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14 June 2003

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Hi Mom!



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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish  
Executive Coordinator,  
*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*  
*A.B.A.T.E. of California*

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# Coordinator's Comments



by Joe Laurance

Hello everyone,

It's time for *Fossil!!!*

What's *Fossil?*

Simply the best and biggest party that *A.B.A.T.E.* throws each year. Those of you who have been are making plans for this years event taking place on May 23, 24, 25 and 26. Those of you who haven't, ask someone who has. You'll be making plans to attend also. Be sure and check out the *Fossil* flyer toward the back of this issue of our newsletter for details. It's better than you could imagine and gives us a chance to make one of the nicest rides this beautiful state offers.

I still can't get over our Washington, D.C. trip. We were so lucky in how everything went for us.

If you should be fortunate enough to represent us next year, I have a few suggestions.

Washington, D.C. has far and away the best public transit system in the country and the poorest parking availability so don't rent a car unless you intend to leave the city. The Metro system provides \$5 train service from Baltimore/Washington International Airport (the best airport to fly into) to D.C. and \$5 all day subway tickets for a grid that encompasses 20 miles in every direction from the city center. All the governmental offices and virtually all the attractions Washington is famous for are within this zone. Be sure to arrange for accomodations within walking distance of these various Metro lines.

The people back there are very friendly and should you become lost, simply don your Oregon *A.B.A.T.E.* hat, hold your map upside down and

adopt a bewildered, "I ain't from around here" look on your face and three people will give you directions on where to go. Remember, however, that this is Washington, D.C. and none of the three will agree with each other. Give them a little time and a little room (they point a lot) and eventually one of them will lead you to where you must go. These folks are justly proud of their city and any questions you might have will be promptly answered.

Best food? The seafood buffet at *Paul's* downtown on the waterfront offers about 40 pounds of the best you've ever had for \$18.

Best monuments? The Jefferson monument takes your breath away with its splendor and the war memorials will remind you of what you are there for and of what a fragile and precious thing liberty is. The various Smithsonian Instituttions ( yep, there are more than one) are a must. The coolest thing I saw was the very tent that Washington used as commander of the Continental Army. The thing is in perfect shape and reminds you of a small circus tent. My thanks to those of you who prepared Bob and I for our meetings and thanks also to *M.R.F.* and Tom Wyld.

Many of us are making our plans to attend *Best of the West* in Denver early in June. It looks to be about 1,200 miles worth of great riding and various groups will be leaving here on different days depending on how much time they wish to devote to travel. *Best of the West* is sort of like S.T.E.A.M. on steroids with people coming from all

states west of the Mississippi to prepare you for serious involvement in our mission to "promote motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action".

Just a short column this time, gotta get ready for *Fossil*.

May god bless us all,  
Joseph Laurance

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

**Central Oregon Chapter**

The weather is turning warmer and two hardy souls turned out for the march meeting. Gloria Cline won the 50/50 raffle at the meeting and went home bucks ahead. It was awesome to see so many faces. Meeting participation and attendance has been on the rise. Could this be a trend? Hope so!

Just a reminder that our roadside clean-up and B-B-Q is Saturday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, call John or Jay.

Harry is now our new treasurer, taking over for Totsy, who had done a terrific job these last several years. Thanks for stepping up, Harry.

Gunney has donated \$100 to the chapter to help send a chapter representative to this year's *National Coalition of Motorcyclists Conference* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Hope we can find the bucks and a volunteer to make this happen.

Our *A.B.A.T.E.* booth at the *Central Oregon Motorcyclists Coalition's April Fools Swap Meet*, held at the *Black Horse Saloon*, went very well. It was a very cold day and thanks to those members who gave us a break to warm up. We met and talked to a lot of people about *A.B.A.T.E.* We also signed up fifteen members, six of whom were re-up's and nine of whom were new members (wow!). It was good to see so many of our chapter members supporting this good cause.

All the vendor fees and the 50/50 dollars were donated to a local musician and his family, as he has been diagnosed with cancer. Tom Brouillette has always donated his musical talent at many motorcycle events in the area.

Don't forget, we are holding elections at the June meeting. We are also in the process of planning a run to support the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. This organization fights

very hard in Washington D.C. for our rights as motorcyclists. Try to make it to the meetings so we can get your input.

Remember, "United we stand..." and you all know the rest of that sentence.

Later!

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)  
Old Redmond Hotel  
(next to Sulley's Restaurant)  
Redmond, Oregon

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Columbia River Chapter

We had some guests at our April meeting: Lee Austin, Southeast Chapter co-ordinator and Geoff White, the state education director, and Kevin Reed, a representative of Full Throttle magazine. Kevin gave a presentation on his magazine and encouraged us to put announcements about our events in it. He passed out copies of the magazine and copies are free.

We discussed the need to contact the governor about the helmet bill. He apparently has indicated that he will veto it if it reaches his desk. Everyone should write him and ask him to sign it instead.

Our chapter discussed the fact that our state board representative could not vote at the last state board meeting and we are trying to get our books together so that it does not happen again.

However, we question the legality of the demand that our treasurer, DC, received which was that our chapter had to put not only the state treasurer on our bank signature card but the state co-ordinator or we would lose our state board vote. We have been unable to locate any such requirement in the by-laws and have done some research into the issue. I have been asked by the chapter to write to the state about that requirement. If it is not in the by-laws, we do not feel that we should give up control over our bank account.

The chapter authorized a \$100 donation to Courtesy Ford's Multiple Sclerosis Fund drive in consideration of that company's support for our Shriners Hospital Toy Run.

Due to job commitments, Rhonda cannot continue as our public

relations director; DC has volunteered to fill in for her.

The Summer Run committee still needs to have run t-shirt and pin designs. Bring them to the next meeting.

Rich Kaestner missed out on the membership drawing. Brandy won the short drawing.

Shag, our road captain, promised to

lead a poker run next meeting, rain or shine. He is no dry weather weenie. Let's have a good turnout.

We discussed the May 3rd Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem. See you there.

Angie's Run will be on June 21st this year.

Spike



Sergeant Greg Lewis handling a tank shell in Iraq.

This is Wade Lewis from the Columbia River Chapter.

I don't think anyone in A.B.A.T.E. knows this but right now one of our members is serving in Iraq.

My son, Sgt. Greg Lewis, is with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Bn, 64th Armored regiment, 3rd Infantry division. He was sent to Kuwait in September of 2002 and was in one of the first units to cross into Iraq. His unit is about 50 miles from Baghdad right now [as of April 2003] and has been seeing heavy combat with the Republican Guard.

His grandfather served in the South Pacific in World War Two and I served in Viet Nam.

Like they say, "freedom isn't free."

The picture is of him loading armor piercing sabot rounds into an Abrams

tank. Hopefully he'll be home soon to go on the runs again that he loves so much.

Wade Lewis

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

Hey everyone,

I'm back.

You know . . . your old news letter lady.

I got a little backed up last month, and the old old newsletter guy you know good ole Joe Brumbah backed me up. Thank you Joe so much. [ *crusty ol' editor's note: I do believe I've met Joe and he ain't all that elderly.* ]

I was pulling my hair out last month. I had a lot of stuff going on, and not a lot of time. Anyway gang, there's a lot going to be going on.

First things first. We want to wish our Sergeant-at-Arms, Rockon Orth, happy birthday April 10th. Happy, happy. Party on dude. Also Rockon has completed his certificate of psychology, and has offered anyone in our Douglas County chapter a one-time six months of counseling free. Good for you Rockon. Finally we can have help with our craziness.

Also we want to congratulate Paula Evens, who was just awarded a certificate of completion to be an instructor, for our motorcycle awareness programs. Good job girlfriend! (Paula and Jim Jones have been doing back-to-back classes at 72 people a class) Yea! Jim invited all of you to come and check it out.

Well if you didn't know our chapter has voted to pay \$100 for *Best of the West M.R.F.* seminar June 20-22 2003, (Aurora, Colorado). This pays for everyone in our chapter who shows (Denver, Colorado) to have our camping area paid in full. (Seminar cost before

May 20, 2003 *M.R.F.* members \$60 / non members \$70 - after May 20th members \$70 non-memb. \$80). Names must be submitted by May 20th. Chapter rates do not include dinner which must be paid separately \$25 per person. You can register through website [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) or mail fee to P.O.Box 1808, Washington D.C., 20013-1808, or call *M.R.F.* at (202)-546-0983.

Seminar is at Denver *Marriott* (16455 East 40th Circle, Aurora, Colorado, 80011). For room reservations made by June 6th, \$69 call (303)-371-4333 and for more information. Okay, that's *Best of the West*.

Well Jim Jones says the *Iron Riders Ride* March 30th was long and fun, went well. Also Vickie Ledbetter is doing *Trader Days* in Winston. [She] says anyone interested in getting a space at *River Bend Park* is only \$10 for the whole weekend. Good Deal! But you must have your reservation by no later than June 7, 8, 2003. Admission is free and for more information call Vickie Ledbetter.

*Woodburn Truck Museum* is trying to get a motorcycle museum put together and invites anyone to come. For this function, they are offering free camping, so get up there and support the museum (September 5-7).

Don our chaplain decided he was guilty for not being able to attend our last couple meetings so in his return he brought a guest to do a magic trick (what a guy). Thanks Don - great presentation. Please give our thanks again. (and could

you please not tell her I forgot her name, <smile> ;-)

*S.O.S.* is still on, possibly still going to be Wolf Creek. Jim Jones wants everyone to know all our meetings we have are open to *all* the members!

Rotton Roger would like anyone going to *Fossil* to try to volunteer. So please sign up at the meetings or when you get there. They also need gate and security people. (Talk to Matt Hobbs at the gate). Rockon will try to have *Fossil* tickets at the next meeting or you can call him at (541)-459-3881.

Well that's all for now. I want to thank everyone who helped and helped to support our *Casino Night*. We hope to be doing more in the future.

Until next time, all.

Your *Douglas County* secretary/ public relations representative,

Tonia Judd.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1230 ( 12:30pm )  
Round Table Pizza  
Roseburg

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

# Hub City Chapter



Hi kids,

Well... um... about last month's report, sorry - my bad - no excuses I just screwed up.

And I have to say there is plenty going on here in the mid-valley already.

Certainly not the least of which is our *Biker Night*, Friday, May 16. Food at 7:00 pm, live music at 9:00 pm to benefit *F.I.S.H.*, a non-profit emergency help charity. These good folks have been around and making a difference since I was a kid. They not only provide emergency assistance but also try to give a helping hand up, so families can return to being self-sufficient.

Anyway, the cover charge is pretty steep: we're asking folks to give up their Friday evening to come down to the *Eagles Club* (127 North Broadalbin – downtown Albany) for a night of partying to a live band and socializing with *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*

The cost to you is (drum roll please) a donation of two cans of food per person!

I want to thank the members for putting this and all the other projects

together, from raw idea to complete implementation, in such awesome fashion that your "leaders" have all they can do just to try to keep up with where to show up and when. Of all the different types of organizations I've been involved in, I have never seen such a high percentage of members get involved. You folks carry the ideas of teamwork and selflessness over the top.

Our weekend at the mall this fall already has me anticipating the end of the run season. Well, maybe I wouldn't go that far but it will be fun, *Hub City* style. Of that there should be no doubt!

Where *Hub City* goes there always seems to be a trail of smiling faces left behind. Or is that just me? I suppose it could be prejudice. Let's ask the good folks at *A.M.O.* who put on yet another great *Spring Thaw*.

Thanks everybody at *A.M.O.*

Cliff



**Hub City Chapter**  
**ABATE of Oregon**  
 Presents  
**BIKER NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY MAY 16**

Food at 7pm Music at 9pm

**Eagles Club**  
 127 North Broadalbin Street  
 Albany, Oregon

Prime Rib or Salmon Available at 7pm

**Rock and Roll/Blues**  
 Band to be Announced

Beneficiary is "FISH"  
 A non-profit emergency help charity

**50/50 Drawing**

Two Can Food Donation Per Person  
 Alcohol Served by the Eagles Club

All Shows: (541) 325-2751      Shows Forecast: (541) 451-2545

All Proceeds Go To Charity  
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**HUB CITY MEETING TIME**  
**and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
 Los Dos Amigos  
 1402 Pacific Blvd.  
 Albany

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

*Lincoln County Chapter*

Hello everyone,

This sure is some crazy weather were having. I hope it settles down soon, and gets sunny. I love to ride in the sun.

We had our meeting on the 1st, Fool's Day. We talked about the one and only *Fossil Run*. It's going to be a blast. Many from our chapter will be there, and then there is the *Rhody Run*. We can't miss that. This is kinda the beginning of summer, maybe?

Our next meeting is on the 15th. If you like drop on in, it's at the *American Legion Hall* here in Newport at 7 p.m. We would love to see you. We always have room for our fellow bikers.

*Lincoln County Chapter* secretary

Netta

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1930 ( 7:30 pm )  
American Legion Hall Post 116  
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Newport

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

North Coast Chapter

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

Hopefully by the time this May newsletter hits the streets we are all enjoying drier and warmer weather. The damp of late north coast is definitely looking forward to better riding days ahead.

At the time of this report, Mary Todd (owner of the *Worker's Tavern* in Astoria), has collected \$1,200 thus far in support of purchasing christmas gifts for our area's children through the annual *Xmas Wishing Tree* program. Words cannot express our deepest gratitude to Mary and her staff for their heartfelt efforts in support of this cause. If you're in Astoria stop by and say "hi" to Mary. And by the way, the food at this tavern is fantastic. The prime rib is out of this world.

We're very excited to announce our chapter will be making a presentation to the *Astoria Rotary Club* at their May 26th luncheon meeting. We look forward to this opportunity to expand the awareness of the community at large (a vital chapter goal) to the work our chapter membership and its many sponsors/supporter do on an annually basis within the community in support of our mission statement and community needs.

Things are in place for our *8th Annual Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run* on June 28th. We're looking forward to the great run this year with lots of good food and good times at our last stop, the *Relief Pitcher (R.P.)* in Seaside. [ *c.o.e. note: No relation to yer crusty ol' editor, Rot Path. (R.P.)* ] Mike always does a great job serving up a good time at the *RP*. Don't miss

this opportunity to enjoy some of the beautiful country only the north coast can offer.

Sue Mills, our products director, has been busy working acquiring new coffee mugs and t-shirts for sale at our meetings and annual events. We've resurrected a very cool *North Coast* logo for use on both the mugs and tees. Look for these great new products in the very near future. Thanks to Sue for her great work.

