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FOSSIL IS HERE!

*Make No Bones About Attending
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's Premier Event
(Flier on pages 51-52)*

A.B.A.T.E. BY-LAWS

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Fossil is going to be here soon.
We're going to need *help*.

Remember, the *Fossil Run* is put on by A.B.A.T.E. members for non-members. We, the A.B.A.T.E. members, can go party at *Washington Spring Opener* [June 17th - 16th] or other events throughout the year.

My thanks go to all the A.B.A.T.E.

members who have become Precinct Committee People (PCP). You know who you are and what a big difference you have made in the A.B.A.T.E. community. Thanks for stepping up and getting involved. Good thing there are some A.B.A.T.E. members who really care about protecting our freedoms.

Please be well informed.
See ya at *Fossil*.

Rotten Roger

[*Editor's note* -- Events like *Fossil* are run by " blood, sweat, and volunteers". It's our chance to showcase A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and demonstrate to the world just what Oregon bikers are made of.]

BikePAC's Motorcycle Awareness Rally -- 04 May At State Capitol

*Park Your Bike In Front
Of The Seat Of Power*

Bring friends, family, total strangers.
Arrive at 1000 to talk with other bikers.

Speakers begin at noon.

(More information on page 38.)



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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

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.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit 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 on.

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 on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. 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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

"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, Rep. Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because Governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet law mandate, Roloff helped convince California Senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the

impending lawsuit, and was signed by President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish
Executive Coordinator,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists
A.B.A.T.E. of California
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SCENES from a SWAP MEET

20 April 2002



photo by Lee Austin



Bikes and bikers line up for the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.'s Spring Swap Meet in Portland..



photo by Lee Austin

A Swap Meet attendee considers where to start.



photo by Lee Austin

Melinda puts her public relations skills to good use at the front gate.



photo by Mel Yeager

Lacy from Woodland, Washington draws winning tickets for the raffle.



photo by Mel Yeager

Geoff White and Jill Tracy answer questions and sign up new members at the A.B.A.T.E. table



photo by Lee Austin

Jill, Vicki, and Michelle handling memberships, BikePAC, and products.



photo by Lee Austin

Meanwhile, Spike trashes a back gate.

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

Central Oregon

The room was full when our meeting opened. We have grown again. Now we have 56 members. It is good to see the new faces and hear new ideas. We welcome them all.

Our roadside cleanup project is scheduled for May 11th with a bar-b-que afterwards at Sisters City Park. Come join in the fun while doing a good deed. We will meet on the highway between Sisters and Redmond, Oregon about 6 miles east of Sisters. If you are on that road, stop and say "Hi". You won't be able to miss us.

We will be moving our meeting time and date from the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm, starting with our June meeting. This will give us time to ride on the weekends and still keep business at hand.

We were also notified that insurance rates are going up again. It almost looks like we are being priced out of any fun activities because the insurance companies want more money to do the same thing. An option that was mentioned was the possibility of insurance waivers. Has your chapter run into this same problem? If so, give us a call or letter and let us know what alternatives you are looking at.

The sun is breaking out from the clouds, the geese are flying north, it's time to ride.

Stay safe and enjoy the freedom of the road.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

(May only)

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)

(Beginning in June)

3rd Thursday at 1830 (6:30pm)

Abby's Pizza

Redmond

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Columbia River Chapter

We had a short but great meeting in April at the

U&I on Interstate Avenue which is our new meeting place. There was a good turnout with several new members and some guests from other chapters.

Jimbo and Julie did a great job with the Ways and Means part of it and a lot of people went home with some great drawing prizes with help from the welcome donations of Les and Ellen. I even won a picture of a great looking Indian Chief.

The chapter has agreed to pay for the registration costs for the *Best of the West* in Spokane. Terri, our membership co-ordinator, and Joel, our state board representative, have both expressed interest in attending and representing our chapter there. It is important to have a presence at such conferences and to bring back information to the chapter.

We have also agreed to pay the registration fee and one night's lodging for Kornfed at the *N.C.O.M. International Convention* in New Orleans. She has promised to bring us back a lot of hot information about what's happening with that group.

Due to some legal difficulties, Nick will not be available to be Sgt-at-Arms-I for a while so Big Bill has stepped from the II position to take over I and Willie and Donnie have agreed to share the II position. Thanks for volunteering, guys.

We now have 135 members in our chapter and I want to thank Terri for the great work that she has been doing with re-organizing the membership list. If you have an e-mail address, get it to Terri. (I guess I should have listed

her e-mail address here. Oh well, it will be in the next report.)

There was some discussion of the realities of politics, occasioned by some points raised by Willie. The cruel fact is that sometimes the politicians that we have individually supported for election have later reneged on their promise to support our legislative aims. That some of politicians are no good, lying jerks, and you all know what Democratic state representative I am talking about, does not mean that we should give up trying to find honest ones, who do exist and who need our support. It was also pointed out that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon does not endorse candidates or give them any financial support. Individual members donate their time and money as they wish, however, and are encouraged to participate in the democratic process as much as they can. As Dee pointed out in the meeting, if you don't participate, don't complain later on.

Our business got done pretty quickly and Shag, our road captain, led a group of us out to scenic Scappoose and St. Helens for a Black Jack ride in honor of all of our Columbia County members. Wendy won the \$50 pot on a Black Jack, which sort beat my 17, and then spent most of it treating the group to a round of drinks. What a winner.

Shag said that he is looking to take on a ride after the next meeting, maybe out Mulino way where there is a biker friendly bar waiting for us to visit it.

Finally, I am still interested in pursuing a bill in the legislature that

would prohibit places of public accommodations from discriminating against us because we ride motorcycles or wear clothing and insignia associated with motorcycles and organizations. However, the key to succeeding with such legislation is the testimony of motorcyclists who have suffered from such discrimination. So send me your stories so that I can put together the proof that we need. We did such that with the beanie helmet law and it was essential to the successful effort.

SPIKE

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
U & I Tavern
6910 North Interstate Avenue --
Portland
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Douglas County Chapter



Wow, busy, busy, busy!
I have no doubt you are all as busy as me.

I think I should make a bumper sticker thanking god for my days off so I can get all my work done.

I got to go on the chapter monthly ride for the first time this month! What a great time. I hope to see more of our chapter on future rides. And with the "A.B.A.T.E. Bucks" as an incentive hopefully some of our neighboring chapters can hop in with us.

As I don't have any must know info to pass, I'll save our secretary some volunteer time and just say "Ride within your safe limits!!"

Abe Zaffarano
Chapter Coordinator.

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Last month I said that some of us were going to go to Southern Oregon's *Biker Movie Night*. Well the weather was lousy to travel that far so as far as I know no one went from Douglas County.

Casino Night is still on hold here. We are having a committee meeting April 10th to get it rolling.

We had our April chapter meeting Sunday the 7th and only a handfull of folks showed. We have 114 members now too. We did have hot rod boat races here on the Umpqua river that may have drawn some members away. I believe all the sunshine making for a

great riding day had alot to do with it too. That's what I'm always afraid of with Sunday meetings.

We did have a chapter ride that Abe mentioned above also. Very few went on this ride. We need to ride together as a group better if we want to have a large crowd go along. We need to work on a speed that covers all types of riders and all types of bikes. I always tell myself that I won't fall into that old mode of racing on the roads but then someone darts off and I'm right there charging too. Next time we will have a road captain [who] won't let that happen. This is for the folks that maybe thought they wouldn't go on chapter rides anymore or wouldn't start going because they knew it would be a race. Anyway that's my soapbox speech for this month.

Joe Brumbach
Chapter Secretary.



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
 Round Table Pizza
 Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Hub City Chapter

March 21, 2002

Meeting opened in regular form at 7:15 PM chaired by Rob, Vice Coordinator, due to the absence of Coordinator, Cole Hembree. (Who arrived later.)

Following a pledge to the flag, the Chapter observed a minute of silence for fallen comrades.

Two new attendees were introduced, Dustin and Nathan, both of Albany.

Minutes of the previous meeting [were] available and a motion was made to approve them as printed. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer, Cliff, gave a verbal Treasurer's report. Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

The question of buying Hub City rockers and the price from A.B.A.T.E. products director was discussed. The decision will be made by next meeting after determining how many people are willing to buy them and pay in advance to cover the cost.

The State Board Representative report was given by Cole. He has Fossil Tickets.

A complete list of candidates for office made by Rick Maish.

Softball game at Fossil?

Insurance problems for liability this year.

Chiloquin T-shirt.

Willamette Valley Chapter suggests using a casino night for fund raiser, etc.

Mel gave a report of the activities of the motorcycling community at the Oregon Democratic Party conference in Beaverton. Noted that motorcyclists are

not single issue entity and that we are interested in many issues in political arena, etc.

Old Business:

Poker Run. Cherie and Kathy gave a report of the plans for the HubB City Poker Run. It will start at Pizza Hut in Albany at 11:00AM on June 1. Cliff has a model of the plaques that will be given as prizes during the run. Cherie explained the rules of the run. Kathy suggested that all attending bring a small "door prize" to be used as well during the run. It was discussed that there will be a meeting of selected people to finalize the details of the run.

Adopt-A-Road. Cherie will back up Kenny in arranging the final details of the cleanup project on Saturday, April 27th from Mile Post 7 to the railroad crossing on Highway 34.

50/50 drawing. It was moved, seconded and approved that the winner of the 50/50 drawing would be given the choice of the money or the Chiloquin T-shirt. Jim won the drawing and donated the T-shirt and the money to Hub City. Total was \$17.00.

Under Announcements, Cherie had several flyers and information to share with the members.

Next meeting of this chapter will be on April 18th, the third Thursday of the month, as usual. Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall, Albany.

Respectfully submitted,
Mel Yeager
Acting Secretary



HUB CITY MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall
Albany
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Lincoln County Chapter

Hi!

On March 23rd we celebrated our 21st Anniversary. Our day began with our Annual Long John Poker Run. Tina Schmidt won the cash and donated it back to the Chapter. Thanks Tina!

We had live music this year and they actually played the Hokey-Pokey for 9 year old Korri, and she had everybody up participating! Fun was had by all!

On April 6th some of us got together and went bowling in Toledo. We try to go once a year, and we have a roving trophy that is awarded to the one with the highest score. After two games brother Joe beat us all with a 137. Our youngest member, Harlee Ann Louise Harwood (she's 2- 1/2) bowled a 57 and 58!!!!!!

It's Fossil time!! Mark your calendars for Memorial Weekend! Games on Saturday, Bike Show on Sunday. We're trying something a little different this year. We will be holding the Bike Show down town. Should be a hoot!

That's it from me for now!

Ride Safe,
Shirley

P.S. Our meeting place has landed at the American Legion Hall Post 116, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport, same days and time, 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7pm.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North-East Portland Chapter

Welcome to another installment of the Northeast Chapter report. There are a lot of great things going on with the Chapter. First off, our meeting attendance has increased quite a bit. We are getting a lot of members and guests coming and have had some great discussion and sharing of information. Membership continues to improve with the chapter topping 90 members!! Welcome all you new people!!

April [was] a busy month.

We just got back from the April 7th *Swap Meet* at the Washington County Fairgrounds. It was a great swap meet. The weather was sunny and lots of bikes showed up. It seemed like folks were spending money, which is a good thing for the vendors and promoter.

We had the *Shriners Toy Run* bike out there and we raised \$1,500 for the kids. We had one guy come up and buy \$500 worth of tickets!! Rena Jackson (Southeast) was the one who collected the money and helped the guy fill out 50 ticket stubs. That was way awesome and left Rena and rest of us with a really good feeling the rest of the day.

Washington County Chapter manned the A.B.A.T.E. information booth right next to us. I tell you, they are an awesome group of people and it was really fun spending time with them. They did a tremendous job of handing out flyers, answering questions, talking to people about A.B.A.T.E., and signing up new members.

April 21st is the *A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet* which will be just over by the time you get this newsletter. April 28th is the *True Apostle Swap Meet* in

Longview. April 27th is the *Teddy Bear/Cherry Festival* ride to the The Dalles. May 4th is the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the State Capitol. I would like to get a bunch of us to ride to the capitol together. Call or e-mail me if you would like to ride to Salem with us.

If you haven't updated or signed up for BikePAC it's never too late. They are doing a tremendous job of protecting our freedoms and can sure use all the money and manpower support they can get. I am hearing that the theme of our awareness rally will center around motorcyclists being a political force which has become a true reality.

Finally, if you haven't checked out the Northeast Chapter Website, please do so. Oopy has done a great job of putting it together. Who knows, you might even see yourself on one of the pages. By the way, I gave you an incorrect address for the website in the last report. The good address is :

<http://www.abateoforegon-ne.org/>

That's all there is to report this time. Let me know if you want to ride down to Salem with us.

God bless you in the coming month,

Mike

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N.E. PORTLAND MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

Greetings from North Coast:

There have been some changes in the North Coast chapter lately.

Ron Bloker has resigned as Acting Coordinator and State Representative since he is moving to Beaverton. Ron stepped up when Jeff Gee had to resign for health reasons and he has done an incredible job of revitalizing the chapter. We will really miss his leadership, but our loss will be Washington County's gain. I'm sure Ron will always support motorcyclists' rights.

Our new coordinator is Chuck Stuart, who was elected at the March 23rd meeting. We're all looking forward to working with Chuck and expecting the chapter to continue strongly into the future.

Our new (old) chapter representative is Chuck Jensen. Chuck J. has had a couple of years off and is ready to charge into the fray again.

Betty Kelso was elected to the position of Sgt.-at-Arms II, and will assist Kris Kelso with the Sgt.-at-Arms duties. I'm sure we're the only chapter with mother and son Sgts.-at-Arms!

The big item on our agenda is gearing up for our 7th annual Around Saddle Mountain Run, which will be June 29th this year. For those who haven't made this run, it's a scenic 120 mile loop through the Coast Range. It has been growing every year; last year there were 80 bikes and a good time was had by all. See the flyer in this issue for details. Hope to see you there!

Now that we're all settled into our new meeting place at the MERTS campus in Astoria, we hope to

incorporate more fun and socializing into our meetings. We're planning a potluck lunch at our April 20th meeting and, if Mother Nature ever smiles on us, we will go for a group ride after each meeting. If you're in the area, stop by and join us!

Enjoy spring: ride to some flowers and smell them!

Amelia

NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME(S) and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000
(10 am)
Merts Campus
3 miles east of Astoria
Industrial Arts Building
Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

March 19, 2002

Plans for our poker run are going great. We picked out a route after trying out two different ones and it will be a spectacular scenic display. We want to show off the best of our local scenery. We are getting preregistrations already! It should be great.

We talked about the success at the Democratic Platform Convention and about our local legislative race.

Marty Million would have won the \$90 membership drawing if he had been present. It will be \$95 next meeting.

Joy Nicholson won the 50/50 at \$6/\$7 and donated her share back to the Chapter.

Thank you, Joy.

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April 2, 2002

One of our Chapter members has been killed this week on his motorcycle. His name was Mike McDermott and he was one of our faithful riders. Rain or shine, hot or cold, Mike would be out on Sunday for Chapter rides and spent lots of time in between Sundays riding whenever he got the chance. He liked to ride party and be with others. He talked often and got to know others as we all enjoyed each other. He died last Friday, 3/30/02 near Carson, Washington.

We will miss him.

Last night's meeting was the largest in quite a while with 23 people present. Three non members, one of whom signed up tonight, Wayne Morinville, a long time The Dalles

resident and rider. Welcome, Wayne. Also, Dan and Lynn Roberge from Hood River. Dan came out and rode with us last year and it is good to see him and his lovely wife. It was a wild meeting with planning for our Poker Run reaching a fever pitch. One meeting to go at this pace.

The membership drawing was finally won by Pat Eikanas at \$95. That's the same amount as last time!

The 50/50 was won by Ron Stinson who donated his share back to a donation fund for Mike which will continue until after next meeting and will then go to the Senior Center.

RIVER CITY MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
 Lone Pine Restaurant
 335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
 (I-84 & US-97)

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Salem Chapter



Participants in Salem Chapter's group ride on 24 March.

Greetin's y'all,

Well here's a blast from the past -- Rot Path writin' the Salem Chapter report.

Our secretary/goddess Murge was feeling poorly the night of the March meeting, so Rot Path got shang-hied into doing his ol' job. Fortunately for us all, Murge is all recovered now and we'll be seeing her at the March meeting.

Ice Breaker went well on 30 March and there are photos (just over there to the right --->) to prove it, thanks to one of our other chapter goddesses, Michelle Lipchitz. (That's her granddaughter, Alena, with a pail during the egg hunt.)

