF.

— ZLUMC JEKOWUWH

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 skullrundry.
Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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 8 p.m. until ?

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Sunday, April 5, 2009



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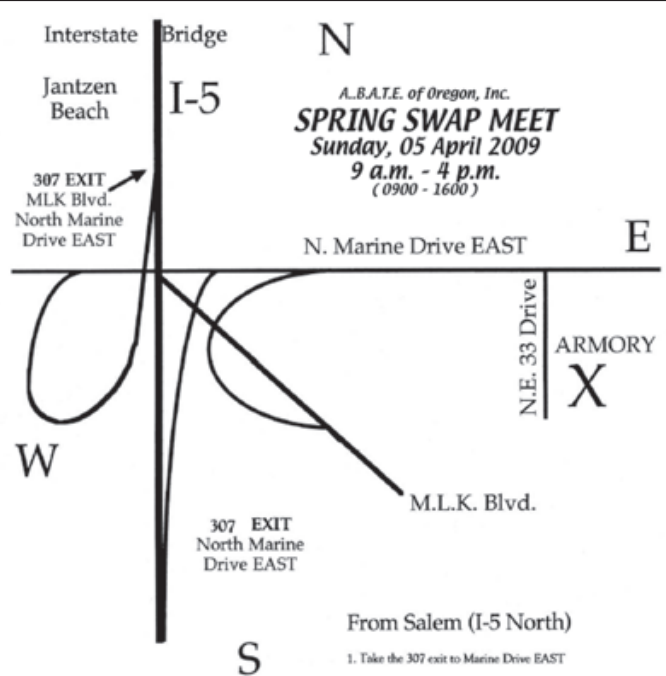
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Poker Run

Saturday
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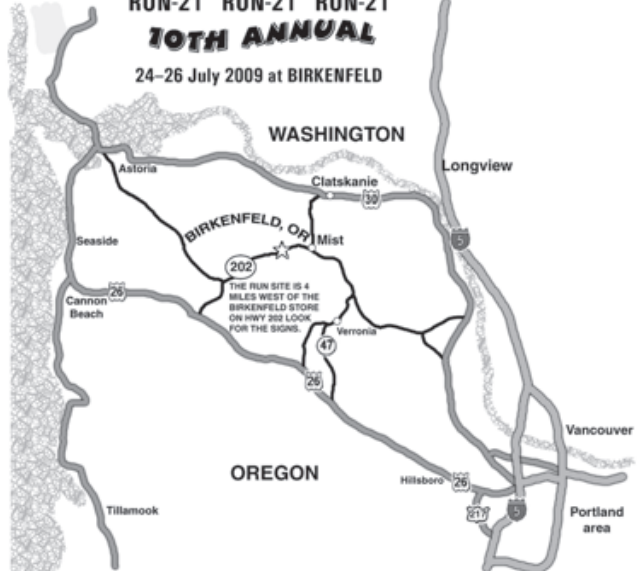
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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Spring is coming up fast folks. The elections are over and our new President has his plate very full. It's raining here instead of snowing although the weatherman says it could still snow before things get ready for spring and coming summer.

All these things don't excuse us if we don't do the necessary maintenance on our riders. Do it yourself or get that ride to the shop and get the oil changed, tires checked, chains or drive-lines looked at and lubricated. Everything that could either spell a good day or a disaster.

It's your butt on that saddle so take care of it. Don't like going to hospitals to see my brothers and sisters. Much better to meet them on the road for a good safe ride. Sign up for a rider course, ya might be surprised what you'll learn or remember from times gone by. Tune you and the ride up. Makes for a better day on the road.

Newsbits—N—Pieces

Virginia—Tom McGrath's *Motorcycle Law Group* is our Virginia A.I.M. (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) office and they've has offered to represent free of charge any participants of the *Myrtle Beach Freedom Ride* who receive helmet tickets. The plan will be to set everyone's day in court to the same date should multiple tickets be issued. The A.I.M. lawyers are always good friends to have if ya get in trouble with the law or are involved in a crash.

New York, New York—A proposed city regulation that would have let cops confiscate noisy motorcycles has been sent back to the legal shop for retooling.

The confiscation provision in a city council bill drew a backlash of protest e-mails from motorcyclists and biker advocacy groups from all over the place. Just a sample of what grass roots action is all about. The bill would have allowed cops to ticket a stopped or parked motorcycle if it didn't bear a tag stating it meets noise-control standards set by the U.S. environmental protection agency.