A last note: if Karen Spidel had been present at our March meeting she would have won the \$65 membership drawing. Just a reminder to those who have been missing our meetings, ya can't win if you don't attend. We'll look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

All the best and keep the rubber side down.

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**NORTH COAST MEETING**  
**TIME and PLACE**  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 Northeast Portland Chapter

Two days from now is our next meeting, Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 pm.

We meet at *Roundtable Pizza* on 122nd between I-84 and Sandy Boulevard.

Most meetings run around an hour and half. We will be discussing what is going on at the capital while the legislature is in session and what we can do to move along our agenda. Also will be some planning for the upcoming summer's runs. Please join us and don't forget that you can have dinner at *Roundtable*. They have a salad bar, pizza, sodas and beer. *Roundtable* is also a non-smoking restaurant. Pop is provided free of charge by *Roundtable*.

### N.E. PORTLAND MEETING

#### TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1930  
(7:30pm)  
Round Table Pizza  
4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> -- Portland

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports River City Chapter

18 March 2003

We had a fast meeting with Lynne leading. It took 25 minutes including a B.O.D. [board of directors?] report and a legislative report. We presented the first reimbursement check from the state organization to a member for a Team Oregon class, Matt Snyder. We also enjoyed a fine cake in the shape of his motorcycle, thanks to Debra.

Debra won the 50/50 at \$9/\$8 and donated her share back to the Chapter, thanks Debra. Ron Hendricks would have won the membership drawing for \$5 if he had been present. It will be \$10 next time.

Next Sunday, we will start out with a short ride to Wahtonka High to take a promo picture for our *Poker Run* to be published in the local newspaper. We need folks to show up with teddy bears and wearing leather (I think I'll wear my red leather thong). See ya there!

### Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lynne at 7:02 pm. 13 people present, two arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lynne  
Guest: Greg Barnhart

Minutes were waived on a motion by Steve because they were presented in written form. Correspondence was a *B.O.A.* statement and an *M.R.F.* Reports.

Treasury Report is \$550.41.

Membership Report: 86

Board Report: by Brian, included motions, announcements and general business. Also, Matt's reimbursement check for the Team Oregon class was presented to him and a picture was

taken.

Legislative Report: Nothing new, *Biker Day* tomorrow.

Historian Report: The book is here.

### Old Business

Group Riding Protocols Good ride on Sunday to Kah-Ne-Tah, sun, rain and hail.

Planned Rides nothing to report, Hollister, July 3-13

Poker Run Committee next meeting was held tonight and more details were put in place. Public relations is coming right along with Debra leading the way. The next meeting will be held at 6:00, on April 1, before the next regular meeting.

### New Business

Membership Drawing for \$5 would have been won by Ron Hendricks It will be \$10 next time.

50/50 was won by Debra at \$9/\$8, she donated her share back to the Chapter, thanks Debra.

Adjourned 7:27 pm

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

River City Chapter

01 April 2003

We had a run meeting before the regular meeting and chose the route for our poker run. We also tied up a few more details.

The regular meeting was small with ten people. Lynne led the meeting and tied her record for shortest meeting at 14 minutes. Steve tried his best to stretch it out but could not overcome the leadership zeal of Lynne. She is a little rude and heavy handed, but entirely competent and efficient. She also hands out great treats, so you just like it anyway.

Clarification on Comments

*Lynne led our meeting with determination and purpose. She really did an excellent job, as she always does when filling in for Lee. However, I didn't want to paint too good a picture of her leadership abilities since I know she doesn't want to get people thinking she would be a good candidate for chair. She likes being Treasurer and is excellent at that important post, too. As a matter of fact, our chapter is regularly complemented at board meetings as being one of the few up to date and rule compliant chapters in the state. This would be mainly because of Lynne as treasurer and me as secretary. We make our deadlines and get things right for our members.*

*Lynne led a tough run meeting with hard decisions to make (filling in for Joy) and then had to pickup the ball for Lee, who wasn't there tonight. She did all of this responsibly and well. My hat is off to her, as usual (actually, that's because they use my hat for the 50/50).*

What's the date today?

For some strange reason, Lynne also

won the 50/50 at \$4/\$4 and donated her share back to the chapter, as usual. Thank you Lynne. Mike McLendon would have won the membership drawing at \$10 if he had been here. It will go up to \$15 for the next meeting.

Some folks went to the swapmeet in Portland last Sunday, but thirteen bikes showed up for a long local ride along the Washington side of the river. Basically it was to Stevenson and back, with numerous scenic side tours. What a beautiful riding day it was!

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lynne at 7:10 pm. Ten people present.

Pledge of allegiance: led by Lynne  
Minutes were waived on a motion by Teresa because they were presented in written form.

Treasury Report is \$562.41.  
Membership Report 86  
Legislative Report: Nothing new, things are going slowly in Salem.  
Public Relations Report: Good P.S.A. on run.  
Historian Report: The book is here.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols Good riding on Sunday Good long ridelocally with thirteen bikes. Many others went to the A.B.A.T.E. swapmeet in Portland.

Planned Rides: nothing to report; Hollister, July 3-6, 2003

Poker Run Committee: next meeting was held tonight and we chose a route. Poker run is coming right along with Debra leading the way. The next meeting will be held at 6:00, on

April 15, before the next regular meeting.

New Business

Coordinator's Comments: "I am not the coordinator and I don't want to be the coordinator."

Announcements: Hillsboro swap meet next weekend.

Membership Drawing for \$10 would have been won by Mike McLendon if he had been present. It will be \$15 next time.

50/50 was won by Lynne at \$4\$4. She donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks Lynne.

Adjourned 7:24 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7pm )  
Lone Pine Restaurant  
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles  
( I-84 & US-197 )

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

**Salem Chapter**

The pizza and salad flowed at the *Pietro's* on Hawthorne where we meet every fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. This may be changing soon so keep an eye out for the new location.

I am so proud of the members of our chapter, and *A.B.A.T.E.* as a whole. You all have stepped up for the *O.P.B.* fundraiser and helped raise over \$50,000 (with three other groups of ten) in just one night.

The *Adopt-A-Highway Program* has already put up the sign that says *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Salem Chapter* and the road looks great after the last pickup.

The attendance at the *Biker Days* has been well received and the representatives look at motorcyclists in a more favorable light because of you taking the time to go to the capitol.

The *IceBreaker Picnic* was fun with food, fantastic door prizes and lots of toys for the children who attended. Even with the rain there were motorcycles and quite a few people there, but I am not sure how many. The planning is already in the works for next year's picnic with members bringing event dates to the next meeting to be mulled over.

Look for the *Lime Ride* to be coming up in September.

There was a question from Mark Kemper, who asks why it is that *Poker Runs* most always have their stops at taverns? Since *A.B.A.T.E.* works so hard to keep a image of community service and motorcycle safety.

The concensus from the group, with a well worded commentary thrown in by Geoff White (which I am probably going to butcher but here goes) was that there are the toy runs,

food drives and blood drives that are good for the general public and the media to look into but the poker runs and *Fossil* are a different thing altogether. Sort of like a time for fun amongst our peers and to just visit and shoot some pool, or bull. Not that we promote drinking and riding. Still going for the "Ride Straight" ideal put forth by T.E.A.M. Oregon.

On a more somber note, Geoff reminds us to take an extra look before crossing at an intersection, even after the light has turned green. There have been some [crashes] happening lately that involved people running the red lights.

See the *Salem Chapter's website: home.earthlink.net/~crowlady* to download a flier for the upcoming *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the capitol on May 3rd.

Michelle, here in Salem, has *Fossil* tickets for sale and you may reach her at the number in the corner of this Salem chapter section or e-mail to: [salemchapterabate@earthlink.net](mailto:salemchapterabate@earthlink.net)

The advance prices are members: \$20, with non-members at \$25.

At gate they are members with M.R.O. card \$25, with non-members being \$30.

Have a Great Spring!

Michelle  
chapter goddess



**SALEM MEETING TIME  
and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> 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

Well, things are starting to happen. Now if the weather would just cooperate . . .

The *First Sunday Ride* for March was cancelled due to rain. For April, the ride was cancelled, but would have been rained out if it hadn't been.

Keep watching our web page at:

[http://www.southcoastabate.org/Sunday\\_Rides.html](http://www.southcoastabate.org/Sunday_Rides.html)

for information on upcoming rides. Visitors are welcome to participate in these rides.

We're processing applications now for our *Many Faces of Motorcycling* show at *Pony Village Mall* that is happening May 9 through 11. Come see us show our stuff. Or better yet, come show us yours and bring your mother. The first 100 mothers to walk by our booth will receive a carnation.

This is when we *really* get busy.

May 16 through 18 is the *Rhododendron (Rhody) Festival* in Florence.

May 23 through 25 is the *Fossil* campout.

We get to take a break for a week, then it's off to Coquille for the *Gay 90's Festival* on June 7.

We'll still have lots of events for the rest of the year. Keep watching our web site for updates on events:

<http://www.southcoastabate/events.html>

Janet

**SOUTH COAST MEETING**  
**TIME and PLACE**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1100 ( 11am )  
 Gino's Pizza  
 1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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

**Southeast Portland Chapter**

Hey guys,

Well our plans for *Run 21* are going great. Check out the web site ([www.run21.info](http://www.run21.info)), for complete details and to order your advanced tickets.

The *Canned Food Delivery* went great. The press coverage this time was the best yet. Thank you to everyone who donated funds and helped with the food delivery.

Our *Chapter Anniversary Party* was yet again a great success. Ken and his committee did a wonderful job. We would like to thank the following list of people for their donations of door prizes:

- M&M Lounge,*
- Langlitz Leathers, All American Motorcycle, Lariat Tavern, Michal Bodey, Hunt and Cooper Rampage, Glisan Auto Parts, Action Motor Sports, Love's Leathers, Latus Motorcycle, Columbia Motorcycle, Brother Speed Motorcycle Club, J R Sims and Texas Special, Captain Jacks Tattoo Parlo, M&N Plastic, KBR Motorcycle, Eastside Motorcycle, Tippy Canoe, Hagar's, Stewart's Leathers, Pizza Barron, Jen Eddy, Gateway Tavern, LuLu Leathers, and Fed Ex Ground.*

There were so many donations this year that we have a start on prizes for *Run 21*.

Thank you also to Carol, Pee Wee and Tami for their work on the quilt for raffle. It was a great success.

Another special thank you goes to Matt and Michelle for coming up with the art work for the party t-shirt on such short notice and, to DGLD at *Captain Jack's Tattoo Parlor* for the four day turn-around on the printing. Thank you too JR for the great entertainment you always provide.

Later.

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

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Well this is tough.

I just went to my precinct committee person, Jackson County Democratic Central Committee meeting and my secretary hasn't sent his report and I don't want a blank page for the next issue, so . . .

Republicans like a near totalitarian venue. They then know how to invest their monies, and can depend on their revenues from there investments.

Democrats on the other hand like to have things run as close to anarchy as possible so they feel their freedom without government intervention.

Anyway freedom is freedom, and, we have the right to fight for it without too much government suppression.

There are a lot of Democrats registered to vote as Republicans, and in turn there are a lot of Democrats registered to vote as Republicans.

After all, when we pledge out allegiance to the flag of the United States of American and the republic for which it stands, we can get confused. Not a democracy.

You do not live in a democratic county, you live in a republic!!

Democracy has been something we have been fighting for centuries. The *Magma Carter* was the first in a long line of documents in the fight.

So dude and sisters, we haven't won the real fight yet. Oh wow, they let us talk to them and lobby, whoopee.

The fight is not won yet and even within our organization against totalitarian we sill find the totalitarian egos of individuals put in positions of servitude (coordinator) to the cause, misconstruing it to power within the organization. Damn, Rosco, leadership is not only a privilege but

also much, much, more responsibility than you ever imagined, more than you ever imagined you wanted. You ain't the boss, you is the chairman (and I know some of you get confused with the position of coordinator being president, but we are not a motorcycle club bike gang of one-per centers and when they don't agree with you all you can do is spit. But it is your job, you ran for it, you wanted it, you won it, it now get off your ego and do the job description. You must acknowledge their decision and back it up with all the fortitude you have and stand behind them. Hold your head high and run with the way they feel.

For the uninformed leaders within our organization, please take a moment and read Webster's dictionary and look up "president" and "coordinator".

By the way, you don't have a vote except to break a tie vote of the membership. The executive board can reverse your decision, your membership can reverse the decisions of your executive board, and you and the power with in our organization is in the vote of the individual members.

And you at the state board for those of you that have such an ego trip as being an elected official of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, must never forget that the lowest member of our organization is who you must listen to make a valued decision, not what is in your heart or what you feel, but upon what they feel. So lets get real and get to the truly important issues, which are the freedoms of my brothers and sisters

So like quit and get out of the way or do your job. Whether you knew what it was or not, learn fast now and

get on with it.

I don't want to tear the organization apart but I will call totalitarianisms when I see it, feel it.

This fight for maintaining and preserving and restoring our freedoms, for me, is through

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, at this time. I fought for the rights with the leaders of *A.B.A.T.E.* from other states before there was an *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc*, standing on the Oregon state capitol steps speaking with the Governor of Oregon in 1970.

*Duh.*

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* ain't an excusive club, it is a heartfelt desire to fight for and defend our rights. If one wanted to fight for fighting's sake, then you prospect and learn respect for a dictator and become a one per-center. But only if you got what it takes to buckle under and take orders, and buckle under to the totalitarianism of a president of your local one per-center motorcycle club.

Ride free, think free, and be yourself.

And if that bothers you, examine what it you truly desire, for you shall receive whatever you do truly desire.

**SOUTHERN OREGON**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1100 ( 11 am )  
 Big Daddy's Pizza  
 (formely Oregono's) -- Gold Hill

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

# Washington County Chapter

Well, our First Annual Blood Run has been held. We had fifteen riders and Tim from *Brother Speed-Westside* won \$100 for his hand. There was plenty of food and some music, but I missed most of that while the life-force was being drained from my body. Thank you to Trace for *not* putting that photo on the web site. I heard something about a song about "cows and guns" and although I would love to hear the rest of the story, I assume that is one best left to another day.

So what have we learned?