Salem Chapter is looking stronger at our meetings. With a new Governor and legislative session appearing next year, it's going to be particularly important for members of the Salem Chapter to be involved in meetings and other activities since we are, in essence, the first representatives of every motorcycist in the state. We're in an excellent position to help dig out when legislative flurries threaten to bury issues that affect us all.

Be proud, be involved,

-- Rot Path

Ice Breaker 2002 -- 30 March



The Ice Breaker bike lineup.



Michelle



Forget "Men At Work"... we've got "Men At Play."



(Photos by Michelle.)



Of dogs and hogs -- Jeff searches for his bike . . . or his pet.

A hearty "Thanks" to all who helped before and during and after the Ice Breaker Picnic. The people were fun, we played games and ate burgers and hotdogs, even some fresh fruit. (Go figure.)

A special "Thank you" to the Christian Motorcycle Association for providing coffee and tea for everyone who wanted it.

SALEM MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
 4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
 Pietro's Pizza
 637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South Coast Chapter

May has finally arraived.

With May comes Motorcycle Awareness Month. It all begins with the Awareness Rally in Salem the first weekend. If you haven't been to this celebration, you should go this year. It is fun and informative.

Our Chapter's first big event of the year comes [the following] weekend —

The Many Faces of Motorcycling, a motorcycle show held at Pony Village Mall in North Bend. We have a lot of local motorcycles on display during this weekend to give the public the opportunity to see just what may be on the road. We also give out carnations on Mother's Day. We have the merchants choose their favorite bike for the Merchant's Award and draw for raffle prizes available to the exhibitors.

The third weekend in May is the Rhododendron Festival in Florence. Only an hour away, most of our members make the journey, stay the weekend and enjoy the festival. Numerous riders park their bikes in Old Town making it one big bike show. It is really great! There are a lot of fun activities to watch and/or participate in.

After Florence and the Rhododendron Festival comes Fossil. Everyone knows how great that is! I hope everyone will consider attending and assisting in some way this year. It sure makes it easier for those few who do the planning if everyone who attends helps in some way during the weekend.

Mike Richards, who is our Road Captain, has developed a reward system to try to encourage more participation from our Chapter members.

A.B.A.T.E. Bucks!

A person earns *A.B.A.T.E. Bucks* by attending a meeting, being on a committee, attending a State function, helping a local chapter function, or helping at the State level. After a year has gone by, there will be a silent auction where all those hard earned *A.B.A.T.E. Bucks* may be spent.

The idea has gone over well so far.

Our members are gathering items already for this auction. Everyone seems to be looking forward to it. The auction will be in February 2003. (A quiet month for us.) I will try to keep you up to date on this program's popularity.

We are adding something new to this year's *Coos River Run*—tricycle races. The details are being worked out, so be prepared to participate in this new, great event!

We will have our famous Duck Races and do not forget your open class duck for the creative race of the weekend.

Our riding season has gotten underway with a great week of good weather over Spring Vacation. I hope many of you were able to take advantage of those beautiful days.

Wayne Krieger and Dave Tilton, both candidates for Representative of District 1, addressed our members during the March meeting. I am sure we will be

listening to more candidates. Have you been researching your favorite candidate? Invite them to a meeting. They will be glad to address your members.

June 1st will find us riding in the *Gay Nineties Parade* in Coquille. We have a blast at this small community celebration. We invite you to join us if you are in the area.

There's more to come next time. Ride safe, enjoy this fine weather!

Karen Bauder
Secretary

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)

Gino's Pizza

1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South-East Portland Chapter

Hello to ya all,

(503)-760-9015.

Well here we are another busy month over with. Hope all went well with yer family and friends the past spring holidays.

The Southeast Chapter Anniversary Party went over without a hitch and was a great success. Thank you to everyone for showing up and lending your support to our Chapter and to the cause of A.B.A.T.E.

As I write this, the Spring Swap Meet still hasn't happened, but I am sure I'll see a lot of ya there. I'll be at the gate in the noon hour takin yer duckets, and given ya all a big hello. I personally think that the gate volunteer has the most fun!! What ya think, Vicki and Melinda???

Now that it is spring time and the weather is getting better I hope that everyone can make the time to attend other chapter meetings. Check out the back of your newsletter for dates, times and locations. Your attendance, interaction, input and ideas are always helpful. As is the pat-on-the- back you can give yer self for showing up and supporting the cause. Show your support, we are all in it together.

Fossil will have happened before I take my pen (keyboard) in hand next time. Hope every one had a great time, a safe ride to and from and will be there next year.

Just a couple of reminders here; Summer Run meetings are the first Sunday of each month one hour before Southeast Chapter regular meeting, (11:00 am), at the M&M. We have changed the date of the Run 21 meeting to the first Tuesday of each month. Contact Lee for details:

You all are gonna find a big ol' list of people that Southeast Chapter would like to thank for their support in donating door prizes for our Anniversary Party. There will be some individuals whom are not listed but you are not forgotten. Thanks to you all for your support in our effort towards motorcycle safety, public awareness, education, and political issues.

Later now. See ya out there,

Mammy Tami

Thanks to:

- Lariat Tavern
- Rampage Cycle
- Cycle Gear
- All American Cycle
- Mild to Wild (Debbie Anderson)
- Whistle Stop Bar & Grill
- Gateway Pub
- KBR's Custom Cycle
- Mt. Hood Polaris
- Love Leathers
- Stewart Leathers
- Bright wood Tavern
- Indian Motorcycle (Precision)
- Destination Harley
- Action Motor Sports
- Hunt & Cooper-The Body Shop
- Paola's Corner
- Glisan Auto Parts
- Captain Jack's Tattoo
- Pizza Barron
- Portland Motorcycle
- Latus Motors
- Eastside Motorcycle Company
- Langlitz Leathers
- Columbia Motorcycle
- M&N Plastics
- M&M Restaurant and Lounge

To you all, thank you and, thank you to every one else!!!!!!!



Wyoming displays his plague.



Ron Conway with his award.

S.E. Portland MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
 M/M Restaurant & Lounge
 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southern Oregon Chapter

Greetings & Salutations!

March 17th at *J.D.'s Sports Pub* was our very first *Biker Flick Night*. Almost forty of us saw *Me and Will* and *Hells Angels on Wheels* and a good time was had by all. You will be at the next one won't you?

Poker Run? There was one on April 6th with only about twenty riders buying into thirty hands with Duane Schiffler winning the day.

I didn't make the Poker Run cuz Carmen and I made the trip over to the Black Horse Saloon in Bend to attend their *April Fool's Swap Meet*. That place was packed, the weather was great and the folks from Central Oregon Chapter sold me a tee and twenty bucks worth of wonderfully rich brownies! We then checked out *Bears and Roses H-D* and they have a very nice, really packed shop with some of every H-D item made, it seemed.

I trust you were involved in the *Ride-2-Ride* on April 14th, the day after you rode in the *Pear Blossom Parade*, along with KBOY radio, and of course, you made it to our

Spring Poker Run on Sunday, April 21st, leaving from *D&S Harley - Davidson*, in downtown Phoenix; and hey, while you were out and about, you went on over to Oregono's in Gold Hill to your General Meeting (at 2:00, remember?)

Rick Anderson and Beau Oetting of

Rick's Custom Cycle in Gold Hill have branched out and opened a full-on retail outlet at 230 NW 6th in downtown Grants Pass. They are selling all the hard and chrome parts

and the entire line of Easyriders clothing. (Beau just ordered me a new hat!) They have custom painters available ready to paint your scoot and any and all machine shop services and service work can be had by appointment. Their number is 472-0338 and it's (541) if you're calling long-distance. It's a nice shop and if you haven't checked it out, you oughta!

The new guys in town are located at 100 SW Lewis Avenue, just over the 6th St bridge.

Southern Oregon Choppers is owned by Bill Nickols and Bob Walker and is open now on a limited basis, and will open full time on the 10th of May and their Grand Opening is slated for June 15th. This includes a Poker Run, BBQ, and a Bikini Bike Wash. [Editor's note — *Too bad Rot Path* has to work that day or he'd be there in his bright blue Speedo™.] They will offer full service, full repair, all accessories, clothing, and custom bikes. They can be reached at (541)-479-4222.

Also up on June 15th is the 5th Annual Poker Run with the *Rogue Valley Wings*, starting at *Motorcycle USA* over on Sky Park Drive in Medford. Register from 9:00 to 11:00 AM for ten bucks and receive a hand, donuts, and coffee, lunch and a raffle ticket. All bikes are welcome.

If that ain't quite enuff, our Chapter is having a Camp-out and we'll get you more info in your next newsletter, so watch for it!

You got a ride in Bike Show coming up on May 5th ending up at the *3rd Annual Provolt Swap Meet*. You need to enter at a *Wal*Mart* near you (Talent, Medford or Grants Pass)

between 10 and 11 AM. Sorry, no trailer queens allowed but for a measly three bucks you can enter the show and get in the *Swap Meet* for nothing! *Swap Meet* will be live and kickin' it on Saturday the 4th from 9:00 til 4:00, so go buy somethin' and have a blast...

Ride it like you borrowed it from your evil stepmother and beware the terminally unaware.

Mikey
Secretary

P.S. Congrats to that cute teen-aged girl who just got her first real job... at a bike shop!

**SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE**

3rd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Oregono's Pizza -- Gold Hill

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Washington County Chapter

Washington County has lost a former member.

Karl Luledjiam succumbed to cancer after a long battle.

After he was diagnosed with cancer, he decided to live the last six months the doctors gave him to the fullest.

He went out and bought himself a Harley. Along with other rides, he attended the *Redwood Run* one year.

He outlasted the six month sentence by several years and though the chemo often took quite a toll, he was always pleasant to be around.

It was hard to see a once vital young man (okay, so he was middle-aged) waste away.

I actually met him out shooting with some friends before I started riding with this group. I'll miss him out at the range and at events.

Several members joined the *Ride For Hope* for Officer Guzman, the Portland police officer who was struck by a drunk driver. Officer Guzman and his family were present at the third and final attempt to hold this ride. there were only about 18 riders, six of them from Washington County (WaCo). It was a good day for a ride and a nice route laid out the night before with only one really tough spot.

Stop in and thank the folks at *Hillsboro Motorcycle* for putting together the event. If I didn't call you when I saw the announcement on the news Sunday morning, I'm sorry. I was scrambling to reach people I knew would be home and made a whole bunch of calls in about 30 minutes.

It is time to start thinking about May primaries. Ted Tracy has been talking with political candidates and has invited several local candidates to speak

at a meeting. Chuck Riley attended our late March meeting and spent a few minutes addressing the group. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help in any way possible. Please consider helping where you can. Friend or foe, we can work to get them to see our way of thinking.

Sunday, April 7, four members of WaCo worked a booth at the *Swap Meet* held at the Washington County Fairgrounds. We were there along with other A.B.A.T.E. members to sell memberships, give out run information, talk to people, and sell Shiner bike tickets.

Now, since I am a woman and I have bought my ticket from a Southeast Chapter member, I should win, right? I guess we'll see in december. Thank you to Dave Meeker and Brian and Debbie Done for their help at this event. We did have fun and no one was injured as we fraged them over to the table.

I have heard that our

Roll-N-Ride has not been in this newsletter as the *Mark Forness Memorial Roll-N-Ride and Family Picnic*. If the correction has nt been made by the time this thing is printed, Ron Bloker has already apologized. I met with a former co-worker of Mark's who said that some of his friends wanted to put together a ride in his honor. I was pleased to be able to hand hm a bunch of fliers for the *Roll-N-Ride* and hope hope to see his friends and the Forness family at the event. The family picnic is hosted by the Washington County Chapter and a lot of work is done by the Stocker family to make this event a success. So let me thank Tina, Rick, and Luke

in advance and in proper order for their work afain this year.

Before the *Roll-N-Ride* however, we have the *Poker Run* on May 18. It begins at *Destination Harley-Davidson* in Beaverton at their "new" store on Cascade Boulevard. After a liesurely jaunt through the countryside (really) and several stops along the way, it ends at the *Prime Time Sports Bar* in Forest Grove. there will be door prizes, 50/50 drawing, milage guess, and, of course, poker hands. Come on out to Washington County for a ride and some fun with friends.

Until I see you on the road, take care and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells

WaCo Secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIME(S) and

PLACE

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



By the time you read this the Bike Blessing/Kick-off Ride and the *May 4th Awareness Rally* will be a done deal, and the *Rhody Festival Poker Run* is just around the corner. Spring rains have washed through and the summer riding season is close at hand. Our chapter meetings have been well attended and there is good focus on the elections coming up.

Hopefully Willamette Valley members have taken the information and direction we've handed out about their districts and made themselves heard by their potential senators and representatives. There are a number of issues we all can take to these congressmen and women who are eager to meet their constituents (*You!*). This is the year to show our representatives who we are, what we stand for, and how strongly committed we are to freedom of choice, non-discrimination, and safe riding in Oregon.

Building a respected voice for A.B.A.T.E. now will have a profound influence on their decision making during the 2003 legislative session.

As for summer fun, there's lots on the table this year and many new faces in the chapter to share it all with! Keep up the good work and let's have another great summer!

[*Editor's note — The large staff at the newsletter (Rot Path) strives mightily to get the newsletter to the printer so that it flops through your mail slot prior to the 1st of each month. Which means y'all have time to read about things like the May Fourth Rally and still have a chance to attend.*]



WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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Ride Safe, Ride Free
Michael

Our Officers at Work

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

13 April 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:08 with 12 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the March 9, 2002. Jill motioned to waive the reading since they are printed in the newsletter, seconded by Mel.

Coordinators Comments

Ted said Bob Hadley is recovering from knee surgery, Michelle Hobbs has family illness and Keith Odoms is excused. Ted received a phone call from someone that said they had 7 new people join A.B.A.T.E. due to the article in the State Newsletter written by Joe Laurance. Ted also mentioned that Central Oregon has 17 new members.

Correspondence

None noted.

Guests:

Cole Hembree's sister, Melody, is here visiting from California.

******OFFICERS REPORTS********Legislative Director**

Rick Maish mentioned the items pertinent to us that were on the Democratic Party of Oregon (D.P.O.) Platform.

Willamette Valley have their own legislative group working together at the local level.

Reminder May 15 is the Primary.

Rotten Roger said they are coming out with a spit test instead of a breath test. This test can tell everything you have done in the way of drugs and alcohol.

Rick received an e-mail from a guy in Florida regarding getting some info on the handlebar height initiative, Rick gathered information and sent it to him.

Ted mentioned he had 50 members at his meeting, and only 4 people offered to

help post lawn signs, it's always the same people.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative

Brian Stovall - Brian passed out a bulletin in the chapter packets. He pointed out page 4 & 5 are first run inserts of several pages, the info changed a little so read carefully. They changed the words that we use to be more understandable. Brian said 25-30 people at the D.P.O. Platform were biker Precinct Committee Persons (P.C.P.). Roger said he would have liked to see more P.C.P.'s from the Southern Oregon area. Brian wants all to read the report, and that updates will follow. Also, a reminder to all the A.B.A.T.E. chapters that like BikePac, we can't endorse any candidates. Brian gave his personal opinion on the Gubernatorial candidates and said it sounds like Kulongoski is like Kitzhaber. Jim Hill was more positive and said he wouldn't veto our bill unless someone showed him reason. Also, BikePac has supported some candidates such as Tom Orsini from Josephine County who is running for Sheriff. Be sure to invite candidates to your meetings.

Randy passed out a list of questions to ask candidates when you contact them. He wants the answers sent back to him.

Confederation of Clubs Representative

Ed Vaughn went to the meeting, he is not here today as he is in China. Rob Thompson who is our Confederation of Clubs Representative II must resign his position. This Confederation of Clubs Rep II position is now open.

Education Director

Geoff White - Geoff reported how M.A.P.'s has gone global. Geoff is also a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin.

Geoff told how British novice drivers

will be tested to see how well they scan for motorcycles and be shown clips to get response time for hazards they encounter.

A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska is wanting M.A.P.'s packets from us so they may implement it. Group riding video is available from Geoff. Soon he will also have a list of materials available to check out.

Education Director II

Nora Rohde passed out a M.A.P.'s certificate.

Membership Secretary:

Jill Tracy reported 1,856 members. Jill also needs help at the information booth during the Swap Meet.

Poster contest is going on today, please look at the entries to be voted on later this afternoon. Melinda is updating the membership handbook, please look over the *Frequently Asked Questions* and if you have more, please contact them to be added as soon as possible.