All that really was happening was it gave police the opportunity to pull ya over if they thought your bike was making too much noise. Great harassment tool for cops.

Nigeria—No helmet, no cooties! For commercial motorcycle taxi operators, otherwise known as "okada", who are yet to meet up with their federal government's directive that they and their passengers should wear safety

helmets, the battle has just begun. Okada drivers are saying they can't afford to provide helmets that fit everybody. Besides, women don't want their hairdo's messed up and passengers don't want other passengers' "cooties."

Officials of traffic agencies are out to enforce compliance. Even with the three-month grace period given to enable them get their helmets for both the riders and passengers, not many of them have complied.

Colorado high—Our Colorado A.I.M. attorney, Wade Eldridge, is fighting the Denver noise ordinance that allows for confiscation of your bike if you don't have an E.P.A. stamp on your exhaust, if manufactured after 1982, or have a certain decibel rating. The Denver ordinance makes it illegal to have a bike with pipes that are too loud (more than 82 db at 25 ft) and/or have a bike made after 1982 without an E.P.A. embossed emblem!

There was a big hoopla in the media when the ordinance was first enacted. In a "test case," the lead cop (who literally wrote the training manual for the enforcement of the ordinance), testified that "if pipes sound louder than normal," the cops have grounds to stop the biker to look for E.P.A. stamp. He also testified he doesn't know what normal is!

This noise thing is getting out of control. We can police ourselves folks. All loud pipes do is cause us unnecessary problems.

Bend, Oregon—The U.S. Forest Service is proposing 150 miles of off-road trails that could gain an okay. The trails, about 100 miles for motorcycles and about 45 miles for four-wheel-drive vehicles, are in an area called Lava Rock, between U.S. Highway 97 and the *Newberry National Volcanic Monument*.

The agency is currently taking comments from the public about the plan. Most of these trails already exist and were built by the users themselves. I think it's much better than just closing off trails for off-roaders.

Canada kids—They're at it again, A member of the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario wants to prohibit riders under the age of 14 from riding as passengers on motorcycles. I guess that would eliminate the little bikes that youngsters ride off road and sanctioned racing for kids.

What is this person thinking?

I started riding as soon as I could reach the ground with both feet. Talk about taking control from parents. Is

there no end to this?

Nebraska lids—2009 bill to repeal their helmet law was introduced again. Term limits may bring new life to the often-defeated efforts. Freshman state senator Charlie Janssen of Fremont introduced the helmet-repeal bill. Last year's attempt failed by just two votes. Since then, term limits has removed nine opponents and seven supporters of the idea - a two-vote swing.

Maybe they will make it this time.

Go for it Nebraska and kudos to the freshman senator.

Italy schmitaly—Scooter's are here to stay. Classic Italian scooter maker *Vespa* just unveiled its newest and most powerful model at the *New York Motorcycle Show*. The sporty *GTS 300 Super* can hit speeds of up to 80 mph, and gets about 70 miles to the gallon. Who wouldn't like that kind of gas economy?

Price is an easy \$6,199. Available in March in the U.S.

Kota Baharu, Malaysia—Turbans are not helmets, but a religious school student from here opted to serve two days behind bars for riding a motorcycle wearing not a helmet but a turban two years ago. He was fined at that time but refused to pay the fine. Ya breaks the rule, ya pays.

Military bike deaths—Motorcycle fatalities among America's service personnel continues to be a cause for concern with officials in three military branches. Ya gotta take and pass an *M.S.F.* rider course now just to take your scoot on a base. They must also wear helmets, regardless of state law, along with reflective material on their riding gear.

The big problem seems to be sport bikes. Some of these folks ride like they are invincible and it's getting them killed. These bikes are built to race but not on the street.

The Texas 2-wheel—The Austin-Travis county E.M.S. will soon put some paramedics on motorcycles to go where ambulances have a tough time reaching. The greater Austin crime commission helped fund the project.

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Italy littly—The top bosses at *Ducati*, the Italian motorcycle manufacturer, have taken a ten percent pay cut and given up their future bonuses in view of the economic crisis.



