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(as an Irish smile)

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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



"Riding free"

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**Dreams Proven
To Be Gateways To
Alternate Universes**

*scientists say not to lose
any sleep over it*

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the
**Troy Davis
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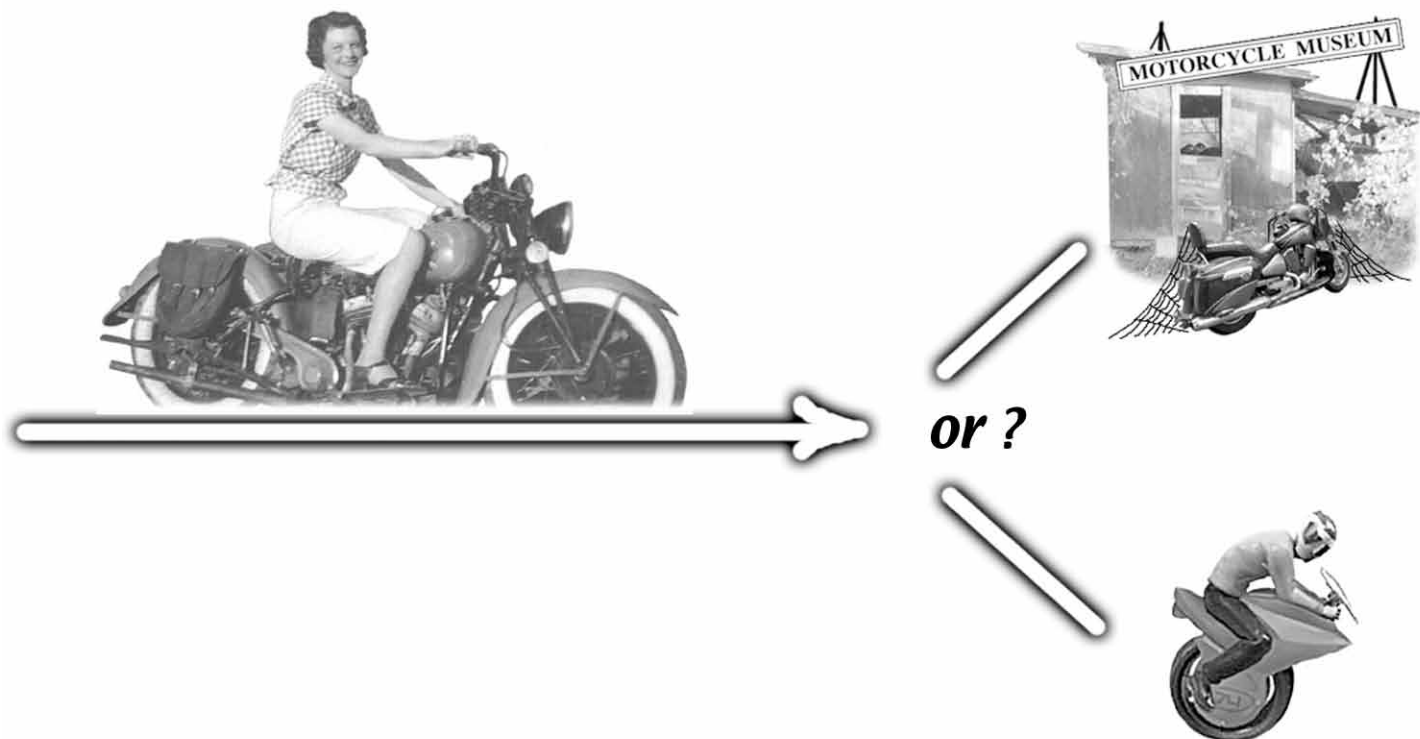
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folks who scan it to
the *Fossil Campout*
web site. (The di-
nosaur in the cen-
ter might be a give
away.) They come in
sticker or magnetic
formats.



Howie Long made them available
at the February state board meet-
ing, so talk with your chapter's state
board representative to see about get-
ting some to mount on your vehicles
or forehead. (Providing the metal plate
isn't brass.)

Of course, your
chapter can use this
same concept for
their own events.

For chapters with
their own web sites,
these QR codes are
a great way to at-
tract fresh members
while demonstrat-
ing just how won-
derfully hep you

are. (Or is it hip?)

Even if your chapter doesn't have
their own web site, the QR code can
be used to link to the state web site
event listings where your own event
information can be found.

**Spare Some Good
Thoughts For Randy**



Randy Phipps, state sgt-at-arms
(north), has been undergoing some
major health issues recently.

The good news is that he is recover-
ing nicely and is practically back to his
usual ornery self.

He'll be glad to get out of the hospi-
tal soon because there is truly no place
like gnome.

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

officers at work

State Coordinator



Allan Nichols

state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Well, March is here and riding season is just around the corner, but is that all we are about?

Pretty soon we will be making plans for *Fossil*, *S.O.S.*, *Run 21*, and *E.O.S.*, to mention only a few.

I think something more important is looming on the horizon.

As you know, *A.B.A.T.E.* is first and foremost a motorcycle rights organization. We are dedicated to **all** riders' rights and freedoms. We also try to make the roads safer for not only ourselves, but for everyone.

Unfortunately, we as *A.B.A.T.E.* cannot directly do the work in our capitol that is needed to keep those rights.

That is where *BikePAC* comes in.

BikePAC is our voice in Salem.

They are the ones who lobby in our capitol to make sure that our rights, freedoms, and safety is always considered when bills and regulations are being discussed and they keep us informed if they are not.

The problem is that we, as *A.B.A.T.E.*, have become complacent and have taken *BikePAC* for granted. We have become comfortable in the knowledge that they would always be there to watch out for us and represent us in Salem.

Unfortunately for us, the sun is setting on the current *BikePAC* administration.

Let's face it, none of us is getting any younger and neither are the current forces in *BikePAC*. It is time for each and every one of us to step up and give them a hand. It has come to the point where present *BikePAC* officers need to step down and can no longer do it.

Very soon there will be three of the four officer positions in *BikePAC* open with no one wanting to step in to take over. That is 75% vacancy, people.

It will be a very sad day if we allow *BikePAC* to fold, but that is exactly what will happen if we can not fill these positions. We as riders will be at the mercy of people in Salem who think motorcycles are "fast enough to get out of the way of danger."

We have to ask ourselves if we are going to be comfortable with letting our representatives in Salem make decisions about our rights and safety.

In my opinion this is not an option.

Our representatives in Salem have a serious lack of respect for anything that concerns motorcycles or us as riders.

They have taken away our right to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

They have tried to put age limits on our passengers.

They have tried to take away our kids' right to ride with us.

Their track record has not been favorable in the past. Without *BikePAC* there would be no one to watch our backs. Do we really think it will get better if there is no one there to speak on our behalf?

It is up to us to either sit and watch the sun go down on motorcycle rights in Oregon or do something about it. We can sit around and complain about all the stuff Salem will cram down our throats, or we can be the dawn of a new administration that stands up for what we believe in. It can be a new beginning for motorcycle rights activists and a message to Salem that will tell them that the faces have changed but the message has not. We are here and will not back down when it comes to our safety and rights, as not only motorcyclists, but as Americans.

The choice is ours and the path is before us.

The only question is, are we content with watching the sun go down with a drink in

our hand, or do we make a choice to make a difference and rise with the dawn and gather strength for the road ahead.

Me?

I have always been a morning person.

I only hope that you feel the same way!

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

• state coordinator

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

• *M.R.F.* representative

"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."

-- Thomas Jefferson

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

Central Oregon

Hello from *Central Oregon*,

I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for all their hard work for our chapter. They have done a great job and their service was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank everyone who stepped up to take an office this year. Let's make this a great year.

The occasional snowfall, the rain (yes we do get some of that here), and the cold temperatures have kept all but the hardiest riders off our bikes. Hopefully most of us have used the opportunity to do some maintenance or install a piece of chrome received as a Christmas gift so when the weather allows the bikes will be ready to go.

Just a quick reminder — When you do pull the bike out for that first ride of the year, do a good safety check. That few minutes could save your life.

This year is critical for us legislatively.

We might not be able to get any bills in, but this is the time to load the deck.

Talk to your representative and senator. See where they stand on the issues that are important to us. Report that back to your legislative director.

Let's figure out who are the good guys and who are the bums.

Then let's toss the bums out.

Don't keep voting for the lizards just so the wrong lizard doesn't get into office.

If the current office holder won't support us, find one of the candidates for his job who will.

Remember: Those people in Salem are supposed to work for us. If they are not, get someone who will.

And just because we can't get any bills in does not mean we are safe. A couple of gun control bills have managed to get introduced.

Stay tuned to your legislative



director, *BikePAC*, and the *Coalition of Independent Riders* for updates.

Due to some technical problems, our web site is down. We are working on it and hope to have one up shortly.

We have a new *Facebook* page (thank you, Tery) and will rework and or delete the old groups and person one shortly.

Until next month keep your eyes on the prize,

Bob Terrill
coordinator

Central Oregon Chapter

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE**

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

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Prineville, Or 97754

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

Douglas County



Unfortunately I have sad news to pass along to those of you who did not attend the meeting in January. Orange Cal Barnum, a member of *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.*, business partner, and very close friend to Pat Snyder of *Big Rivers Cycles* on Stephens. Cal passed away on Tuesday, January 17. Memorial service were held at *New Beginnings* church on Sunday, January 22 nd at 2 p.m. Although Pat and Cal have only lived in Roseburg a short time, both made a huge impact on the community which was evident by the number of people who showed up to pay their last respects. Cal, you are greatly missed.

With weather conditions being what they were, flooding in many areas around Douglas county, many were not able to attend the January meeting. A lot was accomplished.

Events were planned for the year for sanctioning purposes.

The chapter is still looking for ideas for poker runs as means to raise motorcycle awareness and educate the community. Poker runs will also be a great opportunity to raise money to support a deserving charity in Roseburg. Look for more details in upcoming meetings, newsletters, or web site.

Biker nights were outlined but still need to be approved by managers at event locations. Once approved, schedules and locations will be posted on:

<http://www.dcabateoforegon.org>

We do have the first bike night approved. It will be held Friday, April 13th at *Black & Gold* clubhouse on Stephens.

Two additional events have been scheduled: *Thundering Waters* poker

run which will be held July 29th and the annual *S.O.S. Run* in Wolf Creek which will be held this year on August 17 – 19th.

Douglas County and *Josephine County* have held their first meeting to start planning this year's *S.O.S.* event. Please plan to attend the next meeting on March 24th at noon which will be held at *M's* of Roseburg where our chapter meetings are held. We welcome your ideas and support.

If you know of anyone wanting to be a vendor, please get in contact with the committee so information can get sent along to them. As always, we plan to have a great time, so don't miss it!

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting and upcoming events.

Until then . . .