A good idea for a good cause does not always lead to a good turnout. The weather was not cooperative that day and Roger Yarnell and I rode into the Red Cross through what I think was hail, but it could have been a really hard rain. Missed the thunder and lightening... thankfully. Had enough trauma that day without the added excitement.

Our April First Sunday Ride coincided with the *Rose City Motorcycle Club Oregon 250* ride. Some members went on that adventure. There were several members who bypassed the 250 and met for breakfast. We went to the *Hillsboro Swap Meet* rather than ride. (Well, we rode to the *Hillsboro Swap Meet*.)

The ugly trailer is coming along nicely. Jim Henderson keeps putting more work into that thing than anyone else. (But then, it *is* parked at his house.) Look for its grand debut at *End Of Summer Run* this summer. When it is done, we will have to come up with a different name for it as it will be painted, have cabinets, an LP cook top and heater and lights. Thanks to all the chapter members

who have donated time and materials for this project.

Our Poker Run is coming up on 17 May, so please mark your calendar for that event. Check the event calendar in this newsletter for other fun events with other chapters as well. You can also check us out at:

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

Our chapter newsletter is also available online if you want to check out *The Greasy Rag*.

Don't forget the *May Awareness Rally*. Hopefully I'll see you there.

Until then, be safe and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells  
*WaCo* secretary



**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1930  
 ( 7:30pm )  
 Prime Time Sports Bar  
 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

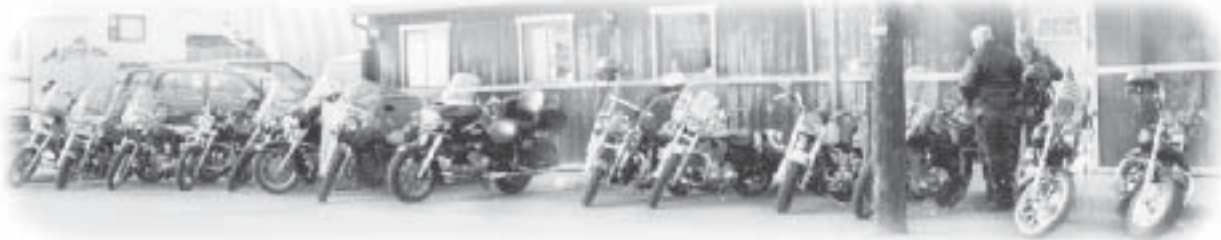
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



On the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm, *Foxfire* opens it's doors to a small horde of bike enthusiasts in the Lane County area.

To call us "enthusiasts" is down-playing who we really are.

We are an interesting collection of people who share a love for motorcycles and gather together to promote, if not protect that love for bikes. Our meetings are always one of kind, with an average of 40 members attending. As of March our membership is at 187 members.

Our March 19th meeting opened with all of us, standing united, eyes front and focused onto the flag of our great country, and with one voice, we said the Pledge of Allegiance. That is always my favorite time at our meeting. When we stand at that moment, it drives home to my heart what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about. It is not so much a social club to give us a time to party or opportunities to camp out in the summer, but it is much more. *A.B.A.T.E.* provides a platform where a diverse group of people, with different personalities, ideas and lifestyles can stand individually but also collectively as one, to preserve our rights, as motorcyclists.

I encourage all those who are reading this and have not been attending the meetings, to come join us and be part of our voice. To those who do attend each month, "thank you" for doing so and keep coming to the meetings.

Hey! Bring a friend!

March's meeting is one that will be remembered. Before the meeting got too much underway, the announcement came, shots had been fired and "we are at war". State coordinator, Joe Laurance,

who was a guest at our meeting, came forward to lead the membership in prayer for our troops, our leaders and our country. At that moment it is a mute point if you agreed with or against the war, because we were already there. But the most important factor here and now, is that we join daily in support of our troops through, thoughts, words to others and prayer.

While in Salem, Hal was able to talk with state representative Vicky Walker, who's son is now riding a motorcycle. While she made it clear that she still is a strong advocate for helmets, she talked of her son's concern of motorists not watching for bikes. Joe Laurence reported briefly of the inroads that *A.B.A.T.E.* was making in Washington D.C. with bills that congress and the house are working on, that have impact to motorcyclists.

Our chapter will be working on putting together a membership directory, listing members, their addresses, telephone numbers, what kind of "scoot" they ride and hopefully, a picture of the member. It would be nice to have a face to associate with the name. So many times we hear a name but have no idea who they are. A picture would be a great touch to this worthy endeavor.

Special thanks to all who helped with *Casino Night* at *Yukon Jack's*. Wendy reported that even though not all the figures were in yet, we made a little over \$1,200. There was a good turn out of members for the event and lots of fun items to bid on. This was the very first time that I (Lorena) ever gambled and had a blast. Doubled my script! Can't wait to get Buster to take me Vegas.

One thing you all must know, I won the \$100 gift certificate from *Liberty Leathers* in Veneta and the next time you see me, I will be wearing "fringe". One of the more entertaining times of the evening was watching different members shake their booty on the dance floor. It is fun to note who has rhythm and who doesn't.

A big thank you to Ruth for all the extra time she gave in organizing and working our *Casino Night*. Please, whenever any of you are in Veneta, stop in at *Yukon Jack's* and *Liberty Leathers*. Tell them "thank you" for their support of *A.B.A.T.E.*

Sunday, March 23rd, around 30 members joined, at least 100 other bikers at Springfield Faith Center for C.M.A.'s annual "Bike Blessing". Right up to the event, the sun had been shining, but just before the opening prayer, we received

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WILAMETTE VALLEY  
MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
Foxfire Restaurant  
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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## Our Officers at Work

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

12 April 2003



by Charlie Hill  
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Joe Laurance, State Coordinator, at 12:15 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. Ten chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and visitors: Tim and Debbie Malone of *Douglas County*; Shaun and Cerena, Kathleen Gerky of *Hub City* and Jack Smith of the Christian Cowboys who informed us of an auction there at the church this afternoon to raise money for freshman and seniors high school rodeo bible camp. The auction is today at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. for \$5.

Reading of the minutes from the March 8, 2003. Correction on second sentence of the legislative director report should read, "Hal reported that P.C.P. positions are still open for either party. Go to the county elections office and pick up forms if your interested." Motion made by Steve Baton, seconded by Al Sims to waive reading of the minutes and adopt as printed and corrected. Motion carried.

Coordinators Comments: Over the years we have been neglectful on our need to get financial information into the auditor. Those chapters not in compliance will not be allowed to vote.

Laughlin is excluding color this year including C.M.A. and *H.O.G.*

*All Harley Drags* September 5-7th in Woodburn. Brooks has a museum with trucks and wants motorcycles to be put in the museum. Camping is available for \$10, Joe suggests paying \$15 with \$5 going to seed this project. Showers are provided.

After the July board meeting, there will be a state officers retreat at Joe's house for state representatives and officers.

Glad to have all of you here today.

Correspondence: None

\*\*\* Officers Reports \*\*\*

Legislative Director: Rick Maish reported there are updates in your packets. Three of the five bills *BikePAC* introduced are still alive and well. The helmet bill is out of committee and may get to the floor next week. The headlight bill is still in. Lane splitting has not

moved. A lot happening on the health insurance bill and the last note from Lyle about the *Vehicle Assault Bill*, we may not get a hearing on. Neighboring states helmet bills don't look like they are doing anything either.

*Bank of America* has an ad that depicts a biker stealing a woman's purse. Brian noted this issue has been addressed and apparently the bank is apologizing.

*A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC* representative: Brian Stovall reported that the *Health Care Bill* looks good. We had support from the health and human service field and it looks like it will pass. Brian noted that bills which haven't been heard, due to lateness. Yesterday was the last day for a bill to be heard or it dies.

Tap tap concept open, can't take testimony in a work session which means the insurance companies can't get up there and testify either. *May Awareness* coming up May 3 steps of the capital building. Would like people there at 8 a.m. to address parking. 12:00 are the festivities. A conflict of dates for that event were noted regarding the web page as it had a different date than the flier.

*Confederation of Clubs* representative: Ed Vaughn reported *N.C.O.M.* conference is May 8 through 11. See Ed for registration form. *Confederation* is working on illegitimate bike confiscations that are going on in Eugene where they have kept bikes for over a year with no charges pressed.

*Confederation of Clubs Representative II*: Bob Earl was not present but was excused

Education director: Geoff White said its been a rough start this year and is going through a struggling time.

*O.D.O.T.* is going to take over the drivers ed portion in the schools and Geoff is working to not let the M.A.P.S. classes be lost.

Education director II: Nora Rohde was not present but was excused.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy reported as of March 1,904 members. The membership secretaries need to be sure and use that form letter when members expire to encourage them to renew. Twenty-two new members signed up at the *Swap Meet*. Shannon from *American Income Life* wants

to expand a little through *D.M.V.* registrations giving them a letter if they join *A.B.A.T.E.* they will receive this free accidental life insurance. Also, note that children under 18 only get \$250 as they are minors.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path was not present but was excused. A box of the newsletters are going to the *Swap Meet*. The other box can be distributed between the chapters.

Products: Michelle Hobbs reports that she is getting short sleeve t-shirts with *A.B.A.T.E.* embroidered on them. Also long sleeve with *A.B.A.T.E.* on the sleeve. These products will be available at the next meeting.

Public relations: Melinda McCrossen couldn't make it and is excused.

State run coordinator: Rotten Roger couldn't make it he is getting ready for the *Swap Meet* in Roseburg.

State run coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz reminded that each chapter needs to bring to *Fossil*, three door prizes, two five-gallon cans of gas and a roll of caution tape. There was only one entry for the tee-shirt design. She has tri-folds and see Geoff who has *Fossil* posters for the representatives to take back to the chapters to get posted. Roger wants to know if anyone has a 3,500 or 5,000 watt gas generator that he could use for the gate at *Fossil*. This would only be borrowed for the weekend and that person could take it home on Sunday.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn said there were 1,521 paid admission to the *Spring Swap Meet* and the profit is \$13,000. *Langolitz Leather* donated a gift certificate for \$500. Checking has \$23,789.88, savings \$34,204.38 and bulk mail \$1,315.83 and an advance to Roger for *Swap Meet* petty cash \$597.02. To get reimbursed for taking Team Oregon classes, Wendy needs a copy of the card, your *A.B.A.T.E.* membership number, name, address and your phone number on it and she will reimburse you for half the cost. Check with your chapter if they would be interested in taking the Advanced Rider Course which is usually only offered in

Canby. If we get enough people that want to take it, they will do it at the Medford Sports Park.

State auditor: Nancy Curran was not present but was excused.

Historian: Iris Yeager was excused.

WebPage editor: Mad Dog was not present

Vice-coordinator—north: Matt Hobbs reported last month was busy. Did chapter work and attended the March 19 biker day. 35 people attended. Encourage your people to go to

*May Awareness Rally*. Also suggested M.A.P.S. course be presented to our house and senate before sessions to give them a better understanding of us.

Vice-coordinator—south: Tim Rohde was helping Roger set up for the *Swap Meet*.

Vice-coordinator—east: Bob Hadley reported they will be doing road clean up Mothers Day and afterwards are having a Bar-B-Que at Sisters.

Sergeant-at-arms—north: Matt Hobbs — Need volunteers for *Fossil*. Also he is in charge of security and Joe, Tim and Wendy will be in charge of the gate at *Fossil*.

Sergeant-at-arms—south: Cole Hembree was not present

Sergeant-at-arms—east: Keith Odoms not present but excused.

Sanctioning officer: Ron Bloker — Fliers are missing necessary sanctioning information. There are only four things required on the flier and if you use the sanctioning form, you will make sure those requirements are met. There is a new sanctioning form in the packets which reflects the change made at the last board meeting.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said half the chapters have given him their lists of equipment.

**Committee Reports**

1. Run committee: Michelle said they are finalizing the run events and games. Memorial Day is on Monday and at 10 a.m. CMA will have prayer for the veterans.

**Unfinished Business**

1. State stage cover committee: Steve Baton, found 30 x 30 tent 16 oz cover “blackout” black rubber on top and white underside and will stand on 8 legs, 10' 6" poles with eight 2' extensions which would make it 9' above the stage.. The original motion was for \$3,000, the price of this tent is \$3,371 and does not include the side

curtains. The motion was amended by Ted Tracy, seconded by Al Sims to increase the price to allow for the purchase of the side curtains motion carried unanimously.

2. Washington, D.C. trip: Joe thanked all for letting him go and how exciting it was. Joe felt they made a lot of progress. Bob too thanked all for letting him go and read part of his report he handed out in the packets. Each issue got significant agreements of support from different members of the Oregon delegation.

3. Planning Session

Public Relations

a. Change Image: Through paid enhancements such as a 30 second ad in TV and radio promoting the positive things we do (Joe Laurance would be willing to do the ad)

*Washington County* has a member who is part of a professional company who could help us with this. Joe said he was approached to do some commercials and may be able to get one done in trade for the use of his voice.

Letters to the editor: Joe commented that the best he has seen was written by Michael Taylor. If you do write a letter on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.*, run it by Melinda or Joe first.

b. Public Service Announcements

Create budget for “Public Image Campaign”

c. Bumper Stickers Ted is currently working on revising these.

Have the chapter ways and means be responsible for the “Be Aware Bumper Stickers”

Use the “Legalize Freedom” bumper sticker

Use “Share the Road” bumper sticker

d. Get Out and Vote — This would be done during election time.

Set up a table at a large community store with a sign that reminds all to “Get Out and Vote.” Also have voter registration cards for them if they are not registered voters and include *A.B.A.T.E.* tri-folds and other *A.B.A.T.E.* promotion items.

Paid ad “Protect your Freedom”, “Get Out and Vote”

E. Outreach through chapters activities

Work with other agencies that handle their own public relations that would include us too, like the *Shriners* do.

Blood drive — Wave to all people when riding not just other bikers. Brian mentioned that *M.R.F.* was contacted by a journalist

looking for info of good works that we do other than our normal. Individual acts of kindness need to be recorded. Most chapters do this and should possibly get a report once a year from the chapters to the State listing humanitarian efforts.

Oregon Public Broadcasting — Telephone people. Thanks to Ron and Michelle who recently did do this.

Highway clean up — Adopt-a-highway: Several chapters are currently doing this.

Have more than one public relations person (north/south)

Have *A.B.A.T.E.* put on the back of the key fobs

*A.B.A.T.E.* business cards with mission statement stamped on the back. Joe showed an example of his card with the mission statement printed on the back.