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Call To Action: Senate Votes To Cut Of One Million Acres To O.H.V.s

The U.S. senate voted on a massive package of public lands bills that could shut motorcyclists out of more than one million acres. With the bill now moving to the house, A.M.A. members are urged contact their U.S. representatives and ask them to oppose the omnibus public lands bill.

A.M.A. hires Joe Bromley as director of racing

The A.M.A. has hired Joe Bromley as the director of racing for the association. Bromley, who was elected from the northeast region one year ago to the A.M.A. board of directors, resigned his seat on the board to accept the position. As director of racing, Bromley will oversee the day-to-day operations of A.M.A. racing.

A.M.A. Road Rider Of The Year

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Know somebody who fits the bill? Motocross Advancement Is Posted For 2009 Season

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New Hampshire House Bill 95 Fails

New Hampshire house bill 95 introduced by representative Day (D-North Hampton) attempts to reduce motorcycle sound by prohibiting any and all motorcycle exhaust system modifications; prohibiting all aftermarket equipment that replaces the muffler; requiring all motorcycles to be equipped with a tachometer; requiring all motorcycles to measure 95 decibels or less tested at 20 inches from the exhaust system at a 45 degree angle; and would increase the fine to not more than \$500 for a violation.

This legislation is opposed by the New Hampshire motorcycle rights organization and the *M.R.F.*

The legislation was voted on by the New Hampshire house transportation committee last week [February 2009] and was unanimously opposed by the committee and recommended that the bill be I.T.L. (inexpedient to legislate) to the full house. The full house followed the direction of the committee and dispensed with the bill.

New Hampshire state senator Bob Letourneau had this to say: "New Hampshire motorcyclists deserve better than what HB-95 would have legislated and I am pleased to see that my colleagues in the house chamber have defeated the measure". Letourneau is chairman of the New Hampshire senate transportation committee and a past recipient of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* highest honor, the John "Farmer" Eggers award.

With no mention of helmets, straight pipes, or any of the usual motorcycle targets, the legislation doesn't raise red flags to the average person. However any legislation that bans one form of aftermarket equipment and in the next breath requires aftermarket equipment should be a red flag to anyone.

Perhaps the New Hampshire state house of representative republican leader Sherman Packard summed it up best when he said "In my 35 years fighting for motorcyclists' rights this is the most anti-motorcycling bill I have seen and I am pleased that the house took appropriate action."

The *M.R.F.* applauds the New

Hampshire house for standing up for the rights of the motorcyclists of New Hampshire.

The *National Academies Transportation Research Board* (T.R.B.) held its annual meeting in Washington D.C. recently. The annual meeting is attended by tens of thousands of transportation experts in every field imaginable and the 300-page itinerary is a testament to the robust nature of the meeting and the T.R.B. itself.

Of note to motorcyclists were several sessions aimed at specific areas of motorcycle safety and research as well as a meeting of ANF-30, the motorcycle and moped committee of the T.R.B. The committee, chaired by Steve Garets from the *Oregon State University*, had perhaps its most packed agenda of the past few years, and the T.R.B. meeting in general had more motorcycle-specific sessions as well. The current vice president of government relations for the *M.R.F.* has a seat on the ANF-30 committee.

The first session was a "human factor" workshop aimed at generating research ideas to the scientific and university community. Some topics mentioned were the aging community and motorcycling, eye tracking research, conspicuity, anti-lock brakes, and exposure.

The committee meeting was a diverse group with representatives from Canada and as far away as Australia, as well as industry, government agencies, and law enforcement. The committee agreed that it makes sense to join up with the roadside barrier committee next year to explore how to make barriers more motorcycle-friendly*, considering that motorcyclists make up 42% of all fatal guardrail collisions.

The *Motorcycle Industry Council* gave a glimpse into the owner survey they conduct every five years and some interesting insights were shared. Some of which are:

- The median age of a motorcycle owner has risen from 32 in 1990 to 42 in 2008.
- The average income of motorcycle

owners continues to be above the national average.

- 29% more woman owners than in 2003.
- Perhaps the most staggering was that women purchased 39% of all new units in 2008.

The full report will be available to *M.I.C.* members shortly.

The *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety* gave a brief, but predictable report on their studies that explore A.B.S. systems (they work!) and one that explores the "damageability" of specific motorcycles. Clearly tired of paying expensive repairs for damage that is the same no matter if involved in a high speed motorcycle crash or just tipping while parked. This study will undoubtedly rate motorcycles on their sturdiness, so expect to pay more for your insurance depending where your bike rates on this forth-coming list.

