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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



Let those who ride, decide

MARCH 2011

### March State Board Location Changed Back To Albany (we were tired of being crabby)

### Call For Entries

The April newspaper's theme will be: *Retro Future — Wormhole Edition*

This is your chance to speculate endlessly about the future of motorcycling:

- What will A.B.A.T.E. be doing 50 years from now?
- Will motorcycles still be around?
- Why did I come into this room?

Buried somewhere in the crusty ol' editor's ramblings on page 13 are details.

### Leprechauns Stage Paddy's Day Biker Event At Capitol

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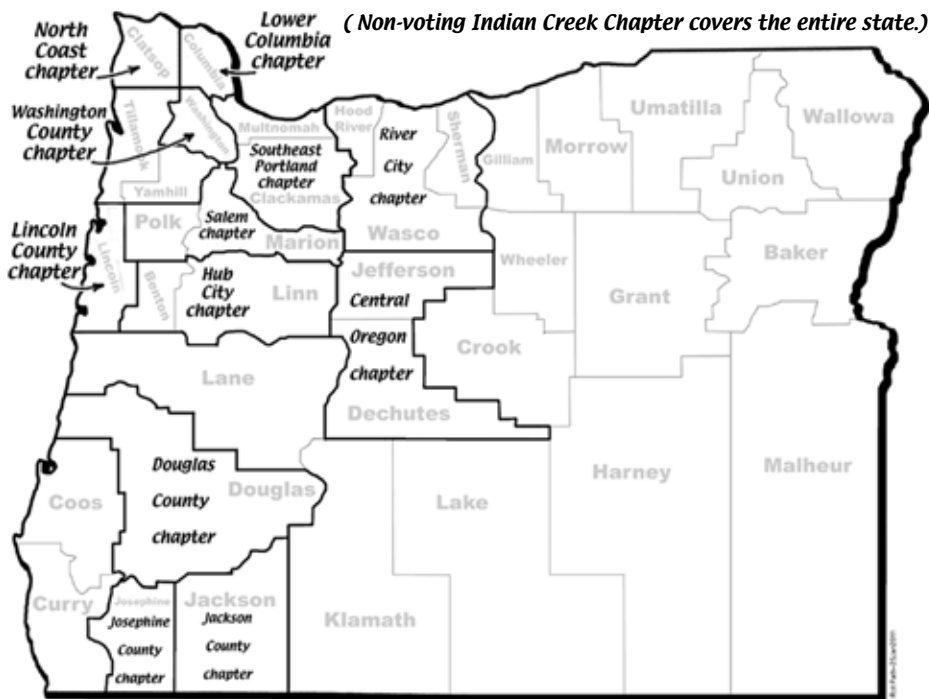
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## Where Are We ?



### Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Chapters Represent Less Than Half Of State

If Oregon A.B.A.T.E. is to be effective through community involvement and legislative action, then more of our state's motorcycle riders need to be included in our efforts.

As the map at the left demonstrates, less than half of Oregon is geographically represented by A.B.A.T.E. chapters.

It's long past time to look at how we interact with other riders. We need to explore methods other than establishing formal chapters for creating a positive presence throughout the state. We need associations of members where chapters are difficult to establish or maintain.

And both chapter and state board meetings need to conclude with action items — what members are going to do before the next meeting.

-- i.m.h.o., Rot Path, c.o.e.

## Living Beyond Life

An incredible light in motorcyclists lives has been dimmed.



Wendy "Moonrider" Moon passed on 11 January 2011 from a heart attack. She was at home in St. Louis, Missouri at the time.

Although her spirit no longer renews itself among us, yet she has left a body of well-researched articles and postings that keep her with us whenever we read her thoughtfully passionate words about motorcycling.

Writing under the motto "Holding powerful interests accountable", she has researched deadly links between rubber-stamped rider courses funded by motorcycle manufacturers who's primary purpose is to sell more

motorcycles and products rather than make riding safer.

Wendy took on other topics such as cell phony cagers, and daylight savings crashes. She even found enough peace to write motorcycling poetry.

Sadly, four years worth of blogs and postings were lost when Journalspace servers crashed.

Wendy moved her activities to WordPress under the name Moonrider Redux, trying to recreate as much material as possible.



Loving friends are maintaining her blogs at:

<http://wmoon.wordpress.com>

and:

<http://riderchick.wordpress.com/>

Some Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members may remember that Wendy was our 2008 S.T.E.A.M. guest co-speaker at the Eagles in Albany.



There is a gentle and respectful obituary for Moonrider at:

[http://www.msgroup.org/forums/mtt/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=12701](http://www.msgroup.org/forums/mtt/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=12701)

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

## What We're About

### A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

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

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

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

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

So scan through our newspaper. 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 HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

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

Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong from *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 requirement 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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### A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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.

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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 regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS	FREEDOM



officers at work

# State Coordinator

It was 6:30 in the morning at 27 degrees outside.

I was very glad to have a heated jacket liner, heated gloves, heated grips, quilted Carhartt overalls, and full face helmet.

I pulled into the parking lot at 7 a.m. to meet Allan Nichols (A.B.A.T.E. vice coordinator—north, M.R.F. representative for Oregon) and Steve Coffman (Washington County legislative director) for a ride down to the state capitol for Black Wednesday.

I noticed they were wearing chaps, open face helmets, and face masks. They called me a wuss, but I was only feeling smug.

We parked our bikes at the fountain area and walked through the doors of the capitol.

In room 350 we were warmly greeted by Nic Oliver (executive director of BikePAC), his wife Louanna, and Mel Yeager (secretary/treasurer of BikePAC).

Coffee was soon delivered and was much appreciated.

As the room was filling with black leather, I left for my appointment with house representative, Matt Wingard. I had my BikePAC fact sheet and exit poll.

I had heard representative Wingard

speaking at last year's May Awareness Rally, so I was not expecting a hard sell. I started our conversation asking him what was important to him this legislative session. He told me he was on the education committee and that was his priority. I then talked to him about how I felt about introducing high school students to different paths they could take after graduation, including the importance of trade schools.

After a few minutes I showed him my BikePAC exit poll. He took a look and said he would support all our issues. I thanked him for his time and left with a big smile on my face.

Back in room 350 the place was packed.

Hub City must have had twenty people there!

Many other chapters were represented as were many of the clubs.

Allan and Steve had an appointment with their house representative, Shaun Lindsay. I tagged along. We received a friendly welcome and Allan and Steve did a great job presenting our issues. Representative Lindsay was very supportive and we left there feeling great.

Allan and Steve then went to see their state senator, Bruce Starr and I went to my appointment with senator Larry George. He was running a bit late, but his legislative aide said I was top priority as I was a constituent and not a lobbyist.

The senator showed up and with a big smile ushered me into his office. We immediately connected on many subjects including education, transportation, and motorcyclists rights. He asked me to draft a proposal as he thought he might be able to secure some funding from O.D.O.T. for awareness billboards.

I found out he owns a hazelnut packing company. I told him about my friend, Slider Gilmore from Iowa, and how much he loved Oregon hazelnuts.

After about twenty minutes (the most time I had ever spent in a legislator's office), he took a look at the BikePAC sheet and told he was on our side.

Again, I left with a big smile.

And a bag of hazelnuts.

After stopping in to say "hi" to senator Starr, I met up with Allan and Steve, who told me their appointment with him had gone very well.

At noon, we were in the Ram Pub for a beer and burgers. We had had a great time, felt good about ourselves, and felt we had really accomplished something.

My only regret for the day was not



**Ted Tracy**  
state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

seeing more A.B.A.T.E. members at the capitol.

We all need to know our representatives in Salem.

They are ordinary folk and for the most part, extremely nice. There is no need to feel intimidated by them.

Please find time in your busy lives to make an appointment with your house representative and state senator.

Talk about what your priorities are. I guarantee you will not regret it.

Take care,

Ted

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Central Oregon

Okay, it is getting close for riding to begin!

Yes, we need our fix here in Central Oregon.

By the time you all read this, we will have our M.R.F. run all ready for June. Time, place, and flyers to the state.

Sounds like we will have a busy year in Central Oregon. A lot of runs going on in the area. So make sure you look at the board at the North-Side Bar to be up on all the runs this year.

We need to focus on what we need to do to make these runs happen. We need to just get it done with less talk about the "what if's". We have done this for years and it should be like clock work by now. No more B.S. at the meetings. Let's get 'er done. Ha ha.

Okay, I want to talk to you and your bike's.

First let me say that we have had too many riders already go down this

year.

This is not the way to start the new year off.

I don't know if these injured folks are new riders or old riders. It really doesn't matter. We must be careful out there.

We must watch out — out there with all the cinders still on the road and the ice that is still out there in the shady parts.

Second, for the people that have their bikes put up with their charger on the battery. Please check your bike over before you leave the house. Five minutes is not that long to look the bike over. It has been sitting awhile.

Are the tires at the right air pressure?

Did you check your oil?

How about your lights and blinkers?

All of five minutes, brothers and sisters.

Third, I want to say to everyone and myself, when we go out to dinner, or drinks, or whatever, we



spend close to \$100 for this stuff.

How about put that \$100 into Air-Life?

Yes, Air-Life.

We all need it people.

Can we afford \$12,000 to be flown to the hospital?

No, we can't. So please think about this one.

I will be saying this over and over again to you all.

Just ask the people that have had to use it.

I want to ride with all of you and not visit anybody in the hospital.

Okay, so much for my speech.

Ride safe,

Animal  
coordinator

Central Oregon Chapter



### CENTRAL OREGON MEETING

#### TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2: p.m.)  
Northside Bar & Grill  
62860 Boyd Acres road  
Bend, Oregon

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

**Douglas  
County**

The chapter saw some new faces blended with the regular members of the *Douglas County Chapter* at the last meeting.

Dan Rice, the new member secretary has been busy in the short time he has been in office. He's managed to sign up several new members of an orphaned motorcycle club, with one of them being elected as the new state representative and legislative office position for the chapter. Being a member of *Douglas County Chapter* in the past, Rich Bumcrot is very excited about representing the chapter at the state meetings and plans to be very involved with the legislature portion to ensure our rights as riders remain intact.

We're very excited with the changes to our chapter and welcome the new members and guests to be part of the evolving chapter. We encourage your participation and ideas as we continue to grow throughout the year.

The chapter worked collectively

to plan the events for the year, such as biker night, *Thundering Waters Poker Run*, the annual *S.O.S.* run, and Christmas party. The monthly summer bike night was moved to the second Friday of most months at various locations around town and surrounding area. (In the past, the monthly chapter meetings and biker night were back-to-back. By moving it to another week we hope it will free up everyone's schedule and allow more participation from chapter members.)

I think we're all anticipating warmer weather so we can do some riding.

I hope to have a schedule of events out soon with details of all upcoming events so you can make plans to meet up with friends or make some new ones.

Look for the new *Douglas County Chapter* web site which we hope to have up and running soon so you can keep tabs on all the events by

visiting the web site. Until then, keep attending the 7 p.m. meetings on the third Thursday of the month, at Del Ray's café.

Because of increasing numbers at recent meetings, a committee was formed to find a new location that can accommodate the expanding chapter. We are thrilled with the number of people attending recent meetings. And with Dan's recruitment efforts, our numbers will continue to grow, making it necessary for the larger location. We'll let you know when we're ready to make our move.

If you have any questions about your membership or know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member, contact Dan Rice by e-mail at [dcabatemembers@live.com](mailto:dcabatemembers@live.com), phone (541)-673-HOGG (4644), or stop at *Hogg Brothers* located in Roseburg at 190 Speedway Road. While you're there check out the cool merchandise or schedule your

bike for a tune-up so it's ready for the summer rides.