Encourage chapter public relations people to attend S.T.E.A.M. for training

**New Business**

Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Geoff White that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* send Ed Vaughn to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to represent us at the *N.C.O.M.* national conference. \$400 plane fair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Brian Stovall that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* donate \$300 to the Wheeler County High School girls basketball team for their trip to Australia. Motion carried. (Please note that *Fossil* is in Wheeler County)

T.S.A.P. (Traffic Safety Area Program) is doing a study in the community. Meetings are through September looking for citizen input and have not been recognizing motorcycles.

**Announcements**

1. Get *Fossil* poster and get them put up.  
2. Randy Phipps said people are having trouble e-mailing him. Use [bikepacoforegon@yahoo.com](mailto:bikepacoforegon@yahoo.com)

3. Joe Laurance said the same thing. Use [josephlaurance@aol.com](mailto:josephlaurance@aol.com)

4. Next board meeting will be May 10, 2003

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill, State Recording Secretary

## Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



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Once again, February's hit was S.T.E.A.M. (only this time I showed up). Our first two workshops were very well attended. I hope the information we shared was useful. We sure had a good time. My third workshop was *Mock Legislation* and only a few people attended. Oh well, I tried to do something new for the folks who say S.T.E.A.M. is always the same. If there are any workshops that *you* would like to see offered at S.T.E.A.M., please let Geoff White know, or me.

S.T.E.A.M. is actually an excuse to get together with other members from around the state and share what we know with each other. Each member has something to offer and our workshop participants make the information flow. Thanks to everyone who attended. A good time was had by all.

I've been busy running *Spring Swap Meets* press releases. I know for a fact that a KPTV reporter was there. I working the gate when a voice yelled across the entrance area, "Hey, when is that going to be on?" From the doorway, a guy with the camera with a "12" on it yelled back that it would be on the ten o'clock news, and then walked out. I wondered who he had talked to and what that person had said. Actually, I worried about it. Lucky for us, it turned out to be Spike. Whew!

I am always thankful that someone, anyone, from the local media shows up. Yet, they never seem to be able to say

*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*, or even *A.B.A.T.E.*. It's always, "the *Harley* riders" who are mentioned. How wrong they are. We are *A.B.A.T.E.* and we are a brotherhood against totalitarian enactments! We are also a tribe who ride all different makes of bikes. So, why can't they just say

*A.B.A.T.E.*? I don't know, maybe it's just not sexy enough. Hey, it works for me.

Thankfully, we have been getting more biker press too. I've been really impressed with *NW Biker* magazine. They covered most of our runs last year and, obviously from the writing, participated fully. Mud and all.

I love working the *Swap Meet*. We didn't seem to have the rush coming through the gate this year. Spike said it was a beautiful day for a ride and I think he was right. I've also been noticing a lot of motorcycle swap meets popping up all over the place. I should go investigate. I can't image they could be any more organized than ours are, thanks to Roger.

Speaking of organized events, I was asked by Kat to help make a poster for the Portland chapters' *Summer Run*. We had a blast working together. She was at the S.T.E.A.M. workshop when I said, "If your chapter public relations directors or event coordinators want help, just let me know, with plenty of lead time," and she did.

Speaking of fun, I had a blast at the *Southeast Portland Chapter's Anniversary Party*. It was fun to see so many friends. I got there late and didn't have a chance to dance enough. That's my only complaint. These local chapter parties have been getting me through a long, dark time in my work life. This has been a very challenging year for me. You all are the sunshine.

Well, that's my *A.B.A.T.E.* life in a nutshell. Now, onto what I really wanted to write about and that is Michelle and Matt Hobbs.

Matt and Michelle are two of the greatest additions to the state officer slate. They have worked tirelessly at our state functions this year. They amazed me at *Fossil 2002* and they have been solid

volunteers ever since. They give so much of their lives to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Michelle has done a fabulous job as products director. Now, she is selling these awesome dress shirts. Michelle works long hours, is always positive, and is wonderfully organized.

Matt puts in long hours too. Security runs without a hitch because Matt is so constant, dependable and level-headed. They are both quite active in their chapter too. We are so lucky to have their collective energy.

I should also mention their boys who have worked their share of shifts at the info booth too. I think the glamour of the job is wearing down though. It looks so easy from the other side.

Besides being hard working, walk your talk, kind of members, they are really nice people. I've had a really good time getting to know them at non-*A.B.A.T.E.* functions, because none of us are working and we can actually visit. The Hobbs are thoughtful, dedicated, warm, fun-loving people.

When I watched Michelle and Matt slow dance at Matt's birthday party, I decided that I had to write about them. They obviously care about each other and they obviously care about being active members. They are an inspiration to me and they make me want to continue to work as a state officer because I like working with people like them so much.

My public thanks to Matt and Michelle for all that they do.

Melinda McCrossen

# Historian

by Iris Yeager



Hey you guys,

This report is to explain why Mel and I won't be attending the A.B.A.T.E. state board meeting in April. We both have had health problems that haven't quite gotten healed. We have also been very busy lobbying and performing other duties associated with this legislative session. We are tired, not to mention . . . old.

Saturday is the only day we have had to take care of our property. Since we will be going to the

*Swap Meet* in Roseburg on Sunday to represent *BikePAC* and to do our part for A.B.A.T.E. with the sound equipment during the *Swap Meet*. It is a long drive for me because Mel's back problem won't allow him to sit up that long. He will lie down in the back of the van for the trip.

I wish you all a great state board meeting and hope to see you in May.

Iris Yeager  
historian

chapter will be getting a group of interested bikers together to ride up to the event. If you are interested in riding up, meet road captain, Buster Tegge, at the *I.H.O.P.* [*International House Of Pancakes*] off Gateway in Springfield, at 9am. Run starts in Albany at *Los Dos Amigos*, 10am. Call Buster with any questions, (541)-344-0344.

Applications are out there for *Iron Horse*, June 19-21. Again, this is *Willamette Valley's* "un-official" run of the summer. Plan now to attend. You can get more info at website:

[www.rogueweb.com/ironhorse/](http://www.rogueweb.com/ironhorse/)

Pre-registration ends May 14th, which is a good idea to secure your spot and at the same time save a little money.

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend *Willamette Valley's* 4th of July, *Independence Day Social*. This is a go and it will be a "happening", so watch for details next month.

July 18-21 is the new date for *Redwoods Run* and it is also the date for SCOOTR's *Summer Eruption* in Fort Rock. Buster will be going up to *Summer Eruption* on Thursday the 17th and I will be driving the truck/trailer. If anyone going needs something hauled up, just give us a call at (541)-344-0344.

Well, that should be enough for now. Gotta leave some dates and info for others to cover in the next newsletter.

In closing please remember that A.B.A.T.E. is not for a selected few, it is for everyone. It does not matter what you ride, how long your hair, where you work or what your religious beliefs are. What does matter is that you don't let everyone else carry the load while you stand on the side lines criticizing their efforts. Pitch in and help with the load. You can get a much better idea of what is needed to get the job done. Only then have you earned the right to complain 'cuz you've been there.

Take care out there and have fun "scootin".

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorena Tegge

## Willamette Valley Chapter ( continued from page 17 )

"Showers" of blessings as a real down pour hit the group. We thank those many C.M.A. members who prayed over each motorcycle and it's rider, that God provide a blanket of safety on all their journeys. Not only did C.M.A. warm our hearts with the sharing of God's love but they also kept us warm with coffee and donuts.

The earlier showers, in no way dampened our spirits, as 20 of us scooted over to *Liberty Leathers* in Veneta. *Liberty Leathers* provided an open house to A.B.A.T.E. members, with coffee and a beautiful cake, decorated as a tribute to A.B.A.T.E. Again, *Liberty Leathers* embraces A.B.A.T.E. with their kind and supportive spirit. Do stop in and tell the folks at *Liberty* "thank you!"

Once the rain slowed to a shower, about ten bikes took off for a short ride through Cheshire, Monroe, Junction City and back to Eugene before splitting up to go home. It was a fun ride, complete with a spoof, validating the ease and convenience of headphones. Confirming that headphones are more successful when the two parties communicating are within two feet of each other. There was a moment when some of the bikers

almost fell off their bikes, from laughing too hard whenever our chapter chaplain and leader for the scoot, Bob Lowell would say "Can you hear me now"? Guess you had to be there. Well, why weren't you? Maybe next time.

Over twelve of our members attended the Advanced Riding Class, at L.C.C., sponsored by Team Oregon, this past Sunday on April 6th. While we will have to wait on an official report from Joe Dershon, I do know that the class went a lot smoother than anticipated because it did not rain, like it was suppose to.

The next event that will be happening, at the same time this newsletter goes out, will be *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the state capitol, Saturday, May 3rd. Interested members who would like to attend this event, should meet road captain, Buster Tegge, at *Pioneer Plaza* just off the Brownsville exit, gassed up and ready to go at 9am.

May 17th is our annual *Rhody Poker Run*. This year our chapter will have a booth on Bay Street at Anchor Park, with coverage coordinated by Ruth and Mike Johnson. We may hold the raffle drawings and do the *Poker Run* results at our booth instead of the *Beachcomber* because there would be more room.

To support *Hub City's* 2nd annual *Poker Run* in Albany on Saturday, June 7th, our



Geoff

## Education Directors

by Geoff White



Nora

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

It's been a rather slow winter for our Motorcycle Awareness classes at the high schools here in the Portland area. I'll have to make some attempts to contact the driver's education teachers to see if there are any particular reasons that we have not been requested for as many presentations. We are getting a great response from some of our members who wish to become involved in the Motorcycle Awareness Program. I look forward to a strong showing in the coming months for our class visits.

I have taken a job that will enable me to remain active in the *A.B.A.T.E.* education effort. I am able to leave work early enough to attend the Motorcycle Awareness presentations. This was a concern that I previously had about returning to steady employment. I still have the ability to attend many weekend meetings for our organizations.

The summer doesn't look real positive for attending the runs and events that fall on weekdays due to the lack of vacation time in a new line of work. I look forward to a time when I will be able to see all of you at different functions and events.

This next passage is dedicated to the people who give their time and energy to ensure that our freedoms and riding pleasures are preserved. Many people in *A.B.A.T.E.* and other various organizations sacrifice precious time and much energy to keep our motorcycling world safer, freer,

entertaining, and enjoyable. The title of this tribute is "I can't go riding right now."

I can't go riding right now . . .

I have to prepare a presentation for our state legislature that I will be delivering tomorrow. My statements are needed to educate the representatives in our government about the needs and desires of the motorcycling community in our state. I wish to express the message that motorcycling is an important way of life for many of us, and we are very determined and interested in participating in the process of lawmaking that will affect motorcycling and the people who have chosen this particular form of transportation. I must spend some time today to ensure that tomorrow I will be an intelligent and effective participant in the process.

I can't go riding right now . . .

I have to work on planning an event that will bring motorcyclists and friends together this year. My contribution along with the efforts of dedicated individuals will ensure that a large number of us will have a successful and enjoyable event. Some people may not always realize just how much work that there is in planning, setting up, and carrying out a function. Luckily, we have some people who understand exactly how it works, and are able to pull off these minor logistical miracles. They are expecting me to do my part today, and we will have a safer, coordinated, and smooth running function later. We

will all benefit from my efforts today.

I can't go riding right now . . .

There are some people who wish to learn how to operate a motorcycle safely and efficiently, and it is my responsibility to offer them guidance and training. My time spent today may help them to prevent an unfortunate riding situation. This time may save someone's life. I am dedicated to making the world of motorcycling safer, easier and more popular.

I can't go riding right now . . .

There is a class of driver's education students that wish to learn about motorcycling and how to operate their vehicles around motorcyclists on our roadways. If I spend this time with them, I might be able to communicate to the new drivers about our needs and desires. This presentation could very well save a motorcyclist's life someday. I may have an opportunity to share a little portion of our world with them, and this will help us all to become more aware. Actually, part of this process will allow me to go for a ride. I suppose that I sort of got lucky on this one.

I can't go riding right now . . .

There is an organization that is relying on me to keep the records straight. Like any major corporation, we must conduct business, pay the bills, keep the *t's* crossed, and the *i's* dotted. Functions must be carried out, and policies and procedures must be maintained and audited. In order to enjoy ourselves tomorrow, I might have to stay in and work today. Our organizations are only successful due to the fact that our people have stepped forth, rolled up their sleeves, and gotten down to business. We have created an effective existence, and our

public relations representatives are working to show the community what we are achieving. The people coordinating our charity functions are ensuring that our organizations are serving the community in a positive and worthwhile capacity.

I can't go riding right now . . .

I've got some important responsibilities that the organization is expecting me to fulfill. Yeah, I'll be riding later. With the work that I'm doing today, I will be ensuring that I will be riding tomorrow and for a long to come.

Thank you to all the people that have stepped forth to make our organizations the best that they can be. Much of my enjoyment as an education director is the ability to illustrate the value and worthiness of our efforts. Keep up the outstanding work out there, and understand that when it's time to play, celebrate, and ride,...we've earned it!

Be proud and . . . spread the awareness. Take care, y'all.

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## BikePAC Report

*BikePAC Meeting Minutes*  
April 5, 2003

Meeting opened at 12:05 chaired by executive director, Ken Ray, presiding.

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was given to all attendees and no corrections or additions were offered.

Treasurer's report was offered and was accepted as presented. Follow-up information of the matter of two checks that have never cleared was discussed. Lyle reported that he had checked with the two people involved and that the matter could now be reconciled. So ordered.

Lyle reported on the status of our bills being considered in the legislative process. After much pleading with the chairman of the transportation committee, Lyle stated that our bills will be brought back to the committee for consideration and/or work session. The *Vehicle Assault Bill* is in trouble. The *Headlight Bill* will probably die in committee.

Lane-splitting bill seems to be okay with the latest changes. The helmet bill will pass in the house of representatives *if* we can get the committee to vote to place it on the floor for a vote. All committees are overloaded with bills, some of which will not get a hearing. All of our other bills are proceeding on their own merits.

Lyle stated that some legislators will vote for certain of our issues but not others. Strangely, other legislators will vote just the opposite for our bills. There seems to be no serious opposition to the issues from state agencies or other groups. Getting anything passed in the senate is nearly

impossible this session due to the make-up of the committees.

We need to develop a bullet points paper for our supporters showing safety, fuel use and cost, congestion, financial damage, and cost to government. Pat from *Hub City* stated that drivers that are used to lane-splitting become used to watching out for motorcycles and he expects that Oregon drivers will also.