Simon is coming back through Oregon and is being scheduled August 28 in Beaverton at the 7th Day Adventist Church. If you missed his presentation the first time, you can come and see it then, bring your check book.

Newsletter Editor

Rot Path. Ted reported that the newsletter is doing well. Ted purchased another tub for Bob Avery to store the newsletters in.

Products

Michelle Hobbs. Michelle was not here due to family illness but Ted said she is doing a great job. See her at the Swap Meet.

Public Relations

Melinda McCrossen was not here, but she has put in 6 hours on the handbook per Jim.

State Run Coordinator

Rotten Roger reports he needs Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T.s) for Fossil. He has one, but needs more. The Parade may be on Saturday, waiting on the Mayor to get the okay. Working on getting wood out to the site. Reminder that we need 2 cans of gas, 3 door prizes, garbage bags in boxes of 50-100 and a roll of caution tape per chapter. Take all of these items to the information booth. Posters need to get out and put up, take tape with you so you can put them up on the spot. Need lots of help during fossil. Still working on getting insurance. Turn in *Fossil* tickets and money at the next board meeting. Tri-folds are available, remember to keep them filled up or they will get thrown away. The softball game has been canceled.

State Run Coordinator II

Kurt Speas was not here, he had to work.

Treasurer

Wendy Vaughn was not here so Jill reported Bulk Mail: \$2,641.20; Insurance: \$1,157.00; Checking: \$3,498.91; Savings: \$46,074.77 for a total of \$53,371.88. Jill has the checkbook if anyone needs a reimbursement check.

Chapter Auditor

Carla Richesin. Was not present.

Historian

Iris Yeager reported that even though she and Mel have different political parties, their goals are the same.

Please be well informed on what's going on before you vote.

Webpage Editor

Maddog was not in attendance.

Vice-Coordinator North

Jim Niece reported he is working on the membership handbook with Melinda so if you have more *Frequently Asked Questions* to add, let him know as soon as possible.

Vice-Coordinator South

Joe Laurance had no report.

Vice-Coordinator East

Bob Hadley was not here due to recovering from knee surgery.

Sergeant at Arms North

Matt Hobbs was not present.

Sergeant at Arms South

Cole Hembree reported that Security is important and he needs volunteers to put in at least an hour. [at Fossil]

Sergeant at Arms East

Keith Odoms was not present.

Sanctioning Officer

Ron Bloker was not present, he was moving.

Quartermaster

Chris Anderson was not present.

Committee Reports

1. Run Committee: Rick Maish, Ron Bloker, and Michelle Lipchitz. Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

1. Fossil Museum Display: Jim Niece reported the wording for the museum display has been submitted. It was mentioned to have Melinda contact the local newspaper for the unveiling.

2. Planning Session Meeting:

3. Term of Office - Wendy Vaughn not here.

4. Mentoring - Wendy Vaughn not here.

5. Annual Meeting - Jim Niece, Brian Stovall and Melinda McCrossen. The annual meeting is scheduled to happen in December, still working on the details, possibly a musical chronological A.B.A.T.E. theme. If you have music on CD that might work, give it to Brian.

6. Strategic Planning Session — Brian Stovall reported they have nothing yet.

7. *Best of the West*. Regional Conference June 7,8 & 9, Ted said Washington County has paid \$100 plus banquet expense for their chapter to attend. Reminds all chapters to pay the \$100 and send everyone in their chapter. Also, camp grounds are close by if you want to camp since the weather should be nice.

8. *A.B.A.T.E. Bucks*: Charlie reported pricing for 1,000. Everyone was in agreement to have them printed. Brian said M.R.F. tried that before and it didn't work.

9. American Income Life insurance. River City chapter has a claim.

10. Poster Contest was won by Ron Bloker, he will receive a life membership to A.B.A.T.E..

New Business

1. Motion made by Steve Baton Southeast Portland chapter, Seconded by Geoff White to allow Southeast Portland chapter to use the stage, trailer and 8 radios for the Portland Chapter

Summer Run August 16-18. Motion carried.

2. Motion made Steve Baton Southeast Portland chapter, Seconded by Geoff White to allow Southeast Portland chapter to use the stage, trailer and 8 radios for the *Run 21* July 26-28 in Berkenfield Motion carried.

3. Motion made by Cole Hembree, Seconded by Shirley to borrow \$100 from State to pay *Best of the West* for Hub City Chapter, Steve Baton amended this to read the State to give Hub City the money instead of loan, motioned carried unanimously.

4. Jim Niece to add job descriptions for BikePAC Representative and Confederation of Clubs Representative.

Announcements

May Rally on the State Capitol Steps May 4th. Be there and make copies of the flier.

Take *Fossil* posters and put them up.

Next meeting will be May 11, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

Spring has really come swiftly and pleasantly here in the Northwest.

We hope that you all have had a chance to get out and enjoy some of our fine riding weather. It seems that even the rainy days are not too bad this spring. The air is warm, and the hillsides are putting on their best new colors. The days are longer, and the sound of motorcycles are a little more abundant. I find myself coming up with more excuses to get the bike out for errands and mini adventures. I decided to ride the bike to an employment interview, and I seemed to have had a pleasant reception.

I think that the interviewer even got a kick out of the fact that a stuffed suit arrived on two wheels rather than in a car. The job was decent, however there seemed to be trillions of people [who] applied. I might have been asking a little too high a starting salary for a so-called entry level position.

I've been doing that particular type of work for the last twenty years.

Oh well...did I mention that the ride was a delight? O.K. I'll find a job tomorrow.

We've got some great opportunities for you this month.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, and that means we have a special reason to be out on our bikes. We are spokespeople, educators, role models, freedom fighters, celebrators, motivators, participators, contributors, and friends.

To sum it all up: We ride, and we

love it!

All year long we have the opportunity to represent our activity to the public, but this particular month has been designated as our month. I can't imagine a better reason than that to have a rally.

Yes, we're having a gathering people!

On May 4th we would like to see all of you at the celebration and recognition of the motorcyclist. The place to be is on the Capitol steps in Salem, Oregon. You will find yourself amongst some of the greatest people in the state.

These are the people [who] ride and are enthusiastic about motorcycles and the lifestyle that involves the freedom of the open road. Whether you are the daily two-wheel commuter, the adventurous off road rider, the competitive performance seeker, the long mileage tourer, the night cruiser, the back road twisty seeker, or the weekend tripper, this is your celebration. We have a valuable opportunity to show the world "the face of motorcycling." There will be members of our community [who] have been supporters of our desires and necessities.

Individuals [who] have worked to enhance our activity and protect our rights will be present to share in our triumphs and present the needs and plans for the future of motorcycling in Oregon and around the world. If you wish to stand and be recognized as an enthusiastic member of the motorcycling community, please plan to join us in Salem. It's a splendid way to kick off your summer riding

season.

I've been getting some word from schools here in the Portland area with requests for our Motorcycle Awareness presentations. I'll be sending the information to our web page editor with the dates and times of our upcoming classes as soon as I have them set.

Remember that we will always have a need for certified instructors to be able to keep up with a potentially growing demand for our awareness programs. I have taken some steps towards gaining exposure for our program in new areas, and I expect that we will be receiving requests from some new schools. I will only be able to schedule classroom visits if we have the manpower to accommodate.

The more people that we have on our roster means that an instructor will be able to focus more effectively on a smaller tally of classes. This adds to the quality of our program, while eliminating some of the possible scheduling conflicts.

In the Southern Oregon area, Nora Rohde is waiting to hear from you, and together we will help you to get your program started.

I wish to welcome Al Jaques as the Education Director for the North Coast Chapter. It looks as if he has already made a strong showing with the assistance of some members from the Pacific County area to set up the program in their Astoria region. Al has teaching experience, and will make a terrific contribution as an instructor for the Motorcycle Awareness Program. If you're in the Astoria area and wish to become involved with this program, please contact Al. Find out from the North Coast Chapter when his next classes

are scheduled. Let's support his valuable effort of bringing Motorcycle Awareness to the Northwest corner of Oregon.

Maybe we might be able to assist the Washington folks with their program if they wish for us to. Motorcycle Awareness should not be limited by boundary lines.

Great work, Al! Thank you.

I'll wrap this up with a last request to all of you riders out there to get involved in some form of support for your local motorcyclists rights organizations and or individual groups. This way we will be able to share the world of motorcycling with many more citizens and help to educate the public on our needs and desires. May is Awareness Month, so let's all make it a point to send a positive message to the people about our activity and passion. As I have stated before, we are educating the people whenever we show up, stand up, speak up, and listen.

Show up and "Spread The Awareness."

Ya'll take care.

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Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



ABATE of Oregon, Inc. PR Director,
Report
May 2002

I've been busy this month. In addition to running our Swap Meet ad in the *Nickel Ads* and the *Oregonian*, I also had to correct the date in the ad from Saturday to Sunday.

Oops.

Roger says to never send anything out, no matter how small, without having other people look at it because they will catch stuff that you don't even notice. Such was the case with the ad, but vendors called Roger right away and I got it straightened out.

Speaking of mistakes, *Thunder Press* was faxed a *Fossil* poster and yet they published the

Fossil date as March and not May.

So, you see, I'm not the only one making mistakes. It's amazing to me how easy it is to happen. I promise to double check my work. Did you hear that Rot Path?

[*Editor's note*— *Oh yeah, Rot Path is very used to makin' mistakes by now, as several folks are quick to gleefully point out.*]

Roger and I also did a *Fossil* poster mailing. Special thanks to Rena, Dee and Katrina for helping with the mailing. It is one of those projects that goes so much faster with more people. This was a terrific crew. A great big thank you to A.B.A.T.E. members who distributed posters and flyers at the *Hillsboro Swap Meet*. Thanks to those who sold A.B.A.T.E. memberships and

Toy Run raffle tickets.

My biggest project for this month was updating the Membership Handbook with Jim Niece. It was a bit like the trifold. Once I started reading it and laying it out, there were many editing decisions which had to be made. Jim provided me with most all of the text and he had edited it.

Yet, it ended up taking about eight hours to clean it up! The Membership Handbook has never looked better. However, Jim took several copies to the State Board Meeting today, to get looked over by other people so that we don't print a thousand copies with errors in it.

I hate it when that happens.

It should look really good when it comes out in print.

Next week is the *Swap Meet*. [*Editor's note* — *This was written in April.*] I love working that event (now that I get to stop and eat lunch)! Vicki and I work well together, and Wendy does a fabulous job as Treasurer. It will be a long, but happy day.

I'm hoping that partying with Mother, Don, and Fast Eddie is in order. It's becoming a *Swap Meet* tradition. I really missed my Spring Break trek to Tina and Randy's house on the North Umpqua and so I appreciate it when my southern friends travel north to visit. All too soon, Mother and Don will become southern friends too. I might actually see them more often down there.

So, instead of continuing to carry on about how hard I work, I'm going

to stop writing and get back to work! A Swap Meet PSA (Public Service Announcement) and calendar announcement must be sent out to every Oregon radio and television station by the end of the day.

Please let me know where you see or hear about our events.

Please send me the fax number or e-mail address to any media source that I haven't got. Here's my current media list:

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A.B.A.T.E. of Washington

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M.R.F.

American Iron

Biker Magazine

Easy Riders

HR Bikes

MCR News

Motorcycle Event Guide

MotorSports News

PIT Report

Python

Quick Throttle

STD

Sound Rider

Thunder Press

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Every weekly/daily newspaper in Oregon (based on Blue Book listings), every radio and television station in Oregon (based on Blue Book listings), 23 motorcycle shops in Oregon and southern Washington, and (when I remember) I've started sending an e-mail out to our membership.

Lastly, I do want to thank Butch Harbaugh for the stirring words in last month's newsletter. It reminded me of my responsibilities as a Freedom Fighter and giving up is an irresponsible action. His words really

spoke to me in a time of need. I hope more voices start contributing to our fine newsletter. It is an inspiration to me.

Happy Spring to all.

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Historian



by Iris Yeager

It is again near time to vote for political leaders. It is important that each of us become informed before voting. It is important that each of us vote.

It will require a great team effort to reverse some of the government controls now in place and to stop the numerous ones on the burner at this time.

Let us all be diligent in getting and keeping the right to enjoy life and make our own choices as adults.

When others look back at the history we make may it be a picture of facts that make a smile on the face and warmth in the heart.

Iris E. Yeager

MOMENTS IN A.B.A.T.E. HISTORY




1993

Governor Barbra Roberts signs a proclamation designating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month while members of Oregon motorcycle organizations look on.



10 January 1993
Rotten Roger, (State Coordinator, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon) presents \$500 check to Brian Stovall (Executive Officer, BikePAC) as Don Lawson, Steve Bensen, and Butch Harbaugh observe. Today both A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC continue to educate the public and elected officials about motorcyclists concerns.



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From The

GUNNY'S SACK



This month we are finally beginning our riding season here in God's country, Oregon, and the sun is once again gracing us with its presence. This is such beautiful country and there are so many places to ride and enjoy the freedom of the road. I hope you are as happy with your neck of the woods as I am with mine.

Spring is a time of renewal for us and we need to gear up for the continued fight for our freedoms. By that I mean the freedom to make our own adult decisions that govern our safety when riding, and the many other freedoms we cherish such as the freedom to go where we like, and use the kind transportation we like, and to go to the tavern, restaurant, or motel of our choice.

The helmet laws are never far from our minds, but we have more to worry us now than just that. The "end of life" for our vehicles of choice may be coming. You'd have to scrap your scoot after it got too old! New pollution laws may spell the end of air-cooled engines, because of severe restrictions on air quality. And these are just a few examples.

Our fight includes the restoration of freedoms we have lost because we didn't pay attention to what was happening around us. Although in many ways we have been successful, we can't afford to slack off for a minute now. Our opponents know that *we* have learned the rules and they will change them if they can. *Be aware*, brothers and sisters, our *freedom* is at stake. Get

yourself some ammo for that fight by getting yourself or somebody from your organization to our next N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) 2002 Convention, in New Orleans, May 9 - 11th. Expect about 1,200 biker freedom-fighters from all over the globe, and about 40 of our A.I.M. Attorneys from all over the good ol' U.S.A. Need more info? Look on the A.I.M./N.C.O.M. website at:

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NEWS BITS'N PIECES

Kenya: In a feature story out of Kenya, they're discussing the origins of lightening. A very few folks there still think the land is "cursed" once it's hit by lightening. Fortunately, in Kenya, where a lot *more* people ride, percentage-wise, than here in the U.S., at least their experts are warning riders to *stay off* their scoots in a thunder storm. *Real good advice.*

Now the Ancient Greeks and Romans believed that lightening was a weapon of the gods, and parts of Europe and America believed it could be kept away by ringing church bells. When it occurs in the atmosphere, the electrical energy scatters in the air. It's capable of damaging planes, but does no harm on the ground — that is, unless it causes a fire or it hits you! Us humans, it turns out, are good electrical conductors because mineral salts in the blood are good conductors

and organs with lots of nerves provide good entry and exit points.

Well hallelujah for Kenya! I've been down the road a block or two here in the U.S.A., and I see one goofy biker after another riding headlong into thunderstorms! I guess it works if you wanna become a crispy critter. But, until they make a plastic motorcycle, I think I'll pull over. A bolt of electricity up yer pooper in the rain will give you a real lift.

New York, NY: According to Reuters News Service, Harley-Davidson is not worried about the threat of the European Parliament placing stiff tariffs on their motorcycles sent to Europe. They said this in spite of their shares falling in value on the stock market when the news got out. Guess we'll see.

Kampala: I guess Eugene, Oregon isn't the only place in the world where police have the power — or *take* the power — to impound motorcycles. In this country, about 100 cops were deployed to impound *all* the "boda-boda" motorcycles they could find. About 150 bikes were netted in the operation. Most of the cyclists whose bikes were impounded lacked legal documents. They abandoned their scoots and ran off. There were no reports of cyclists arrested.

The Kampala Police Chief said the operation was aimed at reducing some of the city crimes related to these "boda-boda" cyclists. "We are running

the operation in the city and this time we shall target stolen motorcycles, those with fake number plates and those whose riders don't have valid operators licenses." Have we heard that same kind of rhetoric here in this country? Well just read the next story:

Eugene, Oregon: Here's an update for you on the motorcycle seizure story here in Oregon, as reported in last month's Gunny's Sack. Our A.I.M. Attorney for the state (and my boss), Sam Hochberg, has taken on a pro bono (read that as working for free) case to try to stop what we think is a growing problem. In the last Sack, we reported that a non-patch rider leaving a club's anniversary party was stopped for basically no reason. The cops took his bike back on February 9th, citing *possible* stolen parts they hadda look at. Well sir, it's now April as this Sack goes out, and they *still* have the bike. Aren't their eyeballs *sore* from staring at that motorcycle all this time?