Another session of presentations gave some interesting insight into what is happening in Australia, mainly the differences between the U.S. riding community and the Aussies. A quick breakdown of some key categories of fatal crashes:

category	U.S.A.	
Australia		
No helmet	42%	10%
Speeding	58%	37%
No license	25%	20%
Alcohol	27%	38%

A presentation on the effectiveness of rider education proved . . . well, nothing. The results were inconclusive if rider education was effective. This was not an actual study but rather a review of already published literature. Some interesting points were made, both for rider ed and against it. Some argue that those who take a rider ed course are predetermined to be safer and ride with more caution resulting in less crashes of trained riders. Another view was that those who take rider ed are not as good naturally at motorcycling and therefore will result in more crashes of trained riders.

On another note this was the last

meeting of ANF-30 that will be presided over by Steve Garets. Garets has received a promotion of sorts to serve on the T.R.B.'s system user groups executive board. Garets will now make his wealth of motorcycle knowledge available to the T.R.B. executive board and no longer be confined to the restraints of ANF-30. Congratulations to Steve on this high honor.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (*N.H.T.S.A.*) held a meeting on the heels of the T.R.B. meeting while the transportation community was in D.C. The regularly scheduled meeting was attended by all of the usual suspects: *S.M.S.A.*, *M.I.C.*, *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, and the T.R.B. folks. Some noteworthy news from the meeting about the much anticipated crash study was shared. The pilot study to the full study has begun and has already investigated twelve motorcycle crashes in the first month. The pilot has a charter of 37 crashes or three months, whichever comes first. The pilot study is crucial because it will give a sense of the cost to investigate each crash which will be used to determine the cost of the full study. Some say that the full study could come with a price tag of \$9 million. That is \$6 million more than originally estimated. The pilot is being run by *N.H.T.S.A.* and the full study will be run by *F.H.W.A.*

Recall Alerts

N.H.T.S.A. has launched a new web site where you can subscribe to vehicle specific recall alerts. You can subscribe to the motorcycle alerts and every time a recall is issued, the feds will e-mail you. Visit:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov> for more information.

Fair Trade

You may recall reading in a previous report that the United States Trade Representative (U.S.T.R.) was considering doubling the price of european motorcycles imported into the U.S.A. in order to retaliate against

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the European Union communities ban on importing U.S. beef products. The *M.R.F.* is pleased to announce that the office of the U.S.T.R. has dropped motorcycles from the items subject to the price hike.

* How do you make highway barriers more "motorcycle-friendly" – paint happy faces on them? Do the happy faces not wear helmets?

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports on the jurisdiction, agenda and member makeup of the U.S. house transportation and infrastructure committee.

This committee has many scopes of interest including waterways and marine affairs, postal buildings, and the U.S. capitol grounds and building, but most importantly to motorcyclists are the areas listed below.

1. Constructions or maintenance of roads and post roads.
2. Related transportation regulatory agencies. (Except the transportation security administration.)
3. Roads and the safety thereof. (How does this differ from #1? Could be clearer.)
4. Transportation, including civil aviation, railroads, water transportation, transportation safety (except automobile safety and transportation security functions of the department of homeland security), transportation infrastructure, transportation labor, and railroad retirement and unemployment. (Except revenue measures related thereto.)

Also of great importance is that this is the committee that will draft the

next version of the highway bill. This is the bill that has fueled motorcycle safety funding, the creation of the *Federal Highway Motorcycle Advisory Council* and the *N.H.T.S.A.* lobby ban. On the other side, this bill has also been used as a vehicle for mandatory state helmet laws by withholding highway construction funds where states did not have mandatory helmet laws in place.

The current (111th) congress will begin to address this massive piece of legislation, and it is imperative that the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* have the support of the state motorcycle rights organizations and their members as we begin to work with the congress. Below is a list of current committee members. Should you see someone on this list from your state, expect to be contacted by the *M.R.F.* as we move forward working with the congress on creating a motorcyclist friendly highway bill.

New York City Noise Law Update

As previously reported by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, the New York City (New York city) Council is considering a new motorcycle-specific noise law.