*N.H.T.S.A.* proposal to spend \$7,000,000 to tell state motorcycle safety programs how to teach safety course to motorcyclists. Bob Avery told of his successful trip to Washington, D.C. to visit our senators and representatives.

Tom Wyld of the *M.R.F.* is very knowledgeable of the people and goings-on in our nation's capitol. If anyone becomes aware of any conflicts with our *BikePAC* meeting times or dates, please let Mel know and he will relay the information to Ken to determine whether we would want to change our meeting.

Following the break, Ken reported an interim membership report since Pat Ryan was attending the Democratic party conference in Eugene.

Attendee Jonathan Fitch proposes that mopeds not be excluded from consideration when discussing our issues in the legislature. We will check the final language of our bills to insure that mopeds will be given proper consideration. He also pointed out that *Sportbike NW* will host a poker run September 4-7, 2003. Watch for flyers. Jonathan and Geoff will contact other organizations.

Under old business, items discussed were: *May Awareness Rally*. Coordination with city of Salem and

state capitol are okay. Insurance for the event has been prepaid. Mel noted that Department of Administrative Services scheduled a huge Medical Marijuana Rally to be held in the fountain area across from the state capitol from 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM.

It is anticipated that all available parking will be taken by the time our rally starts unless we can get a huge bunch of motorcycles to take up the parking places on the south side of Court Street. The plan is to park one motorcycle in each parking space starting about 8:00 a.m., leaving room for three more motorcycles to also park there during our rally. We need to do this from Waverly Street to the east of the capitol to Cottage Street to the west. Mel will ask all local motorcycle organizations to help out.

Ken asked Lyle, Mel, and Iris to look around for a guest speaker or two to headline our rally.

Ken presented the final version of the trifold for our approval. They will be going to print soon.

Next biker day date not yet set.

Under new business, after much discussion, it was decided that

*BikePAC of Oregon* will not have a planning session this year since there is very little need for it. Ken will select a date for our organizational meeting this year and it will be advertised as stipulated in our by-laws.

Bob Avery asked for *BikePAC* help in attending an educational seminar that will be of valuable help to this organization in the future. Mel moved that we give Bob \$200 to help in his costs in attending the seminar, provided the donation is found to be a legal and proper use of *BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.* funds. The motion was seconded by Ken Ray, and approved



by vote of the board.

Jonathan then brought up the issue of ultra-narrow vehicles being manufactured and how they might also be included in the lane-splitting issue.

Officers of this organization have been contacted for our support. Randy will contact them and will get the straight scoop of their intentions.

Next meeting of *BikePAC* will be announced.

Hope to see everybody at the *May Awareness Rally*.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Mel Yeager,  
secretary/treasurer



photo by EZ, Hub City

Oh Man! I got drunk the other nite. Things were spinning around and around.

I saw two of everything,  
Sudden affluence for me,  
Yippee! Delusion for a cheap price.

-- Jim Niece

Out on the road between here and there,

My hand on the throttle...crusing speed.

Thinking I should take a break,  
Been awhile since the last.

-- Jim Niece

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# American Motorcyclist Association

## NEWS and NOTES



### Riders Need to Act to Get a New Motorcycle Crash Study

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) is urging motorcyclists to contact their members of Congress to support a critical new national study into the causes of streetbike crashes.

U.S. representative Mark Green (R-Wis.) is asking his colleagues to sign a letter addressed to U.S. representative Don Young (R-Alaska), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, urging him to support a comprehensive, in-depth motorcycle crash study to find ways to prevent crashes. The last such study — “Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures,” commonly called the “Hurt Report” (after lead researcher Harry Hurt) — was done more than 20 years ago.

“With motorcyclist fatalities increasing 50 percent in just the last five years, the time to act is now,” Green said in the letter.

“Initiated in 1976 and completed in 1981, the Hurt Report remains the benchmark of motorcycle crash research and, sadly, the only such comprehensive study ever undertaken in the United States,” Green’s letter went on to say. “The 1981 publication of the Hurt Report was a catalyst for the development of motorcycle crash countermeasures such as rider training and motorist awareness programs.”

The A.M.A. government relations department is working to get \$3 million for an in-depth motorcycle

crash study written into legislation now being considered for reauthorization by Congress: the *Transportation Equity Act* for the 21st Century (T.E.A.-21).

The new crash research would involve detailed at-the-scene study of at least 1,000 crashes to find out what goes wrong for riders.

“The Hurt Report is the study that people turn to when they’re trying to figure out what causes motorcycle crashes, and what can be done to prevent crashes,” said Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. “But that information is outdated. For example, motorcyclists now are sharing the road with a new mix of vehicles compared with the late ’70s, and dealing with drivers who face a lot more distractions.”

Motorcyclists can urge their members of Congress to sign the Green letter and to support funding for a comprehensive motorcycle crash study by sending a message through the Rapid Response Center at the A.M.A. website at

[www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com)

### A.M.A. Holds Successful Introduction to Washington Seminar

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association held a successful “Introduction to Washington” seminar in Washington, D.C., March 1-4 that featured some heavy hitters from motorcycling and government.

About 30 participants gathered at

the *Phoenix Park Hotel* to meet and learn from the A.M.A.’s Washington staff as well as other political experts. Besides learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants got tips on building relationships with government-agency officials and on lobbying elected officials.

Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations, led a session, as well as Tom Wyld, vice president for government relations of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*.

Others who took part in seminar panels include Joey Syner, manager of the national motorcycle safety program at the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, Karl Simon, deputy director of the Assessment and Standards Division at the federal *Environmental Protection Agency*, who advises E.P.A. management and others on rulemaking and enforcement issues, and Linc Wehrly, a mechanical engineer who works with Simon at the E.P.A. and is involved in developing rules and evaluating technology.

Joel Blackwell, head of the *Issue Management Company*, which is a media relations and grassroots lobbying firm, also took part in the seminar, as well as Joshua Penry, staff director of the U.S. house subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.

Seminar participants also put what they learned into practice, lobbying their members of congress in face-to-face talks on issues ranging from health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists to the need for

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comprehensive research into the causes of motorcycle crashes.

“We had a very successful program this year and want to thank the speakers, panelists and paMeanwhile, members of the *Mid-South M.I.L.E.* from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas made the trip to Washington, D.C., in mid-March to lobby lawmakers to bar health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists and to support new motorcycle-crash research, bolstering the lobbying efforts of the *A.M.A.* and *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*.

### A.M.A. Warns Of Proposed Cuts To Rider Safety Programs

The *A.M.A.* warns motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle riders nationwide that cash-strapped states may try to raid funds earmarked for rider safety programs to balance their budgets.

In fact, Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm (D) has already asked her state’s legislature to eliminate Michigan’s *Motorcycle Safety Education Program* and the *Off-Road Vehicle Safety Education Program*. She eliminated the programs from her proposed Fiscal 2004 state budget, which was recently sent to lawmakers for consideration.

“Michigan motorcyclists and A.T.V. riders must act now to prevent the loss of these valuable programs,” said Imre Szauter, *A.M.A.* legislative affairs specialist. “And riders in other states need to keep a close watch on their lawmakers to be sure that their safety programs aren’t threatened as well. We

understand that several states are considering cutting their motorcycle safety programs as part of their efforts to balance their budgets.”

In Michigan, the *A.M.A.* urges motorcyclists and A.T.V. riders to contact the governor and their state lawmakers to tell them that the safety programs are self-supporting — paid for through fees collected from motorcyclists and A.T.V. riders. And since the governor’s proposal would eliminate the fees collected to support the programs, the state would see no money savings.

Michigan riders can easily send messages to their government officials asking them to keep the rider training programs, by using the:

<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/dbq/officials/?lvl=L>

StateWatch section of the Rapid Response Center.

Riders in other states are encouraged to check out what issues face them by going to their state in the StateWatch section of the Rapid Response Center.

### A.M.A. Urges Support For Healthy Forest Measure

*Pickerington, Ohio* — The *American Motorcyclist Association* asks motorcyclists, A.T.V. [All-Terrain Vehicles] riders and others involved in recreation to urge their federal lawmakers to support legislation to protect the forests.

U.S. representative Scott McInnis (R-Colorado) has introduced legislation to carry out President Bush’s *Healthy Forests Initiative* to help protect the forests from devastating fires.

Bush unveiled the initiative during his State-of-the-Union address to Congress on January 28. In his address, he told lawmakers that “I have sent you a *Healthy Forests Initiative*, to help prevent the catastrophic fires that devastate communities, kill wildlife, and burn away millions of acres of treasured forest.

“Even more,” the president said, “I ask you to take a crucial step, and protect our environment in ways that generations before us could not have imagined. In this century, the greatest environmental process will come about, not through endless lawsuits or command and control regulations, but through technology and innovation.”

The *Healthy Forests Initiative* streamlines procedures to allow critical forest-restoration and fire-prevention projects to proceed quickly in forest areas that could easily be devastated by fire. The measure provides an alternative to the current appeals process, and directs the courts to take into consideration the long-term harm of inaction against the alleged short-term harms of forest restoration projects.

Motorcyclists, A.T.V. riders and others are urged to go to the *A.M.A.* website at [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com)

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

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## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# Deadlines Approaching to *Expose Yourself at the Beast!*



One of the best ways to *expose yourself* to the issues that affect motorcyclists' rights and safety is attendance at a *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* conference. This year's *Beast of the East* conference will be no exception. *Beast of the East 2003* is co-sponsored by *United Bikers of Maine (U.B.M.)*, and will be held at the South Portland *Sheraton*.

Visit the *M.R.F.* website at [www.mrf.org/events.php](http://www.mrf.org/events.php) for registration information and further details. Contact Carol Downs, *M.R.F.* director of events and conferences at [carol@mrf.org](mailto:carol@mrf.org) or Beverly Waters, *M.R.F.* office manager at [bev@mrf.org](mailto:bev@mrf.org) or (202)-546-0983 if you have questions regarding *Beast of the East* registration.

If you are unable to attend this year's *Beast of the East* conference, you still have other great opportunities to *expose yourself* and your business to a guaranteed audience of motorcyclists' rights advocates! For information about conference sponsorships starting at \$50.00, visit the *M.R.F.* website at [www.mrf.org/botesponsor.php](http://www.mrf.org/botesponsor.php) or contact Paul W. Cote, *M.R.F.* marketing director, at (978)-388-3629 or [paul@mrf.org](mailto:paul@mrf.org).

This year's *Beast of the East* will begin on Friday evening at 6:30 with Leo "Mac" McCreary, President of *U.B.M.* greeting attendees and bring everyone up to date on issues that are directly affecting riders in the northeast. Mac's presentation will be followed by an opportunity for conference participants to meet the *M.R.F.* board of directors and ask questions.

Saturday morning's *Beast of the East* agenda includes Tom Wyld, *M.R.F.* vice president-government relations, bringing

everyone up to speed on our current issues, such as the *E.P.A.*'s proposed highway motorcycle emissions standards, healthcare, and the reauthorization of the *Transportation Equity Act* of the 21st Century (*T.E.A.-03*). Tom's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion regarding *T.E.A.-03* including Sherm Packard and Bob Letourneau.

This year's *Beast of the East* Saturday afternoon breakout sessions include *Effective Public Relations*, *Motorcycle Insurance 101*, *Dealing with Difficult People*, an open discussion about loud pipes, and a more in-depth discussion about the *E.P.A.* and street motorcyclists, *You Get No Vote!*

In addition to being a fantastic learning opportunity, the *Beast of the East* is a great chance to *expose yourself* to other people who are as passionate about motorcyclists' rights as you are. We look forward to seeing all of you *exposing yourselves* in South Portland, Maine!

### Share Your Good News!

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* received a call yesterday from one of the largest newspapers in the country looking for some specific information about bikers and their good deeds. The reporter was struck by the reports he saw about the motorcyclists [who] showed up in court on behalf of Elizabeth Smart, and wants to do a story about the good things that bikers do for their neighbors and communities.

The *M.R.F.* knows that there are many stories out there, but we are looking for specifics. We do not need details about charity rides or toy runs or typical annual events, etc. The reporter [who] contacted us has already found plenty of examples

of those types of events by simply doing an internet search and speaking with a few local organizations and clubs.

What we are seeking is information regarding situations where bikers were able to get involved and provide a *unique* service.

One example the reporter gave was that he heard bikers were helping search for debris after the shuttle explosion. He has not been able to confirm that, however; so if anyone out there can provide any specifics about that particular story, please get in touch with us.

Another example might be bikers helping search for someone who is lost, or helping a community clean up after a natural disaster such as a tornado.

We need to forward this information to the reporter by 6 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 27. To send in your story, simply hit "Reply" and give us as many details as possible. Be sure to include your name, organization's name (if applicable), e-mail address, and phone number in case we have any questions or need further details. Then the *M.R.F.* will pass the information along to the reporter that contacted us. In addition, we will most likely highlight some of the stories we receive in the *M.R.F. Reports*.

Let's take advantage of this opportunity to promote the good things bikers do!

### Happy Small Business Month from the *E.P.A.*?

Washington, D.C. - *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* administrator Christine Whitman announced last week that March is "Small Business Month," an effort aimed in part to "understand the operations and needs of small businesses."

# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



“With their final rule on highway motorcycle emissions potentially weeks away, the *E.P.A.*’s message seems more like ‘bon voyage’ to small business,” said Tom Wyld, vice president of government relations for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*

In proposing to adopt future California standards as future U.S. standards, the *E.P.A.* ignored the dramatic 7.7% reduction in motorcycle registrations in California from 1996 to 2001 - a time when motorcycling increased 32.2 percent in the other 49 states, according to “An Economic Analysis of the *E.P.A.*’s Proposed Emission Standards for On-Highway Motorcycles” prepared by Garrett A. Vaughn, Ph.D. The study, which sharply criticizes the *E.P.A.*’s proposals, can be viewed in its entirety at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org).

Moreover, Dr. Vaughn’s study found that the *E.P.A.* did not meet its obligations under the *Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (S.B.R.E.F.A.)*, in part because it never considered the economic impacts of its rulemaking “on tens of thousands of small businesses” in the U.S.,

particularly the aftermarket and independent shops - the smallest of the small volume motorcycle makers in America.

The *E.P.A.*’s look at more sizable small-volume makers was no better.