Sam's law firm took it to court in late March. The judge *agreed* there was no probable cause to stop the biker, and *agreed* the biker proved his bike was properly inspected by D.M.V. and had a proper reconstructed title. But she said the cops could still *keep* the motorcycle!! Indefinitely, it seems. Sam and his associate, Leah Johnson, are convinced the judge is dead wrong. The plan now is to file a "Writ of Mandamus" with the Oregon Supreme Court, as well as file an appeal in the Court of Appeals. And Sam got us some backup, too: The state's criminal defense lawyer association, O.C.D.L.A., will file an

amicus, or "friend of the court" brief for the biker, too. We'll keep you up to date right here in the Sack as this story develops.

Fukuoka, Japan: If you ride in Fukuoka (no snide comments, please) Prefecture in Japan and ride to a town called Dazaifu, you'll find a new tax on parking your scoot! But like most places, it *still pays* to ride: Bikers there will pay *half* the parking tax that cars will pay to park in public lots. In a story from *Kyodo News*, they also say Dazaifu is a big tourist spot, so you may even find your own butt there one day! I tell ya, I have been there, and it's a neat place. I also remember when it didn't matter how many people you piled on your bike as long as you could keep it upright. Nowadays, you can't even ride two up on freeways anywhere in Japan. Big Brother is there, too.

Daytona, Florida: Here's a real pisser from United Press International (U.P.I.) and the *Miami Herald*: Seems a tourist, Horacio Medina from Mexico was at Bike Week this year, lookin' at the bikes. He had his video camera on to tape some bikes, and caught a Florida Highway Patrol cop, uh, shall we say, *whizzin'* behind a gas station! Mr. Medina says the cop grabbed the camera and *taped over* this little video gem, then arrested Mr. Medina for trespass.

The cop said that's not at all how it went down. He said he arrested Medina because the tourist did not leave the gas station when the cop asked him to.

Medina also said he was not permitted to call Mexican authorities

while police held him, which could be an international treaty violation. The Mexican consulate in Orlando is looking into the situation.

Scads of bikers are arrested and fined every year for "indecent exposure" during Bike Week. What a double-standard! Makes ya wonder, *huh?*

Gunny Again

Remember folks, the A.I.M. attorneys we ride with are also the ones we count on for help when the cheese gets binding. Reach them 24/7 at 1-800-ON-A-BIKE.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

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A.M.A. News May 2002

Virginia is poised to strengthen state law in dealing with motorists who injure or kill motorcyclists, thanks to legislation similar to that of the A.M.A.'s Motorcyclists Matter campaign.

State lawmakers approved a bill that gives judges more latitude in sentencing for violations such as failure to yield the right-of-way. Senate Bill 602 provides that judges may suspend a motorist's drivers license for up to a year for less serious traffic offense, such as a right-of-way violation.

The shortcomings of Virginia's existing sentencing laws were made apparent when a motorist who hit and killed motorcyclist Adam Svihla was convicted of a right-of-way violation and received only a \$200 fine. The A.M.A. teamed up with Adam's mother, Jody Patteson, as well as Senator Martin Williams and Delegate Thomas Gear to support this enhancement of penalties. SB-602 is now on the governor's desk.

The A.M.A.'s Motorcyclists Matter campaign calls for enhanced penalties for those who cause injury or fatalities in the commission of a right-of-way violation. Suggested penalties include fines ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 and license suspensions from 30 days to six months depending on the severity of injuries. These penalties are in addition to any others provided by law.

The campaign also calls on states to develop a course for offenders, focusing on the vulnerabilities of motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. And it would encourage the creation of public information campaigns reminding drivers to watch for motorcyclists.

Besides the success in Virginia, there have been victories elsewhere. In Washington state, the Washington Road

Riders Association worked hard recently to get a bill passed that could result in car drivers being charged with the felony crime of vehicular assault if they operate any vehicle with disregard for the safety of others and cause substantial bodily harm to another.

Other states considering bills based on the A.M.A.'s model legislation include Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

South Australian Police are fitting adhesive number plates to the front of all 70 BMW police motorcycles in an effort, they hope, will lead to legislative changes necessary to make the front mounted plates a legal requirement for all motorcycles.

The police believe many motorcyclists continue to speed because they know they can avoid detection from traffic cameras. According to the newspaper *The Advisor*, some 1,500 motorcyclists escaped a fine last year in this manner.

Idaho Senate Bill 1436, which would have placed additional regulations on the expenditure of Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund moneys, has died due to lack of a committee hearing. The Idaho Legislature adjourned for the year April 6.

Arizona House Bill 2501 (HB-2501), introduced by Representative Dean Cooley (R-District 21), would exempt motorcycles from the A.D.E.Q. (Arizona Department of Air Quality) emissions inspection program. Currently, motorcycles registered in Maricopa and Pima counties require annual testing and certification inspections because the metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson are classified as air quality control areas. Organizations supporting HB2501 include A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, M.M.A. of Arizona and the American

Motorcyclists Association.

Letters in support of HB-2501 may be sent to your representative at the Arizona House of Representatives, Capitol Complex, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

You may also send your representative a letter and/or electronic mail message in support of HB-2501 by entering your zip code in the "Take Action Now" box in the StateWatch section of AMADirectlink.com.

The Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.) announced that large areas of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in Southern California may be reopened to motorized vehicle access.

B.L.M. officials issued a formal announcement of the new management proposal that includes options allowing at least limited vehicle access to areas now covered by an "interim" vehicle closure. The closure was instituted through settlement of a lawsuit filed in 2000 by the Center for Biological Diversity. Under the terms of the agreement, the BLM agreed to conduct further planning and consultation regarding the effects of off-highway vehicle use on threatened or endangered species, particularly the Peirson's Milkvech plant.

B.L.M.'s announcement signals the start of a 90-day review period, where members of the public may comment upon several alternative management proposals and can be found on AMADirectlink.com in the StateWatch section. The A.M.A. encourages all O.H.V. enthusiasts to submit comments to the address provided.

Reading copies are available at the B.L.M.'s El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, California, and at the California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, California. Reading copies are also

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available at selected libraries in cities where the public meetings will be held, and the documents can be found at the B.L.M.'s website at:

www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro

Comments will be accepted through June 28. Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, Attn: Jim Komatinsky, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243.

A San Antonio, Texas bartender was recently charged for serving a drunken driver who was later involved in a deadly D.W.I. crash.

Mary Alice Reichert, 24, was arrested by Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission agents. Authorities said Reichert worked as a bartender at a local night club and sold alcohol to John Wesley Carpenter, 21.

Carpenter later slammed his pickup truck into a motorcycle, killing the cyclist. Carpenter was charged with intoxication manslaughter A. Although Reichert was not at the scene of the accident, authorities also blame her for the D.W.I. fatality.

The Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission recently initiated a campaign to trace the source of alcohol involved in D.W.I.-related fatalities which includes statues that any bartender arrested for selling alcohol to an intoxicated person faces a \$4,000 fine and/or up to a year in jail. (KSAT.com)

The Wyoming Legislature has enacted H13 amending and clarifying the permitted use of off-highway vehicles (O.H.V.). O.H.V.s may be operated upon streets, roads or highways in Wyoming mainly for the crossings of main-traveled roadways at right angles, or as close to a right angle as possible to get from trail to trail. Nothing in this legislation authorizes the operation of an

O.H.V. on a street, road or highway by a person who has not been issued a valid driver's license or permit. H13 was supported by the A.M.A.

European motorcycles will be subject to stricter emissions controls starting in 2003 after the European Commission ratified proposals for lower limits on carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons.

For 4-stroke engines, the 2003 stage represents a reduction of some 60% in the emission limits for carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons over the present emission limits. For 2-stroke engines, the 2003 stage represents a reduction of some 30% in the emission limit for carbon monoxide (CO) and 70% in the emission limit for hydrocarbons (HC), over the present emission limits.

Fortunately firms are all well ahead of meeting those limits, which is why fuel injection has been so widely introduced in recent years to cut down on the amount of fuel a bike wastes. If fuel remains unburned a bike will spew out more pollution.

A further round of emissions cuts will also strike in 2006, when bikes will have to be tested from cold startup as that is when the majority of emissions occur.

The bike industry has been aware of proposed new limits since 1999 and has been working towards meeting them. But it has been knocked sideways by the news that testing procedures will be tougher than they first thought.

The new limits are certain to mean catalytic converters on virtually every big bike and changes to their fuel injection management systems. (MCN.com)

Massachusetts' "plate bills" - handicap (S2293) and veterans (S2294) - have been reported favorably out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. They should be voted on soon in the Senate, then sent to the Governor's Desk for

signature. The design for the plates and decals is complete and an emergency preamble has been added to the bills so they would take effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

A Republican-backed effort (HR2114) to curb a president's ability to unilaterally turn large areas into national monuments moved forward in the House.

The G.O.P. lawmakers still are upset about former President Clinton's flurry of national monument declarations. He created 19 monuments and expanded three others, for a total of 5.9 million acres.

Most galling was the designation of the 1.7 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah in 1996, done without consultation with state leaders.

"Amending the Antiquities Act to prevent presidential abuse has been one of my top priorities ever since," said Rep. James Hansen (R-Utah), who chairs the Resources Committee. "I was appalled at that abuse of power. That should never be allowed to happen again."

A monument designation increases federal protection of the land by banning or restricting uses such as mining, natural gas drilling and off-road vehicle use.

Hansen's committee voted 23-18 largely along party lines for a bill requiring any presidential mandated monument of at least 50,000 acres to be ratified by Congress within two years. Without that congressional approval, the status would disappear. The measure also requires the president to consult with governors and members of Congress from the area.

Supporters said the bill would restore Congress' constitutional role of managing federal lands. But Democrats said a handful of opponents could use

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congressional rules to stall a vote and undo the designation.

The Bush administration supports the legislation. (A.P.)

Help Wanted.

Famed motorcycle-safety researcher Harry Hurt is looking for qualified staff to join his team.

Hurt, head of the Head Protection Research Laboratory in Paramount, California, was the lead author of what has become known as "The Hurt Report," the most comprehensive federal study of motorcycle accidents ever published.

Hurt is looking to hire research engineers to work on accident analysis and reconstruction, human factors engineering, helmets and head protection, injury biomechanics, system safety and bicycle accident data collection and analysis, along with forensic consulting.

You can get more details by writing to: Prof. Harry Hurt, Head Protection Research Laboratory, 6409 Leonard Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723-3759.

Arkansas' Wolf Pen Gap O.H.V. Trail, which was severely damaged by an ice storm in early 2001, is reopening according to U.S. Forest Service officials. A significant portion of the off-highway vehicle trail system reopened on March 15, 2002.

The Forest Service has been working to address the safety and fire risk issues that forced the closure of the popular trails for most of the 2001 recreation season.

The details of the reopening are expected to be posted to the Ouachita National Forest web site. For additional information riders can contact the U.S. Forest Service at:

(501)-394-5595.

A.M.A. Denounces Stiff European Tariffs Proposed for Harleys

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) has strongly denounced a proposal by the European Union to slap Harley-Davidson motorcycles with a stiff tariff in a trade war with the United States over steel.

To retaliate against tariffs recently placed on imported steel by the United States, Pascal Lamy, trade commissioner of the 15-nation European Union, is assembling a list of American goods that could be subject to heavy European tariffs. The list includes Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Tropicana orange juice, textiles and steel products.

If the proposal is approved by the European Union, Harleys could be hit with the tariff in about a year.

"There is no reason for motorcycles to be caught up in this trade war," said Edward Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. "Tariffs would not only be detrimental to the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, but could make Harleys too expensive for European enthusiasts.

"Harley-Davidson is being made a pawn in a high-stakes international chess match," Moreland added.

The A.M.A. plans to work with European motorcycling groups to convince the European Union to drop the idea of tariffs on Harleys.

This isn't the first time that motorcycles have been caught up in a trade war between the United States and Europe. Several years ago U.S. trade officials threatened to impose a 100 percent import duty on certain European

motorcycles sold in the United States, which would have essentially doubled their price.

Those import duties were being proposed in retaliation for the European Union's ban on the importation of hormone-treated American beef. U.S. officials drew up a list of products that would be subject to a 100 percent import duty, including European motorcycles ranging from 51cc to 500cc in engine displacement.

Thanks to the efforts of the A.M.A., its members and the motorcycle industry, U.S. trade officials decided against imposing the 100 percent import duty on the European motorcycles.

Federal Agency Poised to Reopen Closed Glamis Land to O.H.V.s

Pickerington, Ohio — The federal Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.) has proposed a plan to reopen more than 49,000 acres of southern California desert closed two years ago to off-highway vehicle use, the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) reports.

The action would partially reverse a closure enacted by the B.L.M. in late 2000 that affected 49,305 acres in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, known to O.H.V. enthusiasts as Glamis because of its proximity to that city in far southern California. The closure was part of an out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit filed by anti-access groups that alleged the B.L.M. failed to properly consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the effects of the B.L.M.-administered California Desert Conservation Area Plan on a number of

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threatened and endangered species.

On March 29, the B.L.M. released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Recreation Area Management Plan for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area that would reopen about 16,000 acres of the Glamis area to unrestricted O.H.V. use. In addition, more than 33,000 acres would be reopened to limited use, with a restriction on the number of riders allowed. A maximum of 525 vehicles would be allowed each day in that area for a year while the B.L.M. monitors the impact on plants and animals there. Changes would then be made on O.H.V. use of the parcel, if necessary.

“This proposed management plan is a significant development for all the O.H.V. enthusiasts who ride at Glamis,” said A.M.A. Western States Representative Nick Haris. “Under the terms of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, open motorized recreation was restricted to less than 2 percent of the California Desert. With this closure, even that tiny amount was in danger of disappearing.”

The A.M.A. encourages those interested in the future of motorized recreation in the desert to read the plan and comment on it. The B.L.M. will hold six public hearings on the plan to gather comments. The hearings will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on:

April 9: City Council Chambers, 1275 Main St., El Centro, California

April 11: The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach, California

April 15: Phoenix College, 1202 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, Arizona

April 18: Brawley City Council, 225 A St., Brawley, California

April 23: Yuma Civic and Convention Center, 1440 W. Desert Hills Dr., Yuma, Arizona

April 25: Marriott Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Dr., San Diego,

California

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Comments will be accepted through June 28. Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, Attn: Jim Komatinsky, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, California 92243.

If approved, the plan could go into effect late this year.

Glamis is an extremely popular recreation area for motorcyclists, A.T.V. riders, four-wheel-drive vehicle enthusiasts and others. The B.L.M. reported that an estimated 108,000 people used the dunes during the President’s Day weekend February 16-17. The area is approximately forty miles long, five miles wide, and has dunes that rise 300 feet above the valley floor.

In 2000, the B.L.M. agreed to temporarily close 49,305 acres in the 150,000-acre Algodones Dunes area that includes Glamis in response to a lawsuit by anti-access groups. The groups that filed the suit alleged that the ban was needed to protect the Peirson’s milk-vetch plant, a member of the bean and pea family. The plant is listed as “endangered” by the state, and as “threatened” by the federal government.

The anti-access groups made that allegation even though a B.L.M. monitoring study showed that between 1977 and 1998, while O.H.V. use was allowed, six plant species including the Peirson’s milk-vetch increased in the dunes.

The closure meant that more than half of the land set aside for motorized recreation in the dunes was closed. Previously, a 32,240-acre parcel — about 20 percent of the total — was designated as the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness Area and closed to O.H.V.s.

The B.L.M. manages more than 9 million acres of the 25 million total acres in the California desert. The California Desert Conservation Area Plan, which went into effect in 1980, and the California Desert Protection Act, passed eight years later, resulted in severe closures and restrictions on motorized recreation in the desert. They left open travel on some existing roads and ways through the desert, but confined open riding to a handful of specifically designated “intensive-use” areas, including the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.

The lawsuit, filed by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, not only shut down 49,000 acres to O.H.V. use at Glamis, but also closed areas to campers and closed, or threatens to close, other recreational areas in the California desert.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization.

Established in 1924, the Association’s purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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NCOM COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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Motorcycle Awareness Needed, Not Helmets

In one of the more positive, and factual, newspaper articles to come out of Daytona Bike Week, Greg Martin had this to say about helmets and motorcycle safety, excerpted from his article *Helmets, Drivers, Factors In Bike Wrecks*, which appeared in the March 18, 2002 edition of the *Charlotte Sun-Herald*.