Until next time . . .

Enjoy the journey, enjoy the ride,

Chris Shull  
chapter secretary

**Douglas County****MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

*Del Ray Cafe*

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Winchester

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

Just think, dear reader, by the end of this month (yup, March) the year as we know it will be one quarter gone already. Awesome, huh? Really gives you that sense of . . .

So, hope your end is going well and you're trying to make a bigger swap meet, a better lasagna, or a way-funner-ride than last year's.

*Jackson County Chapter* got an invite to join in with *Josephine County Chapter* to help make the swap meet in southern Oregon one to contend with. Since that meet once had fifty-two vendors, that will give us a number to shoot for. Let's do it gang! (Optional one-time-explanation sign usage applied.)

We've had some new and some formerly active members get involved. So yes, our chapter is growing.

By the time we read this our S.T.E.A.M. conference will be in the history book. Just think of all that new and forgotten knowledge we will have had stuffed into our cranial cavities, right Rot?

So, your turn. Get off da couch and do sumpin' besides whine. If ya ain't helpin', ya must be part of the problem, right?

Rubber down, chrome up, and be brutally aware of the terminally unaware,

McHorn  
*Jackson County Chapter*

**Jackson County****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 pm )

Saxton's

4618 N. Pacific highway

Central Point

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**CHAPTER ADDRESS:**



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

Wow — two months already gone in 2011.

The time has passed quickly and many people have been busy behind the scenes working our issues that will be going before “our employees” in Salem.

*Black Wednesday* was an eventful day for *Hub City*. We left *Humpty's* with twenty bikes and about four to five cars on a freezing morning.

We all had a great morning with our legislators talking about our issues and asking for support.

We even got in a little ride afterward, taking the long way home. Wahoo, *Hub City!*

It is going to be very important to act on the calls to action by *BikePAC*. As our legislature gets going this year, there will be many items that will need our support. Please support the *BikePAC* “call-to-action” items that are coming up this year.

Call-to-action notices will be posted on <http://www.hubcityabate.com> as well as various places on the web.

March 12, 2011

Mark this date on your calendar.

*Hub City* will be having a bike night. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at *Riley's Billiards, Bar, & Grill*, 124 Broadalbin street SE, Albany, Oregon.

Cover charge will be \$3 single or \$5 couple.

Pulled pork sandwiches with homemade potato salad will be available for \$5.

And *Damit Jim* band will be rocking the house. See a flyer somewhere towards the middle of this wonderful publication. [*c.o.e. note — the flier never made it in.*]

Another date to put on your calendar is June 3rd. This is date for the annual, must attend, *Hub City Poker Run*. Plans are already underway for this event and as always it promises to be a great time.

Also the run committee is busy planning some fun things for the coming year, so watch for these events to be posted.



If you have a chance to get out and enjoy a ride, ride safe,

Night Lady



### **Hub City**

#### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Josephine County**

As I am sitting here watching the snow come down, I wonder if it will ever be riding season again.

I hate to admit it, but at our ages (my husband and I), we are fair weather riders. More me than him. He does get up and ride almost every Saturday morning the two miles down to breakfast with the boys, while I follow behind in my nice warm cozy four wheels. But warmer has to be right around the corner. I can feel it.

Looks like at least seven or eight of us will be attending S.T.E.A.M. this year. We look forward to meeting everyone.

The chapter is getting busy planning for the coming year. This year we have invited *Jackson County Chapter* to help us with the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. April 29-30 and May 1 at *Touville Lodge*.

Entry fee only \$3 per day.

Friday is set up.

Saturday we are open 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday we are open 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

There will be a bike show on

Saturday with signups from 10 a.m. – noon, show from noon – 3 p.m.

Vendors of all kinds.

Lots of bike parts for sale.

There will be bike blessings through out the day on Saturday and again Sunday morning. Sunday morning there will be *Unity Biker* church service.

We have vendor spaces open. Single spaces are only \$35.

Please call Pat at (541)-832-2219 or Mike at (541)-292-6121 for information.

Our chapter will be working to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* in our area a little more this year. We will have a booth at a car/motorcycle show in April. And we are looking around for other opportunities.

We have an e-mail list for spreading the word about legislative actions. Anyone who wishes to get on the list call Karen at (541)-660-8730 or e-mail me [ubso@live.com](mailto:ubso@live.com)

We are planning to come up to *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

*Coast Run* first Saturday in August.

Toy run first Saturday in October.



Ride safe.

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle  
chapter treasurer



### **Josephine County**

#### **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830  
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkdale Drive  
Grants Pass

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

*Lincoln County Chapter* is thawing out from the cold and warming up for Valentine's Day. We have a meeting the day after and will firm up the rest of the plans, I hope.

Our new officers are still learning their jobs and moving forward. Talking to members who have not been attending but are looking at doing so. This is a positive step.

Our anniversary party will be held at the *American Legion Hall* where we hold our meetings. It will be March 26th. We do hope to see some from other areas attend. (A good reason for the crusty ol' editor to visit the Edgar Allen Poe room.)

As soon as it dries a little, we will have to check Beaver Creek out and see what we need to do. Hopefully not much to do.

By the time you read this, the *Newport Wine and Seafood Festival* will be over. Several of our members also belong to the *Legion* and will be doing clean up duty and also serving wine. We do enjoy this and it allows a free entrance in for us. If you are

there I hope you stopped and said "hi".

It's been awhile since I've done the newspaper article and have to keep reminding myself that I have to think out a month and not the month we are in.

I'm not sure how many of you know that in September, *Chinook Winds Casino* in Lincoln City holds a car show. Bob and I belong to a group who judges the show and there has been some discussion on adding bikes. I would like to see it happen but I'm not sure if there is much interest out there. Let us know what you think of the idea. There are several car shows in the area and it would be fun to be able to do a few. We have members involved in other areas on the coast with car shows. It would be a chance to become better known and in a positive light.

Sessions have started in Salem and we hear bits and pieces on it. Need to walk down the street and talk to our representative. She is not pro bikes but she is more willing to talk to us



about them each time we approach her. They say patience has its virtues.

A few are talking *Fossil* already so we shall see how many are attending. I just need a motel to stay in. (Really the last of the "rough it" campers.)

I will see a lot of you at state board this weekend and do enjoy that.

Take care, keep the rubber side down, and make sure your winter maintenance has been kept up.

See you on the road,  
(I'm the one on three.)

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

Lincoln County Chapter - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon  
**Long John Poker Run**  
&  
**29th Anniversary Party**  
**Saturday, March 26th**  
STARTS AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL - POST #116  
424 W. OLIVE ST. NEWPORT  
Breakfast by American Legion Riders @ 9:00a.m. \$5 per person  
Poker Run Sign Ups - 9AM to 10:00AM  
Leave at 11:00AM  
\$5 a hand (multiple hands ok)  
**Open to the Public**  
JOIN US AFTERWARDS FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL at 424 W. OLIVE ST. NEWPORT

**Lincoln County**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*American Legion Hall*, post 116  
424 W. Olive Street  
Newport  
**POINT of CONTACT**  
Bob (541)-265-7586  
**CHAPTER ADDRESS:**  
P.O. Box 372  
South Beach, OR 97366

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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

By the time you receive this fine newspaper, S.T.E.A.M will be a memory and hopefully a good memory that provided an opportunity for networking, learning new skills, and instilling some enthusiasm toward the goals of the organization and your chapter to build upon. Many thanks to everyone associated with putting on this event this year.

Excitement builds in all of us as we approach the spring equinox on March 20, which brings twelve hours of daylight, increases our energy, and most of all, provides warmer and dryer weather (we hope) for getting out on the road.

Don't forget to get those bikes ready to hit the road safely. You know the drill — check those tires, brakes, lights, and fluids.

With all the great events on tap this year you want to be ready to hit the road.

Think about honing your riding

skills by enrolling in one of the many *Team Oregon* courses. Not only will you enhance your skills, but you will have fun doing it and meet new friends. These courses are available throughout our great state. Check out the *Team Oregon* web site

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

As I've mentioned before, the *North Coast Chapter* is working on finalizing details for some new runs, making the arrangements for our annual events, brainstorming on the topic of growing the chapter membership, retaining current members, and bringing back past members.

We have a great contingent of chapter officers this year with lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm, for which I'm greatly appreciative of their time and energy.



All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques  
coordinator  
*North Coast Chapter*

**North Coast**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1000 ( 10 am )  
*Moose Lodge*  
420 17th Street  
Astoria, Oregon  
Children are welcome  
**POINT of CONTACT**  
**CHAPTER ADDRESS:**  
P.O. Box 1123  
Astoria, OR 97103



## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lower Columbia

We, down the river on the *Lower Columbia*, have been recognized as the crabbiest chapter around. Why? If you were not in Clatskanie on February 12th, you missed it. We just finished the third annual best crab dinner, this side of the Rockies. A big thank-you to our vice coordinator (a crabby fisherman) for providing us with the crab as fresh as you will ever get it. Those of you who attended were eating crab meat within 24 hours of coming from the deep blue sea.

I would like to highlight a very important member of the *LoCo* chapter this month.

This person is a beautiful giving person from within, which flows out towards those who are near.

This person has served as our historian from the beginning until elections this year, when she chose to serve in a different area.

She is the "mother" figure of many. She is a gifted woman in sewing

and inventing of patterns of many different items. Not only does she supply us with many different things for "door" prizes, she has also made red flags for our runs.

This year she has moved on to heading up our committee of "garbage". (We, here at *Lower Columbia* believe in giving back to our community. One of these areas involves committing to an area of highway 30 for clean up.) This person has taken on the lead in this area.

I would like to introduce to you a great member of *Lower Columbia*, Mrs. Dena Ferguson.

Thank-you ,Dena, for all that you do and stepping up . . . and beyond.

We are working as hard as one can on our spring run. This will be on May 7th.

Our run committee as ensured us that they are switching things up.

We know one thing — it will be great!

With a "lot" money to win.



Mark your calendars.

Keep the rubber side down and be safe,

Dave Witmer  
coordinator  
*Lower Columbia Chapter*

### **Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Colvin's Pub & Grill*  
123 N. Nehalem  
Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

### **POINT of CONTACT**

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### **CHAPTER ADDRESS:**

Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.  
P.O. box 1510  
Clatskanie, OR 97016

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

### January 18, 2011

Most of tonight's meeting was spent on our budgeting process. This work will continue until completed, probably two meetings hence.

Brian won the 50/50 at \$9/\$8 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

Sandy Loop would have won the membership drawing for \$55 if she had been present. (As she usually is.) It will be \$60 next meeting.

-- Brian



### Upcoming meetings

March 01, 2011

March 15, 2011

**10th Annual Cherry Festival  
Poker Run**

Sponsored by River City Chapter  
ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

**ALL RIDERS  
WELCOME**



**Sat. April 9  
2011**  
Sign in at  
**Kmart/Big K**  
2640 W 6th Street  
The Dalles, OR

after the Teddy Bear Parade  
Last rider out by 12:30 PM  
Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

\$15 Donation Includes One Poker Hand  
Extra Hand \$5  
Cash Prizes High & Low Hands  
Door Prizes

FOR INFORMATION: Call Richard at 541-739-2879 or  
Email - teresa\_hepker@gorge.net or write to:  
River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

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

Poker run fees will benefit River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.  
ABATE of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness,  
education, safety and liberty through community involvement  
and legislative action.