Several iterations of the proposed law (previously referred to as introduction 416-A) have been floated by the primary proponent, council member Alan Gerson. The motorcyclists of New York city, however, have voiced strong opposition to these proposals.

As of now, introduction 416-A is not any more agreeable, but some conditions have been compromised. The original form of the bill called

for the ticketing and towing of any motorcycle "parked, stopped, or standing on the streets of New York city not displaying an E.P.A.-approved label on the exhaust system". After the motorcycle activists of New York city contacted council member Gerson, the bill was pulled and a redraft is now underway.

This new version of 416-A removes the immediate towing upon first infraction, but leaves in the \$500 – \$1,000 fines. The second infraction would carry a \$1,500 fine and possible confiscation (the legislation is unclear here), and the third infraction would call for a \$2,500 fine and confiscation of the motorcycle.

Nancy Ortiz, a community motorcycle activist and constituent of council member Gerson, had this to say about the current proposals, "*This proposed legislation is egregious and out-of-step with current state law. The fines are above what are currently in place for all four-wheeled vehicles.*" She went on to add "*We would like to see something along the lines of the California law that gives vehicle owners a grace period to bring the vehicle into compliance before the fine is issued.*"

Nancy Ortiz is the founder of a motorcycle ride that benefits sudden infant death syndrome. (S.I.D.S.) More information can be found at:

<http://www.myspace.com/run4aiden>

Currently, the New York city motorcyclists are organizing meetings with New York city and New York state legislative leadership, in which they have invited *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* and the *M.R.F.* to participate. At this point, the legislation is tentatively slated to be heard on February 25, 2009.

A meeting with the state senate majority leader and house majority



leader is also in the planning stages. This meeting will be attended by *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, *A.B.A.T.E. of New York*, and many New York city motorcycle activists. The meeting is to address motorcycling issues affecting empire state motorcyclists such as (but not limited to) rider education funding, the roadside "safety" inspections of motorcyclists, and the use of H.O.V. lanes by motorcyclists.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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National Motorcycle Crash Study Underway

Southern California motorcyclists who crash their bikes may play an unintentional role in improving motorcycle safety nationwide, as the pilot portion of the federal government's much-anticipated *Motorcycle Crash Causation Study* kicked off at various locations throughout Los Angeles in December.

Data will be compiled from L.A.P.D. crash reports and information recorded by mechanical sensors and cameras placed at intersections until at least 27 crashes have occurred and are documented, a milestone that will likely be reached by March.

According to Doug Hecox, spokesman for the *Federal Highway Administration*, the department of transportation entity managing the pilot study, the pilot is "purely to test the methodology" that will be applied to the broader *Motorcycle Crash Causation Study*, which is expected to kick off in about a year in a handful of different states. Final results of which won't be available until at least 2013.

Much has changed since the last such motorcycle crash study, the 1981 *Hurt Report*.

- About 11 million street bikes have been sold in the U.S.
- The average rider's age has increased from 27 to 41.
- The overall rider population has grown to roughly 7 million.
- Traffic mix, driving/riding laws, and more powerful motorcycles are some other variables.

In 2005, congress authorized over \$2 million to fund a new motorcycle crash causation study under a federal transportation reauthorization bill (a.k.a. *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.*), with the caveat that federal funds be matched from a non-governmental source. Much of the matching funding has come from national motorcycle organizations, some of which hail the report as long overdue and necessary for planning safety countermeasures, while other groups fear yet another typically lopsided anti-motorcycle

government report.

Feds Decline To Increase Tariffs On European Motorcycles

U.S. trade officials have decided not to include motorcycles on their lengthy list of european products that will soon face increased tariffs in retaliation for a European Union ban on imports of hormone-fed beef from America.

In public comments submitted to the office of the U.S. trade representative opposing the possible 100% import duties, many motorcycle organizations, industry groups, manufacturers, dealers and others pointed to the extensive economic impact on businesses and jobs affected by such retaliatory tariffs, as well as a hardship for motorcycle enthusiasts. Also, motorcycle usage should be encouraged for fuel efficiency and easing traffic congestion and parking.

U.S. trade representative Susan Schwab noted her office received approximately 600 comments regarding which of more than 100 european goods should be subjected to the tariffs.