Ever since the Florida Legislature repealed a state law that required motorcyclists to wear helmets, news reports of motorcycle crashes inevitably report on whether the rider was wearing a helmet.

That's true also in the recent motorcycle wreck that claimed the life of Timothy G. Spieldenner, 41, of Port Charlotte, who was not wearing a helmet, according to reports.

But statistics gathered since July 2000, when the helmet law was repealed, are unclear whether helmets are safer. That may be because motorcycle crashes are dangerous with or without helmets.

The statistics also show that in 80 percent of motorcycle crashes, the drivers of other vehicles, such as cars and trucks, were issued the citations.

Some 86 percent of motorcycle wrecks result in rider injuries and 4 percent in death, according to state highway department statistics for 2000.

To members of the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, a biker organization known as A.B.A.T.E. that Spieldenner had recently joined, the statistics point to the need to educate other drivers to watch out for motorcycles.

"Doc" Reichenbach, state legislative affairs director for A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, said he met with Governor Jeb Bush last week to discuss the need to improve motorist awareness. The meeting came after Reichenbach lost two friends to motorcycle wrecks. In one wreck in Fort

Myers last year, the driver of a car that struck the motorcyclist was issued a \$62 citation, Reichenbach said. "The governor told us he would work with us on motorcycle safety."

The number of motorcycles in the state climbed from 185,000 in 1993 to 250,000 in 2000. Most of the increase came in the past three years.

The state's current helmet law allows riders who are at least 21 and possess \$10,000 in health insurance to ride without helmets. The law became effective in July 2000.

The department's statistics for 2000 show the number of motorcycle crashes declined 8 percent in the six months after the helmet law was repealed, but the number of fatalities rose by 4.5 percent.

Reichenbach is quick to point to other numbers. For example, fatal motorcycle wrecks at Bike Week peaked in 2000 at 15 — before the helmet law was repealed. Seven were killed at the event in 2001, and nine in 2002.

But for motorcyclists, it's not about the numbers — it's about freedom of choice. "I still feel it's our God-given right under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence to ride without a helmet," Reichenbach said.

Note: In addition to his duties as President and Lobbyist for A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc., "Doc" Reichenbach also serves as the Chairman of the Board for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.).

This lengthy article was condensed for the sake of space. For a copy of the complete article, including numerous statistics appearing therein, please e-mail Bill Bish at N.C.O.M., at bish@aimncom.com, or call the N.C.O.M. office at (800)-525-5355.

Washington Enjoined From Harassing Bikers

After being stopped numerous times by police for bogus reasons, masking for intelligence gathering on local motorcycle clubs, a Washington biker turned to A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Martin Fox, legal counsel for the *Confederation of Clubs* of Washington, for advice and legal assistance. Following is Marty's report on this situation:

To the Motorcycle Community:

I am sending this to update you on what is happening with our lawsuit against the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Licensing, and Trooper Kenneth DePreto. We sued the State and officer DePreto for a number of claims including injunctive relief, a violation of the national Civil Rights Act section 1983, a violation of the Washington State Constitution Article One Section 7, and common-law claims of false imprisonment and false arrest. The case was scheduled to go to trial on April 15, 2002. The State made a motion for dismissal of all claims by summary judgment scheduled for hearing on March 29, 2002.

At the hearing the court made a number of rulings and struck the trial date to be continued to a later time. The court granted our motion for injunctive relief and enjoined the State of Washington and Trooper DePreto from using "Biker 101" in stopping motorcyclists and in particular motorcycle club members. The court found that any fair reading of the document indicated that the procedures recommended in the outline were for intelligence purposes and harassment of bikers. The court dismissed the civil rights claims under section 1983 and under the Washington State Constitution. The 1983 civil rights claims were dismissed because of a case called *Whren vs. United States* which found that pretextual stops were permitted as long as the arresting officer had some traffic violation or other reason to stop the

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motorists that he could fall back on.

Pretextual stops are not permitted in the State of Washington under the Ladson case as a violation of the Washington State Constitution. However, a recent December 24, 2001 case called *Blinka vs. W.S.B.A.* found that a claim for damages is not authorized for a violation of rights granted under the Washington State Constitution. The tort claims for false arrest and imprisonment were dismissed because the judge determined that a biker could be stopped for a helmet, exhaust, or handlebar violation and that those arrests allowed the officer to check our client's driving record for violations. In our case, after the biker was stopped, the officer determined from a license check that the computer records demonstrated that his license was suspended because of violations in Oregon which, according to the court, allowed him to be arrested. The court found that the officer does not have to go beyond the computer records to verify them.

The action against the Washington State Department of licensing is still moving forward. The issue of whether or not our client's license was suspended when he was arrested still may go to trial. I am going to attempt to get a ruling from the court which will determine whether or not Oregon can impose motorcycle insurance on Washington residents as a result of a violation of Oregon law.

Obviously, this case would have been appealed sooner or later. However, it seems as if it will be appealed sooner depending on the wishes of my clients. I think we have an excellent record to go up on appeal, perhaps, even a superior record to a trial because there are no extraneous issues that could obfuscate the constitutional questions here.

This is simply a case of a motorcyclist wearing club identification who is consistently stopped by the State patrol for bogus helmet, exhaust, and handlebar violations because the officer is gathering intelligence and wants to harass clubs. The court in its oral ruling declared that he knew this was the case destined for the Washington State Supreme Court up the street from his courtroom. I believe given the current

climate in the state and the fiscal issues existing in Olympia, the judge probably took the easiest way out and made a ruling that would save the state money, but he still gave us our injunction because I believe he realized how terrible Ed was treated and wanted to stop the practice.

(To be continued?)

Virginia Gets Tough With Drivers Who Kill Bikers

What's A Mother To Do?

If you are a Virginia mom named Jody Patterson, you get really *mad!* Ms. Patterson got mad when her son, Adam Svihla, was killed by a motorist who turned in front of Adam's motorcycle last September.

To make matters worse, in January at the trial of the other driver, for negligently killing a biker he was fined \$200 plus court costs for failing to yield right of way.

Bet that really hurt his pocketbook. He will have to skip a day trip to a theme park to pay for killing another human being. See anything wrong with this picture?

Jim Spencer of the *Daily Press* in Newport News, where the crash occurred, was also hacked off. "Whenever violations of traffic laws take human lives, justice demands that the people responsible forfeit their driving privileges at least temporarily. If the law doesn't allow for that in all fatal accidents, then the law should be changed," wrote Spencer.

Ms. Patterson proceeded to lobby Virginia's legislature for a law that would allow judges to suspend a motorist's driver's license for up to a year for causing a fatal crash.

Virginia State lawmakers have now approved such a bill.

Jody Patterson knows first hand what we've been saying for years, "Your *one*

vote counts!"

In this case, her vote was her voice and action. She put down the TV remote long enough to take action, promote her agenda, and she prevailed. We should all learn from her lesson. Put down the remote! Get out and *vote!*

And we're not alone in the never-ending quest for our rights. In Washington State, the *Washington Road Riders Association* is supporting a bill that would make it a felony offense, vehicular assault, if a car driver operates his/her car with disregard for the safety of others and causes substantial bodily harm to another. Similar political actions are occurring in New Jersey, New York, Missouri, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Be comforted in the knowledge that we are not the only ones working toward our common goals.

Be invigorated knowing that we all are having successes in our efforts.

Keep up the *good work!*

A message from Sputnik,

Founder, TMRA-II and Member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task

Force (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.)

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FIRST SALVOS EXCHANGED IN THE BATTLE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS AND SAFETY

"N.H.T.S.A. will continue to support State efforts to enact motorcycle helmet laws." So testified Dr. Jeffrey M. Runge, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A), in remarks prepared for last week's hearing before the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee chaired by Kentucky Congressman Hal Rogers (R), a Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) Champion of Motorcyclists' Rights & Safety. In company with A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa last week and then with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association and the St. Croix Valley Riders this week, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation ensured that four U.S. Senators and thirteen U.S. Representatives learned that N.H.T.S.A. policy - past, present and promised - conflicts squarely with common sense and with the federal law for which those Members of Congress voted.

N.H.T.S.A. Fumbles At The Fringes

Although the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (N.A.M.S.) was only co-authored by N.H.T.S.A., in what may signal a sharp reversal of agency position suggested in the N.A.M.S., the remarks prepared by N.H.T.S.A. for the March 7, 2002 hearing failed to strike the balance found in N.A.M.S. on the question of mandatory-use helmet laws for adults. Instead, N.H.T.S.A. pledged to

Congress it would "respond to repeal efforts by distributing technical assistance materials upon request" as well as "support innovative strategies to prevent impaired motorcycle crashes [What? No others?...]and increase motorist awareness of motorcycles." Increase what? Pulled for personal review by Dr. Runge (see M.R.F. News Release 02NR02), N.H.T.S.A.'s draft "Motorcycle Safety Improvement Plan" shoves rider training and motorist awareness to the back burner and beyond, even though new motorcycle sales more than doubled from some 300,000 in 1990 to an astounding 710,000 in 2000!

Iowa Plus M.R.F. P.A.C. Power Yields Eight States!

For the cost of an oil change, you get the ear of Congressmen from eight states on the issues that matter. Our safety vs. N.H.T.S.A. lobbying. Our freedom vs. E.P.A. controls that cost freedom and tens of thousands of jobs. Our health benefits vs. policies that protect the drunk drivers who cut us down. Last week, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa dispatched four freedom fighters to the nation's capitol. Mark Maxwell, Tim Nelson, Lee McCubbin, Dot Richards and I had in-depth personal discussions with Iowa Congressmen Jim Leach (R) and Greg Ganske (R) and M.R.F. Champions of Motorcyclists' Rights and Safety Senator Chuck Grassley (R) and Congressmen Jim Nussle (R) and Tom Latham (R).

That's not all! *Your* donations to

M.R.F.-P.A.C. (Political Action Committee) allowed Iowa riders and me to attend a fund-raiser for Congressman Dave Obey (D), your M.R.F. Champion from Wisconsin and a health care champ as well.

While there, we spoke to Texas Congressman Chet Edwards (D).

Highlight: joining a fund-raiser for Iowa Congressman Lennie Boswell (D). This M.R.F. Champion introduced us to Congresswomen Susan Davis (D) of California (she says, "Hi, New York Myke!") and Rosa DeLauro (D) of Connecticut and Congressman Mike Ross (D) of Arkansas. Encouraged by our champ from Iowa, Lennie Boswell (D), these are the very first conversations we've ever had with these Members of Congress. We also spoke at length with Congressman James Langevin (D) of Rhode Island whose key staffer, Stuart Rose, is an avid motorcyclist.

Want to help us get *more* access to *your* lawmakers? Easy! Call Bev

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to find out how to contribute to M.R.F.-P.A.C. For the cost of an oil change, you can change *your* future.

Also This Week . . .

Minnesota's Mack Backlund, Peggy Pisciotta, Chris DeVoto, Karen ("I'll *never* get home! I lost my purse and ID!") May, Becca McCollum, Frank Ernst, Jeff Berg and Dave *Too Tall* Carlson ran through *all* the issues personally - just for you - with Senator

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Paul Wellstone (D) (who “loves bikers”) and Congressman James Oberstar (D), ranking member of the House Transportation Committee, who took a keen interest in our joint M.R.F.-S.M.R.O. (State Motorcycle Rights Organization) initiative of establishing a Motorcycle Advisory Council in the Federal Highway Administration to remedy the problem of crash barriers and road maintenance practices hostile to motorcyclists. We also met with staffers for Congressmen Bill Luther (D), Martin Sabo (D), Jim Ramstad (R) and Gil Gutknecht (R), Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D), and Senator Mark Dayton (D).

And we spent lots of time personally with Congressmen Mark Kennedy (R) and Collin Peterson (D), both M.R.F. Champions of Motorcyclists’ Rights and Safety.

I thank both Iowa’s and Minnesota’s S.M.R.O.s for supporting their trips and their riders for spending their personal funds and vacation time just to come to Washington. For you.

Will you do as they have done? Your support in Congress is as wide and deep as your *personal relationship* with your Congressman and Senator.

M.R.F. can help. You can come here - to Washington (which I prefer, because *other* members see our leathers!) - or I will join you back home, in the districts. Either way, let’s *build that relationship!*

Also, This Weekend . . .

I was the guest of A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia at their Freedom Rally in

Atlanta. Thanks to State Director Dan Rathbun, state legislators heard first-hand that A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia spells grassroots clout across a wide spectrum of issues - rider training, adult choice and an end to N.H.T.S.A. lobbying, health care discrimination and E.P.A.’s chokehold on our desire to ride a motorcycle, not a filet of Volvo.

Yours for the Right to Ride and Your Friend,

Tom Wyld

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**THREE S.M.R.O.s
IN ONE WEEK**

E.P.A., health care and N.H.T.S.A. issues loomed large as A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin all rolled into Washington, D.C. for some intense lobbying the week of March 18.

A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin’s Dave Dwyer and Buck Kittredge visited their Congressmen and Senators. Highlights: in-depth meetings with M.R.F. Champions Tom Petri (chair, Surface Transportation Subcommittee) and David Obey (ranking member, House Appropriations Committee).

N.H.T.S.A. policies, in particular, were the topic of significant discussions.

A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana’s Kim Deitz, Wyatt Pope, Mary Lu Roberts, Elden “Goose” Neal and Angela Rumbley visited the Indiana Congressional delegation, including M.R.F.

Champions of Motorcyclists’ Rights & Safety Brian Kerns and Baron Hill, strong supporters of our position on E.P.A. street bike restrictions and other issues.

Coordinated by Cheryl Pearre, the second A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois team of Rich Amling, Mary Burgett, Tom Harms, Steve Neis, Ernie Steele, Neal Toepfer and Greg “Sidecar” Wagner paid calls on the offices of U.S. Reps. William Lipinski, Danny Davis, Judy Biggert and Lane Evans. The team also visited the offices of M.R.F. Champions of Motorcyclists’ Rights & Safety Phil Crane, Mark Kirk, Jerry Weller, Jerry Costello, Tim Johnson, Don Manzullo, Ray LaHood and John Shimkus, as well as House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

**COMING TO A TOWN
NEAR YOU**

I am riding to *Best of the West* in Spokane, Washington, which is the M.R.F.’s premier west coast leadership summit. I am working with A.B.A.T.E. of West Virginia and A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio to visit Congressmen in those states en route.

The general plan is to head West through Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, then Northwestward through Iowa or Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho and into Spokane not later than June 5. Obviously, a stop on the return trip East is possible (but Congress is back in session then). If this general route comes close to you - either an S.M.R.O./chapter meeting or a possible visit with your Senator or Congressman back in your district - let me know at:

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P.S. While he and his staff studied in advance our position on E.P.A.'s expected restrictions on street bikes, M.R.F. Champ U.S. Rep. Lennie Boswell (D-Iowa) heard our briefing and, in less than two minutes, signaled his support for us.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Best of The West Comes to Spokane in 2002 !

This year's Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) Best of The West Western States Regional Conference is scheduled for June 7 to 9. Hosted by the Washington Roadriders Association [W.R.R.A.] and A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho, the conference has some great attractions to encourage you to get your bike over to Spokane, a great destination in early summer! These attractions include:

* Special M.R.F. Conference room rates of \$65.00 per room: 1 to 4 person occupancy (be sure to register by May 7 and mention M.R.F. to benefit from the special rate) at:

Shiloh Inn
East 923 - 3rd Ave.
Spokane, WA.
(509)-535-9000

* Special Chapter group rates of \$100 per Chapter with unlimited attendees! (Note the special chapter rate does not include room or the Saturday Banquet cost of \$25) State Organizations with no chapters can send up to 10 members for the \$100 cost. This is a great opportunity for chapters to organize a run to Best that

is fun, educational and very cost effective.

* Individual rates, which include the Banquet, are \$60.00 for M.R.F. Members if reserved before May 7, and \$70.00 for non-members.

* Secure motorcycle parking, with 24 hour security provided in the designated parking area at the hotel.

* An informative, and exciting program. The preliminary schedule includes:

Thursday: M.R.F. Board Meeting, open to any who wish to attend

Friday: M.R.F. Board Meeting (daytime); Friday evening: M.R.F. Meet the Board; Washington. State Motorcycle Advisory Board Meeting; M.R.F.P.A.C. Fundraiser.