### **River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Shiloh Inn*  
The Dalles

### **POINT of CONTACT**

Rick Prentice (541)-296-8083  
Brian Stovall (541)-298-1317

### **CHAPTER ADDRESS:**

P.O. Box 1422  
The Dalles, OR 97058



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



No Report



Note date change →

**Salem**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Almost Home Restaurant*  
3310 Market Street, Salem

**POINTS of CONTACT**  
coordinator Rick Hoffman  
(503)-999-1429  
Ricksnowy@comcast.net

**CHAPTER ADDRESS:**  
P.O. Box 13957  
Salem, OR 97309  
salemchapterabate@earthlink.net

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

We're coming up on spring here in *Washington County*.

For all you die-hards, you've already been riding through the rain and debris as we come out of winter.

For the rest of us, riding season is just around the corner.

You're all aware, but it warrants repeating, please take the time to do your pre-season maintenance.

Brakes, shocks, fluids, tire pressure, and tread. It all needs checking *before* you need it to perform at that critical moment.

And if you haven't taken a *Team Oregon* refresher skills course in the past two years, just do it! The life you save could be your own.

The next big event on our agenda is our annual birthday party on Saturday, April 2. We'll have live music, dancing, prizes, 50/50, and auction items. This event has been our biggest fundraiser in recent years, so please plan to come out and support the chapter. We're gratefully accepting donations for balloon pop prizes and auction items. Please bring them to a chapter

meeting, or contact me and I'll make arrangements to pick them up.

For those who haven't been to a chapter meeting in a while, we've had a tradition of passing the hat at each meeting to raise funds for worthy causes. This year the chapter voted to adopt *Lacey's House*, a shelter for homeless veterans, in honor of Christopher Henderson, our chapter member who served in the Army and lost his life in Afghanistan in 2007. *Lacey's House* is a great organization, helping those who've paid a heavy price defending our freedom. We're proud to support their efforts.

Be sure to check out what's happening around the state, and take some time if you can to attend events put on by other chapters. We're all stronger for each other's support.

As always, you can find the latest news, contact information, and photos of chapter events at our web site:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>



See you on the road,

Margo Virchow

**Washington County**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30 p.m. )  
*Prime Time Restaurant*  
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

**POINT of CONTACT**  
(503)-643-4725

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



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

First of all, I would like to apologize to the other chapters and the state for us not having a chapter report in. I hate opening the newspaper and seeing our chapter area blank.

So I took on this task.

A.B.A.T.E. has many facets to it. I think our main one is teamwork. (A brotherhood) Without teamwork we are just individuals.

If you have joined the group, be a part of it.

If you don't like how things are operating, quit your bitching and run for an officer position, then change things.

In my personal opinion, I think it was pretty crappy that our secretary stepped down without notice and has left the chapter hanging. My brain bucket is off to our chapter coordinator, Turtle, for defusing the situation and not playing into the game of dividing our chapter into cliques.

Discussion over!

Now onto bigger and better things.

January has blessed us with some great riding days. The weather has been beautiful, our scoots barley got to cool off from last season and I love it.

In our last meeting we talked about bike safety, keep your air pressures checked, watching out for the pea gravel on the road, and using some common sense.

The Southeast Portland Chapter swap



meet is coming up April 10th.

Run 21 is gonna be here before you know it. The work has already started. Calls have been coming in for tickets and the vendors are eagerly waiting too.

Any of our sister chapters interested in having a booth please contact us or go to our web site: <http://www.run21.biz/>

Our chapter as a whole would like to see more A.B.A.T.E. members from different chapters make the journey and experience Run 21.

A special note to all interested persons wanting to attend Run-21, entry is on Friday, not Thursday. (Unless you are staff or a vendor.)

I don't care if you have come early each year, who you know, who you think you know, or who your daddy is. Save yourself the hassle and come when the gates open.

Vendors are allowed entry Thursday

after 9 a.m. to do their set up. Bring your passes for your workers.

There will be no Thursday ticket sales.

Departure is Sunday.

Buy your tickets on the web site.

The chapter sends out our deepest sympathies to Stevie and Deb Herman-Ross. They lost their son-in-law early new years day in a brutal attack in Old Town. The killers are still at large. A prayer was led by our chapter chaplain Mike Friend.

Keep the kickstands up and the dirtier side down.

With respect,

Darrin "Derwood" Tuers  
sgt at arms, vendor coordinator  
Southeast Portland Chapter

Now Three Great Chapters In One!

### **Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

### **POINT of CONTACT**

Richard Colwell  
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RGC1959@hotmail.com

### **CHAPTER ADDRESS:**

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Portland, OR 97290  
<http://www.abatase.net>  
<http://www.run21.biz>  
<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

## Keep Pushing On

In order to build a biker-friendly majority in the state legislature, an important first step is to figure out which legislators are on our side. We need to find this out well before the next campaign season begins. Otherwise, when the election clock is winding down, we won't know which candidates to support or oppose.

There is no better indicator of how our legislators *will* vote than how they *did* vote. So when we submit a bill to repeal any part of the helmet requirement, we can easily find out where they stand by putting it to a vote. This takes some of the guesswork out of evaluating our legislators when they run for reelection, as well as when they run for higher office.

Most people would say the purpose of submitting any bill is to get it passed into regulation.

This is certainly true, but that's not the only reason to submit a bill. If it were, then it would make perfect sense to withdraw it from consideration once it became obvious that it would not pass. (After all, who wants to waste time and effort on a bill that's dead on arrival?) But by withdrawing a bill, we diminish our ability to find out where each legislator stands. This is why it's vitally important to push any repeal bill as far as it will go — through committee and out to the floor for a full vote, if at all possible.

To keep our information fresh, we need to do this every session — in both houses of the legislature.

When each legislator goes on record, it saves us a tremendous amount of work in evaluating candidates ahead of the next election.

Assuming two candidates run in each of 100 legislative races, there would be about 200 candidates in all. But this number easily doubles when we also consider all the primary candidates who will run months earlier. So the more legislators we have a voting record on, the easier our evaluation efforts will be during the campaign season, when there's little time to spare.

Each election cycle really begins on the very first day after the previous election. That's when the winners start gearing up for the upcoming legislative session, eager to prove themselves by establishing a record



Douglas Findlay

of accomplishments.

So let's help them build a solid reputation by pushing the next helmet regulation repeal bill as far as it will go.

Only then can we hold our legislators accountable for their actions — and save ourselves a lot of work in the process.

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

12 February 2011

*Colvin's Pub & Grill*  
Clatskanie Oregon

**Call to order / welcome:** The meeting was called to order by Allan at 12:15 p.m. with twelve of twelve chapters represented.

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Moment of silence:** For downed brothers/sisters and service men/women.

**Reading / approval of minutes:**

Motion made by Matt to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Nic. Motion passed with ten votes.

**Excused:** Rot Path.

**Coordinator comments:** Allan Nichols (stood in for the vacationing Ted Tracy) *Black Wednesday* was great. Keep making your presence felt. It will be rewarding in the long run.

**Secretary report and correspondence:** Yvonne Sahnaw – Please let me know if you would like to be on the e-mail list receiving the board of directors minutes.

**\*\*\* Officer Reports \*\*\***

**Vice-coordinator (north):** Allan Nichols – Anyone not wanting *M.R.F.* or *BikePAC* information e-mailed to them, please notify him so that he may take you off the list.

**Vice-coordinator (south):** Pat “Spanky” – Still working on the *Brookings Chapter*. *Josephine County* will have a ride out to Brookings and help facilitate their new chapter.

*Josephine County* bike show originally started by a member of *Jackson County* having a swap meet. It would be nice to get them involved with the bike show coming up. Spanky will follow up.

**Vice-coordinator (east):** < Vacant >

**Treasurer:** Kay Sipple – Report read.

Checking account currently has \$4,264.05.

The money market has \$19,003.63.

The *PayPal* account \$920.69.

She reported most chapters were cooperating with getting their chapter information into the C.P.A.

We did not have any treasurers

attend January or February board of directors meetings to further their bookkeeping education. Please remember, all chapter treasurers are required to attend S.T.E.A.M. No exceptions!

**Membership secretary:** Linda Henderson – Report reviewed. We currently have 1,570 memberships with 38 expired next month.

S.T.E.A.M. will have a membership session covering membership retention, recruiting, and getting feedback on what works and doesn't work.

**Sanctioning officer:** Matt Price – All submitted applications are current with signed certificates. Please use the new PDF form located on the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site for sanctioning purposes with all the pertinent information required. (i.e. E-mail or addresses.)

Karen (*Josephine County*) requested information on a cancer benefit. Matt informed the board of directors that all event participants are required to sign a legal disclaimer.

**State auditor:** Connie Ceccacci – Most of the chapters have their information in. All chapters will be current by March.

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path (Excused.) – Report reads: Chapter reports were due Thursday, 10 February. Reports were not received from the following four chapters: *Josephine County*, *Lincoln County*, *Lower Columbia*, and *Salem*.

Since February is a short month, it is vital that all officer reports, articles, and the state board minutes be e-mailed to the state newspaper by Wednesday, 16 February. Otherwise the March issue may not be published until after the first of the month.

The typesetting for the remittance envelope and new trifold's is complete except for an updated motorcycle awareness program class photo. Possibly Mel Yeager might have some photos from one of the numerous classes he and Iris have taught.

The other two trifold photos have been updated with a new *Team Oregon* class photo and a highly symbolic photo of an Oregon biker wearing an American flag gazing up at the capitol building under gray skies while a helmet dangles from his handlebars.

Hopefully PDF versions of both projects will be e-mailed to Linda Henderson this evening or tomorrow morning so they can be viewed at the meeting.

Allan will follow up with Rot as to why half of the officer list in the newsletter is missing.

**Legislative director:** Randy Phipps – Covered federal and state level bills currently in the legislature. They are:

SB-137 = Rider education.

SB-162 = Reducing motorcycle endorsement fees.

SB-463 = Lane sharing.

SB-591 = “Pacific Wonderland” plates for motorcycles.

HB-2232 = Passengers on motorcycles and bicycles younger than age 7.

HB-2329 = A.T.V.'s and off-road riding.

HB-2797 = Carrying firearms on motorcycles and A.T.V.'s.

HB-3072 = Lights on all vehicles.

HB-3128 = Revoking motorcycle endorsement for cause.

HB-3141 = Riding without a helmet.

For more information concerning these bills go to:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/>

M.T.S.P. has been pushing for motorcycle check points in the Oregon legislature. However, O.D.O.T. has stated it would not allow such check points.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north):** Randy Phipps – No report.

**Sergeant-at-arms (south):** < Vacant >

**Sergeant-at-arms (east):** Jim Middleton will be going into the northwest region as well as Bellingham to dispense fliers for the swap meet. Hopefully, bringing in more people.

**Products director:** Dave Meeker – Ted requested some black hoodies and dress shirts with the *A.B.A.T.E.* logo. Dave has placed an order and



Yvonne Sahnaw  
state recording secretary

may have these available by the S.T.E.A.M. event for purchase.

**Education director:** Geoff White – S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled for the 26th of February.

Arrival at 8 a.m.

Opening session at 9 a.m.

There will be a fifteen minute break between each workshop.

S.T.E.A.M. will consist of three sessions with four workshops in each session.

There will *not* be lunch catering.

The entire program should wrap up by 2:45 p.m.

Any questions, please see him.

Geoff read a brief rundown on sessions and classes offered for the event.

Trace will update the web site with current information on the event.

**Public relations director:** < Vacant >

**Fossil coordinator:** Howie Long – Fliers and business cards are available.

Still need help with getting trophies and doing the games. Bob Highfill will help organize this.

We may need someone to handle the gate.

*Fossil* information will be updated on the web site and *PayPal* account is set up for advance ticket purchases.