Enjoy your journey,
Enjoy the ride,

Chris Shull
secretary,
Douglas County A.B.A.T.E

Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
M's Restaurant
443 S.E. Jackson street
Roseburg
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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek**
(members at large)



Anyone in Indian Creek is
invited to write and send in reports.

**Indian Creek
MEETING TIME and PLACE**
(when and where ever)

POINT of CONTACT
(state newspaper)

CHAPTER ADDRESS:
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**

Hello wishing everyone a happy St. Patrick's day and the luck of the Irish!

Do not forget to wear a little green on March 17th or at least drink a little green stuff on that day.

[Or wear orange if yer feelin' belligerent. -- c.o.e.]

Hub City had a very successful biker night in February.

And events are starting to take shape for the 2012 riding season.

It seems that each year the selection of activities grows. *Hub City* is working on our annual poker run for June 2nd, so be sure and put the date on your calendar for sure.

Other events to put on your calendar for this year are the spring swap meet, *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, and *Fossil Campout*. Watch for more information in the coming issues of this fine newsmagazine [paper!] In keeping with the A.B.A.T.E mission statement, *Hub City* is once again going to sponsor an outside billboard in the local area to promote motorcycle awareness and safety. The committee is working

on getting some graphics for the sign and we are looking to have it put in place in by May or June. Due to the increase of motorcycles on the road, we feel this is one way to alert the general public to be more aware of riders and make the roads safer place for everyone.

We are very excited about a membership drive we are having this year. Several very enthusiastic new members have joined us, bringing new ideas to the table.

If you want some good food (especially pizza) and friendly folks to talk with about riding issues, join us at our monthly meeting at *Ciddicci's Pizza* located at 135 SW 5th avenue in Albany, Oregon on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Until next time, enjoy that sun when it shines,

tb



Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddicci's Pizza
133 SW Fifth Street — Albany

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<http://www.hubcityabate.com>

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

Howdy to everyone,

So the February deadline dawns just a couple daze away and I find myself with nuthin' much to say.

Our first s'ketti dinner/fund raiser was held at the *Touville Lodge* on February 11th. It was the *Sweetheart Dance* with *Contagious* playing. It was a rousing success and a great time was had by all who attended.

Oh right, the deadline proceeds the event.

I get it.

It's time travel time again.

Okay moving on . . .

We are gaining new members down here as we meet now at *D & S Harley-Davidson* in Phoenix. Yup, still the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and we want to thank Kim, *terrie, Sandy and the entire gang down there for the use of their very fine facility.

Stay tuned into *D & S* for the upcoming *11th Annual Bikers Have Heart Yahtzee Run* on May 18th – 19th.

This year the proceeds are going to a young lady, name of Brittany Miller, who lost her leg to the common flu last

year. Yup, seems she died twice, went septic, and actually had a orthopedic leg fitted when the insurance decided to "take it back" because (yeah, you got it) because they could!

This young lady is getting married in August and we "biker type people" have a vested interest in knowing she will be actually able to walk down the aisle to start her new life with her husband. If you can not attend, please consider sending your donation anytime to:

D & S Harley--Davidson

Att. *Bikers Have Heart*

3846 south Pacific highway
Medford, OR 97501

Thanks in advance for the outpouring of your love and support for this brave young lady.

While you have your bike sittin' around in the garage this winter, you really oughta consider some powder coating. I've just seen the coolest 1974 *Honda Mini-trail* in the whole universe. It's olive drab and flat black. It looks like a stealth bike for our armed forces. The work was performed by Richard and Pam Ross at *Creative Powder Coatings*. (1710 Antelope Road; White City,



Oregon) They've been doing powder now for thirty-three years, do it up right, and they are fellow riders too. (Rumor has it that they are gonna join our chapter soon.)

Meanwhile everybody down here is gearing up for the *Year 5 A.B.A.T.E. Southern Swap Meet*, also to be held at the *Touville Lodge*. This is actually year 13 for this southern Oregon event and will be the tenth anniversary event held at *Touville*.

If you'd like to sponsor or be a vendor at this event please call: Larry at (541)-840-3145, Mikey at (541)-292-6121, or Spanky at (541)-659-8715 for more information. The dates are May 5th and 6th, with set-up on the 4th. It's always a blast and getting bigger each year, with biker style church on Sunday morning.

Okay, 'member when I said I got nuthin' much to say?

B-dee, b-dee, b-dee, that's all folks.

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

C ya out there,

Mikey and the *Jackson County Chapter*

Jackson County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
D & S Harley-Davidson
3846 S. Pacific highway
Medford
(541)-535-5515

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Kevin (541)-665-5864

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

Josephine County

This spring and summer promises a lot of fun activities down here in southern Oregon.

Here are some of those activities to look forward to:

- May 5th and 6th will be the *13th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Show* sponsored by the *Josephine* and *Jackson County* chapters. It will take place at *Touvelle Lodge* in Central Point. More information coming.

Vendor information: Pat (541)–832–2219 or Mike (541)–292–6121.

General information: Spanky (541)–659–8715 or Kevin (541)–324–0866.

- August 4th will be the *Run to the Coast* poker run. Leave Grants Pass between 10 and 11 a.m., then head to Crescent City for a great ride down through the redwoods. It always ends with food, raffle prizes, and lots of fun.

- Plans are underway for the *S.O.S. campout*. *Douglas County*, *Josephine County*, and several *Indian Creek* members are actively putting together all the details. Again, the campout will be at the *Wolf Creek* campground on Aug. 18 – 19. More information to come.

- The *Grants Pass Toy Run* will be Saturday, October 6th, 1 p.m. at the *Fruitdale Grange*. There will be a huge potluck, and lots of great raffle and auction items. Come by and enjoy the fun.

Our monthly meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the *Fruitdale Grange*. Please drop by for a visit.

Also, if any member knows of anyone who would like to join the *Josephine County A.B.A.T.E.* chapter, please bring them to one of our meetings. We would like to have some new members.



That's all for now.
Ride safe and stay dry,

Karen Headley
secretary
Josephine County Chapter



**Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Wednesdays at 1830
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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Spanky (541)–471–6049
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lower
Columbia**

There is little news from the *Lower Columbia Chapter*.

Our *4th Annual Crab Dinner* was canceled this year due to price and lower crab yields. We thought about slipping some prime rib in instead, but you know if people come for crab they would be disappointed and it could hurt next year's dinner as well. We'd like to thank those of you who supported our dinner in the past and hope you will support us again next year.

Spring is quickly approaching, so we are getting ready for our spring run scheduled for May 12th. (The week after the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.) Keep watchful eyes for our flyer.

[*crusty ol' editor's note*: Sadly, the news of this year's crab dinner cancelation didn't reach the vast state newspaper complex on Vega Prime until after the February edition had gone to the printer. Hopefully anyone who showed up for the dinner was able to find alternatives in order to fill the side-stepping beach creature void. This is a great dinner event, so be sure to give it a try next year when there should be a crab bumper crop.]



**Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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Clatskanie, OR 97016

Ride safe,

Dave Bridges
coordinator

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

Lincoln county has been less than spectacular weather-wise.

When the sun shines, there is a tremendous wind-chill factor. But sometimes I think that is better than rain and wind. You have to bundle up for cold but you don't have to try and figure out how to mount a wiper so you can see.

It is fairly quiet with our chapter right now.

Planning our *30th Anniversary Long John Poker Run and Party*. It is the day before the swap meet but we have never had much of a turnout from anyone but locals anyway. There is talk of what band to play. Looks like a pizza party with salads. We still have some time to settle it all.

Seems funny not to be making state board meetings, but plan to sleep in on the 11th. Instead, I am back on chemo treatments, but only have to do them once every three months. (But it is for two years.) This will pass quickly. Amounts to only

eight treatments. They are calling it maintenance and I'm calling it a pain.

I hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy, dry, and warm.

Valentine's Day will be past but there are always other holidays.

We are planning on making S.T.E.A.M. and hope that others from our chapter will be doing so also. S.T.E.A.M. gives out so much information if you are willing to attend. I hope I will have got to see some of you there.

Stay safe,
Ride carefully,
Keep the rubber side down,

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



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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

By the time you receive this fine news magazine [paper!] S.T.E.A.M. will be history and hopefully provided an opportunity for good networking, learning new skills, and instilled some enthusiasm toward the goals of the organization and your chapter to build upon. Many thanks to everyone associated with putting on this event. Additionally, in this past month our chapter had its first *Annual Bowling Night* in mid-February. We had much enthusiasm by the members leading up to this event. Quite sure it was a good time had by all. Yet another way to get members together for some lively fun and interaction. We will be considering other similar activities and some new fun rides during the year ahead.

Our *2nd Annual Spring Fever Run* is coming up next month on April 14th. This is a family-friendly run. Kids are more than welcome to ride with their parents, grandparents, or friends.

The run last year was enjoyed by all. Our stop at the *Tillamook Cheese Factory* provided some great memories of bikers in leather wandering through the facility

eating squeaky cheese and enjoying the fine ice cream served up by *Tillamook Cheese*.

Consider joining us this year. The run begins at the *Buoy 9 Inn* in Hammond, Oregon. Signup at 9 a.m. Kickstands up at 10. It's a scenic ride down the coast. Run ends at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside. And yes, children are welcome at *Dundee's* as well. Hope you can make it. Please see the run flyer in this publication for more information.

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 and with that 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 at:

<http://www.team-oregon.org/>

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

Please be safe out there,

Al Jaques
chapter coordinator

NORTH COAST CHAPTER – ABATE OF OREGON
WELCOMES YOU TO THE
SPRING FEVER RUN
SATURDAY APRIL 14TH 2012



SIGN-IN 9:00am AT **HAMMOND** OREGON

996 PACIFIC DRIVE



515 SUGGESTED DONATION INCLUDES PRIZES AND GAMES

FAMILY FRIENDLY STOPS KICKSTANDS UP 10:00am

THE RIDE INCLUDES STOPS AT CANNON BEACH-GARIBALDI-TILLAMOOK AND THE RUN ENDS AT DUNDEE'S 414 BROADWAY ST. SEASIDE

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For more information including lodging or camping: Contact: Dave Peltzer, 503 440 1114

A.B.A.T.E.
A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS

Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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North Coast
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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

January 17, 2012

We had a very small meeting due to a local storm warning. Seven people showed up.

We did the reports and discussed the trailer project.

Teresa talked about early work on our poker run.

Instead of doing a 50/50, we all donated a dollar.

John won the bike on the agenda game. It was a 1929 *Opel Motoclub*. Very special!

February 7, 2012

Wild, fun meeting tonight.

Brian reported about *Black Wednesday* at the capitol.

We approved \$75 for sanctioning of our poker run and \$100 to be used by Joe to spend on our behalf at the *Friends of the N.R.A.* event.

Brian won the 50/50 at \$10/\$10 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

Delese Kendrick would have won the membership game at \$50 if she had been present. It will be \$55 next meeting.