Saturday: Multiple Seminars covering every facet of enhancing an organization, organizational leadership, communications, growth, and much more, given by some of the best talent in the country. Tom Wyld; M.R.F. Vice-President of Government Relations, will hold a General Session Panel on Federal & State Issues.

Saturday Night: a Keynote Speaker, followed by the Banquet and M.R.F. Auction

Sunday Morning: Bike Blessing offered by C.M.A. Washington. and Northern Idaho

So fire up the bike and we'll see you in Spokane ! Whether you organize a ride to take advantage of the great \$100 unlimited attendee rate, or show up solo, don't miss this great event.

Reservation for special rates must be made by May 7. To register, contact:



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M.R.F.'S T.E.A.-21 REAUTHORIZATION AGENDA

Signed into law in 1998, the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (T.E.A.-21) was the focus of a massive lobbying effort by motorcyclists nationwide. T.E.A.-21 authorized all federal highway and highway safety programs for a 5-year period. In 2003, T.E.A.-21 will be "reauthorized." That means motorcyclists must defend our achievements, strengthen our gains and advance new policies and programs.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's T.E.A.-21 Reauthorization Agenda reflects the long-standing joint S.M.R.O.-M.R.F. legislative agenda, as well as recent developments. Below is a synopsis of that agenda:

- Strengthen the law prohibiting the

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (N.H.T.S.A.) use of appropriated funds to influence state or local legislation.

- Preserve statewide priorities and honor the prerogatives of governors and state legislatures by blocking any sanctions aimed at reducing transportation appropriations or other penalties to states that enact or have enacted adult choice over mandatory-use motorcycle helmet laws.

- Establish "accident prevention," not "injury reduction," as the uppermost motorcycle safety priority of the Department of Transportation and N.H.T.S.A.

- Ensure that the rights and safety concerns of motorcyclists are honored and safeguarded before Intelligent Transportation System (I.T.S.) technologies are introduced.

- Establish in the Office of the Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.), a "Motorcyclist Advisory Council" with the goal of rendering crash barriers and road maintenance practices "motorcycle-friendly," as well as examining I.T.S. implementation plans and other F.H.W.A. initiatives.

- Preserve motorcycle access to all highways and road systems for which federal appropriations were used for road planning, design, construction or maintenance.

- Establish "motorcycle safety training" and "motorist awareness of motorcyclists" as national priorities for grants to the states under Section 402.

- Authorize a federal appropriation to assist the states in delivery of motorcycle rider training currently

funded, in whole or in part, by state appropriations, rider fees or both.

- Restrict N.H.T.S.A. from regulating any motorcycle rider apparel or related articles as part of "motor vehicle equipment" or "replacement equipment" in order to reaffirm the intent of Congress in the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (T.R.E.A.D.) Act that N.H.T.S.A.'s role is to manage and reduce defective vehicles, tires and actual vehicle equipment.

- Establish the Motorcycle Riders Foundation as an advisor to the U.S. delegation to globalization harmonization talks (WP.29) to represent the consumer interests of motorcyclists.

- Establish a tax deduction for employers who set aside motorcycle-only parking akin to deductions already granted for car- and van-pools in order to promote motorcycle use and reduce fuel consumption, road wear and traffic congestion.

For further information regarding the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's T.E.A.-21 Reauthorization Agenda, please contact the M.R.F.'s Vice President - Government Relations, Tom Wyld

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Acronyms Used In This Story
F.H.W.A. = Federal Highway Administration

I.T.S. = Intelligent Transportation System

M.R.F. = Motorcycle Riders Foundation

N.H.T.S.A. = National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration

S.M.R.O. = State Motorcycle Rights Organization

T.R.E.A.D. = Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation

T.E.A.-21 = Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century

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 MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF 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 MRF REPORTS.

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WORLD BIKER SHOWS MOTORCYCLES WORKING FOR KIDS, HEALTH

News
April 10th 2002

Simon Milward's last presentation before heading east is tonight with the *Red Hot Riders* in San Diego.

After stops in Las Vegas and the nearby Grand Canyon, Ohio and Heartland S.T.E.A.M. in Iowa he heads to Washington D.C. From there he will fly back to the United Kingdom for a few weeks in May to arrange some personal things.

He says, "The lengthening of my world tour, resulting largely from my wish to further the charity fundraising objectives, means that realities have caught up with me. In particular the United Kingdom housing market prompts me to sell my place in Exeter, Devon. It will be great to see the new additions to the Milward throng. The few thousand miles ride east will also be a bit of a tonic since I'm feeling a bit burned out from my efforts on the telephone and computer.

"The *Summer U.S. Events* list is or soon will be at www.millennium-ride.com. If you saw my digital slideshow presentation and want to give your colleagues, customers or friends a chance to see it, pick a date within a day's ride and e-mail me. It's done on a donation basis and I'm self-sufficient in electronics."

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Dear All

I'm speaking from the palmed paradise of Palm Springs in Southern California, about 3 hours inland from Los Angeles. Known as "Hollywood's Playground" it is a city nestled between

the mountains of Joshua Tree National Park and the Santa Rosa Mountains. The weather is hot. But nothing like the 110 deg F that I'm to expect if I come back this way next September, which seems likely. It's gay weekend in Palm Springs.

Route - riding north to San Francisco Bay area for ten days of events I stopped in the oil-mining town of Taft for a night. I wanted sunrise photographs of the hundreds of wells at a nearby oil field. I framed the picture with the bike in the foreground then panicked — "Where was my big red bag?"

Not only my bedroom and wardrobe was gone, but also my complete fundraising office (I mean *everything*) as well as some cash and checks.

I felt sick.

Is this where it all ends?

It was difficult to stay positive as I searched the refuse bins of Taft for any sign. I hung out with the town's scavengers and alcoholics and was fed at the Mission. I rode off bagless but after 30 miles God told me to turn around. The next morning at 6am I was drinking coffee at the point where I thought I had lost or left it. Someone recognized me from the pictures in the newspaper clippings in the bag. Oil workers picked it up after it dropped from my bike. I was the happiest man alive!

I did a presentation at Niles in Fremont with the local A.B.A.T.E. chapter. This was where Charlie Chaplin made films before the filmstars moved south to Hollywood and better weather. There was a



Simon Milward

tunnel underneath the Florence Bar used for bootlegging liquor during the days of prohibition.

Riding back to Los Angeles, I took Route 1 running down the Pacific coast through the Los Padres National Forest. About 80 miles of it ranks among the best ever (twistiest) roads I've rode. The danger lay in looking at the ocean breakers pounding the rocks hundreds of feet below. Look too long and you would join them.

I stopped at the castle of William Randolph Hearst who once owned most of California and the U.S. media. He built a Mediterranean style palace overlooking the Pacific, furnished it with the most exquisite of European antique items and invited the rich and famous to share the splendour. I got a lot out of that visit. Firstly it was marvelous to see the European style and antiques again. Secondly here was a man who had a dream and realized it. That feels good. That's what I'm doing. We can all do that.

Bike - I think it knows it is within an hour or two's riding distance of *Ron Wood Racing* near Los Angeles, the main U.S. distributor of Rotax parts. Back and forth I've been. If particular various seals on the engine don't all blow at once, they like to leave at least a few days in between. The squeaky leak from the cylinder head seemed to have cured itself but I had to replace

a rocker arm. My friend Charlie located a replacement rear brake caliper (that was the only second hand part when it was first built) and *Custom Chrome* shipped a new steel front brake hose. Ahhh brakes.

Fundraising has not got any easier yet, but I'm working on it, trying to keep from burning out. New corporate sponsors include Local 14 A.B.A.T.E. (Fremont), Local 19 A.B.A.T.E. (Pomona), CapitalCityMC.com, *Harley-Davidson/Buell* of Victorville and *WeaselsFurOnFire.com*. CTXintl.com's digital projector is still magnificent. We are only somewhere around \$62,000. The lack of tax-exempt status is taking a bit of toll.

There has been fair amount of TV coverage but translating that into cash raised is proving difficult. I did meet Jay Leno (famous chat show host) at the Rockstore last Sunday and at least managed to put my info in his hands.

Web Updates on www.millennium-ride.com. For Europeans, see the big U.S. edition pin badge, now available to you. Pictures from Russia's Road of Bones that will make you cringe. A map on the "route" page showing where I have been since departure on 01 January 2000. A re-order of sponsors showing the greatest first. Plus a new *Summer Dates* list. I must thank deeply Mike Forrester for this who has stepped in since Uschla is incommunicado.

Heart - Maybe I owe you an explanation on the change you may have noticed in recent e-mails. A friend said my spirit is gone. I wouldn't agree with tha. My spirit mutates, rather like life, when priorities change and you take a different route. A great friend agreed

saying life comes in waves. We all know what that is like. I never promised an adventure of only deserts and jungles, cultures and curiosity. I'm not able to live one thing and write another either. We are all going with the flow with this adventure.

I don't apologize at all for this detour.

Like the unforeseen lap of the Mediterranean at the start, like it is with another lap of the U.S.A.

It's hard work yes, I'm in a different mode, and without the help of many friends things would be hopeless. But I feel that this is what I was meant to do.

Rather like not taking the challenge to ride around with the world when I was laid in a hospital bed in Belgium in 1998. As it is with not seeing our new

Health for All motorcycle project through.

I take this challenge and responsibility seriously and you shouldn't start things you are not prepared to finish.

For me, it's a question of quality.

And I am proud to work on it with my American brothers and sisters, so many of whom have been so helpful to me and this project.

Thank you all.

Simon

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Here is a report from Willy in Flores.

Dear Simon,

I just arrived from visiting Flores so I am really late answering your last mail. When the mail arrived I had left and in Flores there is no access to internet. *Health for All* mail account currently doesn't work well so use my personal yahoo account.

Practical Report Networking:

From March 31 - April 6, 2002 Frans Pantur, Field Officer and I went to Flores visiting Public Health Centers and to talk with the persons responsible (Ministry of Health in subdistrict levels) in order to make sure how many people can or want to drive Yamaha YT 115. We were also able identify the places (branches of public health centers) that have to be supported with motorcycles for health deliveries.

With regards to the discussions with Ministry of Health personnel in district levels, they expressed their thanks and feeling of gladness for being supported by

Health for All in their works. They articulated that indeed one of the main problems is the lack of means of transportation that can be used to reach out to the villages.

Beside meeting with Ministry of Health personnel, we also had discussions with several individuals, members of regional N.G.O.s. They said that most local N.G.O.s in East Flores and Lembata districts where *Health for All* is working are involved in other kinds of fields, such as agriculture and income generating.

However, they are willing to be involved in the *Health for All* program in the form of their participation in the evaluation and monitoring activities. *Care International* also just implemented its program of nutrition and food supplement in the region where we're working and talking with its program manager. He said that we could work out how to collaborate. I'll see him again in a couple of days.

In the national level, *Health for All* has become a member of Community Development Forum and of Eastern Indonesia Women's Health Network. Some other N.G.O.s and institutions that I have met individually also promised to support *Health for All* in the form of staff development and sharing materials.

Motorcycles:

Motorcycles are sent directly from Yamaha Factory in Jakarta. Mr. Bachtiar of Yamaha Jakarta assured us that those bikes will arrive soon (by March) but until now they haven't arrived yet. He further said the bikes will be given symbocally from Yamaha agent in Kupang to *Health for All* once they arrive in Kupang. During our last visit to the field, Frans and I were able to identify local repair shops for the future sevice of the motorcycles. Knowing that there are not much work to be done yet, presently we are only two people managing the program. I myself as Program Manager and Mr. Frans Pantur as Field Officer. Before joining *Health for All*, Mr. Frans had been involved in I.O.M., Tananua, a local N.G.O. Prior to that he had been working in the Philippines for two years.

For financial matter, presently I still

manage it assisted by Mr. Tony Kleden, treasurer of Board Members.

Simon, so far this is the report. If there is anything lacking, kindly inform me please.

Financial report will be sent to you within this week. Take care and God bless.

Warmest regards,

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You may have seen it happen — someone reacts with extreme prejudice towards motorcyclists based on stereotyping.

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We are not alone.

There are many other groups also striving to counter stereotypes and educate the general public about their particular concerns.

All our causes are fundamentally similar: achieving acceptance through widespread understanding and realistic legislation. We can learn from each other's activities, share our strategies, strength, and support so that we can all advance our individual causes.

Even groups with apparently opposing ideologies can, by focussing on inclusive similarities rather than divisive differences, work together towards common goals.

One of the most formidable hurdles we all face is prejudice — prejudging unknown people based on folk myths and general information, which may not be factual.

Rot Path has witnessed members of our own community reacting with prejudice towards other groups.

You may detest lesbians and gays, but what you have to realize is that both our groups have had members murdered because other people didn't like us. (Some folks just plain hate *all* bikers, no matter who we are.)

You may think naturists are odd and snicker about them until you learn that they are just as organized as we are to fight unfair legislation and to

educate the public and elected officials. When you hear the term "Access Television", you may think of *Wayne's World* until you realize that access TV is one of the best technological tools we have to fight mass media stereotyping.

There is no limit to learning from

Rot Path has witnessed members of our own community reacting towards others in ways that outrage us when directed at motorcyclists.

other groups if we can step outside of ourselves long enough to look around.

It might be difficult for some of us to set aside prejudices that we've held for any amount of time, especially if they are constantly being reinforced by people we've respected.

Yet often, if we will consider matters realistically, free of outside influences, we find that attitudes we may have been clinging to aren't ours at all. They are opinions and attitudes that we've allowed others to impose on us, not conclusions we've reached by independent thinking. We can be brainwashed without realizing it.

What we have to realize and accept, even grudgingly, is that we cannot afford to let our personal opinions cloud the real issues that we *all* are facing. While working together under the umbrella of A.B.A.T.E., we each must set aside preconceived ideas we may harbor of other people or groups who are moving in the same direction as we are.

So how do *you* react if confronted

by prejudice or stereotypes aimed at you because you're a biker?

It's easiest to give into expectations and react with anger and physical aggressiveness.

But what's the result if you do?

Answer: you've just reenforced the stereotype. And people will remember that when it's time to vote on our legislative issues.

The image of a mad biker threatening to punch their lights out displaces the newspaper photos of motorcyclists on charity runs. They won't recall the black leather-clad bikers who stop at intersections to allow children or the elderly to cross a street. One instance of letting your anger get the better of your judgement can undo hundreds of hours out of the lives of our sisters and brothers that they've given to further motorcycling causes.

It's in all our best interests if you can swallow your anger and, calmly as you're able, try to educate the erring individual(s) with facts instead of fists.