Howie plans on attending as many chapter meetings as possible to put the word out on the event.

An ad was placed in the Idaho *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper at no fee. This will expand our coverage of the event to lots more people east of us who want to attend.

There will be limited RV camping available across the street.

We are in need of door prizes for the information booth. Any items given should be brought to the next meeting.

The *Fossil* radio station will put a camp up selling firewood around the

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## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 12 February 2011 (continued)

clock.

Due to liability, it looks like the permanent stage may not happen.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase on the leather coat donated by Laura Stewart. All proceeds will go to the M.P.'s.

**M.R.F. representative:** Allan Nichols – Reports are available as well as business cards. Allan is available to any chapter wanting an M.R.F. representative at a meeting. Please contact him for more details.

At this time, the M.R.F. is working on HR-412 that will exclude children's motorcycles and A.T.V.'s from the lead ban.

Also, a call to action was passed out a couple of weeks ago on this issue.

Roadside checks will also be a focus. Profiling is illegal. Mike Campbell of the M.R.F. has a video on *You Tube* of actual footage of the testimony and vote of the anti-profiling bill which is making lots of headway so far.

Allan reminded everyone that S.T.E.A.M. is very important in teaching lobbying locally, statewide, and nationwide. Repeals are hard to achieve. We need to pay attention, and get people motivated in making a difference. Send your legislator an e-mail or call. Make your presence known as to how you want them to vote

Spanky reiterated that there is power in numbers. Please get the vote out.

Allan commented that the *U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* will expire this month. [Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism.] Motorcycle clubs are being targeted. Just because we are riding, doesn't make us terrorists.

**Swap meet coordinator:** John Betts – Committee meeting scheduled for March 27th at 2 p.m. at the *Spare Room*. Flyers will be reprinted to include the swap meet address. Trace will have the updated flyers on the state web site by Sunday.

Spanky asked for flyers to pass out as well as volunteers from his chapter.

**Historian:** Jennifer Brackman – No report.

**Web page editor:** Trace Ceccacci

– Working on updates for the web page and *Fossil*. Tickets are delayed, but will be available by next week sometime. See A.B.A.T.E. web site.

**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba – Still working on finding the golf cart check. Geoff said that Clark Brooker will find out when the check was written to facilitate the search in storage. Allan will follow up with Ted.

**BikePAC representative:** Randy Phipps – Reviewed the governor's advisory committee meeting agenda to be held March 11th at the transportation safety division in Salem.

**BikePAC representative:** Mel Yeager – Nic is working on the call to action list. Don Mason is working with Trace on the web site. He encourages everyone to show up at the meeting in Salem and sign in.

**Confederation of Clubs representative (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen – No report. *N.C.O.M.* conference is coming up.

**Confederation of Clubs representative (north):** David Hickerson – Excused.

### Unfinished Business

**Vacant positions for 2011 board of directors:**

- Vice-coordinator (east)
- Public relations director
- Sargent-at-arms (south)

### New Business

Discussion on how to make attendance more feasible for everyone wanting to partake of the board of directors meeting.

Trace will look into cost and availability of web cam interfacing for future use.

There are a lot of miles driven and some of the meetings are just too difficult to make because of weather conditions.

Trace reminded everyone that there is not a lot of strong computer skills within the chapters, and that may be a problem even with the technology available.

Brian reminded the board of directors that a web cam had been used at the *Eagles* location, but that it had not been a priority to maintain.

To make all this work, we would need all chapters with broadband

and a web cam supporting all the chapters. And sometimes it just takes too long to get set up at the meeting.

Realizing how much the east and southern chapters would benefit from this, Trace will investigate and report back to the next board of directors meeting what costs are involved in running a web cam to the individual chapters from the meeting place.

*Ciddicci's* connection needs verification and any other location we may use as well. More to follow.

### Announcements

- Please e-mail Allen if you would like to be on the M.R.F. call-to-action List.
- *Best of the West* is scheduled for June 10–12th in Ogden, Utah. Please get your reservations in early. It's a beautiful ride and worth the trip.
- Nic said the Cottage Grove planning session was in violation of the by-laws. There are to be

two meetings in October and not to be superseded without the board of directors approval. The by-laws need to be adhered to.

- Nic had three announcements.
  - > The *Southeast Portland Chapter* spring swap meet coming April 10 at the Oregon national guard armory.
  - > *Southeast Portland Chapter* anniversary party March 12 at 7 p.m. at the *M&M Restaurant* in Gresham.
  - > Biker night Saturday, March 12 at *Riley's Bar & Grill*.
- Remember the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* is March 11 in Salem.
- S.T.E.A.M. to be held February 26, at *Chemekata Community College*.
- Next state board of directors meeting will be March 12 at *Ciddicci's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

Adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

## Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Hi all,

Our records for last year's fatalities due to motorcycle crashes indicate that we still need to be aware of the fact that even a small amount of alcohol can make a difference in judgment and perception.

Please be aware of this and make sure you and your fellow riders are clear-headed when piloting a motorcycle. (I know this sounds like mom talking, but I just can't help it.)

Be sure to let your legislators know of your thoughts on the bills concerning motorcycling. There are several this session.

The next *G.A.C.M.S.* meeting will be on March 11, 2011.

Location will be 235 Union Street NE – Salem, Oregon.

Know that you are welcome to come see what is on the table and help us be aware of needs of the motorcycling community.



**Iris Yeager**

G.A.C.M.S.  
member

Remember the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* is the first Saturday of May.

Hope to see you all in the near future.

Have a good and fun year,

Iris Yeager

From The ...

## GUNNY'S SACK

### 2011 N.C.O.M. Convention

Mark your calendar now for the 26th annual *N.C.O.M.* convention, to be held just before and into Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2011 at the *Hyatt Regency Albuquerque* located at 330 Tijeras Avenue NW in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This year is special for Oregonians in that two newspaper folks, Tim and Bonnie King, will be receiving *Silver Spoke* awards in media for their unprecedented, unbiased coverage of biker issues and police harassment. They run the on-line paper, <http://www.SalemNews.com>

If we had more coverage of this caliber from the mass media around the country, our image would be much different in the minds of the general public.

A *Silver Spoke* award from *N.C.O.M.* is akin to receiving an Oscar from the film world and is awarded to special motorcycle rights warriors by the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

This year's gathering will draw bikers rights activists from across the country.

Reserve your room now for the *N.C.O.M.* rate of \$80 by calling 1-(800)-233-1234.

Airport and hotel transportation is available.

Registration fees for the *N.C.O.M.* convention are \$75 including the *Silver Spoke* awards banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 for the convention only.

All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars, and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and freedom of the road.

To pre-register, call the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at 1-(800)-525-5355 or visit <http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com>

### News Bits-N-Pieces

**Arizona** — Some of you may be unaware that Gabby Giffords, the senator from Arizona who was gunned down by an idiot, is the co-chair of the new *Congressional Motorcycle Caucus*. She is a rider herself and has been a big supporter of motorcyclists over the years. Keep this good lady in your prayers. We need her now more than ever. She is a very special person to us.

The new congress has formally recognized the *Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus*. The eleven-member bi-partisan union, active in the last congress as well, promotes the interests of motorcycling and motorcycle safety in the U.S. house of representatives.

**New Jersey** — Assembly bill A2990 that would permit Sunday motorcycle sales is going to the full New Jersey assembly for a vote. The bill already passed the full senate last june and was referred to the assembly transportation committee for consideration. It passed there in November 2010. The last step before going to the governor to be signed into effect is the assembly vote.

A2990 currently has 22 sponsors/co-sponsors, so it looks like it should pass pretty easily. Some calls to your assemblymen to voice your support for passage of this bill wouldn't hurt it's chances to end this archaic "blue law."

**Virginia Kids** — A Virginia Beach legislator tried and failed to prohibit children under eight from riding on motorcycles. (HB-1850) Delegate Chris Stolle, a physician, told a house subcommittee he was just trying to clarify existing regulation. The problem, he said, is that there is no such provision available for motorcycles. "I can put my child on the back of my motorcycle and say, 'Hang on tight,'" said Stolle, a republican.

Sergeant Scott Wichtendahl of the Virginia Beach police department said young children don't have the strength or dexterity to ride a motorcycle safely.

Matt Danielson, legal counsel to the *Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists*, opposing the bill, said there have been no fatalities among children under eight riding on motorcycles in the past ten years. I recall none here in Oregon.

**Oregon Kids** — We have a similar bill (HB-2232) working its way through the system. It would ban kids under seven from motorcycles. It's sponsored by Mitch Greenlick, who sponsored a similar bill for bicyclists. He quickly pulled that one back after the static he got from bicyclists.

Oregon regulations already says a motorcycle passenger's feet must reach the footpegs.

If we value our freedom to make decisions on how we raise our children, we better pay attention to this sort of sabotage. Contact your legislators today.

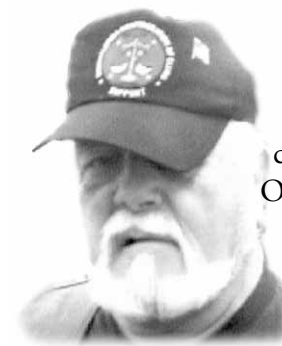
**Oregon Legislature Needs You** — If you haven't already done so, please folks, check your *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper and the *BikePAC of Oregon* web site for information on the several bills that will affect motorcyclists, including the child-passenger bill mentioned above, a lane-sharing bill, and a helmet modification bill.

If you know Mel Yeager, you can contact him directly for more information, or look on-line or in your newspaper for *BikePAC*, but *do it now!*

**N.H.T.S.A. Recalls** — If ya ride a 2003 - 2009 *Ducati*, get it to your dealer and get it checked out. Some are experiencing fuel tank leaks. Not good if fuel hits a hot exhaust pipe.

**Myrtle Beach** — [The notorious city] is involved in another legal suit, this one over its noise ordinance. The suit claims the city's regulation interferes with the uniformity of their state legislation, is pre-empted by state regulation, and is unconstitutional. The suit was filed by Virginia-based *A.I.M.* attorney, Tom McGrath, on behalf of a local motel owner, other residents, Horry county, and South Carolina *A.B.A.T.E.* groups, which work to protect motorcyclists' rights. McGrath also filed a suit that led to the South Carolina supreme court finding last year that the city's helmet requirement, also part of the set of new rules approved to tone down the rallies, wasn't legal because the state had already ruled that helmets weren't required.

Drivers might have the chance for their vehicles to get a slight bit louder in Myrtle Beach. Their city council lowered the city's vehicle noise maximum to 89 decibels in 2008, also intended to tone down bike rallies. They now want to bump that up to 92 decibels to match national standards. The city said the change is being considered so they're in line with standards adopted by the *Society of Automotive Engineers* and endorsed by the *American Motorcycle Association*. (*A.M.A.*) The *A.M.A.*, which urges communities to adopt the *S.A.E.* standards, won't endorse Myrtle Beach's plan to raise the decibel level until the legal suit over the noise ordinance is



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

resolved, said Peter Horst, the *A.M.A.*'s spokesman.

**Hawaiian Lids?** — The region I *N.C.O.M.* convention in Honolulu was successful, and we exchanged information and tactics about the issues facing bikers in our west coast region. We also heard about the problems our island brothers and sisters are dealing with. The biggest is the attempt of legislators trying to put lids on bikers here. Seems there has been an increase in deaths from motorcycle crashes there this year. I'm at a loss to see where helmets will mitigate the problem when it is well known that helmets don't save lives, education does.

'Nuff sed from the Gunny.

### Gunny Again

Our *A.I.M.* attorneys across this great land are continually in battle for our behalf in the courts and in our legislatures. Take advantage of these good people they are on our side in all ways.