In early 2001, the *E.P.A.* sent out fact sheets and held meetings and conference calls with some “small entities potentially impacted by the regulations,” which led up to a pre-panel briefing for potential “Small Entity Representatives” (S.E.R.) on April 17, 2001. Only one S.E.R. chose to participate. “The one S.E.R. who participated was asked what he thought about the possibility of using three-way catalyst systems [and responded] that there were several problems with this technology...and expressed concern over...cost estimates.... [He] indicated that, if the federal emissions limit...were lowered to [what the *E.P.A.* proposed] he would make the business decision to exit the market. In his estimation, the development costs would be too high.” (For the complete report, see:

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/nonroad/proposal/r01049.pdf>)

## 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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“We had our third *no* vote,” recalls Priest. “The day of the hearing I accompanied Ray Huston, *M.M.A.* lobbyist, and Bobbi Hartman, *A.B.A.T.E.*

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lobbyist, to the hearing needing one more *no* vote to kill the bill.”

In the hallway before Ray got up to speak, new information surfaced from the Phoenix city attorney. Ray had asked him on the towing section if the owner of the vehicle could go down and retrieve the car. For instance, if a teenager gets arrested and his dad’s car is towed. Can the dad go get it? “The city attorney hemmed a bit and hawed some more,” said Priest. “Ray pressed the issue. The result was information that the arrestee would have to go to a hearing before the release of a vehicle. Whoa....the scenario got worse for the anti-cruising bill: Now dad could not get to work the next day because of the new language. We seemed to have stopped the bill’s momentum.”

Finally, reason and common sense prevailed and six senators voted *no*. The opinion from the Chair was that the bill was too “vague” and had too many “unintended possibilities” — the exact contentions made by the bikers. The final vote: No-6, Yes-0 and one went to the bathroom.

“We got a potentially dangerous bill to our motorcycling health — the so-called *Dangerous Driving Bill*— killed in Arizona,” says a happy Priest. “We’ve learned to check all bills for unintended language that could affect the way we ride. Rust never sleeps, and neither can we!”

**Rider Ed Funds Under Attack**

A few months ago, our Oregon *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) chief of staff Gunny warned in his *Gunny’s Sack* that due to budget deficits across the country, rider education program funding could be robbed unless motorcyclists made sure they were dedicated funds that are used specifically for motorcycle training and protected against being raided.

Since that time, the Utah motorcycle safety fund has come under attack, with their legislature attempting to divert rider ed funds to try to balance the state

budget.

Now comes word from Michigan that, in a similar fashion, Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm has eliminated funding for Michigan’s motorcycle rider education program in her proposed 2004 budget for the *Department of Education*.

“The *Motorcycle Safety Education Program* and the *Off-Road Vehicle Safety Education Program* have been eliminated as part of an effort to focus limited state staff resources on core missions. These two programs provide grants to instructional agencies to help subsidize safety-training courses for individuals interested in operating motorcycles and off-road vehicles, whereas the department’s core focus is providing educational services to children. The total reduction as a result of eliminating these programs is \$2.0 million. The fees that previously supported these programs will be eliminated and interested individuals can purchase safety training directly from private providers,” she explained.

Michigan’s motorcycle safety program is funded 100% by fees paid by licensed motorcyclists in that state. Michigan motorcyclists pay the costs that the *Department of Education* incurs to administer the program, so the move is not likely to save any money.

In fact, Michigan riders asked the state government in 1984 and again in 1996 to tax them to raise money to provide low cost rider education. All the state government does is collect and administer the funding, with bikers even paying for the costs of providing those services to them.

“The governor’s suggestion that training can be purchased from private providers is not a good one,” reasons Lindsey Higginbottom, a motorcycle safety instructor in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. “We trained 1,000 students last year in Ann Arbor alone. About 5,000 were trained throughout the state. Our local *Riders Edge* program couldn’t begin to handle that number of students. We

charge \$25 for a course fee. A privatized course would likely cost \$250 to \$300, as it does in any of the private programs in other states. Our local *R.E.* classes cost \$295. How many of our 5,000 students per year do you think would spend \$295 for training and how many do you think would just enroll in the less expensive school of hard knocks and just go riding without training?”

If you live in Michigan, please contact the governor, your state representative and your state senator and ask them to restore the motorcycle rider education funding for on and off road motorcycles in the Michigan *Department of Education’s* 2004 budget. If you live elsewhere, consider contacting the *Michigan Department of Tourism* and telling them that you will spend your motorcycle vacation dollars in a more motorcycle friendly Great Lakes state if Michigan eliminates rider ed funding. Be sure to send a copy of your letter to governor Granholm.

**Tennessee Helmet Bill Passes Committee, Reaches Impass**

Tennessee house bill 952 allowing freedom of choice for motorcyclists concerning helmets passed the house transportation committee meeting on Wednesday, April 4, with one amendment to require motorcyclists to have proof of health insurance. However, the bill now goes before the finance committee, chaired by state representative Tommy Head (D-Clarksville), whose personal opposition to this bill, coupled with his influence as chairman of finance, has insured that no helmet modification has ever made it to the full house for consideration.

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# Millenium Ride

## San Jose, Costa Rica

26 March 2003

Simon Milward updates sponsors from San Jose in Costa Rica and gives impressions of it and Nicaragua. Health ministries of both countries reveal needs for their extensive motorcycle fleets. Costa Rican motorcyclists want to work for their rights. There has been over \$700 in donations. He has been stuffing us face with mangoes and plans to head to the beach before riding further south to Panama.

Good morning to you all from the capitol of Costa Rica, a small country which straddles the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, south of Nicaragua and north of Panama. Far richer than the other Central American countries it was taken off the list of developing countries a while ago. Indeed it is a world of difference its northerly neighbours with a standard of living not quite up to U.S.A. standards but certainly on a par with many European areas. Accompanying the development come too many cars and the Pan American Highway is congested at rush hour for a good 15km out of the city.

Famous for eco-tourism (you know, the jungle, rafting and trekking thing) live volcanoes like Arenal which has the most impressive show of fireworks in the world (September is the most uncloudy time of year) and great beaches. The latter I hope to sample on my way south to Panama soon. 25% of the land is protected as parks they say, though the map suggests less.

I've been staying with Greg on the edge of the jungle near Alajuela and

many other people around here who have all been so kind. I'm hopefully going mango picking tomorrow and out on a boat Friday. I played as head chef at Greg's birthday party the other day. Life has, I must admit, been fairly relaxing.

It has not all been listening to waterfalls and other jungle noises. Channel 4 TV have been really good and the newspaper *Al Dia* made a nice story yesterday. A despatch rider stopped me in the road this morning to donate 2,000 Colonies (\$5).

The European School (<http://www.europeanschool.com>) nearby in Heredia had me give my presentation throughout one day last week and very kindly donated \$500. The Colegio Internacional S.O.S. in Santa Ana, for Latin America's best student orphans, saw the presentation on the day war broke out. They offered to try and get me a safe passage through Columbia via their contact with S.O.S. Villages-orphanages.

I have met and ridden with the main motorcycle clubs: *A.C.O.M.O.R.E.* (*Asociacion Costarricense de Motociclismo Recreativo* - <http://www.geocities.com/acomore>) became a corporate sponsor with \$200, offered to help the national health ministry train their 320 motorcycle riding health providers, and expressed strong interest in developing riders rights in the country. Similar interest in integrating into the global motorcycle right community was expressed by the Costa Rican Institute of Sports and Recreation.

Costa Rica has had no army since about 1948 and this is my Costa Rica dream, revealed as juice from my third



Simon Milward

mango ran through my bearded chin and onto my white t-shirt. Somehow make all the people everywhere take responsibility for their governments, so that we wouldn't have madmen nor dictators in charge. Then find a way to implement and secure a ban on the military everywhere. Then live happily ever after.

I was surprised to learn that even the Costa Rica health ministry has provided no training (safety nor maintenance) for its 320 motorcycle riders and managers responsible for delivering basic health services to rural areas. This afternoon I will meet the Vice Minister of Health to gauge interest in doing precisely that.

## Nicaragua

Riding south from Honduras, Nicaragua instantly felt like the poorest Latin American country I have visited. But I noted in my diary how friendly the people were. But the colonial city of Leon was majestic and less touristy than Antigua in Guatemala. Then I spent a few nights at the nearby Pacific beach, dislocated my shoulder in the surf and learnt about the Sandinista struggle against a dictator and U.S.A. funding of the contras.

I was riding around Managua the capitol looking for the centre. At least there is a normally a square of some

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sort. Managua's centre lies somewhere west of the bus station and south of the Jesus statue, which seems to be the highest structure in the central area. There are no other landmarks. The city was destroyed in an earthquake in the early seventies and because of the civil war there was no money for rebuilding. I've never come across a city like it.

I had to wait around for a day or two for an answer from the health ministry about their motorcycle fleet. In the end no-one knew how many bikes are used in the health sector but were estimated at 100. (If true, they need a lot more.) Needless to say there has been no training or maintenance at all, though the ministry wrote a letter welcoming interest and assistance in carrying this out (see my website for this.)

Further south I stopped in Rivas on the shore of Lake Nicaragua which is home to the world's only fresh water sharks and a couple of towering volcanoes rising out of the water.

All in all its been thoroughly enjoyable.

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What works for us may not work for others.

It is *not* our duty or destiny to force our way of life on the rest of the world. That would be totalitarianism. We must realize that social and political diversity is just important to our continued survival as ecological diversity. (Single crop, single species environments are fragile and face certain extinction, as seen by the Irish potato famine.)

Those who dissent are more patriotic than those who would silence their voices.

The cornerstone of our freedoms is our ability to freely exchange views on government's function in our lives. Those who only want one point of view presented to the public are dictators, political or economic. If we can respectfully disagree with each other publically, it is a sign that our form of government is still viable.

"... all enemies, foreign or domestic."

If leaders begin pursuing their own agendas instead of their duty to the interests of the people and their descendants, their acts are traitorous to the nation. They seek to enrich themselves by taking from other citizens. We must look beyond personal self-interest to all the generations who will follow us: our grandchildren's grandchildren.

We are fundamentally human despite artificial social distinctions.

There is a common thread of decency that runs through all people and joins us together. When that thread is broken by social classes, our humanity begins to unravel.

— r. o'toole

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

## A Tip Of The Helmet

c.o.e. -- 16

Yer crusty ol' editor extends a heartfelt "thank you" to all the chapter secretaries who submit their chapter's reports each month throughout the year so that members and readers know what is happening in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. You may not always remember how important your volunteer work is to the rest of us, so Rot Path would like to call attention to your efforts.

The chapter reports to the newsletter serve *at least* three purposes: they keep chapter members who haven't or don't attend meetings informed about what their chapters are doing; they encourage people from geographical areas to seek out local chapters in order to attend their meetings; and the reports act as historical documenta-tion of what we are doing and what our concerns are.

The first two items can increase individual chapter renewals and new memberships. Basically, the reports "sell" your chapter to people. People tend to migrate to where the fun is happening, especially in uncertain times or if they are feeling dissatisfied. If your reports are upbeat and readers

can almost hear laughter coming out of the page, they are going to want to be part of that activity and will seek you out.

When new faces appear, don't *act* glad to see new people at your meetings, *be* glad to see them there. That first impression is critical to how people feel about your chapter and whether they keep coming back. To that extent, every member of a chapter attending a meeting is like a mini-good will ambassador.

*Chapter secretaries: Rot Path's clothes . . . er, helmet is off to you this month.*

If you spot someone tentatively poking their nose into your meeting area, greet them, introduce yourselves to each other, and make them feel welcome. Answer their questions or direct them to someone who can. Engage people, make them feel good about being there. If people feel like they're part of something they enjoy, they'll gladly keep coming back.

If you ever come across older issues of our newsletter, thumb through them to see what the chapters were doing before you were a member. It's



by  
Rot Path  
(c.o.e.)

interesting to see how we came to be the way we are and we can best do that by studying our own records.

It's very important to make sure that information presented in reports is as accurate as you can possibly make it and that it's readable. Misinformation wastes more time and leads to more frustration than taking a little extra time to check facts. Obscure references and undefined acronyms confuse readers, causing them to read something easier. Reading well-edited material gives a person a feel of how to write. (We can learn grammar and all that other stuff that bounced off our young minds in public schools by reading books.)

Remember, we are not writing for the immediate moment, we are writing for new and future readers who may not be familiar with our events or organization.

Keep up your good work and thank you for all that you do.

( Note: Rot Path was *Salem Chapter's* secretary fer five years.)



*This is what happens when you let crusty ol' editors out of their cages to attend writer's conferences.*

( photo by Charollette of the *Sylvia Beach Hotel* )

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No matter how miserable you might be riding in the rain, the experience can only be enhanced by some impatient cage driver riding yer ass. -- R.P.