Rod and Joseph got the bike on the agenda right. It was a 1971 *Moto Morini 3 1/2 Sport*.



Upcoming meetings

March 06, 2012

March 20, 2012

River City

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
 The Dalles

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



The days are getting a little longer and the weather is a bit better.

Those nice shiny bikes are coming out, so have a great time out there while watching out for those cages.

I would like to invite everyone to our anniversary party to be held March 10th at the *M&M* in Gresham. Great fun will be had by all, I am sure.

Please pay attention to the many legislative issues that are coming up. There are motorcycle-only checkpoints, many gun control issues affecting concealed weapons and the right to carry, as well as the ethanol issues. Please get out there and do any and everything you can to get our opinions out and our voices heard. This is our country and we must fight for our rights.

Everyone have a fantastic March and stay safe,

Deb "Honeybuns" Ross

Southeast Portland

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Sixteen members attended February's meeting. We send great thanks out to all who came and appreciate your support.

We strongly urge the other 56 members to make a meeting and support your rights to ride.

Remember one person can make a difference but a group can change the world.

Old Business

Positions filled

Vice coordinator - Rick
Sergeant at arms – Bob Wiro
Secretary – Tina Larsen

Helmet requirement

Lynn opened the discussion proposing the vetting of people running for office as to whether or not they are pro-choice helmet rider or not based on the tourist revenue it would bring in to Oregon. And would make this their priority in office.

If people running for office are pro-choice, we would then assist placing signs in every business in the candidate's district that the proposal, and candidate would bring much needed money throughout Oregon, including all mom and pop restaurants, gas stations, motels, and shops. Just the same could be done for all candidates who are established "helmet only", and that "they" deprive these businesses of all the potential tourist dollars.

Lynn went over the importance of this and asked that members continue the good work.



New Business

Black Wednesday

Lynn opened the discussion by asking how many members attended the meet at the capitol building. There were very few who attended so he explained that those who attended talked to legislators about the stimulus with the helmet requirement and urged all members to get the word out and continue talking to people to help get this regulation passed. Explain to people that we will be happy to post pictures of those who are for it and of those who are against it so they too can have publicity.

Motorcycle clubs

Lynn explained to all who attended to get the word out to all motorcycle clubs that they can now join A.B.A.T.E. for one family rate instead of individual rates.

May Motorcycle Awareness

The single most important event all year. A.B.A.T.E. urges all to attend.

There will be a three day campout in Lebanon, Oregon the weekend of *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* with a run to the

capitol in Salem Oregon for all who plan to attend.

Getting information out

Lynn made available and handed out tri-folds, business cards to all who attended and explained the importance of getting the word out about A.B.A.T.E. He refreshed to all the mission statement and stressed the importance that we are an association not a club.

Recruiting

We would like to welcome Michael Johnson to A.B.A.T.E. Thank you for attending our meeting and signing on.

We will continue to recruit by asking other riders to attend meetings and speaking of A.B.A.T.E.'s mission, and goals.

Next Meeting

Next meeting March 6th 2012 at *Almost Home* restaurant 7 p.m.

Members

Following February's meeting we currently have 72 members in the *Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E.*

Attendees: Lynn DeSpain (coordinator),

Rick Hoffman (vice coordinator), Bob Wiro (sergeant at arms), Matt Price (treasurer), Tina Larsen (secretary), Mike Larsen, Teresa Price, Rich Loghry, Mike Klassen, Vern Miller, Doug Ault Sr., Doug Ault, Lee Robinson, Bob Sickels, Panhead Rick, and Earl Werwecke Jr.

Minutes: Tina Larsen

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Almost Home Restaurant

3310 Market Street, Salem

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

On the morning of February 1, Ed Vaughn, Rich Virchow, Alan Nichols, and I rode down to Salem to participate in the *Black Wednesday* activities. Considering that it was the middle of winter, we couldn't have expected a better day for a ride.

I thought the event was well organized. We had a productive day.

Nic Oliver welcomed us and laid out the plan for the day, which was to "kill them with kindness". As we moved around the building, all of the bikers I saw were doing a great job representing us as regular citizens who care about doing the serious work to bring about change and stand up for our rights. (Quite a contrast to the Occupy protesters, who were outside making a nuisance of themselves by blocking the steps to the building, banging on drums, and shouting in megaphones.)

Don Mason passed out copies of a survey we could take to our elected officials and ask them four questions that *BikePAC* could use to determine their level of support for our issues.

Mel Yeager introduced Jim Klahr, a candidate for the house from southern

Oregon. Mr. Klahr spoke for a few minutes and expressed support for us and our issues.

After that we went out to meet with our representatives and try to get some answers to our questions. Since Ed and I are in the same house and senate districts, we went together to their offices. We weren't able to meet with either of our representatives, but we did talk with their assistants and leave the surveys off with them to fill out. I guess if they don't fill them out, that will give us an indication of what they think of our concerns.

I know some people didn't feel it was important to go this year since we don't have any bills up for consideration. But I think it is important for us to let our representatives know we are here and that we care. They are focusing on finance issues this session, and an amendment that could affect us for years to come could get added onto an otherwise good bill. We need to be vigilant at all times to defend our rights.

In other chapter news, preparations for our upcoming party, *Biker Night At The Vine* on March 31st, are coming



together. Live music, auctions, balloon pop prizes, and great food at the

Grapevine Restaurant

11525 SW Barnes road

Portland, Oregon

The festivities start at 7 p.m., with no cover charge to get in the door. Hope to see you all there!

For more info on upcoming events, check out our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

Ride hard, ride safe,

Roger Yarnell

Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930

(7:30 p.m.)

Grape Vine Restaurant

11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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

11 February 2012

Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:06 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented.

All chapters present eligible to vote.

Not present: *Jackson County* (excused), *Salem* (excused).

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Kris Indergard (*Lower Columbia* chapter representative).

Allan turned the floor over to Gunny for a special announcement.

Gene Mortimore has been chosen to receive *N.C.O.M. Silver Spoke Award* at the *N.C.O.M.* conference this year.

A motion was submitted (see motion #3 in new business) to send Gene and his wife to *N.C.O.M.* with Gene and to cover expenses.

Gene stated that he was totally caught off guard with this. Sarge called him last week and asked him if he could go to the next *N.C.O.M.* meeting.

Well done, Gene and congratulations!

Allan reminded everyone that the next *N.C.O.M.* convention is May 10-13 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gunny stressed that each chapter and the state should send two representatives to the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* conference as a show of support for Gene, if they can possibly do so.

Reading /approval of minutes: Motion made by Al Simms (*Hub City Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Geoff White.

Motion passed.

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols opened by stating "job well done and thank you" to *BikePAC of Oregon* and the others who worked with them for a successful *Black Wednesday*.

Suggested that maybe in the future to let the legislator know what jobs we perform, we should wear our work clothes and put our leather vests, etc, on over them. This way they can see our medical uniforms, suits, or whatever it may be.

He also added that we need to be on guard for questions that you might not expect. Allan related that he was asked by a person if he was for helmets or against and when Alan answered "against" the person said, "Oh, I thought you were freedom of choice." That person was right.

Don't be caught unprepared for questions. You never know for sure who it is you are talking with.

We are *A.B.A.T.E.* ambassadors everywhere we go.

The reception we received on *Black Wednesday* was tremendous. *BikePAC* has done some tremendous work for us to be accepted so readily at the capital.

Allan also made mention of the need for people to step up and volunteer to work for everyone as an officer in *A.B.A.T.E.* and in *BikePAC*. We need new members and to stop this brand specific idea that people outside of *A.B.A.T.E.* seem to have.

Next month only (10 March 2012) we will be meeting at *Ciddici's II* and not here at the usual location. The new place is located at 859 Belmont SW #2 in Albany.

Ciddici's opened a new place and we will be there. It is located just north of Linn-Benton Community College, directly behind the 7-11 on Belmont. Easy to find, directly off of Pacific boulevard.

Secretary report and correspondence: Nic Oliver reported that since Randy has all the out-of-state newspapers, there was only one left from Idaho. If anyone wants it, it is available to them.

***** Officers' Reports *****

Vice-coordinator (north): Al Simms reported that the new *Ciddici's Pizza* is just that, new. It still smells of paint and the room is about half the size of the one we are now in but should be big enough for us. He gave directions to it (reported in coordinator comments) and said that this was just for the March meeting. April board of directors meeting will be back in the usual building. (Where we are today.)

There have been some problems with e-mails at the state site, but Trace has been real good about keeping the e-mails separate on the site.

The *A.B.A.T.E.* e-ddresses are for business only and should be treated as such.

He remarked that he has been getting advertisements on his *A.B.A.T.E.* e-mail and this is not what the state addresses are for.

Al also invited everyone to *Hub City Biker Night*, tonight at *Riley's* in Albany. Always a good time for everyone.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that the *S.O.S. Run* is coming along well.

Also the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet* is May 4-6. This generated a lot of talk as *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* have been pushing for many years to keep this weekend open for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, which needs the people to attend in order to make the statement that is needed at the state capitol.

Spanky also stated that he has been working with the sport biker groups down south and has been able to generate interest once he has shown that we are not brand specific. We include all makes and models, from off-road to mopeds to touring to trikes and more. We do have to try to be as friendly and open as possible but we cannot please everyone, no matter what language we use or how friendly we are.

Vice-coordinator (east): Robert Terrill stated that he didn't really have anything to report.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple's report turned in.

Kay reported that our balances are: checking - \$4,914.54
savings - \$20,007.57
PayPal - \$300.15

Also reported that *Fossil* tickets can

**Nic Oliver**

acting state recording secretary

be purchased with *PayPal*.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – We currently have 1,496 members.

Family memberships were discussed for groups wanting to join. It was reported that each family member is counted towards total membership but only one newspaper per family membership. Each member has voting rights at their respective chapter. Each family member gets an *A.B.A.T.E.* patch if they want one.

Encouraged all officers to attend *S.T.E.A.M.* on February 25th.

Linda stated that this is the last year she will be serving state membership secretary. Someone should really step up as soon as possible because this job has a lot of work involved and it will take time to train a replacement.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price

< Excused >

Brian (*River City Chapter*) asked about sanctioning as he has some money and asked who he was to give it to. Kay said that his sanctioning was only waiting for the money and as soon as she gets it from him, the *River City* event is sanctioned.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci's report handed in.

Things are looking very good.

Reminded the representatives to tell their chapters that all chapter treasurers are to be at *S.T.E.A.M.*

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

Reminded everyone that the crab dinner in Clatskanie has been canceled. This happened too late for printing in the newspaper.

Due to a lot of confusion, Rot Path will put instructions in the newspaper regarding acceptable formats for submitting event flyers. Graphics should be in ".jpg", ".pdf", or ".tif" formats.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 11 February 2012 (continued)

All chapter reports were due yesterday (10 February), but currently only five have been received.