Call 1-(800)-On-A-Bike to get in touch with the *A.I.M.* attorney in your area.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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

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From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

# Why We Ride

## The future conspires

c.o.e. — 110

c.o.e.'s web site: (such as it is) <http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/>

Often the first question a non-rider will ask a motorcyclist is, "Why do you ride?"

Riding a motorcycle taps into something primal, an attribute core to our identity as humans.

When we ride, we are no longer enwombed in a safe, protective environment. Gone are the seat belts, impact-absorbing sheet metal, air bags.

Instead, it's just us and Newton's law of inertia, supplemented by the law of gross tonnage.

We are out there, on the edge of potential death, never feeling more alive.

We may have family, friends, biker brothers and sisters. But when we ride, we are solely responsible for our own safety and survival. No one else can do it for us. It is only our own skill and knowledge that keep us from colliding with the planet.

We are attuned to the world around us, alert to dangers, looking for opportunities. We are living in the moment, aware that we could die, grateful that we do not.

Riding is a thousand little victories over death.

*That's* why we ride.

. . .

The idea above came to yer crusty ol' editor as he was using a byte box to arrange graphic images into predetermined patterns. (Some may call it playing computer solitaire,

but that lacks a certain panache.)

For years, yer c.o.e. has been trying to sum up the reason why he rides.

Part of it has to do with facing fears, then moving beyond them. (Remember that Indian Larry had "No Fear" tattooed on his throat.)

But mostly riding a motorcycle is as fun as riding a bicycle without having to pedal. (Plus you can't hear yer mom calling you to come in and do chores.)

*In the third week we will achieve balance of light and dark for the first time this year.*

### Fwd: Hypocrisy As Patriotism

There's always a fair amount of unsolicited forwarded e-mail traffic associated with this editing gig. (It's sad how many of our members still fall for chain mail scams.)

What's disappointing is folks who c.o.e. normally respects sending on posts deploring Americans accommodating minority needs. They seem to feel that the attitudes of "might makes right" or "majority rules" will cure all our national problems (they won't) and that minorities of all types just need to shut up and join the majority.

Hello?

Motorcyclists are minority road users.

Are we supposed to just shut up and let legislators roll all over us?

According to the logic of those forwarded e-mails, that's exactly what any minority is supposed to do.

So before you e-mail forwarders wrap yourselves in the U.S. flag (disrespectful) and invoke the bill of rights selectively, stop and consider the reason forward-thinking people created our constitution — to equalize liberty for *all* citizens (or wannabes) no matter what their situations or beliefs.

### Our Future History

Next month for the annual April fool (Lirpa) joke issue, the theme will be "retro future — wormhole edition". It will be as though it is 2061 and the *A.B.A.T.E.* news hologram editor decided to look back half a century by publishing a printed newspaper as it would have appeared in our time.

- What will have changed?
- What will have remained the same?
- Will we finally have the flying cars we've been promised?
- What about flying motorcycles?
- Monkeys?



**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor

Put on yer thinkin' helmets (the ones with beanie propellers on top) and imagine what kind of world our descendants will be riding in, if at all.

Scribble down yer speculations, then mail them by 15 March to:

**crusty ol' editor**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, ORegon 97208**

or e-mail yer electronic thoughts to:

**statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net**

This could be a great collaborative effort at yer next chapter meeting to get more members involved.

### Not That Yer c.o.e. Believes In Conspiracies, But . . .

Five out of seven of our guest speakers at S.T.E.A.M. in the last seven years have passed on.

Just in the last year we've lost Sputnik and Wendy "Moonrider" Moon.

And now senator Gabby Giffords, co-chair of the *Congressional Motorcycle Caucus*, survived being shot.

Has someone declared open season on leaders and shakers of the motorcycling community?

How is it that so many of our front-line voices are being silenced?

(Only Simon Milward was actually killed in a motorcycle crash. Everyone else succumbed to "diseases" or "heart problems".)

It's not paranoia if "they" really *are* trying to get you.

## MARCH Cryptogram

U O I O V G I O Y .

U O I O T U H B T .

U O I O I G N G T A M A E B .

O Y H U V G Y ' N T U H B L U N A R U Y O Y M G Y B ' P E U D B .

-- V B Y H M " I G G Y T U H B T " I G G Y

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldruidery.

( Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 22 )

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon  
Southeast Portland Chapter

## Anniversary Party

Saturday  
**12 March 2011**  
7 p.m. until ?  
M&M Restaurant  
137 N. Main  
Gresham, Oregon

LIVE MUSIC      DOOR PRIZES  
50/50 DRAWING      BROOMSTICK POOL



Southeast Portland Chapter

### Canned Food Drive

Saturday, 12 March 2011

- meet at M&M at 10 a.m.
- leave at 11:30 a.m.
- arrive Harbor Lights Mission at noon

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Lincoln County Chapter - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

## Long John Poker Run

&  
**29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

**Saturday, March 26th**  
STARTS AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL – POST #116  
424 W. OLIVE ST. NEWPORT  
Breakfast by American Legion Riders @ 9:00a.m. \$5 per person  
Poker Run Sign Ups – 9AM to 10:00AM  
Leave at 11:00AM  
\$5 a hand (multiple hands ok)



# Open to the Public


JOIN US AFTERWARDS FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
AT AMERICAN LEGION HALL at 424 W. OLIVE ST. NEWPORT  
(Adult Beverages Available in Lounge Upstairs)

**Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle**  
**Entertainment Begins at 7pm**

FOR MORE INFO:  
Ralph: 541-265-6850  
Bob: 541-265-7586-3533  
Randy: 541-563-5501

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Josephine County Chapter



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Join your friends, family &  
Favorite vendors at the

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet & Expo

Presented by Josephine County & Jackson County  
A.B.A.T.E.

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2011  
Fri: Noon- 7:00 vendor set-up  
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00  
Touville Lodge  
9367 Table Rock Rd, Central Point

Lots of Great Food, Live Music,  
Cold & Hot Drinks, vendors,  
Raffle prizes, 50/50  
Blessing of the bikes  
Sunday morning biker church

Breakfast served  
Sat morning 9am-11am

Entry Fee: \$3  
Children under 12 free

VENDOR SPOTS OPEN  
Call Pat Wine @ 541-832-2219  
Or Mike Horn @ 541-292-6121  
For vendor information

For general information:  
Spanky @ 541-659-8715 or  
Kevin @ 541-324-0866

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## May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Saturday, May 7th, 2011



Let's fill this area with motorcycles!  
This is BikePACs 25th anniversary of the  
Awareness rally. Help us celebrate.  
There will be a live band, public speakers, and a fun bike show.  
The categories for the bike show will be announced just before judging-  
-Any bike might win something. \$2 cost to enter.

Pass the word, and encourage your friends to ride in to the Capitol for  
entertainment and education about motorcycle issues.  
Parking is free and we hope to improve the sound for all to enjoy.

This event is sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon  
The public is invited to participate-ALL motorcycles are welcome

For more information email Mel at mel\_yeager@msn.com OR Nic at nic\_oliver @live.com



**WACO ABATE'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
7:30P APRIL 2, 2011

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:  
LIVE AUCTION  
SILENT AUCTION  
MUSIC  
BALLOON POP  
50/50 DRAWING

BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR CASH PURCHASE.  
\*NO KITCHEN SERVICE\*

**WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE OF OREGON**  
**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
APRIL **2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**HILLSBORO ELKS LODGE**  
21865 NW QUATAMA RD

BRING CASH OR CHECK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS; WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROCESS PLASTIC.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OUR RUN COORDINATOR AT:  
RUNCOORDINATOR@WACDABATE.INFO  
WWW.WACDABATE.INFO

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**10th Annual Cherry Festival Poker Run**

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

ALL RIDERS WELCOME

**Sat. April 9 2011**  
Sign in at **Kmart/Big K**  
2640 W 6th Street  
The Dalles, OR

after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM  
Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

\$15 Donation Includes One Poker Hand  
Extra Hand \$5  
Cash Prizes High & Low Hands  
Door Prizes

FOR INFORMATION: Call Richard at 541-739-2879 or Email - teresa\_hepker@gorge.net or write to: River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

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

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Proudly Presents  
**34th Annual Fossil Campout**  
Bear Hollow: May 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2011



A Special Thanks to Stewart Leathers

Live Music Friday, Saturday & Sunday Night!  
Live Music: See website.  
Bike Rodeo & Bike Show! Tattoo Contest!  
Scavenger Hunt! Poker Run! Vendors!

Advance Tickets: Members \$30; Non-members \$35. At the Gate: members \$35, Non-Members \$40  
Day Passes: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20 at gate

Online ticket sales at [www.fossilcampout.com](http://www.fossilcampout.com)  
Gates open @ Noon on Friday

For more information Contact Howie Long (503) 791-2862  
For vendor information Contact Rick (541) 980-4230

Due to space limitations only groups of TEN or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length.  
Limited RV Camping withing walking distance.

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



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

**Mid-Summer All Motorcycle Swap Meet and Bike Show**

An Indoor/Outdoor Event at the Armory, 10000 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Drive, Portland, OR

**Sunday, 31 July 2011**  
Gate opens 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Admission:  
\$5 = A.B.A.T.E. member  
\$8 = non-member

**Prizes given throughout the day** (must be present to win)

- Parking in designated areas available on-site
- Motorcycle parking in front of building
- No pets or animals of any kind permitted

Swap meet coordinator : "Wheels"  
vendor information : (971)-285-6523  
e-mail : [SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net](mailto:SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net)

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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

## Congressional Motorcycle Caucus Goes Back To Work

February 03, 2011

U.S. representatives Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and Gabrielle Giffords (D-Arizona) will remain as co-chairs of the *Congressional Motorcycle Caucus* for the new 112th congress, the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* reports.

The bi-partisan caucus, which has existed for many years, was formally recognized by the U.S. house for the new congress. Official caucuses must register and be recognized at the start of every two-year congress. (The caucus is made up of members of congress who are passionate about motorcycling and who work to promote the interests of motorcyclists.)

*"It's great to have Reps. Burgess and Giffords back as leaders of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus,"* said Ed Moreland, *A.M.A.* senior vice president for government relations. *"The Congressional Motorcycle Caucus is made up of dedicated members of congress who ensure that motorcyclists aren't forgotten on capitol hill. Representatives Burgess and Giffords have proven that they are true friends of motorcycling."*

*We look forward to working with our old friends in the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, as well as new members who join, to help protect and promote the motorcycling lifestyle,"* Moreland said.

-- James Holter

### Recall:

#### *Harley-Davidson Softails For Stalling Issue*

February 02, 2011

**Vehicle make:** *Harley-Davidson*

**Model:** *Softail*

**Model year:** 2011

**Manufacturer:** *Harley-Davidson Motor Company*

**Manufacturer's report date:** Jan 28, 2011

*N.H.T.S.A.* campaign ID number: 11V037000

**Component:** Engine and engine cooling

**Potential number of units affected:** 6,964

**Summary:** *Harley-Davidson* is recalling certain model year 2011 *Softail* motorcycles manufactured from June 7, 2010, through October 8, 2010, which have had a security system kit installed as an accessory. The body control modules (B.C.M.) involved are part numbers 69991-11 and 69993-11. The B.C.M. has a case that may not have been properly sealed during production. An improper seal may allow water intrusion into the B.C.M. which may cause engine stall.

**Consequence:** An engine stall while in traffic can result in a crash, which could lead to injury or death to the rider.

**Remedy:** *Harley-Davidson* will notify owners and dealers will replace the B.C.M. free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about February 21, 2011. Owners may contact *Harley-Davidson* at **1-(414)-343-4056**.