# 2003 RUN CALENDAR

( Boldface indicates state sanctioned A.B.A.T.E. events )

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
03 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	State Capitol Salem	(503)-351-8193
03 May	JJ's 12th Annual Benefit and Poker Run	Long Beach	(360)-665-6513
10 May	<i>R.C.M.C. Oregon 500</i>	Portland	(503)-641-4734
10-11 May	<i>The Many Faces of Motorcycling</i>	North Bend	(541)-759-2388
16 May	<b>Hub City Biker Night</b>	Albany	(541)-926-9363
17 May	<b>Washington County <i>Poker Run</i></b>	Beaverton	(503)-648-6047
17 May	<b>Willamette Valley <i>Rhody Fest Poker Run</i></b>	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
23-26 May	<b>ABATE of Oregon <i>FOSSIL</i> Campout</b>	<b>Fossil (Eastern Oregon)</b>	<b>(503)-285-4329</b>
31 May	Swap meet--Twin Rivers H.O.G.	Eugene	(541)-747-1033
06-08 June	ABATE of North Idaho Spring Opener	North Idaho	(208)-245-2322
07 June	<b>Hub City <i>Poker Run</i></b>	Albany	(541)-926-9363
07 June	<b>Washington County <i>Roll-N-Ride</i></b>	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
07-08 June	<i>R.C.M.C. Western States 1000</i>		(503)-641-4734
14 June (day)	<b>Southeast Portland <i>Poker Run</i></b>	Portland	(503)-760-9015
14 June (night)	Starlight Parade	Portland	(503)-786-2920
19-22 June	A.B.A.T.E. of Washington Spring Opener	Washington State	253-473-2276
28 June	BikePAC Annual Planning Session	>>> CANX <<<	(503)-351-8193
28 June	<i>Angie's Run</i> Columbia River	Portland area	(503)-282-4604
28 June	<b>Around Saddle Mountain <i>Poker Run</i></b>	Seaside	(503)-325-2823
12 July	Bittersweet Run		
13 July	Salem HOG <i>Poker Run</i>	Salem	(503)-390-1589
18-20 July	<i>Cow Chip Boogie</i>	Longview, Washington	1-(360)-577-7905
19-20 July	O.V.M.A. <i>P.O.W.*M.I.A. Memorial ride</i>		(503)-662-3811
25-27 July	<b>Run 21</b> Southeast Portland chapter	Birkenfeld	(503)-760-9015
01-03 August	<b>Coos River <i>Run</i></b>	Coos Bay	(541)-759-2388
08-10 August	<b>Beaver Creek</b> -Lincoln County	Newport	(541)-265-6850
15-17 August	Christian Motorcycle Association <i>Run</i>	Jefferson County	
15-17 August	<b>Summer <i>Run</i></b> -Portland chapters	Estacada	(503)-282-4604



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

# May 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <b>May Awareness Rally at capitol -- noon</b>
4 Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	5	6 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	7 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	8	9	10 <b>Many Faces of Motorcycling</b> <i>South Coast</i>  <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b> Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
11 <b>Many Faces of Motorcycling</b> <i>South Coast</i> Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	12	13 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	14	15	16 <b>Biker Night</b> <i>Hub City</i>	17 <b>WaCo Poker Run</b> ----- <b>Rhody Fest Poker Run</b> <i>Willamette Valley</i>
18 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- South Coast 1100 (11:00 am)	19	20 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	21 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	22 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	23 <b>FOSSIL !</b>	24 <b>FOSSIL !</b>  North Coast 1000 (10:00 am)
25 <b>FOSSIL !</b>	26 <b>FOSSIL !</b>	27 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	28	29	30	31

May is  
*MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH*

# BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

Invites you and your  
organization to ride to  
The OREGON STATE  
CAPITOL BUILDING  
FRONT STEPS, SALEM, OREGON



TO PARTICIPATE IN A RALLY DEDICATED TO LOWERING THE ACCIDENT/  
DEATH RATE OF MOTORCYCLISTS IN OREGON AND TO PROMOTE  
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS IN THE DRIVING PUBLIC.

## Saturday, May 3rd. 2003.

The event starts at NOON and will end at about 2:00PM.

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

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

For more information about this event—email with subject “rally” at [yeagermel@aol.com](mailto:yeagermel@aol.com)  
or call (541)-967-1286.

BikePAC of Oregon, PO Box 5612, Salem, Or. 97304



**ATTENTION  
ALL  
MOTORCYCLISTS**



**J.J.'S  
12TH ANNUAL " BENEFIT " POKER RUN  
&  
" PIGOUT "**

*SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003*

**COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON: INCLUDES:  
YEAR BAR & BAR-B-QUE  
(AFTER THE RUN)**

*EXTRA HANDS ARE AVAILABLE !!!*

*SIGN UP: THE TIDES:  
DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH: 9AM-10AM*

*TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & WORST HAND.*  
**THE RUN WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY 135 MILES OF  
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER.  
INCLUDING A GREAT CROSSING OF THE COLUMBIA BY  
" JERRY BOAT "**

**T-SHIRTS: WILL BE AVAILABLE:  
( FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS )**

*FOR INFORMATION CALL:*

**JAMYE @ (360) 665-6513  
OR  
LENNY @ (360) 484 7226**

THIS YEARS PROCEEDS BENEFIT "CAMP VICTORY"



**NOTE:  
DUE TO INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE  
A PRE-REGISTRATION CALL TO  
JAMYE OR LENNY WOULD  
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**



# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc South Coast Chapter

Reminds you that

## MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Please join us to see

### "The Many Faces of Motorcycling" May 10 & 11, 2003

All types of motorcycles will be on display:

- Off road
- All Terrain vehicles
- Dual Purpose
- Custom
- Antique
- Touring
- Sport



Special exhibits by local Motorcycle Dealerships



Dony Village Mall  
1611 Virginia Avenue  
North Bend, OR 97459



10:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturday  
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Sunday

Any questions? Please call  
**Charlie (541) 759-2388**

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[Http://www.southcoastabate.org](http://www.southcoastabate.org)



# Hub City Chapter

## ABATE of Oregon

Presents

# BIKER NIGHT

Friday May 16

Food at 7pm

Music at 9pm

**Eagles Club**  
127 North Broadalbin Street  
Albany, Oregon

Prime Rib or Salmon Available at 7pm

**Rock and Roll/Blues**  
Band to be Announced

**Beneficiary is "FISH"**  
A non-profit emergency help charity

**50/50 Drawing**

Two Can Food Donation Per Person  
**Alcohol Served by the Eagles Club**

Al Simms: (541) 926-2161

Shawn Harwood (541) 451-3940

**All Proceeds Go To Charity**

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**ABATE of Oregon, Inc.**

**WaCo Chapter  
POKER RUN  
May 17th, 2003**



**Destination Harley Davidson**  
10770 SW Cascade Blvd  
Tigard, OR



One Hand → \$10  
Two Hands → \$15

**Sign In:**  
10am

**Depart At:**  
11am

- **50/50 Drawing**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Refreshments**



**Need More Info?**  
Jim Henderson (503)-648-1877

**[www.WaCoABATE.com](http://www.WaCoABATE.com)**

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# RHODY POKER RUN SATURDAY MAY 17

JOIN US ON OUR ANNUAL RIDE TO THE  
**RHODDENDRON FESTIVAL**  
ALL BIKES & ALL RIDERS WELCOME

### Start At Any Point In The Ride



Greg Coen Motor Co.  
8:00 am to 10:00 am  
151 Main St., Springfield



Yukon Jacks  
9:00am to 11:00am  
4th & Broadway, Veneta



Noti Pub  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Hwy 126, Noti



Frank's Place  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
10788 Hwy 126, Mapleton

*For More Information Contact:*

*Ruth, 541-935-6261  
Hal, 541-688-4268  
Mike, 541-485-2352  
Rich, 541-746-7837*



**Last Stop  
Beachcomber,  
Florence  
12 Noon to 2 pm**

**Awards & Drawings  
2:30 pm**

NUMBER OF HANDS  
PLAYED ARE UNLIMITED  
\$5.00 FOR EACH HAND  
PAYING FOR HIGHEST AND  
LOWEST HANDS  
50/50 DRAWING - \$1.00 / TICKET

This Event Is Sanctioned By A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. Contributions or Gifts to ABATE of Oregon are Not Deductible as Charitable Contributions for Federal Income Tax Purposes.

Funds Raised Will Be Used To Support Our Activities Defending YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE FREE.

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Willamette Valley ABATE Web Site: <http://wvabateoforegon.tripod.com>

# MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

with A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon at the 26th Annual

# FOSSIL CAMPOUT 2003

**MAY 23, 24, 25 & 26**

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23

## The Best in Live Music

### Advance Tickets

Deadline is May 3, 2003

Money Orders Only

Advance Member - \$20.00

Advance Non-member - \$25.00

**A.B.A.T.E. OF Oregon, Inc.**

P.O. Box 4504

Portland, OR 97208

### At Gate

Members with MRO Card - \$25.00

All Others - \$30.00

Under 14 - Free

Non-members get \$5.00 discount toward A.B.A.T.E. membership

Camping included in Gate Fee

### For information call:

Roger (503) 285-4329

**Biker Rodeo & Bike Show at the Fossil Fair Grounds Saturday and Sunday**

Information available at the A.B.A.T.E. Info Booth

Mud Wrestling

Strongman Contest

Tattoo Contest

Adult Entertainment

Leather Accessories

Beer Belly Contest

Parts, T-Shirts

Bike Games

Food Concessions

Beverages will be sold by the Condon American Legion

Sign in at the information booth to win...

Door Prizes

Trophy for the largest group participating from an out-of-state MRO

Trophy for the largest participating A.B.A.T.E. Chapter and M/C Organization from Oregon

Trophy for M/C Rider riding the longest distance to the Fossil Campout

**MAP and PARK RULES ON REVERSE**

**SHUTTLE BUS TO FAIR GROUNDS Saturday and Sunday**  
Schedule to be announced

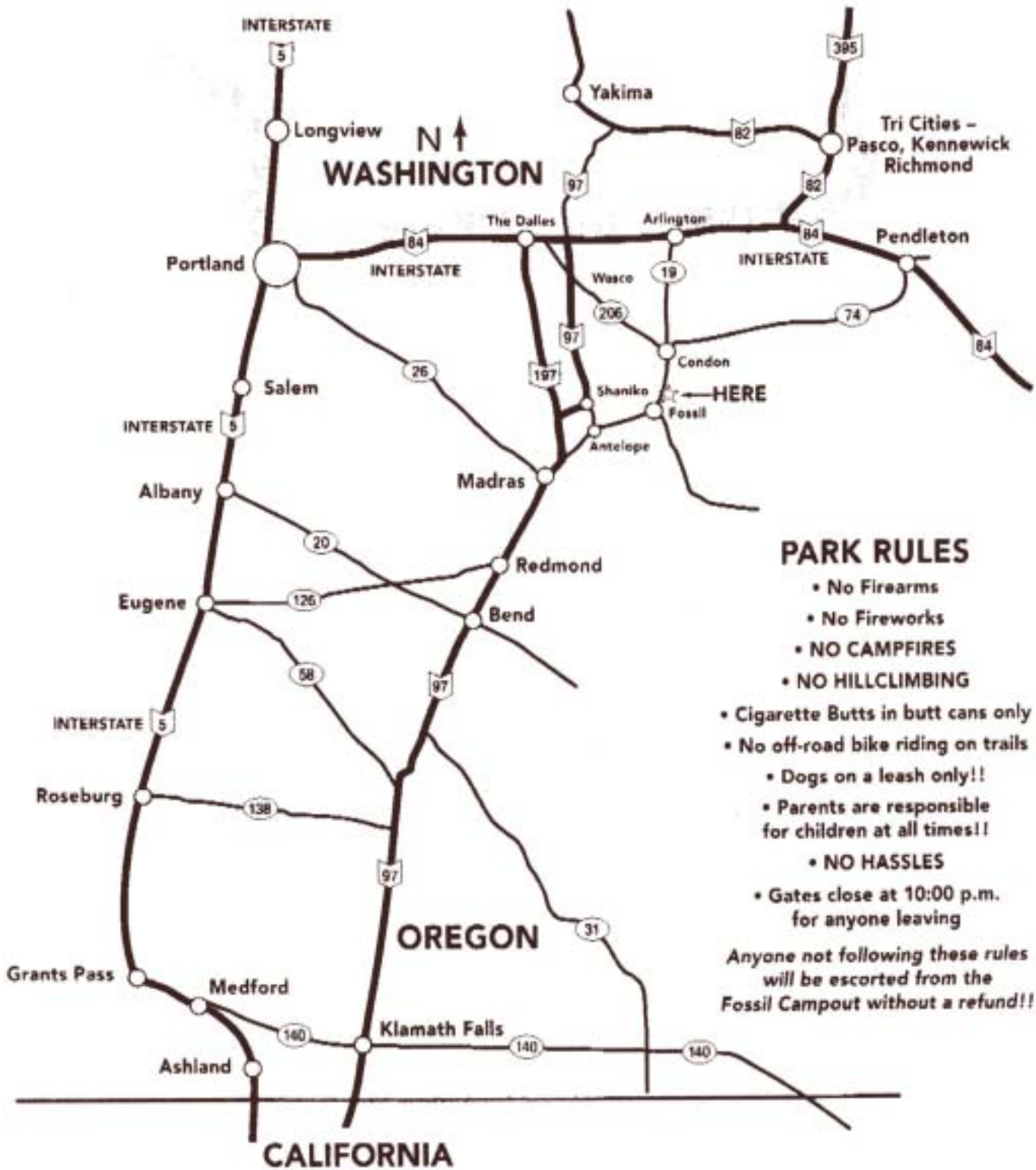
**Proceeds go to Motorcycle Rights and Education**

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Pilot Truck Stop in Biggs Junction would not let Rotten Roger post a Fossil/lier. >>> NOTICE <<<<

# HOW TO GET THERE



## PARK RULES

- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- NO CAMPFIRES
- NO HILLCLIMBING
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Dogs on a leash only!!
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES
- Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!



**Saturday, May 31 2003**



# **Motorcycle Swap Meet**

# **Vendors**

## **1st Annual Swap Meet**

**TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER H.O.G.  
EUGENE, OREGON**

**Gates open to the Public at 9am**

# **Admission \$2.00**

**An Outdoor Event, Everyone Welcome**

## **Door Prizes, 50/50 & Raffle all day**

**Swap Meet Vendor Information & Tables / Spaces**

**Call: Nancy Callery 541-726-1523**

**pylot101@aol.com Fax 541-747-9578**

**or Doyle's Harley-Davidson ( Mark )541-747-1033**

## **Next Door to Doyle's**

# **Harley - Davidson**

**86441 College View Rd. Eugene, Oregon**

American Bikers Aiming Towards Education  
A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho  
**14th Annual**



# SPRING OPENER

June 6-8, 2003

Rodeo 12 NOON SAT

RV Sites Electrical Hookup \$10

Putt Poop  
Bingo

Bike Show 10 AM SAT

Live Music

Camping



## All Motorcyclists Welcome!

Kahnderosa Campground  
Interstate 90 to Exit 40, Cataldo, Idaho

Live Music Friday & Saturday Nights:

### Food, Beverage, & Merchandise Vendors

(Call Ernie at 208/762-3943 for a Vendor Packet)

For more information, call  
Moose at 208/245-2320 or  
Rod at 208/777-1069



Sanctioned by ABATE of North Idaho

<b>TICKETS:</b>
<b>\$20 Members holding current MRO Card</b>
<b>Non-members \$25 Includes Run Pin</b>
<b>SATURDAY ONLY</b>
<b>Day Pass \$10</b>
<b>Expires at 8 PM</b>

No Animals or Attitudes!  
No one under 21  
No Firearms or Pyrotechnics!  
No Refunds!