Missing reports are *Hub City*, *Lower Columbia*, *North Coast*, *River City*, *Southeast Portland*, *Salem*, and *Indian Creek*. (Any *Indian Creek* member can submit something for the newspaper.)

There have been some problems with people using obscure word processing formats when submitting their reports. If everyone would submit text only format, Rot Path can make the needed changes without any difficulty.

Anyone attending S.T.E.A.M. who takes the Market street exit off of I-5 needs to be aware that there will be on-going road construction at Market and Lancaster, so watch out for gravel and rough road surfaces.

Handed out the remaining December appreciation certificates to people.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported that *Black Wednesday* was productive with one hundred freedom fighters in attendance.

There are no specific motorcycle issues on the docket this session.

There are a couple of gun issues.

BikePAC reports on gun related bills and Don asked if *A.B.A.T.E.* wants to do the same. (Should *A.B.A.T.E.* do as *BikePAC* does and report on the issues involved and send out alerts? They are not a “call to action” but an alert for those members who are interested.) This was a hot topic and much discussion ensued. (See motions under new business.)

The *M.R.F.* reported on a federal study being done on the use of ethanol.

There is a bill before the senate to do away with the motorcycle-only checkpoints that was submitted by senator Sensenbrenner.

Brian remarked that we need to watch *N.H.T.S.A.* and the *N.T.S.B.* (*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* and *National Traffic Safety Board*.) They are separate entities.

A couple of other issues were discussed, including the codes needed for the *PayPal* donate button activation and the wearing of the *A.B.A.T.E.* logo on clothing.



There was some concern regarding how the *CoC* (*Confederation of Clubs*) would react to large print of the word “*A.B.A.T.E.*” on the backs of sweatshirts, hoodies, etc. Dave Hickerson, (*A.B.A.T.E. CoC* representative) reported that the *CoC* supports *A.B.A.T.E.* and that since *A.B.A.T.E.* has no large patches (with or without rockers), there is no problem with the *CoC*.

Brian Stovall spoke briefly on some cards that he had brought to the meeting that were printed up by Sam Hochberg’s office. These cards show the information regarding Oregon helmet regulation and can be used to stop harassment in Oregon.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps < Excused > Medical. (In a hospital.)

B.J. reported that Randy will be moved to the Vancouver rehabilitation center very soon. He is doing much, much better thanks to everyone well wishes and prayers.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): “One-Eyed” Bob Nichols is still learning the position and asked that we bear with him while he becomes familiar with his job. He just found out that he will be busy with the spring swap meet and *Fossil*.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): < Vacant >

Products director: Dave Meeker – One piece of artwork for the *35th Annual Fossil Run* t-shirts has been submitted. Others will be accepted up to the April board of directors meeting.

Have some t-shirts to give to the chapters who didn’t get them last meeting.

Education director: Geoff White – S.T.E.A.M. is all set to go.

There has been a change due to Bob Hudson not being able to make it.

Everyone needs to remember that Chemeketa has gone to a completely tobacco-free campus. For those who

smoke or otherwise use tobacco products, they have to leave campus to use them.

Geoff thanked all the committee members for all of their help.

There is a M.A.P. (Motorcycle Awareness Program) class being taught in March in the Portland area. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Geoff.

Public relations director: Robert “One-Eyed” Nichols reported that he is still having problems getting the *Facebook* access codes for the administrator. Wanted direction on what to do.

He also reported that he did not want to be the arse who just killed the already existing group when he starts a new page.

The consensus was that he should create the new page, announce the near future closing of the current group, invite everyone in the current group to “like” the new page and just move forward as needed.

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long reported that chapter representatives need to go to their chapter and remind them of their responsibility to help at all state functions.

Need door prizes such as outdated t-shirts, etc.

Has the QR code for *Fossil* ready.

The bands are being coordinated and *PayPal* is up and ready.

Jeff Shauer will be handling the gate again.

Help is needed to run the *A.B.A.T.E.* booth.

Gene has tickets for the jacket raffle. (Jacket donated by *Stewart Leathers*.)

The *Fossil* high school showers are available this year for \$8 per person and they will be having their breakfast special again.

An idea for putting advertisements in theaters was discussed. The cost can be rather high, at about \$1,000 to run for one month at a 17-theater complex. If we can get this for a large

company, maybe we could get it for all of their theaters for one price. Something to consider for next year.

State swap meet coordinator: John “Wheel” Betts – The flyers are ready and on the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site and in the newspaper.

Help is needed for the day before for set-up and for tear-down the day after the swap meet.

B.J. is filling in for Randy with the vendors and things are going fine.

Last year there were only five or six people who helped with security. More are needed.

Help is also needed at the gate and the information booth.

Chapter representatives, please pass this information on to their chapters.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman < Excused > (She is due to deliver shortly.)

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – The site was renewed for another year.

Due to some errors regarding e-mails, each officer should check the accuracy of the site.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba reported that we are losing the storage place for our trailers and stuff. New owners want us out. Has a new place and submitted a motion.

BikePAC representative: Nic Oliver reported that *Black Wednesday* went very well.

Showed and discussed the economic impact bucks now available for event tracking. Nic stressed the need to use these, especially when there are a lot of out-of-state visitors. These will help track the amounts of money spent at events. Since the legislature only seems to respond to money, this will help give us leverage to work with.

Nic spoke on the *BikePAC* officer positions that need to be filled.

Openings in *BikePAC* include executive director, secretary/treasurer and legislative director.

The new officers will be announced at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

A special presentation will be made at the rally this year. Nic wouldn’t say who is getting the presentation as he wants it to remain secret.

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Valentines Day is behind us now so we can get on with the warming days ahead.

Saint Patrick's Day is comin' up shortly, one of my favorite days. Green beer and roast corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Now for me that is a great time.

Not to mention spring is on the way and more scooters will be back on the roads soon. Mind you, I don't endorse getting a belly full of green or any other kind of beer and crawling on the ride, then setting off into the sunset. Drink all the green stuff ya want but don't ride afterwards until you're sober. Have a great time but stay alive and don't take a chance of hurting anyone else.

Might be a good idea to take a walk around that scoot and do a little spring cleaning. Check out your ride for things ya don't want, like bad tires or oil where it shouldn't be. Little things like that can save ya a lot of grief.

News From Europe

For many years now *F.E.M.A.*, the *European Federation of Motorcyclists*, has been screaming about the guardrails used there as being unsafe for motorcyclists.

Where trucks and cars are being prevented from colliding with oncoming traffic or from leaving the road, falling motorcyclists face sharp-edged metal posts and wire "cheese cutters." The consequences to a biker of a guardrail crash are likely to be severe or fatal.

This year, instead of a binding Europe-wide standard, at least there was agreement to work out a technical specification safer for bikers. That's what has been adopted, with an impressive majority, showing that awareness of motorcycle safety is rising among countries in Europe. The promotion and the use of a new guardrail standard is an important step, but it can only be the intermediate solution towards a common standard for motorcycle-friendly guardrails. It's yet to happen.

In its own report on road safety, the European parliament identifies the European standard guardrails as "death traps" for motorcyclists. With the support of various members of the

European parliament, *F.E.M.A.* has called on the European commission to further increase their efforts to come up with a safer method of keeping traffic where it belongs.

N.H.T.S.A. Recalls

Get your 2012 *Suzuki* to your dealer. Seems the brake light switch may be faulty and not brighten up when ya hit the binders. It's a free fix and might keep ya from getting hit from the rear.

Kidnaped Bikers

From Tim King, last year's *N.C.O.M. Silver Spoke Award* winner in media, comes the story below. I've mixed in my own comments. This appeared recently on <http://www.Salem-News.com>, where you can read the full piece, archived.

Six Americans traveling to Norway for a five-day vacation were immediately taken into custody after landing at the Stavanger airport. The men from Oregon and Washington spent several days in custody, never learning until the end what they were being held for or how long officials intended to jail them.

"I was kidnapped and terrorized by another country," Mike Kondash of Salem, Oregon said. This honorably discharged U.S. Navy veteran recalls the first Norway customs officer at the airport saying, "We don't want you in our country."

One of three U.S. veterans in this group, Kondash says he heard Norwegian officials say that he and the others, who have traveled to Norway before, were "undesirable" and that they could "pose a threat".

An attorney was provided the same day that the six, all present and past members of the *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club*, were arrested at the airport. After talking to officials, the attorney said, "Some of you have criminal records and some of you don't, but they believe there is a chance that you might do something wrong here." Yet the lawyer also said it was unclear exactly why they were in custody, Kondash explains.

"60 hours in an eight by eleven cell with no information of any kind, wondering why I was in custody. They took everything but my underwear."

It is not editorializing to state that media and police frequently, even routinely, describe motorcycle club members as criminals without

justification. Hollywood piles on the idea and Americans are programmed accordingly. However, Mike Kondash, like many others in the biker community, has no criminal past at all beyond traffic tickets and he is a local business owner.

One of these six men has a serious hearing problem. Kondash says the Norwegians didn't figure that out. He went long periods without eating. He didn't respond to impatient guards when his name was called to receive food.

Kondash says they were not even allowed to see anyone from the U.S. consulate, and they were denied rights that were provided under Norwegian law. The Norwegian government purchased tickets for the men and sent them back to the U.S. after their release.

Wow! Six Americans were allowed to fly all the way to Norway in good faith, only to be rejected at the airport gate. They were held in custody about an hour's drive from Oslo. Kondash discovered that their club is not the only one that has been singled out and denied entry. He says the men believe their rights were sharply violated and question what message Norway is sending. These folks spent a lot of money to make the trip. Harassment is not just taking place in this country. It's ugly head is all over the world.

Motorcycle-Only Check Points

This subject is getting out of hand all over the country.

Fortunately, here in Oregon I'm told our state constitution protects us from the problem. Doesn't mean it can't show up in some form one day.

Our *A.I.M.* attorney in New York, Mitch Proner, is in a legal battle as we speak over it. He lost his first go-round in the courts but is appealing the decision. This is revving up controversy in congress. The federal agency, *N.H.T.S.A.*, is behind this by granting moneys to several states to pay the costs of these checkpoints. Let's hope congress puts a stop to it, if the courts don't. That money could be better spent doing something about our economy.

A measure inserted into the house transportation bill would bar the U.S. department of transportation from providing grants to local or state governments for such checkpoints.



Gunny
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Oregon A.I.M.

The action grows out of a furor over checkpoints set up in Georgia last year and planned again this year, under a \$70,000 federal traffic safety grant.

Gunny again

Just keeping ya abreast of what's going on is just part of what the *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorneys do for us, besides supporting *N.C.O.M.* Call *A.I.M.* for any injury claim. They will at least give you some free advice.