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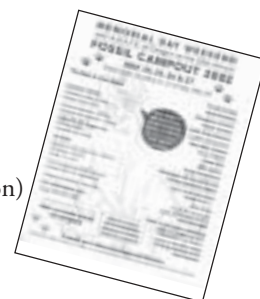
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May 4 th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally STATE CAPITOL	
May 4 th	Northern Idaho ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Rally	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
May 4 th - 5 th	China Hat Desert Run	LOBOS
May 5 th	Ride In Bike Show	(503)-664-8754 (S. Oregon)
May 11 th - 12 th	Pony Mall Show	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
May 11 th	Second Annual Oregon Mother's Day Freedom Rally	
May 11 th	Joker Poker	(503)-304-1178 (Gypsy Jokers)
May 12 th	Southern Oregon 500	(541)-664-8754 (S. Oregon)
May 17 th	Open HOG Brown Bag	(503)-335-3686
May 18 th	Washington County Poker Night	(503)-646-2060
May 18 th	Rhody Fest Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Willamette)
May 19 th	Simple Simon Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 (Mt. Scott M/C)
May 24 th -27 th	FOSSIL Campout	(503)-285-4329 (ABATE of Oregon)
May 31 st -June 2 nd	13th Annual Spring Opener	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
June 1 st	First Annual Poker Run	(541)-791-1640 (Hub City)
June 1 st - 2 nd	Western States 1000	(503)-641-4734
June 7 th - 9 th	Best of the West	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
June 8 th	SE Portland Poker Run	(503)-760-9015
June 8 th	TeePee Run	(503)-670-9060 (Mt. Scott M/C)
June 8 th	Starlight Tour	(503)-774-5149
June 9 th	Gay 90's Parade	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
June 15 th	BikePAC PLANNING SESSION	(503)-351-8193
June 17 th - 16 th	Washington Spring Opener	(253)-473-2276
June 22 nd	Angie's Run Columbia River	(503)-282-4604
June 29 th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	(503)-325-6686 (N.Coast)
July 4 th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Willamette)
July 4 th	Western Days Parade	(503)-838-6893 (Rot Path)
July 13 th - 14 th	Black Dog Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 (Mt. Scott M/C)
July 14 th	Salem HOG Poker Run	(503)-390-1589
July 19 th -21 st	Coos River Run	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
July 19 th -21 st	Cow Chip Boogie	(360)-577-7905



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July 21 st	Rose City HOG Poker Run	
July 26 th - 28 th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	(503)-760-9015
July 26 th - 28 th	Ocean Shores Rally	
August 9 th - 11 th	Beaver Creek	(541)-563-6526 (Lincoln Co.)
August 11 th	Applegate Poker Run	(503)-393-2834
August 11 th	Mt. Scott Road Run	(503)-670-9060 (Mt. Scott M/C)
August 16 th - 18 th	Summer Run Portland Chapters	(503)-760-9015
August 16 th - 18 th	Oregon State HOG Rally	
August 18 th	Dual Sport	(503)-670-9060
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August 23 rd - 25 th	OVMA/Chinook Winds	
August 23 rd - 25 th	The Big Event	www.angelfire.com/falcon/botwnomadsbigevent/
August 31 st	Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
Aug 31 st - Sept 2 nd	Freindship Run	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
September 1 st	Sunset HOG Poker Run	
September 7 th - 8 th	AHDRA All Harley Drags--Woodburn	
September 14 th	Rogue Ride for St. Judes	(541)-282-9764 (Shady Cove)
September 20 th -22 nd	End of Summer Run	(503)-861-1703 (WaCo/N. Coast)
November 17 th	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329
September 28 th	All Portland Chapter Picnic	(503)-760-9015
October 6 th	Grand Prix Washugal	(503)-254-9928
October 13 th	Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter	(541)-746-7837 Rick
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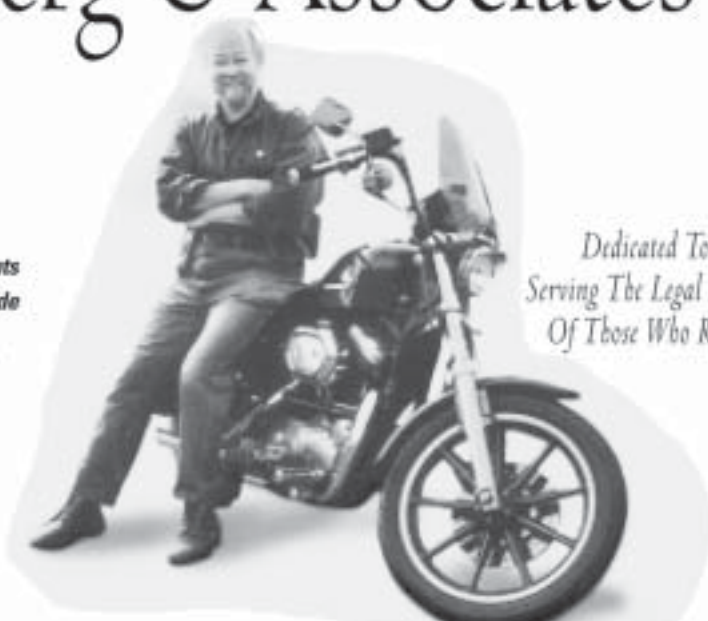
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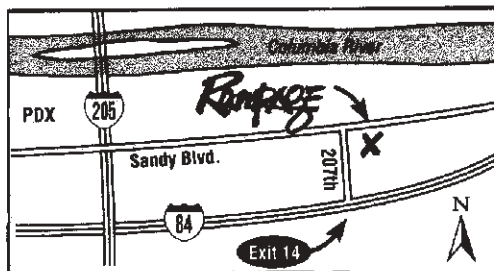
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Bikes

by Mick Anderson

"Just Like Steve"

I remember my first bike.

It was a 50's era bike all black with a swath of white on the crossbar. It had balloon tires and a huge seat. A friend of our family, Bob Wood, was a mailman and he would take old discarded bikes from people on his route and restore them for his large Irish-Italian Catholic family and friends.

You see, a bike is the first representation of freedom and it's endless possibilities to a kid. It is the first time you can imagine going away on an adventure to a faraway place with some way to really get there on your own. Up until I had a bike I could play *Cowboys and Indians*, but there was no way to get out west to be a real Cowboy.

Now I had a tangible way to get there.

This may not of been conscious thought but somewhere inside I felt it.

We would all get up in the morning gobble down our *Cheerios* and hop on our bikes to meet up with other friends to play.

Play was what we did, it was our unspoken job.

We would imagine we were in the Army fighting WWII in the early part of the day and later in the afternoon I would be *Tarzan* and Maureen Belknap would be *Jane*. By dinnertime we could be the crew on the Spaceship in *Lost in Space* and our ship might be a picnic table in the backyard or the swing set, which doubled as jungle vine for *Tarzan*. In the evening we would gather

around someone's TV to watch a show to get new ideas for the next day's activities.

We were the little rascals for real putting on shows, pantomining the Beatles, blasting off into space to another world.

Yes, playing was our life.

We were the original players.

All was even in our world: the pecking order was set by age or size, yet we were fair to each other. Everyone got his or her turn.

One day my friend Frank and I were hanging around. Frank was a full-blooded Italian kid with black hair and an all year round tan.

We were always dreaming and up to stuff when we hung out.

Once we started to write a book about a haunted house but I ran out of interest.

Frank was always pushing to do something and he was always coming up with an idea for things to do.

Not like the other kids.

He thought up things that only adults did like building a fort as big as a house and drawing up plans. And instead of just imagining Frank would encourage you to try to really do whatever you thought up.

It is only now 33 years later I can appreciate him. I heard he had his own Pizza Parlor after we graduated. I'm sure he did well.

We were sitting around and decided to take a ride on our bikes. At first it was to do something as daring as to ride out of our subdivision to a store

without asking. As the day went on it evolved to much more. We hopped up on our machines and set out on the rural road outside Aurora-East called Diagonal Road. (I always thought and still think it is a weird name for a road.)

The locusts were making their clicking sounds and you could smell the fresh cut hay on the farms that surrounded our little rural development. We pedaled on with the excitement you only get when you start out on a daring quest, jumping onto that unknown untraveled road. This feeling is an elusive rush that I have chased all my life in various forms.

Once we reached the *Save-4-Store*, we stopped to rest and I said "Let's go on," in between munching on bites of a *Baby Ruth*.

Frank asked, "What do you mean?" "Let,s go to Streetsboro," I said.

Frank looked at me and then a smile slowly came across his face like a sunrise.

He was in.

I could tell immeadiatly.

I know now how lucky I was to have a friend like Frank. Most kids wouldn't ever have gone as far as the two miles that we had ridden at nine years old.

Frank, on the other hand, was willing to take it on to the next level, risk it, and ride. We saddled up on our gallant Huffys and rode on to our future, our crusade.

Now instead of taking the turn to Streetsboro, we went straight at the

fork in the road and headed to Kent, a place who's future was about to change in about three years because a little incident with the National Guard and four dead students.

Right now Kent was a city we went to to shop for clothes and groceries.

It didn't matter that this was a 16-20 mile ride.

We were running on pure adrenaline, 100 proof.

We knew that if our Moms found out, they would be shocked to say the least.

This was well beyond a normal screw up. This was unthinkable, unimaginable and we would be dead, our heads placed on pongee sticks in our respective front yards next to the lawn jockeys and pink flamingos that dotted our placid little tract.

No one had ever done anything like this in our circles, to my knowledge.

Somewhere though, not on a conscious level we knew we would be legends, kings of the bikes. We may not of had 5-speed Stingrays, but we had this ride.

As we rode along further and further it got more exciting.

We rode into Kent like a couple of Princes into a conquered country.

(Hmm, I never put that together before Kent, Princes.)

Anyway we rode past Kent to the edge of Stow and I think Frank would have gone on to Cuyahoga Falls or even Akron.

I had to stop.

I had this feeling that I had to call my Mom and tell her.

I don't know why but I did.

I can still remember Frank punching me in the arm in front of the Clicks Store and yelling "No, don't call her."

I can still remember my Mom getting on the phone bewildered that I would be calling her from somewhere in our little subdivision.

I remember the silence on her end after I told her where we were.

I remember the silence being broken by her screaming in disbelief that I better get my ass home and was I ever in trouble.

My Mom is yelling at me, Frank is punching me, and I feel relieved to have come clean.

I don't know why to this day that I called.

I could have saved Frank, our parents and myself a lot of grief if I hadn't called, but I did.

We rode home at a pleasant pace, quiet, not talking much because we had won. Not that afraid because we had been in trouble before.

This time we would be ahead with bragging rights, legendary status and all that goes with it as a boy.

I guess looking back my parents would have found out anyway after we told other kids, but I still don't know why I had to call my Mom.

I think I was grounded for a long time and the worst part was not riding my bike for a few weeks. It was a pretty harsh punishment.

I remember David. He was the first kid in our little subdivision of basic box track homes called Aurora-East to get a Banana Bike.

That was when I think things changed.

He didn't just get a Banana Bike, he got a 5-speed Stingray.

That's when the fever started.

I call it "wanta" disease.

I wanta bike.

I wanta car. I want the *biggest* car.

I wanta girl. I want the *pretty* girl.

Until that point, we were all friends. We were alike living in the same place.

After the Banana Bike it became those who had one and those who didn't.

I felt it in my gut — an uneasy disturbing feeling that I had never felt before.

It was envy.

Not just a passing envy, it was an obsessive envy. There was no running from it either because every time I went out to play or ride, one of those bikes would go by.

Another thing happened at this point too: the gang started to break up into two groups: those who had and those who didn't. Maybe this is when I knew I would never fit in because I didn't like this game and everyone else started to play.

But I resisted, at first.

I tried I really did. You see I liked my old bike. Hell, I still like old bikes.

Finally I caved.

I had to have a Banana Bike.

I asked my Mom and she said as usual that we didn't have the money.

She said maybe on my birthday or if I could save half of the \$30, she would get the rest. I did whatever I could to make money, delivering papers and odd jobs.

Finally I had the money and I went to Montgomery Ward's to get my Aqua Blue Banana Bike with a white seat.

I loved it.

I could ride wheelies on it and jump over ramps into the air. A whole new way of riding that wasn't possible on my old dependable balloon tire bike.

I was now running with the other crowd. I would crash and skin my

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knees. I would bend the front end straighten it out and get up and crash again. It was a new thing to master a way to be a daredevil.

People said you were crazy to do this or that, and that would push me to do it again.

I remember the day I spent the night over at David's house and the movie that was on that Friday night was the one that would seal my fate as far as bikes go.

The Great Escape was on and Steve McQueen was going to show me the way. When I saw Steve being pursued by those Nazis along the Swiss border and attempt to do something as radically unthinkable as to jump a double barbed wire fence, my fate was sealed. David said he did the riding himself that meant that he wasn't only an actor, he was a real crazy dude, a hero to me. Just like we were, we thought.

I knew from that day on I would have a motorcycle and I would make the jump over the fence.

That would all happen later.

We moved away a year later to a house on two acres in the country on the township line between Mantua and Hiram. That was when I went from bikes that were pedaled to bikes that had motors, just like Steve.

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MISCELANEOUS NEWS

B-B-Q WARNING (O.P.D.)

Straight up.

Have you heard about the change to the propane tank requirement, which [took] effect the end of [March]? If not, check it out.

<http://www.sfm.state.or.us/Permits/opdbrochure.pdf>

Now you are required to have an O.P.D. (Overfill Protection Device).

Today was the first I'd heard about it and I have several tanks here at the house for heating in the shop area, B-B-Qing in the back yard, etc.

What it is, it incorporates a small float, inside the tank, similar (I guess) to the float in a carb of a scoot or a cage. It is supposed to stop the overfilling of your cylinder. And here I thought that was what a screw on the side was for. Old tech, I guess. Anyway, after 1 April, 2002, you will not be able to fill your old tanks unless you have a new "thingy" in your tank. They are also checking for date stamps on the tanks. Now you can fill your own scoot, but not your Barby. No more shrimp, it seems. Unless you have the new device installed.

The article in the Oregonian-Metro Section, pg B4, also listed an '800' number you can call to find out where they are trading, for a fee (no amount mentioned), and get an up-to-date cylinder. That number is 1-(866)-902-8527.

Don't know when this went down. Guess I wasn't looking to be blind-sided in the back yard.

One identifier is a 3 point handle is cool; a 5-point handle sucks. That way the 'brain' at the filling point has a visual on whether you can buy the

product (propane) or not. Uncle Sam looking out for us and keeping us safe. Yes, it is not a Federal Regulation, but I guess the Fire Marshall has to look for something new, since we now have "Assisted Fuel Service".

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for the Primary Election May 21 2002**

Race:	Name:	Party:	Phone #:	Level of support biker issues
State Senate 3	Lenn Hannon (I)	R	(541)-773 7548	Strong
	Virginia Lemon	D		?
State Senate 10	Jackie Winters	R	(503)-581 9114	Strong
	Bryan Johnston	D		poor
State Senate 13	Charles Starr (I)	R	(503)-887 7986	Strong
	Ken Crowley	D		?
State Senate 15	Bruce Starr	R	(503)-809 5326	Strong
	Ermine Todd	D		?
State Senate 17	Bill Witt	R	(503)-681 8557	Strong
	Charlie Ringo	D	(503)-643 7500	Strong
State Senate 20	Kurt Schrader	D	(503)-657 3171	Strong
	Kathy Lowe	D	(503)-653 9681	Strong
	Jesse Lott	R		Good
State Senate 24	Cletus Moore Jr.	R	(503)-655 7191	Good
	Frank Shields	D		poor
State Senate 26	Bob Montgomery	R	(541)-374 8690	Strong
	Rick Metsger	D		poor
State Rep 1	Wayne Krieger (I)	R	(541)-247 7990	Strong
	Dave Tilton	D	(541)-269 5661	Strong
State Rep 2	Susan Morgan (I)	R	(541)-430 0004	Strong
	Bruce Cronk	D		?
State Rep 4	Cherryl Walker (I)	R	(541)-265 8060	Good
	Dennis Richardson	R		?
State Rep 6	Rob Patridge (I)	R	(541)-857 7223	Strong
	Barbara Davidson	D		poor
	Sal Esquivel	R		?
State Rep 7	Jeff Kruse (I)	R	(541)-580 3276	Strong
	Cedric Hayden	R		Good
	Donald Nordin	D		?
State Rep 9	Joanne Verger (I)	D	(541)-267 7611	Good
State Rep 10	Alan Brown (I)	R	(541)-265 6604	Strong
	Marcia Thompson	D		?
State Rep 12	Elizabeth (Terry) Beyer	D	(541)-726 2533	Good
	Rick Henson	D	(541)-913 2796	Good
	Norm Fox	R	(541)-683 9538	Good
State Rep 14	Pat Farr	R	(541)-461 4091	Strong
	Damon Wilson	R		?
	Araminta Hawkins	D		?
State Rep 15	Betsy Close (I)	R	(541)-926 5418	Strong
	Larry Johnson	D	(541)-791 2494	Good
	Joseph Novak	D	(541)-967 9488	Good
State Rep 17	Jeff Kropf (I)	R	(541)-258 7363	Strong
	Doug Denson	R		?
	Donald Beale	D		?
State Rep 18	Tootie Smith (I)	R	(503)-632 2115	Strong
	James Buchal	R		?
State Rep 19	Dan Doyle (I)	R	(503)-585 2054	Strong
	Fred Fleischman	D		?