**Notes:** Owners may also contact the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's* vehicle safety hotline at **1-(888)-327-4236** (TTY 1-(800)-424-9153), or go to: **http://www.safercar.gov**

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-- *N.H.T.S.A.*

#### **Federal Legislators Oppose Wild Lands Policy**

January 28, 2011

Nearly sixty federal legislators have joined forces to ask department of interior secretary Ken Salazar to withdraw a recent order creating a new land-use designation that could bar responsible off-highway riding from public land, the *A.M.A.* reports.

In a letter dated January

28, representative Rob Bishop (R-Utah), the outgoing chairman of the congressional western caucus; senator John Barrasso (R-Wyoming), chairman of the senate western caucus; and 47 other house members and eight other senators asked Salazar to rescind secretarial order 3310, which Salazar signed on December 22.

To see which legislators signed the letter, go to:

**[http://robbishop.house.gov/UploadedFiles/wild\\_land-signatures\\_final.pdf](http://robbishop.house.gov/UploadedFiles/wild_land-signatures_final.pdf)**

The order created a new land-use designation called "wild lands" that essentially allows officials in the federal *Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.)* to manage public land as if it had received a "wilderness" land-use designation from congress, but without requiring congressional approval.

A "wilderness" designation is one of the strictest forms of public land management. Once congress designates an area as "wilderness", nearly all forms of non-pedestrian recreation are prohibited.

The *A.M.A.* supports appropriate "wilderness" designations that meet the criteria established by congress in 1964, but anti-access forces have been abusing the legislative process to ban responsible off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) recreation on public land.

*"I am increasingly concerned by secretary Salazar's and the current administration's ongoing efforts to circumvent congress when it comes to creating new public lands policies,"* Bishop said. *"The D.O.I.'s [Department of Interior's] unilateral decisions regarding the management of our public lands and resources are detrimental to communities and businesses throughout the west."*

*Their lack of regard for the impact this will have on local economies is unacceptable,"* he continued. *"It is time that they start taking into consideration the people that will be*

*hurt by their decisions to operate in a vacuum, starting with the withdrawal of secretarial order 3310."*

The legislators' high-powered opposition is just the latest expression of outrage following Salazar's announcement of the new land-use policy during last year's holiday season. Several western state governors have also asked Salazar to withdraw his order: Wyoming's Matthew Mead, Idaho's C.L. "Butch" Otter, and Utah's Gary Herbert.

The *A.M.A.* has also raised concerns.

Ed Moreland, *A.M.A.* senior vice president for government relations, sent a letter to Salazar on January 11 asking him to explain whether the new "wild lands" land-use designation will block traditional routes of travel for off-highway riding.

Salazar's order has far-reaching implications because the B.L.M. manages about 245 million acres of public land nationwide, primarily in western states. Under his order, B.L.M. officials will evaluate the land they manage and decide which areas should be labeled "lands with wilderness characteristics." Once those decisions are made, the officials will go through a public land-use planning process before designating land as "wild lands."

Feb. 10, 2011

#### **Erik Buell Headline Hall of Fame Fundraiser**

Hall of famer, Erik Buell, will discuss the past (and future) of *Buell* motorcycles at the *Motorcycle Hall of Fame Breakfast*.

Buell, a hall of famer and the innovative engineer who turned his love of road racing and high-performance motorcycles into the American sport bike company that bore his name, will take the stage at the hall of fame fundraising event to talk about the past, present, and future of his unique motorcycles.

Whether you're a fan of motorcycle history or modern motorcycle mastery, Buell's perspective on the

( continued on next page )





past 20 years promises to make the 23rd annual edition of the breakfast a one-of-a-kind event.

"For me, motorcycling has always been about the journey, about the people, about the ideas behind the machines, and it will be great to connect with enthusiasts at the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Breakfast at Daytona fundraiser," Buell said. "And who knows? I may have a surprise or two to announce by then."

Buell owners and fans will not want to miss this rare opportunity to learn about the future of the brand from the man who invented it.

The breakfast at Daytona will take place on March 11 in the main level of the Daytona 500 Club inside the Daytona International Speedway.

For tickets, call 1-(614)-856-2222, ext. 1234.

Or register on-line at <http://www.MotorcycleMuseum.org>

All proceeds from the breakfast at Daytona support the Motorcycle Hall of Fame and its mission to preserve and promote motorcycling's heritage.

### Vote For America's Best Motorcycling Roads

Tight twisties?

Long sweepers?

A straight shot to the horizon with mile-long vistas to match?

Do you dig mountain routes, rolling hills, or desert landscape?

Maybe your favorite road is Deal's Gap with its 318 curves in 11 miles.

Maybe it's the awesome cliff-hanging ocean-side views and

generous lean opportunities offered up by the Pacific Coast Highway.

Or it could be some little known slice of asphalt through some remote Appalachian county.

Heck, it could even be all 2,400-some miles of America's route 66.

The point is, a good road is in the mind of the rider. Beyond nearly universal positives such as perfect pavement and little traffic, we all have our own opinions on what rocks our rubber.

That's why in preparing a feature for our upcoming April issue we need the help of our readers -- A.M.A. members, who are the most die-hard riders on the planet. We've already collected the nominations. Now it's time to vote. So, click on over to our 2011 A.M.A. best roads survey and let us know.

### Reprieve For Kids' Dirtbikes And A.T.V.s

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.) has voted to delay enforcement of portions of the controversial "lead law" that would have effectively banned the sale of kids' dirtbikes and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s).

On February 1, the C.P.S.C. voted 4-1 to delay enforcement until December 31 of the independent laboratory testing and certification requirements, as well as the lead-content limits, for kids' dirtbikes and ATVs contained within the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (C.P.S.I.A.) of 2008.

### A.M.A. Introduces Dealer Incentive Program

The A.M.A. is launching a new A.M.A. dealer incentive program that rewards dealers who offer their customers the valuable benefits of A.M.A. membership, including A.M.A. roadside assistance, American Motorcyclist magazine, access to the thousands of amateur competition and recreational events on the A.M.A. calendar, not to mention a voice in the promotion and preservation of the motorcycling lifestyle.

The A.M.A. dealer incentive program, which will [launched] at the 2011 Dealernews International Powersports Dealer Expo February 18-20 in Indianapolis, offers dealers incentives for each A.M.A. membership they sell. By providing customers with A.M.A. roadside assistance and all the other benefits of A.M.A. membership, the program also helps dealerships differentiate themselves in the marketplace.

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### Videos From A.M.A.

- AmericanMotorcyclist.com reports from the 2010 Flint Ridge dual sport.
- Motorcycle hall of famer.
- Shrimp Burns goes all-out at board track.
- American Motorcyclist moto-journalist-for-a-day, Tumu Rock, gets schooled.
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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation

## M.R.F. Board of Directors Seats

### Newly Elected Directors



At our January *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* board of directors meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the three board members elected by their constituencies since the close of the *M.R.F.* board meeting just prior to the *Meeting of the Minds* in September 2010.

Those members are; Jim “Legs” Korte, *M.R.F.* state representative (elected by *M.R.F.* state representatives at their meeting during the *Meeting of the Minds* conference), Cindy Hodges (*M.R.F.* member representative, elected by a mail vote open to all *M.R.F.* members), and Dave Dwyer. (Sustaining state motorcycle rights organization representative, elected by a mail vote by our sustaining state motorcyclist rights organizations.)

All three ran un-opposed for a two year term.

At our September board of directors meeting, elections were held for president, treasurer, directors of state representatives program, membership and political action committee. Candidates for these positions were nominated and voted on by all sitting board of directors members with the exception of the president and the person, or persons, running for that position. The incumbents were re-elected to fill two year terms.

For 2011 we will be starting the election cycle once again with the following persons/positions up for election:

- Vice-president – Jay Jackson
- Secretary – Paulette Korte,
- Conference and events – Carol Downs
- Rider education – Jay Jackson,
- Communications – Eric Hampton
- M.R.F.* representatives representative – Graydon Wheeler

Member representative – Wayne Wierson

S.M.R.O. representative – Larry Nielson.

Details on the election process will be in the May/June and July/August issues of the *M.R.F. Reports*.

Commenting of the recent elections, *M.R.F.* president Kirk “Hardtail” Willard said *“having now worked with this current board of directors I can state with confidence that we have assembled a fine group of dedicated motorcyclists from around the country who are working tirelessly on behalf of the motorcyclists of this nation to preserve our freedom and associated lifestyle and have observed first hand and certainly appreciate their efforts, contributions, expertise, leadership, and sacrifices they make day in and day out on behalf of the M.R.F., the state motorcycle rights organizations, and motorcyclists they represent.”*

### The Kids Just Want to Ride!

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* is in support of legislation recently introduced that would allow just that. U.S. representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT) introduced HR-412. This bill would exempt youth motorcycles and A.T.V.s from the current lead ban on children’s toys.

*“Here again, a [regulation] meant to improve children’s safety is actually being enforced in a way that puts kids in more danger than ever, while destroying jobs to boot,”* said Rehberg. *“It’s critical that we put to rest any confusion once and for all so kids can just get outside and ride. There’s no excuse for continued bungling that only stops kids from using the very youth-sized off-road vehicles that are intended to keep them safe.”*

The *M.R.F.* urges you to call your

U.S. representative to ask him or her to join the bipartisan group of co-sponsors for HR-412. You can reach the U.S. capitol switchboard at 1-(202)-224-3121.

### Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting

Recently in Washington D.C., the *Transportation Research Board (T.R.B.)* held its annual meeting which offered the opportunity for the *Motorcycle and Moped Committee (M.M.C.)* to meet as well.

The *T.R.B.* is a group of academics, governments, and private organizations from around the world that meet to discuss essentially every aspect of transportation. The *M.M.C.* is an advisory committee to the *T.R.B.* for reviewing academic papers and sharing information. Jeff Hennie (*M.R.F.* vice president of government relations and public affairs) is a sitting member of the *M.M.C.* and represents the *M.R.F.* at each *T.R.B.* meeting.

This year several topics were addressed that are worth mentioning.

It seems to be the year of the naturalistic study.

The French government has completed one. And as previously reported by the *M.R.F.*, the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation/Motorcycle Industry Council* will be doing a naturalistic study as well. Both studies will or did use volunteers and their motorcycles outfitted with cameras, G.P.S., and data recorders, along with a slew of sensors to measure what the motorcycle does for a set amount of time ranging from six months to a year.

It has been determined that the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (N.H.T.S.A.)* federally-funded motorcycle crash study will now

be implemented only in Orange County, California, investigating only up to 240 crashes. Results will be available 36 months after data collection ends.

A scan of European motorcycle safety programs, regulations, and infrastructure was recently completed by a team of government types and private groups. The scan revealed some interesting results.

The team found out that most of the countries in Europe had very similar ratios with regard to the number of motorcycles on the roads versus fatalities.

In the United States, motorcycles represent about three percent of the vehicles on the road while averaging about ten percent of the fatalities each year.


In Europe, the ratios for most countries are nearly identical to those in the United States, even though Europe has mandatory helmet requirements and graduated licensing, not to mention the fact that it costs about \$1,000 to get a motorcycle license.