Call **1-(800)-531-2424** for the national offices and they will hook ya up with the *A.I.M.* attorney for your state.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at **(503)-224-1106**

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So that was February . . .

For years yer crusty ol' editor has been trying to articulate a vision of what we are all about.

We have a simple, well-thought-out mission statement that tells us what to do. (How we go about it is the nuts-and-bolts of chapter and state board meetings where action is initiated.)

But vision shows us where we want to go.

For instance, in planning a road trip, our immediate vision would be the destination we have in mind before setting out. Our mission statement would be the road map of what route we intend to ride. Both of these will influence how we ride and the trip itself. They may even determine if we arrive at our desired destination at all.

Simon Milward is a prime example of how vision drives mission and results.

We of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. first encountered this plucky little Englishman during S.T.E.A.M. 2002 where he was a motivational speaker. His journey began several years earlier while recovering from his latest motorcycle crash in a British health care facility where he experienced an epiphany: Everyone in the world should have access to basic health care, just as British citizens do, and motorcycles could be used to deliver that care to remote or undeveloped regions.

When Simon had recovered from his injuries, he began putting together what would become known as his *Millennium Ride*. It was his avowed intention to

ride around the world, visiting every continent, drumming up support and equipment to establish basic health care resources wherever people had none.

We caught up with him when he was two years into his ride, making another circuit of north America before heading down through central and south Americas.

Thereafter, monthly stories of his adventures, experiences, and successes were published in our state newsmagazine up until March of 2005. He had saved Africa as the last leg of his *Millennium Ride*, knowing it would be the most difficult and dangerous portion of his trip. It was in Mali that he met his demise in a traffic crash.

Yet even though Simon is no longer among us, his vision persists in the form of *Health For All*, an organization that continues to establish motorcycle-based health care facilities where none were formally available.

That is the power of vision.

Another example of vision is the United States.

What our nation is all about can be summed up in four words: "Land of the free."

That's a powerful concept.

It drives people in makeshift rickety boats to sail here. Others to leave family and friends, risking their lives.

So powerful is our national vision that we now have an immigration problem — more people want to come here to embrace our vision than we as a nation can handle.

Vision At Last

PACing our capitol

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

What should be our vision for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon?

How about:

"Riding free."

That sums up where we want to be, what our every effort is bent toward, how we reward ourselves.

- We should be able to ride without worrying about being harassed by enforcement authorities.

- We should be able to ride unencumbered by clothing and devices desired by non-riding legislators and bureaucrats trying to make themselves feel good.

- We should be able to ride and share the roads with other vehicles without constantly worrying for our own safety.

- We should be able to ride for the full enjoyment of the riding experience.

Whatever A.B.A.T.E. activity we may engage in, think about how to make it work toward the idea of "riding free".

Oregon's first foray into annual legislative sessions is winding down as this edition plops into A.B.A.T.E. members' letterboxes.

So long as Oregon continues to suffer fiscal hardships, these shorter even-year assemblies look to be focussed on budgetary matters.

But we motorcyclists cannot lessen our vigilance during such sessions. Although most elected legislative members are presently limited to introducing two bills during the short legislatures, there are certain people in positions of power who may introduce more than two bills



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

or who have unlimited number of bills. When such people are opposed to motorcyclists' interests, we riders may be in grave danger of losing what little we've gained and may even have odorous legislation enacted before we realize what has happened.

Fortunately we have a safety net in place at the Oregon capitol, our own political action committee who act on our behalf as our lobbyists and political watchdogs.

That group goes by the name of *BikePAC*. They are the ones who can take direct political action, something that A.B.A.T.E. is not allowed to legally do based on its non-political tax status. So, A.B.A.T.E. provides education and funding while *BikePAC* supplies political savvy and muscle.

In order to keep *BikePAC* vibrant, focussed, and effective, fresh people need to be rotated into the organization.

In order to advance our vision of riding free, we need you to take your turn as an officer and working member of *BikePAC*.

Come to the meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Salem public library.

Volunteer your time.

Oregon motorcycling needs you.

Yer crusty ol' editor has finally reached that magical age where he could begin drawing social security if he so desired, an event that does nothing for his insecurities nor his lack of social graces.

Two things that stand out after so many trips around the sun:

1. Refilling fountain pen ink cartridges with an eyedropper isn't quite as much fun as one might be lead to believe.
2. Bowling should not be an overhand activity.

MARCH Cryptogram

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--HYEHKHO MSUTAMU

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 25)

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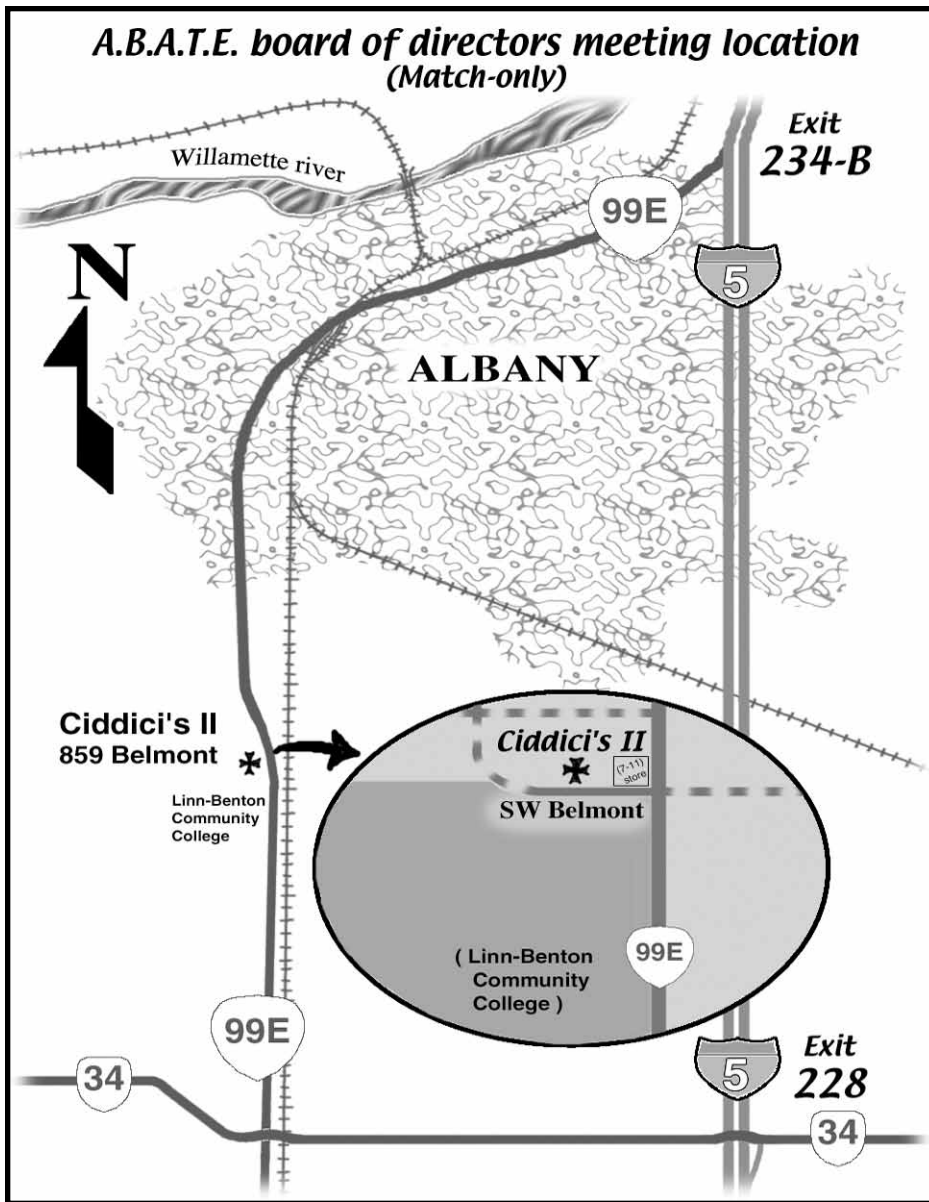
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M&M RESAURANT & LOUNGE
137 N MAIN GRESHAM, OREGON

DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS

LIVE MUSIC

50/50 DRAWING

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER CANNED FOOD DRIVE

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11th Annual River City ABATE Poker Run

at the Northwest Cherry Festival

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

ALL RIDERS WELCOME

Sat. April 28 2012

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 Teresa at 541-965-2701 or Email - tchepker@gmail.com 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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TEDDY BEAR DROP-OFF & PARADE END FOR MOTORCYCLES

BIG K

Teddy Bear Parade starts at Kmart 10:45 AM and picks up more bikes along the route past Cascade Square

As parade ends:
Go straight on 2nd Street
Go under freeway
Turn left at traffic light
Go under freeway
Turn right at next light
Go to Kmart

TEDDY BEAR PARADE ROUTE MAP

End of parade for motorcycles is at KMART - drop off teddy bears after the parade.

Biker Night at the VINE

** Free Admission **

Come join us for a night of good friends, good food and good prizes. Formerly known as the WaCo Birthday Party, the Biker Night at the Vine will become your favorite night-out for many springs to come. Be sure to check out our Facebook page before the event to see what items we will have up for auction.
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Live Auction

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Washington County Chapter - ABATE of Oregon



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THE RIDE INCLUDES STOPS AT CANNON BEACH-GARIBALDI-TILLAMOOK

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For more information including lodging or camping- Contact- Dan Pedan 503 440 1114

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A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC.



A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

All Motorcycle

Spring Swap Meet

Sunday, April 29, 2012

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Portland Armory
10000 NE 33rd drive
Portland, Oregon

\$8 A.B.A.T.E. members
\$10 non-members

- New and used parts for all motorcycles
- Leather goods and clothing for all
- Food and coffee vendors
- Great door prizes
(One ticket with paid entry – Must be present to win)
- Parking available on-site
- Motorcycle parking in front of building

– Raffle drawing sponsored by *Stewart's Leathers* –
 – Parking in designated areas only –
 – No pets of any kind allowed –

information:
John "Wheels" Betts
(971)-285-6523 (c)
SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net

vendor setup: **Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**
Sunday 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

vendors:
Randy Phipps
(503)-347-0524 (c)

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Saturday
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Chenoweth Community College
6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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 June 15-17, 2012

The Plaza Las Vegas
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. 2012

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 WOLF CREEK, OREGON
AUGUST 17, 18, 19 - 2012

GATES OPEN FRIDAY - 12 NOON
 A.B.A.T.E. MEMBERS - \$25 per person
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Douglas County	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	M's Restaurant	Roseburg
Hub City	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	Ciddici's Pizza	Albany
Jackson County	3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.	D&S Harley	Medford
Josephine County	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
Lincoln County	3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	American Legion	Newport
Lower Columbia	1st Sunday – 7 p.m.	Colvin's Pub & Grill	Clatskanie
North Coast	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	Moose Lodge	Astoria
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
Salem	1st Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Almost Home Restaurant	Salem
Southeast Portland	1st and 3rd Sunday – noon	M&M Restaurant	Gresham
Washington County	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	Grape Vine	Portland



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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

U.S. House bill Funds Trails, Not Motorcycle Checkpoints

Renewed funding for motorized trails and a ban on funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints are included in a major federal transportation bill being considered by a key U.S. house committee.