"An interagency committee of trade experts and economists reviewed the public comments and provided recommendations to the U.S.T.R. with respect to modifications that would result in a more effective action, while taking account of effects on the U.S. economy, including consumers," she said regarding the list of European Union products slated for tariff increases beginning March 23. But their beef with the E.U. will no longer threaten to double the price of imported european motorcycles and scooters.

Myrtle Beach Says "No" To Bikers

Myrtle Beach has launched a web site and printed brochures advising visitors that from the city's perspective, the May motorcycle rallies are over.

The web site bears a message from mayor John Rhodes stating that the

"*Harley-Davidson Dealers Association Spring Rally* and the *Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Bikerfest* will not be held in Myrtle Beach", and lists fifteen new regulations the city council has passed to discourage bikers from coming to town. Designed by the Myrtle Beach chamber of commerce, the top of the site proclaims; "effective 2009, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina will no longer host motorcycle rallies."

To deter bikers, the city implemented stricter noise and muffler rules, will be enforcing a municipal helmet law, require eye protection while riding and a variety of restrictions on vendors, parties, and motorcycle parking. The city passed a property tax increase to fund the anti-rally campaign.

But the *Myrtle Beach Bike Week* web site counters this, saying that the rallies have not been canceled. The *Myrtle Beach Harley-Davidson* web site is still encouraging motorcyclists to come. It states that 90% of the events and most of the businesses that cater to the 500,000 bikers who come to the region during three weeks in May are in Horry County, which has not adopted any new ordinances and welcomes riders to the 69th annual event, scheduled for May 8th - 17th 2009, if the rally goes on.

Making Noise About Noise

Numerous communities around the country are attempting to regulate noise, and specifically loud motorcycle exhausts. Although enforceability is questionable, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is planning a controversial new ordinance to curtail incessant noise.

Town officials haven't fully explained why the ordinance is necessary, other than to acknowledge that neighboring municipalities have similar regulations, but the borough does not. "We ought to be regulating our noise pollution," said one councilman.

"How do you pull over 50 motorcycles when one is being loud?" said police chief Joe Dougherty. "It's violating someone's constitutional rights."

When asked if the department

owns noise equipment, Dougherty quipped: "I'm sure we do, but I don't know where it's at. If I looked for it, I could find it, but we only have one person trained to use the equipment."

The ordinance is currently being reviewed for legal sufficiency, including enforceability.

Meanwhile, a bill recently introduced in New Hampshire would prohibit motorcycle exhaust modifications, reduce permissible motorcycle noise levels, increase fines for motorcycle noise violations, and requires all motorcycles to have functioning tachometers.

House bill 95 authorizes fines of up to \$500 for operating a motorcycle that has aftermarket mufflers installed, or does not have a working tach.

A similar law was enacted in Denver that requires motorcycle mufflers to have a factory-issued U.S. environmental protection agency sound-test stamp. But some who have protested the ordinance since it took effect in July 2007 have gone as far as to take the issue to court, arguing that the ordinance is vague and unenforceable.

One "victim" of the ordinance is Jeffrey Lubbert, who was pulled over on his motorcycle in August 2007 when an officer testified that he heard exhaust pipes that were "louder based on my training and experience," according to court documents.

Lubbert fought the citation that he was issued, making it the "test case" for the ordinance, according to his lawyer, Colorado *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Wade H. Eldridge.

Factory-issued pipes come with the E.P.A. stamp and meet the 82-decibel standard. But aftermarket mufflers may not come with the stamp, while still meeting the 82-decibel standard, argues Eldridge. It is nearly impossible to have the pipes certified and officers do not carry decibel readers.

"It's unreasonable to stop someone and say your pipes are louder than normal when you don't know what normal is," argues Eldridge, who specializes in defending bikers. "That

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just doesn't cut it."

Ganging Up On Bikers

In an ongoing effort to reduce crimes committed by criminal street gangs, many states have passed or are considering anti-gang laws that loosely define "gangs", violate constitutional protections and can be used to harass and intimidate motorcycle clubs and mainstream motorcycle groups.

North Carolina recently joined with California and Ohio in enacting tough gang legislation that enhances penalties by adding years onto the sentences for those convicted of a crime who are members of a gang.

The *North Carolina Street Gang Suppression Act* is the state's first attempt to legally define a street gang and it makes membership against the law. The law defines gangs as "any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons" that has a primary activity of committing felony acts, has members involved in gang activity, and has a common name, identifying sign, or symbol."