#### 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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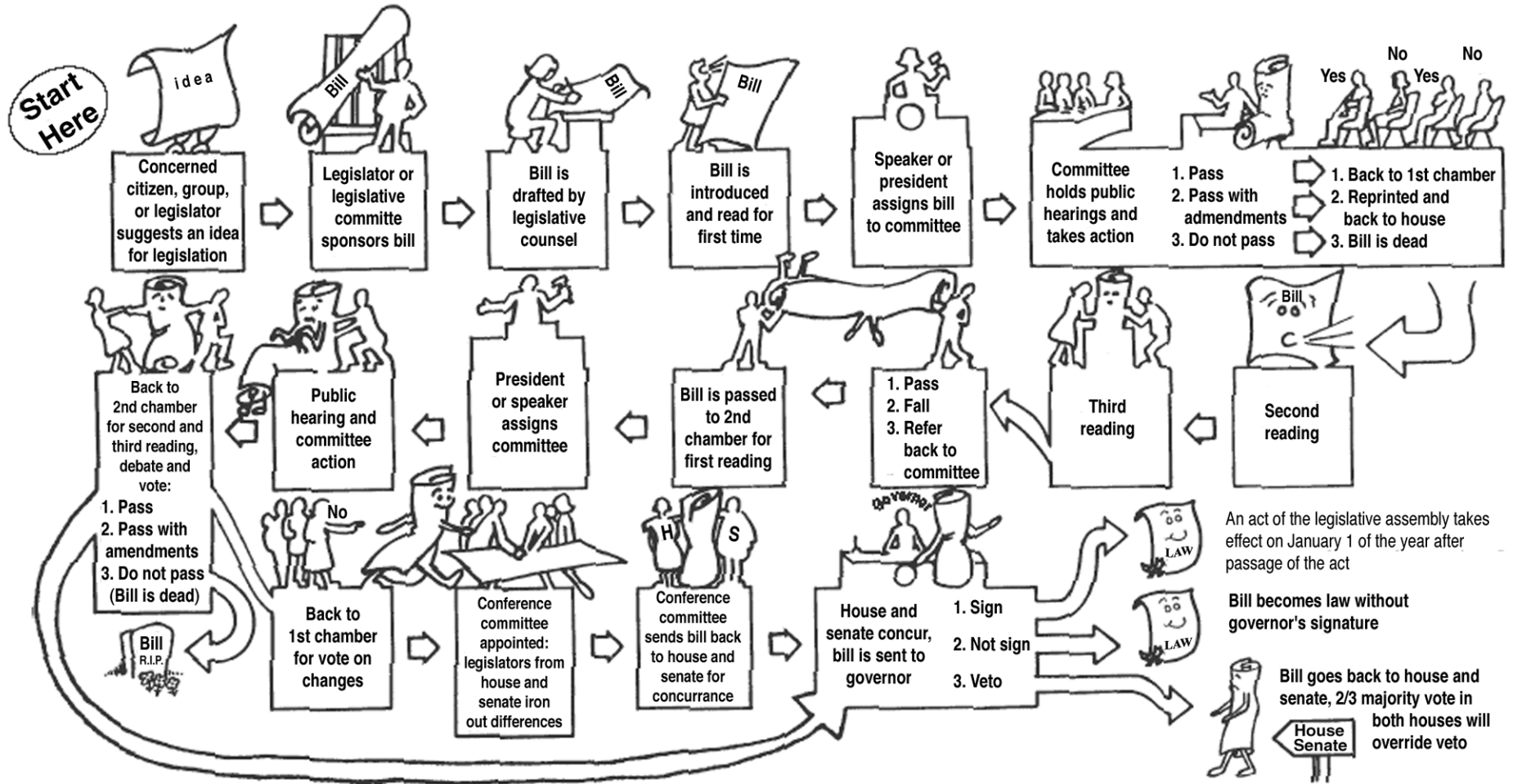
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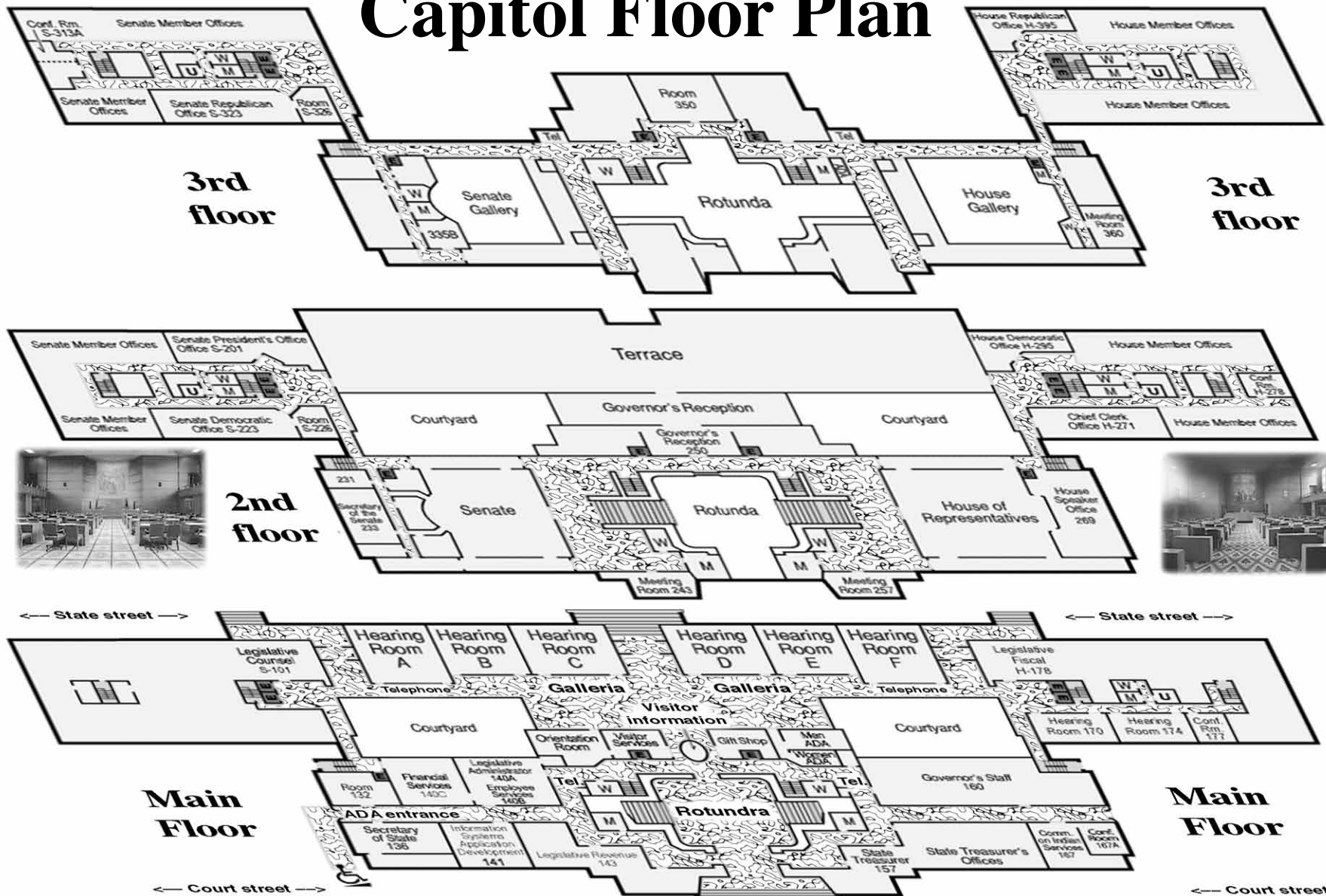


# How An Idea Becomes Law

A Simple View of the Oregon Legislative Process



## Capitol Floor Plan



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

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# Motorcycle-Riding Congresswoman Shot

In what has been described as a national tragedy – a deranged gunman opened fire during a public meeting with constituents by Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords outside a Tucson supermarket on January 8 that left six dead and more than a dozen injured including the state representative who was critically injured with a bullet wound to the head.

Giffords, 40, rides motorcycles and married an astronaut at a wedding where everything had to be biodegradable. She is a centrist three-term democrat who champions gun rights, lists fiscal discipline as one of her top issues, and was re-elected in a conservative district when republicans took control of the house.

Before entering politics, she ran the family tire business which was founded by her grandfather in 1949. Perhaps growing up in an auto-focused family led to her love of motorcycles. She is a co-chair of the congressional motorcycle caucus with republican Walt Jones of North Carolina.

In 2009, representative Giffords taped a video message encouraging people to ride their motorcycles to work, saying that she likes to ride motorcycles and likes that they leave a smaller carbon footprint than cars. She also sided with motorcycle riders who favor state legislation to ride helmet-free, as she does.

Though early reports suggested Giffords was fatally shot, she miraculously survived being shot point-blank through the brain and her doctors are optimistic about her chances of recovery.

## New Year, New Regulations

The new year rang in several new regulations across the country affecting the motorcycle riding community, including the onerous new California anti-noise legislation that requires *E.P.A.*-labeling for motorcycle exhausts on bikes built

after 2012.

Other less volatile regulations also took effect on January 1st, including another California regulation that requires would-be motorcyclists under 21 to complete an approved safety course before an applicant can receive an instruction permit to learn to ride.

California legislators also passed a regulation to curb motorcycle thefts by outlawing possession of so-called “pigtales”, which are homemade ignitions that allow a crook to start a motorcycle in as little as 20 seconds. Previously, burglary tools for the purpose of breaking into or stealing a vehicle other than a motorcycle were prohibited.

Several states have recently enacted legislation requiring the completion of a motorcycle training course before being issued a motorcycle license endorsement. This year, Connecticut and North Carolina join the growing list of states tightening restrictions on motorcycle licensing for newbie riders. In Oregon, a new training requirement went into effect to mandate safety classes for new motorcyclists under the age of 30, and the legislation will expand over the next few years to include all new riders regardless of age.

Already in the works for 2011, state legislatures are considering new regulations to ban passengers under eight years old in Virginia (house bill 1850), allow Sunday motorcycle sales in Indiana (senate bill 108), and calls for a helmet requirement in Kentucky (house bill 163). In Nebraska, legislative bill 62 has been filed to allow adult riders to opt out of the state’s mandatory helmet requirement with the completion of an approved motorcycle safety course.

## Europe To Mandate A.B.S. For Motorcycles

An european union commission has presented its proposal for



new framework regulation for motorcycles. It plans to mandate anti-lock braking systems (A.B.S.) for motorcycles with more than 125 c.c. displacement from 2017 onwards.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with A.B.S. By comparison, car manufacturers have made A.B.S. standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to a 49% overall decline in fatal car crashes in the E.U. [*crusty ol' editor wonders how the writer of the previous statement arrived at that conclusion.*]

Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety.

For example, a benefit analysis conducted for the european commission calculates that the proposed regulation would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle crashes by more than 5,000 over a ten-year period.

A study presented by *Vagverket* (the Swedish highways authority) in October 2009 showed that 38% of all motorcycle crashes involving personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal crashes, could have been prevented with A.B.S.. This active safety system allows motorcyclists to brake safely in critical situations without locking the wheels, and thus without having to fear an inevitable fall. Braking distance is also significantly reduced.

The proposal is currently passing through the E.U. legislative procedure but will likely be adopted next year. The regulation will come into effect in 2017.

In the U.S., the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* has considered requiring A.B.S. on new motorcycles sold in America, and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

## Economic Uptick Has Americans Buying Leisure Products Again

People are buying expensive leisure products again, after they held back during the recession. A new report

from Milwaukee’s *Robert W. Baird and Company* said motorcycle sales fell by half during the downturn, and A.T.V. sales were just 30% of what they used to be.

But *Baird* analyst Craig Kennison says many consumers now have a brighter outlook, in spite of high unemployment and a housing market that continues to be depressed. He said inventories for new leisure items are low, and there’s a strong demand for used goods.

Kennison said Milwaukee’s *Harley-Davidson Motor Company* slashed its production during the recession and that drove up the prices for used bikes. But now, he says more folks are buying new *Harleys* with the help of trade-ins.