The house transportation and infrastructure committee voted February 2 on a transportation funding authorization bill (HR-7), the *American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012*.

Kids and Bikes: Start Them Right

We all love to ride motorcycles.

And for those of us with kids, there's a sense of urgency to pass along our enthusiasm for two wheels.

However, that passion could also preempt some important details that make the learning process safer and more fun. If you rush it, you could miss the opportunity to establish the good judgment and skills that could provide the foundation for a lifetime of safe riding.

Even worse, without the right approach early-on, a young rider could adopt bad habits that could persist through adulthood.

To get young riders off to the right start, the A.M.A. has assembled some guidelines for introducing kids to the two-wheeled world.

Kevin Schwantz Headlines Daytona Fundraiser

The A.M.A. *Motorcycle Hall of Fame* is pleased to announce that 1993 world road racing champion Kevin Schwantz will be the featured guest at its annual breakfast at Daytona fundraiser, set for the Friday of *Bike Week*, March 16, at the *Daytona 500 Club* in the infield of *Daytona International Speedway*.

Tickets are available for \$75, with all proceeds supporting the A.M.A. *Motorcycle Hall of Fame*. For more information or to register, please call (614)-856-2222, ext. 1234 or check:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event>

Team Oregon Launches Redesigned Web Site

A newly redesigned web site from *Team Oregon* provides information about statewide training, education, and outreach for riders of all levels of experience and riding ability.

The web site, <http://www.team-oregon.org>, is designed to help Oregon riders comply with mandatory training requirements. It includes a course selection tool that helps visitors find the training course specific to their needs and motorcycle skill level.

A.M.A. Honored With 2011 Industry Leader Award

In its annual "best of" awards for 2011, *Motorcycle-USA.com*, a leading on-line motorcycle magazine, named the A.M.A. as its "industry leader" for efforts to overturn a federal ban on the sale of kids' dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles.

"The lead ban not only had a disastrous effect on the industry, already hit hard by the economic downturn, it also put kids at greater risk by forcing them onto adult models, or not riding at all," Motorcycle USA said in announcing the award. "It was the big industry issue that could never get resolved, but the American Motorcyclist Association kept the riding public informed and continued to lobby lawmakers for a permanent fix..."

2012 Women's Conference

The A.M.A. *International Women & Motorcycling Conference* is the premier event for women who love to ride motorcycles.

This year, the fun will go down in Carson City, Nevada, on July 26-27, 2012.

A.M.A. members can book now and save big. Early registration of \$125 is available now exclusively for

A.M.A. members at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event>

After April 30, 2012, registration will increase to \$175 for A.M.A. members and be available to non-A.M.A. members for \$235.

You also can call (800)-262-5646 to register.

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Ride With The A.M.A.

The riding section of <http://www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com> offers a wide range of information for riders, whether you're in the middle of the season or still experiencing the winter doldrums. We have articles on how to buy a bike, how to work on your bike, where to find new places to ride, how to teach your kids to ride, and much much more.

So, take a look and start planning for your next ride, whether it's tomorrow, next week, or next month. And when you do, let us know how it goes and what you learn. We'll make sure to add it to our ever-growing collection of member articles and advice.

A.M.A. Welcomes Ken Ford To Board of Directors

Ken Ford, a 27-year A.M.A. member from Bartow, Florida, has been elected the member representative on the A.M.A. board

of directors from the southeast region. Ford fills the seat previously held by Charles Goman.

Ford, a senior executive at a fortune 50 company for 17 years, is an active off-road, dual-sport, adventure, and sport-touring rider. He is a 32-year member of the *Florida Trail Riders* and former president of the A.M.A.-chartered club. He is also a member of *Sunrunners Motorcycle Club*, *Dixie Dual Sport*, and the *Concours Owners Group*, where he is the current executive director. An environmental engineer by education, Ford has been riding for more than 50 years.

Husqvarna Baja – What A Concept

Husqvarna is positively ancient.

The company traces its roots to a 17th century milling factory that built guns for the Swedish army. While that background may not be extremely relevant to the modern iteration that manufactures motorcycles under the *Husqvarna* banner, it does lend some legitimacy to claims of historical iconicism.

And perhaps just a little bit of an intangible ability at producing a factory custom.

The brand (now a property of Germany's B.M.W.) may have sprinkled some of that magic history dust on its latest concept, the *Husqvarna Concept Baja*.

Honda NC700X

Defies Classification

Although *Honda's* new *NC700*, (just announced as a 2012 model) is listed as an adventure bike on *Honda's* web site, the bike is not so easily classified.

Powered by the company's all-new 670cc parallel twin-cylinder engine, the *NC700X* has the looks of a quasi-adventure bike but some scooter-inspired amenities, such as ample storage and an optional automatic transmission.

Whatever the intended market for the reasonably priced \$6,999 *NC700X*, it certainly appears to take full advantage of *Honda's* reputations for utilitarian two-wheeled solutions and technology.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation U.S. House Committee Passes HR-3199



Tuesday, February 7th, the United States house of representatives committee on science, space and technology passed HR-3199, a bill that would require a comprehensive study of the scientific and technical research on the implications of fuel with more than 10 percent ethanol. Essentially, this bill would slow down the fast tracking of the fuel blend that is 15 percent or more ethanol. The administration made it legal at the end of 2010 for fuel suppliers to sell the blend.

In an opinion editorial to *The Hill* newspaper, representative Sensenbrenner (WI) had this to say, "Many claims by E15's supporters are questionable. For instance, ethanol's proponents argue that ethanol is cheaper. But this claim ignores the fact that E15 lowers fuel efficiency. Since ethanol's energy content is just 70 percent of the energy content of gasoline, American drivers will be forced to make more trips to the pump, largely negating any savings from E15."

Sensenbrenner added, "As bad as E15 is for our cars, it is downright dangerous in small gasoline-based engines like those in our lawnmowers, boats, and ATVs. E15 in a boat engine is like metal in a microwave. The United States Coast Guard warned that E15 in marine engines increases the risk of fires and explosions." And, "The E.P.A. dismisses these concerns, from stake holders within the government, no less, because these engines are not included in E.P.A.'s E15 waiver. But E.P.A. is

willfully ignoring inevitable issues with misfueling and lack of availability of fuel with lower ethanol content. At a science committee hearing last year, we examined the E.P.A.'s E15 decision, and witnesses testified that the agency cannot prevent misfueling."

We at the *M.R.F.* are all for reducing our dependence on foreign oil and keeping the planet healthy, but the facts are not all in when it comes to the 15 percent blend when used in a motorcycle engine. In fact, the *Motorcycle Industry Council (M.I.C.)* has said that the blend could be harmful to motorcycles. The *E.P.A.* went so far as to say that motorcycles are prohibited from using the new blend altogether.

Until further comprehensive study, such as required by this legislation, is conducted we must issue caution when using the new blend.

The Beast is Coming to Atlanta!

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (M.R.F.)* annual *Beast of the East* conference will take place in Atlanta, April 13-15, 2012, hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia.*

M.R.F. conferences are designed to educate and motivate those in the motorcyclists' rights community.

In addition to being a fantastic learning opportunity, these events are a great chance to meet other people from all over the country who are as passionate about motorcyclists' rights as you are. Workshops and seminars this year will be presented

by motorcyclists' rights activists from Georgia, Washington D.C., Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin. We expect participants from all over the country as well.

You can register in advance for *Beast*, as well as download and/or view the *Beast* poster, registration information, and tentative agenda at:

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

When making your travel arrangements, please note that workshops for *Beast* this year will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

The agenda covers a wide range of topics. We will update participants on all federal motorcycling issues and the *M.R.F.'s* 2012 legislative agenda. We will have informative seminars regarding motorcycle awareness and education, women in motorcycling, a variety of legal perspectives, and the U.S. constitution. In addition, we will have training seminars on how a federal bill becomes a regulation, developing relationships with legislators and agencies, passing bills, and "Share the Road" programs, as well as special meetings for *M.R.F.* representatives and for motorcycle club members.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a general session on *The History of the M.R.F.*

Some of the most valuable knowledge you will gain will be in the "meetings after the meetings," which take place in the hallways, hospitality suite, and banquet. The networking opportunities are

phenomenal at *M.R.F.* conferences.

We have an auction at the banquet to raise money for the *M.R.F.* (It costs approximately \$1,000/day to keep our office open in DC, even with a volunteer board of directors.) Auction item donations are greatly appreciated, and will be collected on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at the conference hotel.

Conference participants are required to make their own hotel reservations. We have negotiated a special room rate of \$89 per night at the *Westin Atlanta Airport*, which includes free parking and special meal rates in the hotel restaurant.

Attendees who are not staying at the *Westin* will be required to pay \$10/day to park in their lot.

Rooms must be reserved by March 15, and you must mention the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation Beast of the East* conference, to get the special room rate.

The *Beast* conference poster provides all of the hotel registration information.

We hope to see you at the *M.R.F.'s Beast of the East* conference in Atlanta

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

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Illinois Motorcyclists Can Now Bypass Malfunctioning Red Lights

Motorcyclists in Illinois will no longer be stuck indefinitely at stoplights, as effective January 1st the land of Lincoln joined eleven other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights.

Sensors that trigger light changes often aren't sensitive enough to detect motorcycles, which prompted the Illinois legislature to pass HB-S860, supported by *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*, which allows motorcycles stopped at a red light to go through the light if it doesn't turn green after a "reasonable" amount of time.

Illinois governor Pat Quinn vetoed the bill, claiming it "endangers our motorists" because it allows the motorcyclist to determine how long is "reasonable," but both the house and senate voted to override the veto and the original bill became effective.

The new regulation, as now on the books, states: "After stopping, the driver of a motorcycle or bicycle facing a steady red signal which fails to change to a green signal within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle or bicycle due to the vehicle's size or weight, shall have the right to proceed subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign as required by section 11-1204 of this code."

The regulation applies only to municipalities with a population of less than two million, so the city of Chicago is exempted.

Similar so-called "dead red" regulations have been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), and Virginia (2011). In Texas and California, state regulations requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

Las Vegas Clubs Sue Over Police Harassment

A group of Nevada motorcycle clubs is suing metro police, accusing the Las Vegas police department of violating

the constitutional rights of bikers. The *Confederation of Clubs and Scoundrels Pub* filed the lawsuit Wednesday, January 11, claiming that "The police are interfering with private business and telling private businesses that they cannot allow certain motorcycle clubs inside their private businesses."