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Race:	Name:	Party:	Phone #:	Level of support biker issues
State Rep 22	Cliff Zauner (I)	R	(503)-982 8352	Strong
	Anthony Veliz	D		?
	Betty Komp	D		?
State Rep 24	Donna Nelson (I)	R	(503)-472 7446	Good
	Timothy Bart Duerfeldt	D		?
State Rep 25	Vic Backlund (I)	R	(503)-393 5927	Good
	Jonathan Bella	D		?
State Rep 30	Dawn Phillips	R	(503)-750 1764	Strong
	Aron Carleson	D		?
	Derrick Kitts	R		?
State Rep 31	Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson (I)	D	(503)-543 4046	Strong
State Rep 33	Mitch Greenlick	D	(503)-292 2223	fair
	Carol Robinson	D		?
	Erik Hartung	R		?
	Brian Devore	R		?
State Rep 34	Brad Avakian	D	(503)-417 0100	Good
	John Scruggs	R		poor
	Bob Steringer	R		?
State Rep 35	Max Williams (I)	R	(503)-205 2429	Good
	Geoff Sinclair	D		?
State Rep 37	Randy Miller	R	(503)-638 2622	Strong
	Bill Gleason	D		?
State Rep 40	Dick Jones	R	(503)-285 6343	Good
	Dave Hunt	D		Good
State Rep 43	Deborah Kafoury (I)	D	(503)-281 3325	Strong
	Shirley Whitehead Freeman	R		?
	Ivars Bitans	R		?
State Rep 44	Shiela Scott	D	(503)-492 8615	Good
	Gary Hansen	D		poor
State Rep 45	John Dean Toran	D	(503)-335 3300	Strong
	Jackie Dingfelder	D		poor
State Rep 46	Joe Tompkins	D	(503)-777 5208	Good
	Steve March	D		poor
State Rep 47	Jeff Merkley (I)	D	(503)-261 7826	Strong
State Rep 48	Randy Leonard (I)	D	(503)-760 9688	Strong
	Michael Wrathell	R		?
	Mick Wagner	D		?
State Rep 49	Karen Minnis (I)	R	(503)-667 6068	Strong
	Pamela Spradling	D		poor
State Rep 52	Patti Smith (I)	R	(503)-695 6385	Strong
	Larry Cramblett	D		?
State Rep 53	Ben Westlund (I)	R	(541)-383 4444	Strong
	Cylvia Hayes	D		?
State Rep 54	Tim Knopp (I)	R	(541)-389 7008	Strong
	James Bradfield	D		?
State Rep 56	Bill Garrard (I)	R	(541)-882 0490	Strong
State Rep 57	Greg Smith (I)	R	(541)-676 5154	Strong
	Elizabeth Scheeler	D		?
State Rep 60	Tom Butler (I)	R	(541)-889 7654	Strong

Sheriff Josephine Co	Tom Orsini	NP	(541)-479 8635	BikePAC member
Linn County Clerk	Kenny Davidson	NP	(541)-924 2804	BikePAC member
Clackamas Co. Comm.	Larry Sowa	NP	(503)-655 8581	Strong

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A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. BY-LAWS

Revised 8 APRIL, 2000

ARTICLE I**NAME**

- A. The Corporation hereinafter referred to as ABATE, is legally known as A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. which stands for: *A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS* and its duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II**JURISDICTION**

- A. ABATE shall:
1. Have jurisdiction of all members, chapters and use of name and logo within the state of Oregon.
 2. Maintain equitable relations between all its members and chapters.
 3. Assure the democratic right to assemble, voice opinions and take action on matters of mutual interest to motorcyclists.

ARTICLE II**PURPOSE**

- A. ABATE shall be organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare. Subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of this corporation shall be to engage in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or its corresponding future provisions).
- B. ABATE's primary purposes shall be:
1. Dedication to freedom of the road.
 2. Education programs to assist all motorcyclists, especially the young and/or novice riders, to reduce accidents and to improve rider skills.
 3. Public awareness programs promoting motorcycling.
 4. Fair motorcycle legislation.
- C. ABATE of Oregon promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and

legislative action.

ARTICLE IV**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

- A. The structure of ABATE shall consist of the following:
1. Membership
 2. Chapters
 3. State Board of Directors
 4. Committees
 5. State Executive Board

ARTICLE V**MEMBERSHIP****Section 1 - Eligibility**

- A. There is only one qualification for membership, that being the payment of dues established by the State Board of Directors. No group or class is required to join. No group or class is denied membership.

Section 2 - Application

- A. Membership in ABATE shall be obtained and maintained through application to ABATE.
- B. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by dues established by the State Board of Directors and submitted to the State Membership Secretary.
- C. Memberships are non-assessable, non-transferable, non-assignable and non-refundable.
- D. Each member will decide which chapter they want to belong to, or may decide to be a Member-At-Large (Indian Creek).
- E. ABATE membership records will remain confidential, and will be used ONLY for ABATE purposes.

Section 3 - Transfer

- A. The transfer of membership from any Chapter to the jurisdiction of another Chapter shall be in writing to the State Membership Secretary.
- B. The transfer of Chapter membership must be registered with the Membership Secretary of the Chapter receiving the member and with the State Membership Secretary to acquire voting rights in the Chapter transferred to.

Section 4 - Duties of the members

It shall be the duty of each member of ABATE to:

- A. Abide by the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BY-LAWS
- B. Conduct him/her self in keeping with the traditions and principles of the organization with respect to his/her fellow members, the community, its laws, and the good name of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
- C. Bring to the attention of the State Board of Directors presiding officer any activity that is not in the best interest of ABATE.

Section 5 - Termination of Membership

- A. Membership in A.B.A.T.E. will be terminated upon death, written request from the member, nonpayment of dues, theft of A.B.A.T.E. assets, or by decision of the State Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI**CHAPTERS****Section 1 - To receive a Charter as a Chapter in ABATE a group must:**

- A. Have ten (10) paid-up members.
- B. Elect from those paid-up members a Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and one (1) State Representative.
- C. Make application to the State Board of Directors for a Charter.

Section 2 - To remain as a Chapter in ABATE the Chapter must:

- A. Abide by the ABATE BY-LAWS, The State Guidelines for Forming a New Chapter, the ABATE Financial Policies and Procedures, the ABATE Media Guidelines, the ABATE Event Sanctioning Guidelines and any other ABATE documents that are relevant to Chapter operations or the corresponding future provisions of the aforementioned items.
- B. Abide by the decisions rendered by the State Board of Directors.
- C. Send copies of Chapter minutes

- B. Abide by the decisions rendered by the State Board of Directors.
- C. Send copies of Chapter minutes to the State Coordinator within seven (7) days of the Chapter meeting.
- D. Insure the participation of Chapter State Representatives at State Board of Directors meetings, unless excused by the State Coordinator.
- E. Submit a monthly Chapter report to the State Newsletter by the 10th of each month.
- F. Any Chapter in noncompliance with any of the aforementioned items for over:
 - 1. Thirty (30) days will be put on probationary status
 - 2. Sixty (60) days will not be allowed to vote at the State Board Meeting.
 - 3. Ninety (90) days, action will be taken to revoke the Chapter's Charter.
- G. The Charter of any Chapter shall be terminated upon receipt of a written request, delivered by a Chapter Representative to the State Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The State Board of Directors will be the governing body of ABATE and will meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.
- B. The State Board of Directors will be composed of one State Representative from each Chapter, which will constitute the voting membership of the State Board of Directors.
- C. A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the State Board of Directors must be present and eligible to vote, to constitute a quorum.
- D. The State Board of Directors will use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline to conduct meetings.
- E. Motions brought before the State Board of Directors which will directly affect the general membership will be referred to the Chapters for discussion and voted

- on at the next State Board of Directors meeting, unless a delay in voting will cause a disruption in the transaction of business by the organization.
- F. No Director shall receive payment for services rendered/provided to ABATE.
- G. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- H. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. Notice of such meetings, describing the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each Director not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- I. Any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors may allow the usage of telecommunication devices to enable remotely located Directors to participate in the meeting.
- J. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held in October with the date, time, and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. Notice of such meeting, describing the date, time and place, shall be delivered to the Membership by means of the newsletter, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

- A. The State Board of Directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and desirable. Such committees may exercise functions of the Board of Directors or may be advisory committees.
- B. Any committee that exercises any function of the Board of Directors shall have a minimum of one (1) Director as part of the committee's composition.
- C. A quorum at a Committee meeting exercising Board functions shall be a majority of all Committee members present before the meeting begins.
- D. No committee may authorize

payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of the corporation to its directors or officers; may approve dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the corporation's assets; may elect, appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or any of its committees; nor may adopt, amend, or repeal the Articles, Bylaws, or any resolution by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Officers

- A. Coordinator
- B. Vice-Coordinator North
- C. Vice-Coordinator South
- D. Vice-Coordinator East
- E. Treasurer
- F. Membership Secretary
- G. Recording Secretary

Section 2. Other Officer Positions

- A. Other State officer positions, not being Executive Board positions, may exist or be created as authorized by the State Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Section 3. Duties

- A. All State officers are to abide by the State Officer Guidelines, ABATE BYLAWS, and any other relevant ABATE documents in the performance of their offices.
- B. No State officer shall receive payment for services rendered/provided to ABATE.

Section 4. Authority

- A. The State Executive Board, by simple majority, has the authority to:
 - 1. Issue statements on the behalf of the organization.
 - 2. Expend funds.
 - 3. Take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization

Section 5. Elections and Vacancies

- A. The election of State Officers shall be held at the last meeting of each year by the voting membership of the State Board of Directors. Directors.

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BY-LAWS (continued)

- B. The number of State Officers shall be at least , but not limited to, five (5).
 - C. Vacancies of State Officer positions may be filled by appointment by the State Coordinator, pending ratification at the next State Board Meeting, by the State Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Rules and dates
- A. The nomination and election of State Officers shall be conducted under the supervision of the State Coordinator. The State Coordinator shall have the authority and responsibility to see that nominations are conducted in accordance with these BY-LAWS, with reasonable opportunity for each Director to vote.
 - B. All questions concerning the conduct and challenges of elections shall be determined by the Executive Board, subject to the right of appeal by the Board of Directors.
 - C. The term of each elected office shall be one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
 - D. The State Coordinator will notify the Membership prior to November 1st of the election year that he/she will be receiving nominations for all offices, and that all Members eligible to hold office are eligible to be nominated at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - E. The State Coordinator shall advise each nominee not eligible for election of the reason he/she is not eligible for nomination. The Coordinator shall also obtain assurance from each eligible nominee that he/she will accept the position for which he/she has been nominated.
 - F. The nomination of an eligible absentee member can only occur when the absentee member indicates their acceptance of nomination, in writing to the State Coordinator.
 - G. Only Members in good standing

shall be eligible to vote or hold office.

H. No elected Officer shall qualify to take office unless and until he/ she meets the qualifications/ requirements, set forth in these By-Laws.

I. All elected Officers will assume office on the first meeting in January.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Section 1. Procedure

A. Grievances

1. Member complaints, disputes, dissatisfaction, problems and etc., with or about ABATE, shall be handled as follows:

- a. Interested parties must talk to each other with a view towards agreement, resolution, or compromise.
- b. If necessary, the interested parties can present the issue at hand to the Chapter Executive Board for discussion and possible handling.
- c. If conditions warrant it, the interested parties can request a hearing before the State Board of Directors.
- d. The State Board of Directors has the final authority in resolving grievances.

B. Discipline

- 1. In the event that a Member of ABATE acts in such a way as to cause damage to ABATE, its Chapters, its Officers or its Members, that Member is subject to discipline. Disciplinary actions may be one or more of the following:
 - a. A verbal warning or discussion.
 - b. A written reprimand.
 - c. Suspension
- 2. The Chapter Executive Board, The State Executive Board and the Board of Directors have the authority to implement disciplinary actions.
- 3. The affected Member can request a hearing before the

State Board of Directors
4. The State Board of Directors has the final authority as regards disciplinary actions. (As per Article V, Sec. 5A)

ARTICLE XI

FINANCES

- A. The fiscal year of ABATE shall be January 1 through December 31.
- B. All funds obtained from membership fees, donations, and organizational benefits shall be used for:
 - 1. Rider and non-rider education.
 - 2. Distribution or dissemination of organizational information.
 - 3. Legislative action.
 - 4. Organizational requirements.
- C. General costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any member or officer with the exception of reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to ABATE activities authorized by the State Board of Directors and/or the State Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- A. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted, by the Board of Directors by a majority of directors present, if a quorum is present.
- B. Notice of proposed changes to the Bylaws must appear in the State Newsletter before being voted on by the State Board of Directors.

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Addendum:

Articles of Incorporation history:
 Established 8/22/1975
 Amended 9/27/84

Bylaw history:
 Established 8/26/1975, ratified 1/3/77
 Amended 5/9/78, ratified 1/13/78
 Amended 10/93, ratified 11/1/93
 Amended 11/95, ratified 1/13/96
 Amended 4/8/00

Rules of Operation history:
 Established 7/1/1980
 Amended in 4/83, 4/84, 4/86, 6/89, 11/93, 1/96, 4/2000

We regret to report the recent passing of two A.B.A. T.E. members.

Mike McDermott of River City Chapter left us on 30 March 2002 while riding his motorcycle near Carson, Washington.

Karl Luledjiam formerly of Washington County Chapter was lost to cancer, after living years longer than his doctors had predicted.

We know that their spirits will be missed by those who knew them well. We offer our empathy for those who are grieving their loss.

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.75	_____
YEAR PIN				
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	4.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	4.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	2.25	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	3.75	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	4.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	5.50	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	4.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____
ABATE PINS				
_____	AFRB	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Belt Buckle 15.00 - pewter		_____
MISCELLANEOUS				
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black	5.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.25	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	10.00	_____
_____	Sm_____ Med_____ Lg_____ X-Lg_____	(XL and Larger add \$2.00)		_____
ABATE T-SHIRTS				
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	17.00-20.00	_____
_____	Sm_____ Med_____ Lg_____ X-Lg_____	(XL and Larger add \$2.00)		_____

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$9.50
(One time charge)

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	1.75	_____		
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	1.75	_____		
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	2.50	_____		
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	2.25	_____		
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small50	_____	STICKERS	
_____	HLSS	HELMET LAWS STILL SUCK Sticker - small50	_____		
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small50	_____		
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	1.00	_____		
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	1.00	_____		
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	1.00	_____		
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	4.50	_____		
_____	MMOL	"LEGALIZE FREEDOM" Bumper Sticker	1.00	_____		
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available	1.25	_____		
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____)	3.75	_____		
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	1.75	_____		
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.25	_____		
_____		Courtesy Cards	50 for 1.00	_____		
_____		License Plate Frames — Cars with	5.00	_____	SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS	
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide		_____		
_____		License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with	5.00	_____		
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"		_____		
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives	1.50	_____		
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.50	_____		
_____	FAP	Free America Patch	4.50	_____		
_____	FAB	Free America Pin	3.50	_____		
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin	4.00	_____		
_____		Chapter Coordinator	4.50	_____	OFFICER ROCKERS	
_____		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Secretary	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Membership Secretary	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Treasurer	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Historian	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Legislator	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Educational Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter State Representative	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)		_____		

Sub Total

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**

\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping **\$8.00**

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** _____

att. Products Director

PHONE: **(503)-232-4686**

P.O. Box 4504

Portland, OREGON 97208

FAX: **(503)-235-565**

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

**Thank you
for your order
;-)**

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm
LOCATION: _____
OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**
If no explain: _____
Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**
If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH
If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale	For Sale	Wanted	Wanted
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For the home: Craftsman 20" 4.5 hp lawnmower, rear bagger, electric ignition. Good condition. \$50 or best offer (503)-257-7390 FAX: (503)-262-9110 (June 2002)	1996 1200 Custom Sportster, Black, near perfect condition, lots of chrome, windshield, addlebag supports, 2-up comfy seat with backrest, helmet lock, EZ pull type clutch (makes it easier to pull and shortens the reach if desired), SE pipes and new tires. Sounds and runs perfect! Only 12,000 miles. Garaged when not ridden and serviced just 1000 miles ago. \$7500 Call Kathy or Steve at (541)-929-7213 if interested. (June 2002)	Panhead motor or motor parts, heads, rocker arm assemblies, stock fly wheels or stroker to 41/2, cases (stock or after-market). Longshot (503)-876-3880 (6pm - 9 pm) (Mar 2002)	Your personal ad in the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newsletter will reach nearly 2,000 people.
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1983 FLT. Runs good. \$10,000 (503)-873-5748 Leave message for Bob. (May 2002)			
2001 Superglide FXD 3,000 miles, Warranty good until July, \$1,500 in accessories, \$14,500 1988 Heritage 3-1/2 tanks, bronze/ivory, perfect. \$250. Shovelhead Sportster 2.4 black airbrushed tank \$100. 4-1/2 & dual cap tanks \$100 each. Ken Walz (503)-648-1367 (May 2002)			

May Cryptogram

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

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM

-- April --

Liberty is poorly served
 by men whose good intent
 is quelled from one failure
 or two failures . . .
 or any penal statutes.

-- Walt Whitman

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$20
 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

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

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

Please send completed application to:

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

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PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

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He rode an ol' rat bike known as "Neal's",
None of the hardbellies to him would yield,
So it got him to thinkin',
"If I cut back on drinkin',
I could afford me a new set of wheels".

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 11 May 2002 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	Abby's Pizza; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	U&I Tavern; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1930 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	Merts Campus; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast. Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-97)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	M/M restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	3 rd Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	Oregano's Pizza; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bart; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Wilamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Foxfire Restaurant; 4740 Main Street; Springfield