And while it’s hard to prove, Kennison expects the same trend for cars, RV’s, and other big ticket items. He also said consumers are more confident about their personal wealth, especially after the Bush tax cuts were extended. Had congress not acted in January, Kennison said it might have been a disaster for discretionary spending.

## Survey Says: Age Up, Quality Down

Bikers are getting older and they spend more at a motorcycle dealership they are happy with, according to a new ownership survey recently released by *J.D. Power and Associates*.

*J.D. Power’s* 13th annual *U.S. Motorcycle Competitive Information Study* also reveals that motorcycle quality has dipped to 2008 levels, with 152 problems reported per 100 motorcycles (P.P.M.), an increase of 29 P.P.M. One half of owners surveyed reported that most of those problems (44%) are engine related, and the study suggests that gearshift problems, clutch chatter, and insufficient engine power have the greatest impact on overall satisfaction.

The study cites a few no-brainers, like the fact that “*Sales volumes*

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and revenue of ancillary goods and services tend to be considerably higher, by an average of \$957, at motorcycle dealerships that provide a highly satisfying experience versus. dealerships that do not."

But the causal relationship between customer satisfaction and dollars spent is less ominous than their findings that the average rider age has risen from 40 to 49 since 2001, "an indication that many owners may soon exit the market." Combined with the study's findings that first-time motorcycle buyers are on the decline, it makes it all the more imperative that the motorcycle industry seeks to capture the interest of younger riders who might consider buying their first bike.

### Fewer Businesses Selling Motorcycles, Parts, Or Accessories

There are 10,428 retail outlets in the United States that conduct business related to motorcycles, scooters or A.T.V.s, down by more than 25% from 13,973 such businesses in 2009, according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*.

These were the principle findings of the *M.I.C. 2010 Retail Outlet Audit*, a summary of which the council sent to its members this week. The audit was completed in December 2010.

The report broke down the total by the number of retailers that sell new major-brand vehicles (5,134, or 49.2%) and the number of retailers not selling new vehicles, but specializing in parts, accessories, apparel, used vehicles or service. (5,294, or 50.8%)

The *M.I.C.* conducted its research by collecting information from all the manufacturers above, as well as from the trade magazines *Dealernews* and *Motorcycle Product News*. Because the study's sources vary from year to year, the *M.I.C.* warns that comparisons with previous years are subject to "considerable error."

The report further indicates that 58.8% of the new vehicle retail outlets carry only one of the 13 major brands. Slightly less than one-fifth are dual-line outlets, and 21.9% carry three or more of the

major brands. The total number of franchises distributed among the 5,134 new vehicle outlets declined 5.6% to 9,182 from 9,731 in 2009.

### No Bones About It

Most "experts" agree that riding motorcycles helps you to feel younger, but can riding actually make your body healthier and more youthful?

A recent *Medical College of Georgia* study found that "a daily dose of whole body vibration may help reduce the usual bone density loss that occurs with age," on top of improving muscle strength and promoting weight loss.

So it would appear that pulsating power from a motorcycle engine and the rumble of the open road will help aging bones get stronger.

The extrapolation isn't entirely far-fetched and may lead to a healthy new excuse to ride: "Honey, I'm taking my exer-cycle for a workout."

### Weird News

#### Canadian Bikers Outraged Over Government Spying

Motorcycle operators in Quebec are outraged that the province's automobile insurance board hired a private public relations firm "to spy on us" and gather information about the group.

The insurance board decided to monitor the group of motorcyclists earlier this year after learning that a coalition of angry owners had been formed to fight huge insurance rate hikes. The public relations firm *National* was granted a contract to investigate the activities of the *Front Commun Motocycliste*, which had set up kiosks at a Quebec City motorcycle show.

"They give the impression of being organized, documented, and especially very motivated," the firm stated in its two-page report after observing the group at the bike show. The report stated that the motorcycle owners were "dynamic and aggressive in their approach" with visitors.

Members of the group were appalled to learn that the government would pay a private firm to monitor their activities. "We are outraged, flabbergasted, and scandalized to learn that taxpayers' money was used to spy on us. We are average taxpayers. We aren't al-Qaeda," said Éric Lessard, spokesman for the group. "The

government is showing complete contempt for motorcycle owners."

The board denied spying on the group, telling the *Globe and Mail* newspaper that "There was a lot of anger and we knew protest groups were being formed," according to a spokeswoman for the automobile insurance board, Audrey Chaput. "We granted a contract to the firm *National* to go out and listen to what the groups were saying and to feel the pulse of the movement."

Motorcycle owners have protested vigorously against insurance rate increases that have doubled since 2007 for owners of average-size motorcycles and more than quadrupled for owners of high-powered motorcycles considered more hazardous by the insurance board.

### Quotable Quote

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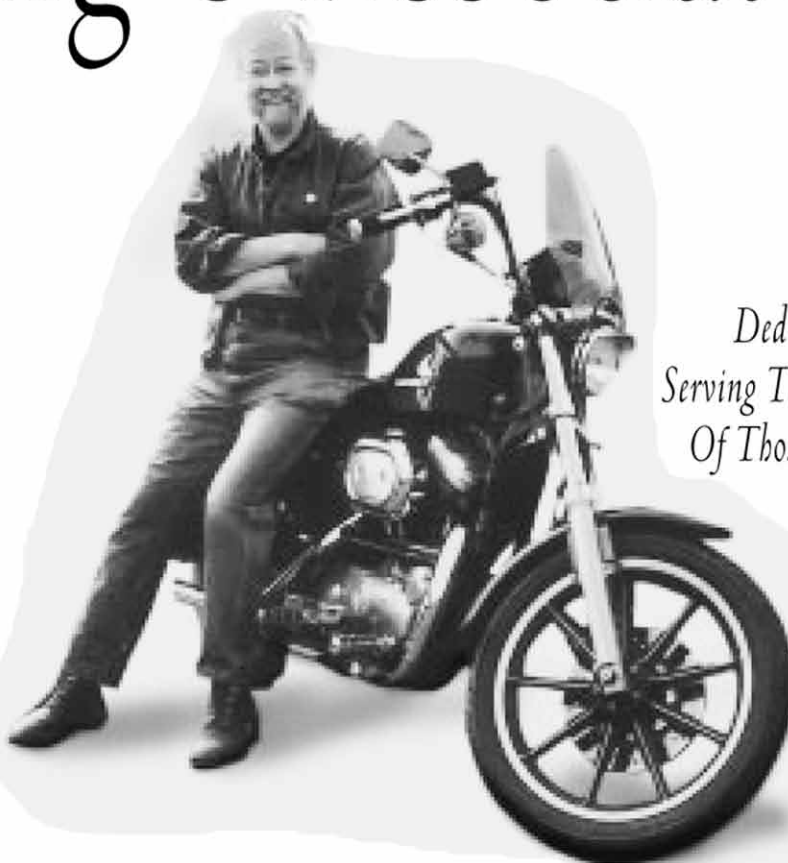
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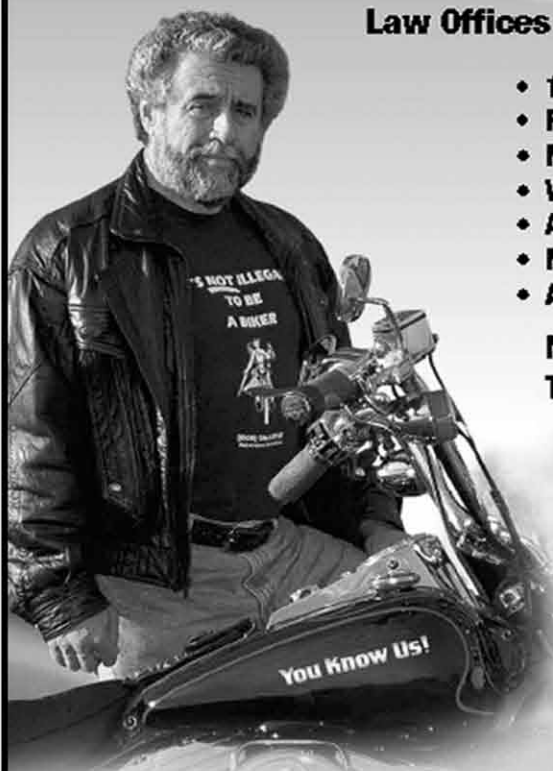
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**Central Oregon area (updated August 2009)**

John Baumann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X		X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X		
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X				
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X		X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X		X		
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X		
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X		X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X		X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X			
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X		X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X		X		X		
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)**

Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X		
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X					X	
Randy, Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast	X		X	X	X	X	

**North Coast area**

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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**Salem area**

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X				
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X				
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem					X	X	X
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X				
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X		
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					X		

**South Coast area**

Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X		
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X	
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X		
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/ Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X	
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X	
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point					X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X		

**Portland area**

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X

**Is Your Road List Entry Correct?**

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**Portland area (continued)**

Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X		X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	

**Southern Oregon area**

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Washington County area**

Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Willamette Valley area**

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Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/s Corvalli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X

**other areas**

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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(Mar 2011)

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The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN \_\_\_\_\_ VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

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

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

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

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

#### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

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

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**  
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Total members: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Rates:**

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	_____ Lifetime	\$300			

( please circle desired duration of membership. )





( revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path )

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

Comments:

# March 2011

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## STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 12 Feb 2011

change **1200 (noon)** change  
 back → *Ciddici's Pizza* ← back  
 133 SW Fifth Street  
 Albany, Oregon

Fossil committee meeting - 1100 (11 a.m.)

When next you see a full moon on high,  
 And air touches your cheek like a sigh,  
 Sense worlds you cannot see,  
 Of spirits living free,  
 Moonrider's shadow may pass you by.

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## 2011 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event - Chapter / Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
04-13 March 2011	<i>70th Annual Bike Week</i>	Daytona Beach, Florida	
11 Mar 2011	G.A.C.M.S. / ODOT	Salem	
<b>12 Mar 2011</b>	<b>Biker night / Hub City</b>	<b>Albany</b>	
<b>12 Mar 2011</b>	<b>Anniversary Party / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Portland</b>	
<b>26 Mar 2011</b>	<b>Long John PR / LinCo</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>(541)-265-6850</b>
<b>26 Mar 2011</b>	<b>Anniversary party / LinCo</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>(541)-265-6850</b>
<b>02 Apr 2011</b>	<b>7th Birthday Party / WaCo</b>	<b>Hillsboro</b>	
<b>10 Apr 2011</b>	<b>Swap meet / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Portland</b>	
<b>30Apr-01May</b>	<b>Southern Oregon Swap Meet / JoCo &amp; JackCo</b>		<b>(541)-832-2219</b>
<b>07 May 2011</b>	<b>Spring Run / LoCo</b>		
<b>27-30 May 2011</b>	<b>Fossil Campout / ABATE</b>	<b>Fossil</b>	
<b>03 June 2011</b>	<b>Poker Run / Hub City</b>	<b>Albany</b>	
<b>June 2011</b>	<b>MRF Run / CentOr</b>		
10-12 June 2011	<i>Best of the West / MRF</i>	Ogden, Utah	
<b>22-24 July</b>	<b>Run-21/ SE-PDX</b>		
<b>31 July 2011</b>	<b>Swap Meet / ABATE</b>	<b>Portland</b>	
<b>Aug 2011</b>	<b>Coast Run / JoCo</b>		

## CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	<i>Northside Bar &amp; Grill</i> ; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Del Ray Cafe</i> ; 5669 NE Stephens St; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Colvin's Pub &amp; Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&amp;M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684