Their attorney says metro police officers harassed bikers and threatened to pull liquor licenses at local biker bars, like *Scoundrels*, based solely on the businesses' clientele.

The lawsuit includes a letter metro police department sent to *Scoundrels Pub* last June that states an event involving the *Vagos Motorcycle Club* violated Clark county code and could put the pub's liquor license at risk.

"We've not asked for a penny. We don't want money. We just want to get recognition of the situation and get the metro police department to give us our constitutional rights. That's all we're asking for," said *Bandido Motorcycle Club* Las Vegas president Rich Novicelli in an interview with *C.B.S.-affiliate 8NewsNow*.

Metro declined to comment.

Live Free And Ride

A New Hampshire legislator wants his state's "Live Free or Die" slogan emblazoned across motorcycle license plates. While he hasn't straddled a bike in some years, state representative Tim Copeland (R-Stratham) said "it's a great saying" that shouldn't be limited to license plates on cars and trucks.

He said the idea was hatched at a convention for legislators where candy trays were sold that were made by inmates out of defective license plates. While looking at those candy dishes, Copeland wondered why the quote, from a toast made in 1809 by General John Stark, isn't celebrated on the backs of motorcycles.

Representative Copeland said there would be no additional cost to the state and he's been told there's nothing logistical to prevent stamping the state slogan onto the smaller motorcycle plates.

Copeland's bill is with the house

transportation committee and proposes replacing the word "motorcycle" at the top of all motorcycle plates with the state motto.

South Carolina Governor Promises To Veto A Helmet Measure

Less than two years after a state supreme court ruling barred the city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from enforcing a mandatory helmet regulation stricter than the state's requirement for riders under 21 to wear them, a helmet requirement for all motorcyclists statewide has been introduced in the South Carolina legislature.

Senate bill 1046 was read in senate for the first time in February and has been referred to the transportation committee. South Carolina required all riders to wear helmets from 1967 until 1980 when the legal mandate was limited to young riders. The attempt to change back to a comprehensive helmet requirement is opposed by groups such *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina* which is challenging the bill saying that they have no problem with helmets, but don't agree that it's the government's responsibility to police personal safety.

Governor Nikki Haley met with biker rights lobbyists recently on the steps of the state house, where she promised them she would veto the bill. Governor Haley, a member of Lexington County's *A.B.A.T.E.*, told bikers at the capitol that the senate has more important matters to focus on. She told them to tell their legislators, "Don't waste your time," because even if it does pass, she'll veto it.

In 2007 the state formed a motorcycle safety task force to look at ways to lower fatalities. That group did not recommend a mandatory helmet law.

Currently, only 20 states require all motorcyclists to wear helmets, 27 only require them for younger or inexperienced riders, while three require no helmet use at all.

Weird News

Dirty Secret About Gas Pumps

Gas pump handles top a recent study of filthy surfaces. So just when you thought filling up couldn't hurt any more, medical researchers have announced another reason to avoid

touching the gas pump: Germs.

Gas pump handles turned out to be the filthiest surface that Americans encounter on the way to work, according to a study released on October 25, 2011 by *Kimberly-Clark Professional*, a unit of personal hygiene giant *Kimberly-Clark Corporation*. A team of hygienists swabbed hundreds of surfaces around six U.S. cities to see what everyday objects are breeding grounds for the worst bacteria and viruses.

The top offenders, following gas pumps, were handles on public mailboxes, escalator rails, and A.T.M. buttons. Closely following on the filthiest list were parking meters and kiosks, crosswalk buttons, and buttons on vending machines in shopping malls.

"It comes down to the fact that nobody cleans the things that you're going to touch on a daily basis," said Dr. Kelly Arehart, program leader of *Kimberly-Clark's Healthy Workplace Project*.

Quotable Quote

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies."

-- Groucho Marx
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Reno Ride

Life lessons learned at Street Vibrations and my search for the bikers who got me home safely

by Paula Leslie

The demand for change in one's life is sometimes so obvious that the world hands you your ass on a platter. This, being the preferable alternative, I'm sure there are a thousand ways to get your ass off the platter and take responsibility for the way your life is going. In my view, a motorcycle seat seemed to be a healthy alternative. This was a bit shocking to those who are (and were) at that time, very close to me. During my transition, I met and lost touch with some bikers who opened my eyes to some important life lessons:

- Relax.
- Lean into the wind.
- When it gets more difficult, go faster.
- Never travel with those who won't have your back.

With a sense of urgency, every aspect of my life demanded that I create new memories. To do this, I decided to follow a crazy dream, creating a space to put my life into some kind of perspective.

Looking back, I can't think of anything more effective.

My plan?

To get a motorcycle endorsement, buy a bike off *Craig's list*, then ride to Reno, Nevada for *Street Vibrations* the following year.

Only that timeline was quickly reduced to a two month period during a pivotal moment.

What I didn't do was take some simple inventory of who to trust to get me there and the danger I was jumping into with both wheels spinning wildly forward.

I reached out to a friend to confide in during an emotional whirlwind of emotions. I texted her, "Need a friend, can I come visit?"

Her text response was short, "We're leaving for street vibrations in the morning, Giddy up!"

I can tell you I had my bags packed two hours later, had my AAA roadside assistance upgraded to platinum, then called her back to make plans with her to meet up in the morning. I went to bed early, and was on the road, leaving Corvallis on my motorcycle the next morning at

5 a.m. I rode slow and made a lot of stops.

When I got to Oakridge, it was about 10 a.m. I finally got a call from my girlfriend who was leaving Portland and wanted to find out if I was ready to leave. I purposefully got a head start because they ride like maniacs and I knew better than to ride over my skill level. This bike was no joke and was already on its third mirror. So we made plans to meet in Klamath Falls.

The trip so far was going smoothly and I was totally in the zone, with the smells, the scenery, and the sense of peace flowing through me like a shock electricity.

Well, that was until I got twenty miles from Klamath Falls.

My battery died.

Apparently I have the kind of motorcycle that won't run if the battery is inoperable. Thus my first AAA call.

Lucky for me my group was closing in quickly behind and was only about fifteen minutes behind me. When they saw me, seven of them pulled over on the side of the highway to check on me and take pictures. When I told them that AAA was on the way, they told me to call them when I was done, then rode off into Klamath Falls for lunch.

When they were finished eating, I was still haggling with a motorcycle shop that was trying to convince me I needed a new alternator. Frustrated with the time it was taking, my "friends" rushed over to pick me up and waited impatiently while I straightened out my battery issue with the shop. We all finally left together and made it to Reno around 10 p.m.

It was then that I wondered nervously what the ride home would be like.

Street Vibrations was a the usual party buzz, except for the fallout of gang activity going on, due to the assassination of the *Hell's Angels'* president.

This made me quite dubious about riding alone.

I was met with silence when I

inquired about who would have my back should I get lost on any of the weekend runs or experience more mechanical issues.

When it came time to plan our departure, I felt even more determined to ride out early again on departure day. Only this time, a member of my group was going to leave early with me. At least that was the plan.

But the reality was that I would have more issues, being left behind by every single member of my group.

I left Reno alone and hadn't made it twenty miles before I found myself in trouble, battling 70 m.p.h. winds.

I was scared and struggling to keep my bike on the road when I was passed by a group of bikers who noticed my predicament. They pulled over at the next gas station and waited for me, knowing that there was the only place for me to safely pull over and stop. When I got off my bike to fill up, the oldest member of the group came over to find out what the heck I was doing out there alone. I told him what happened.

Somehow I must have run over a screw in the parking lot the previous night after the *Cat House Run*. I noticed the flat tire while packing up my bike and doing my pre-ride check. I don't say "f-ck" very often, but I screamed it several times that day. By the time I found a shop that was open on a Sunday and had my new tire installed, my group was hundreds of miles away.

After listening to me go around and around with my story, the old biker was clearly struggling to understand while working hard to control his feelings of being angry. He finally stopped me and made it clear how offended he was that anyone calling themselves a biker would leave a member of their group behind.

He walked back to his group. I watched them have a short huddle. When he returned, he told me his group was from the Sweet Home/Lebanon area and invited me to ride home with them. Finding my

options limited, I accepted.

As we rode away, they carefully positioned me in the center of the group to keep me close. They rode slow, stopped every 45 minutes or so to rest, eat, visit, and help me out with valuable riding tips. On each of our stops, I got to know each of them a little more.

Thankfully, I felt relieved that I ended up with some good guys.

One of them was especially helpful and made a special effort to make me feel comfortable and less anxious about riding with a bunch of strange biker dudes. As we rode through Sweet Home, two of the riders waved goodbye and rode off, leaving the last member of their group to continue with me into Lebanon. On arrival, we said our exhausted, rain-soaked goodbyes and attempted to exchange contact information.

Unfortunately, I got Mike's e-mail address wrong, and lost contact with the guys who kept me safe on my journey home.

I think about them every time I go out for a ride and the wind suddenly picks up.

I'll forever be indebted to the person or people who can help me find the only member of the group whose last name I remembered.

If you know a guy named Mike Cross, please contact Paula Leslie or go on-line to <http://www.ride44.com> motorcycle forum.

I spend a lot of my time there chatting with a riding group dedicated to helping new riders.

Just search the topic "biker search. I need help finding Mike Cross from Lebanon". They're keeping their eyes and ears open for me as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this very long story.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 11 February 2012 (continued)

Allan asked what would happen if people don't step up to fill the officer positions. Nic said that he didn't want to go there but the fact remains, if no one steps up, he will have no choice but to close the doors and fold *BikePAC*. Allan told everyone that this cannot be allowed to happen as *BikePAC* is very important to our work in Salem. *BikePAC* can actually lobby the Legislators while *A.B.A.T.E.* cannot.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reported that Washington state is getting nasty. They are setting up fake construction zones to catch motorcycles breaking regulations. This is a trap. Be very careful and pay attention when in Washington state. (Handed out an article regarding the practice.)

We should make our *Best of the West* and *Meeting of the Minds* conference reservations now to save travel moneys. (See motions.)

Confederation of Clubs representative (north): David Hickerson spoke more on the cards that Brian had brought. More can be made and it looks like there is a need, as the 500 brought are already gone. These should be shown to any officer who pulls you over if there is any mention of your helmet. There will be more available at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Sergeant-at-arms (east) – No nominations.

New Business

- Nic commented that since most of today motions were made by non-chapter representatives, he has put his name on them since only chapter representatives can submit motions. This does not mean that they are his motions.

- 1: Motion made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*): "To have the chapter representatives discuss with their chapter what guidelines are needed to issue a legislative alert." (i.e. Civil right, bill of rights, etc.)

It was discussed that we need to be careful with this as we have always drawn the line at motorcycle issues for "calls-to-action" and if we use alerts to reach people who are

interested in specific topics, where do we stop?