It also gives law enforcement and government the authority to seize property associated with gang activity.

Likewise, the Michigan legislature has enacted a set of "gang bills" and sent senate bill 291 to the governor's desk on January 6th. Based upon a similar definition of a "gang", the bill states that "If a person who is an associate or a member of a gang

commits a felony or attempts to commit a felony and the person's association or membership in the gang provides the motive, means, or opportunity to commit the felony, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty years."

In Utah, a newspaper ad for a *Toys For Tots* event and flyers distributed by the *Vagos Motorcycle Club* spurred one Garland, Utah citizen to form a *Neighborhood Watch* and spearhead a grassroots effort to toughen state gang laws, resulting in five bills being introduced to toughen punishment for involvement in gang activity and to make associating with or being a member of a criminal street gang illegal in the beehive state. The latest in a spate of gang legislation, the sponsor of the bills along with gang investigators spent months researching other states' gang laws to find ideas that may be effective in Utah, such as anti-gang loitering legislation and declaring gang-free zones.

2009 N.C.O.M. Convention In Reno

The *24th Annual N.C.O.M. Convention* will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 7-10, 2009 at the *Nugget Casino & Resort* in Reno, Nevada. This annual gathering will draw bikers rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all motorcyclists, so reserve

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Weird News

Nigerian Riders Wear Fruit To Comply With New Helmet Law

As many as 98% of Nigeria's motorcyclists shunned the new national helmet law when it went into effect January 1st, leading to scores of arrests, near-riots, and sometimes violent confrontations with traffic police. Professional motorcycle taxi drivers called "okada" have now resorted to wearing fruit shells, pots, or pieces of rubber tied to their heads with string to avoid arrest and impoundment of their vehicles.

In the state capital of Kaduna, hundreds of motorcyclists staged protests against the crash helmet directive, storming major roads chanting war songs, and causing panic and traffic jams. In Lagos, at least 2,500 violators of the directive have so far been arrested as the federal road safety commission intensified the enforcement campaign

for both riders and passengers. In Osun state, the *Nigerian Tribune* reported that no fewer than 73 motorcycles have been impounded by the F.R.S.C. because their operators failed to abide by the use of crash helmet.

The regulations have caused chaos around Africa's most populous nation, with motorcyclists complaining helmets are scarce, too expensive, dirty, and some passengers refuse to wear them fearing they will catch skin disease or be put under a black magic spell.

Quotable Quote

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

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Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Annual Rates:

_____ Individual membership \$25
 _____ Couple membership \$30
 _____ Family membership \$35
 _____ Lifetime membership \$250

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

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments:

March 2009 (ostara)

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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next
STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 14 March 2009
at noon
Eagles' Lodge
127 Broadalbin street NW
Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting at 1100

Under the spell of the storm moon's light,
Wee folk are riding throughout the night,
Their steeds are made of steel,
And have two or three wheels,
If you believe, they're a wonderous sight.

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2009 RUN LISTINGS

(**boldface** indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contct number:
14 Mar 2009	Anniversary Party – Southeast Portland	Gresham	(503)-928-1486
11 April 2009	Spring Casino Night – Willamette Valley		
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Oregon ABATE	Salem	
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Josephine County	Grants Pass	
03 May 2009	Poker Run – Josephine County		
15-17 May 2009	Southern Oregon swap meet – JoCo		
17 May 2009	Rhody Run – Willamette Valley		
22-25 May 2009	Fossil Campout – Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	(503)-791-2862
05 April 2009	Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	
24-26 July 2009	Run-21 – Southeast Portland	Birkenfeld	(503)-706-7061
01 Aug 2009	<i>Run To The Coast</i> – Josephine County		
21-23 Aug 2009	<i>S.O.S. Run</i> – Douglas, Josephine County		
06 Sept 2009	BBQ – Josephine County		
04 Oct 2009	Toy Run – JoCo		
10 Oct 2009	Fall Casino Night – Willamette		

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Willie D's</i> ; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1800 (6 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> ; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-7586
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	3 rd Saturday	1430 (2:30 ^{pm})	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-308-2059
North Coast (NC)	3 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Spare Room</i> ; NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-643-4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Far Man Resaurant and Bar</i> ; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)- -