Vote:

For = 8; against = 0; abstain = 2.

Motion passed.

- 2: Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*) seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

"To move trailer, stage, and connex to 875 NE 5th Clatskanie, Oregon 97016 due to the fact that A.B.A.T.E. is losing storage location because of change of ownership."

Discussion ensued including estimated cost of moving at \$1,400 or less if Dwayne does it.

Possible conflict was discussed as Dwayne is in a partnership/owner situation at the new location. As no conflict seemed evident, voting took place.

Vote:

For = 7; against = 0; abstain = 3.

Motion passed

- 3: Motion by Nic (*Hub City Chapter*); seconded by Jack (*Lincoln County Chapter*):

"Send Gene's wife to N.C.O.M. in May. Approximate cost of \$450."

Amended to state "if not covered by N.C.O.M."

Question was called immediately.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed

- 4: Motion by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*); seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

"That A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon fund the *BikePAC* May Motorcycle Awareness Rally so that *BikePAC* may concentrate their meager funds towards fulfilling their role in the capital. Approximate cost of \$1,200."

Virtually no discussion resulted in vote being called.

Vote:

For = 8; against = 0; abstain = 2.

Motion passed

- 5: Motion by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*); seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

"That A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon fund sending the M.R.F. representative and one other person to the *Best of the West* and *Meeting of the Minds* conferences. Approximate cost of \$1,500 each for both events."

It was noted that this is what we have done for years and there should be no reason to change now.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

- 6: Motion by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*); seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

"Make the state auditor position a member of the executive board."

Discussion ensued.

The auditor position used to be covered by the treasurer, but now it is not. This is to streamline the fulfilling of the position and needs of the office.

Connie stated that she did not need to be a part of the executive board and is available to the board at any time.

Passing this motion would necessitate a change in the by-laws as to the number of members of the executive board.

Motion was tabled.

Motion withdrawn by writer.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: 10 March 2012, at *Ciddici's Pizza II* in Albany, Oregon. Located at 859 Belmont SW #2, directly off of Pacific boulevard behind 7-11.

Upcoming Events

- 25 February 2012 – S.T.E.A.M. by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. *Chemeketa Community College*, located on north Lancaster in Salem.

8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Geoff White (education director) through:

<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

- 31 March 2012 – Biker night at *The Vine* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 28 April 2012 – *Adopt-A-Road* clean-up. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 29 April 2012 – *A.B.A.T.E. State Spring Swap Meet*. Portland armory: 10000 NE 33rd drive, Portland.

- 4-6 May 2012 – *Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap and Bike Show*. Central Point, Oregon. More information: Spanky (541)–659–8715 or Kevin (541)–324–0866

- 05 May 2012 – *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in Salem, Oregon.

More information at:

<http://www.bikepac.com>

- 25-28 May 2012 – *35th Annual Fossil Run*. For more information, call Howie at (503)–791–2862. For vendor information, contact Rick (541)–980–4230.

- 10 June 2012 – *Roll-N-Ride* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 14-17 June 2012 – *Party in the Woods* by *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*. General information: lacoy@live.com

- 21 July 2012 – *Mid-Summer Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 17-19 August 2012 – *S.O.S. Run* at Wolf Creek, Oregon. More information at:

(*Douglas County*) Jim and Jamie (541)–733–4069 or (541)–637–5286

(*Josephine County*) Spanky at (541)–471–6049.

- 24-26 August 2012 – *End of Summer Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 15 September 2012 – *Adopt-A-Road* clean-up by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

- 20-23 September 2012 – *Meeting of the Minds* conference in Durham, North Carolina. Reservations at 1–(800)–325–3535

- 17 November 2012 – Toy run by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m. (1520)

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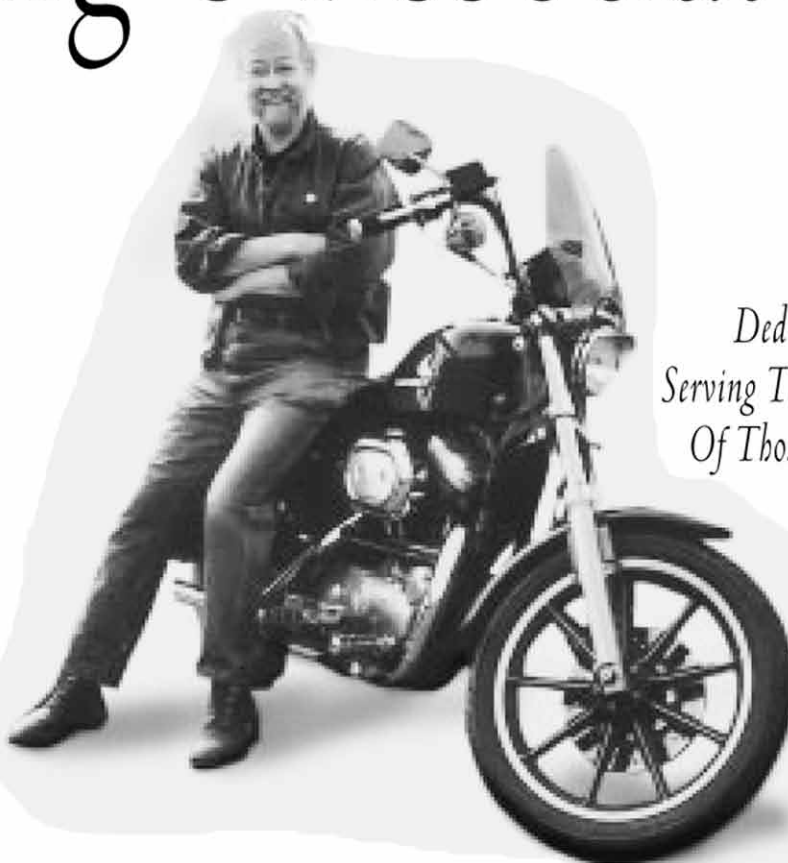
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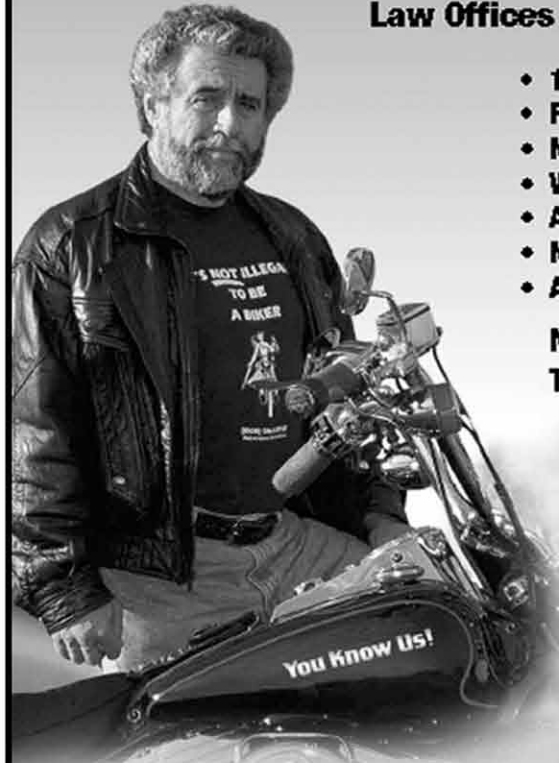
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To inform A.I.M. members of biker-friendly shops and establishments and provide access to emergency services.

Participating Oregon I.S.P. Shops

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Duffy's Revived Road List

name: phone number: location: P I O A H N E A O C O R O F A S D K L A T O L G U S G O S I P E N'

Table with columns for name, phone number, location, and maintenance status (P, I, O, A, H, N, E, A, O, C, O, R, O, F, A, S, D, K, L, A, T, O, L, G, U, S, G, O, S, I, P, E, N'). Rows are categorized by region: North Coast area, Central Coast area, South Coast area, Washington County area, and Portland area.

Chapters Please ensure your area listings are up-to-date

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?

Please call (503)-838-6893 if your information changes.

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Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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web site: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Firewood for sale. Big leaf maple. The tree was cut down November 2011. We estimate 2-1/2 to 3 cords. **\$350** takes all. Wilsonville area. Message phone: **(503)-682-6043**

(May 2012)

New custom chrome wide glide front end. New *Harley-Davidson* five-spoke cast front wheel. *Avion Venom* tire. **\$650** Birdman **(541)-980-4989**

(May 2012)

1954 *Harley-Davidson FLH Panhead*. **\$11,500**. It has been gone through over the last few years. The paint needs a little touching up. The bike wasn't ridden last year, so the carb needs to be cleaned. Photos available. Tom **(541)-680-6363**

(Apr2012)

For Sale

• Seat for 2003 *Heritage*, includes passenger seat, back rest. Like new condition. **\$130**

• Oil pressure gauge, new in package. Fits twin cam 88 *Softail* **\$35**

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John (503)-784-3691

(April 2012)

2002 *Bar Fly* 2000 bar stool racer. Powder coated frame with aluminum racing wheels and *Bridgestone* racing tires. Powered by 3-1/2 horsepower *Briggs* motor. Disc brake and lowered seat height with bar stool seat replaced with large motorcycle seat for those cross country trips. **\$850** or best offer. **(503)-257-7390**.

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(May 2012)

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

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



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

Comments:

March 2012 (ostara) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 10 March 2012

C 1200 (noon)
H (the other) Ciddici's Pizza
A → 859 Belmont Ave. S.W.
N (just off Pacific Boulevard)
G south Albany, Oregon
E (see map on page 14)

Whatever could he have been thinkin'?
To have what the leprechaun's drinking,
Now he dances all night,
He's a terrible sight,
And he even seems to be shrinkin'.

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2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
>>> 2012 <<<			
10 Mar 2012	Anniversary Party / SE-PDX	Gresham	
31 Mar 2012	Vine BN / Washington County	Portland	
14 Apr 2012	Spring Fever Run / North Coast	Hammond	(503)-440-1114
28 Apr 2012	Long John PR / Lincoln County		
29 Apr 2012	Spring Swap Meet / ABATE	Portland	(971)-285-6523
04-06 May 2012	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	Central Point	(541)-659-8715
05 May 2012	Motorcycle Awareness Rally / BikePAC	Salem	(541)-223-3827
25-28 May 2012	35th Fossil Campout / ABATE	Bear Hollow	
10 Jun 2012	Roll-N-Ride / Washington County		
14-17 Jun 2012	Party In Woods / WA-ABATE	Easton, Washington	lacoy@live.com
15-17 Jun 2012	Best Of The West / MRF	Las Vegas, Nevada	
21 Jul 2012	Mid-Summer Run / WaCo		
17-19 Aug 2012	S.O.S. Run / DC & JoCo	Wolf Creek	(541)-733-4069

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	M's Restaurant; 443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	D & S Harley-Davidson; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)-
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.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)-597-0300