# HUB CITY CHAPTER ABATE OF OREGON 2nd Annual Poker Run Saturday June 7

Meet at 10:00AM Depart at 11AM  
 Los Dos Amigos Restaurant  
 1402 Pacific Blvd. SE  
 ALBANY

ALL BIKES  
 WELCOME

DOOR PRIZES

ALL RIDERS  
 WELCOME



Cliff McCalley (541) 926-9363

Shawn Harwood (541) 451-3940

*\$100 prize for highest poker hand*

*\$50 prize for lowest poker hand*

Proceeds support Motorcycle Rights and Education.  
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**All Stops Are At Bars or Taverns**  
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# ROLL-N-RIDE

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

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Washington County Chapter  
\* JUNE 8TH, 2003 \*

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ One Hand: \$10 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Two Hands: \$15 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Sign In:**  
**10am**

**D & S Cycle**  
17050 SW Shaw St  
Aloha, OR

**Depart:**  
**11am**

Door Prizes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 50/50 Drawing ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Refreshments

**Family Picnic to Follow**  
**450 NW 231 Ave**  
**Hillsboro, OR**  
North of Wilfert Sheet Metal, look for ABATE sign

**Need More Info?**  
Jim Henderson (503)-648-1877

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**SE CHAPTER**

**POKER RUN**

**Of Oregon**

**JUNE 14 , 2003**

**RIDE BEGINS AT THE**

**STAGECOACH SALOON**

**20101 NE. SANDY**

**BLVD.**

**\$6.00 PER HAND OR 2 HANDS FOR \$10.00 (PER PERSON )**

**(\* INCLUDES ONE DRAWING TICKET FOR EACH HAND PURCHASED )**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**SANCTIONED BY ABATE OF OREGON SANCTIONING COMMITTEE**

**SIGN UP 10:00 AM LEAVING AT- 11:00 AM ROUTE MAPS DISTRIBUTED DAY OF  
EVENT. (RAIN ROUTE IF NECESSARY). FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
LEE AUSTIN 503-760-9015**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS  
OR GIFTS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE**

**NORTH COAST CHAPTER  
ABATE OF OREGON, INC.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**AROUND SADDLE MOUNTAIN  
POKER RUN**



**SATURDAY  
JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2003**

**RAIN OR SHINE  
LET'S RIDE!**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM ROB'S RESTAURANT, SEASIDE  
RUN DEPARTS AT 10 AM**

**ALL BIKES AND RIDERS WELCOME**

**START AT ANY POINT IN THE RUN**

**PRIZES – RAFFLE – 50/50**

**REGISTRATION - RUN START: ROB'S Restaurant 1815 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside**

First Card Draw .....	14 Miles .....	Eagles Lodge, 894 Commercial, Astoria
Second Card Draw .....	26 Miles .....	Colvin's Pub & Grill, 135 Nehalem, Clatskanie
Third Card Draw .....	28 Miles .....	Lion's Den, Bridge Street, Vernonia
Fourth Card Draw .....	30 Miles .....	Oney's Restaurant & Bar, Hwy 26, Elsie
Fifth Card Draw & Party Time .....	22 Miles .....	Relief Pitcher, Hwy 101, Seaside

**MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!**

**Rob's Restaurant, Eagles Lodge, Colvin's Pub & Grill,  
Lion's Den, Oney's Restaurant, Relief Pitcher**

**For More Information Contact: Al @ 503.325.2823 or Amelia @ 503.325.6686**

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# WILLAMETTE VALLEY A.B.A.T.E.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY SOCIAL

ZUMWALT PARK/VENETA-ON FERN RIDGE RESERVOIR

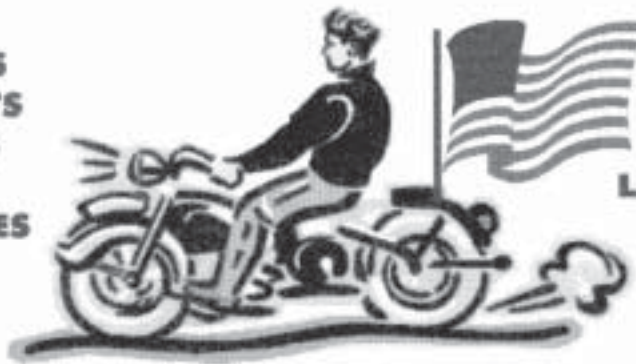
Take Highway 126 / West 11th out towards Veneta, Turn Right on Huston Rd. about mile then turn Right at Jean's Rd.....

Entrance to Zumwalt Park is on Right.

\$5 DONATION PER PERSON, CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

GATES OPEN AT NOON-CLOSE HOUR AFTER FIRE WORKS-NO CAMPING

**DOOR PRIZES  
50/50 TICKETS  
HORSESHOES  
VOLLEYBALL  
FAMILY GAMES**



**BURGERS/HOTDOGS  
BYOB  
PAVED PARKING  
LARGE GRASSY AREAS  
PICNIC TABLES  
WATER FRONT PARK**

## CELEBRATE AMERICA AND YOUR FREEDOM TO RIDE

**BRING YOUR BIKE  
BRING YOUR FLAG  
BRING YOUR FAMILY  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
BRING YOUR BEVERAGE  
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS  
BRING YOUR GOOD TIMES**



*For More Information Contact:*

*Ruth: 541-935-6261*

*Hal: 541-688-4268*

*Mike: 541-485-2352*

*Rick: 541-746-7837*

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Willamette Valley ABATE Web Site: <http://www.abateoforegon.tripod.com>

**250  
FREE  
RUN 21  
PINS!\***



**250  
FREE  
RUN 21  
PINS!\***

**Who: Hosted by ABATE SE Portland Chapter**

**When: July 25, 26 & 27**

**Where: Flying W Ranch, Birkenfeld, Oregon  
(See map on back of this flyer.)**

**How Much: \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the gate (per person)**

*(No refunds. Purchase online at: [www.run21.info](http://www.run21.info) or use the mail-in form on back of this flyer)*

**Music: Friday-TBA, Saturday-The Fryed Brothers opening up for...**

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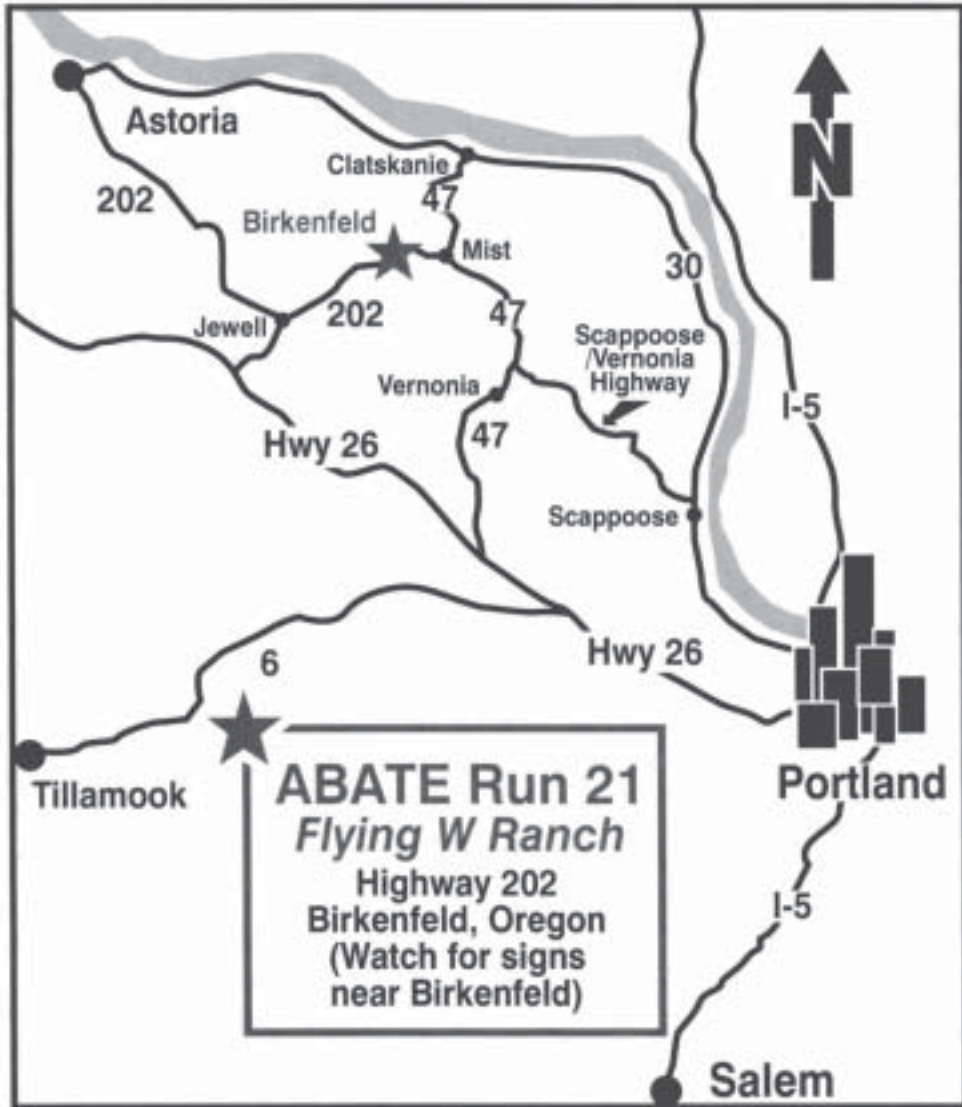
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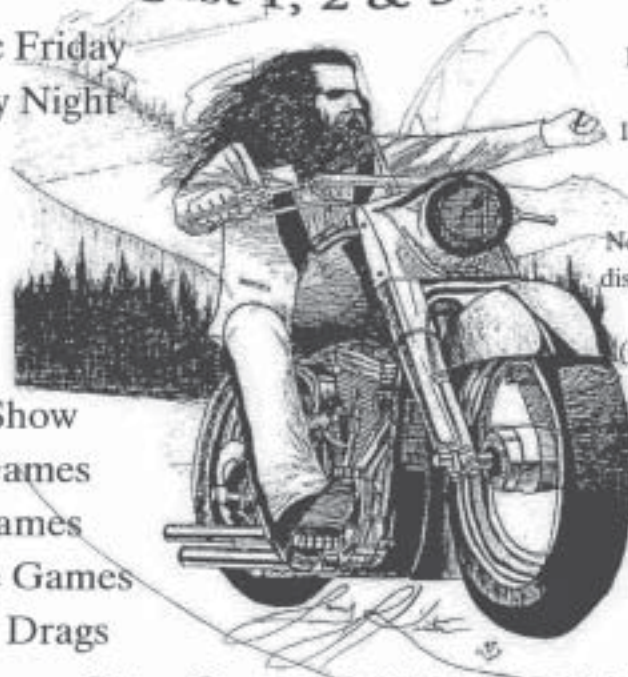
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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" 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 skulldruidery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

*The police force is watching the people  
 And the people just can't understand.  
 We don't know how to mind our own business,  
 'Cause the whole world's got to be just like us.  
 Now we are fighting a war over there.  
 No matter who's the winner,  
 We can't pay the cost.*

Are these words from citizens fearful of *Homeland Security* or anti-*Iraq War* protestors?  
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 -- April --

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( photo by EZ, Hub City )

## Hub City Chapter Activities



*The first day of the Hub City highway cleanup project. We've adopted a section of highway 34 and sweep it every three months for trash. ( photo by EZ, Hub City )*



*Cole, Kathy Gerke, EZ, Doug Stiles, and Shawn Harwood leaving the Greenberry Tavern on highway 99W.*

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( photo by Al and Mo, Hub City )



*Cole Hembre, Hub City's fearless leader outside the CrabTree Bar and Grill on one of our poker run test rides last year.*

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# Swap Meet photos

( by Mel Yeager, Hub City )



Door prizes at the *Roseburg Swap Meet*:  
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I look forward to seeing you this summer and travel safe.

Best regards,

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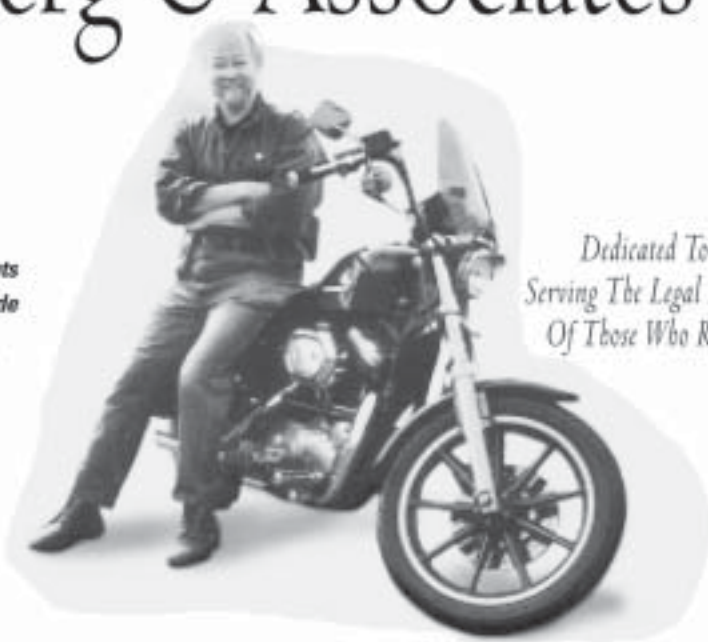
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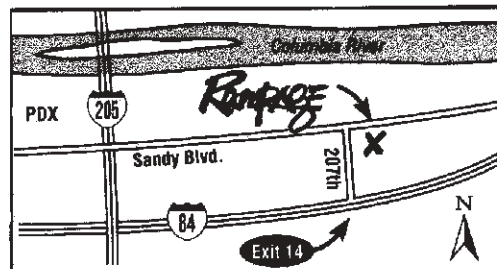
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Charlie Hill              (541)-759-2388      Lakeside                              X      X  
Bob Kuorna              (541)-759-4164      Lakeside                              X              X X  
Brian&Paula St. Louis      (541)-572-6108      Myrtle Point              X X X X X X  
Mike Richards              (541)-396-2609                                      X X X X X X

The way it works . . .

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

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

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

Revised: May 2002

**A.B.A.T.E. 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 ....	3.00	_____
_____	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 ....	4.00	_____
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin .....	5.00	_____
_____	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 .....	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color .....	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color .....	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin .....	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white .....	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold .....	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops) .....	6.00	_____
_____		Bandanas .....	6.00	_____



**YEAR PIN**



**New!**  
Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A. T.E. logo -- \$40



**ABATE PINS**



**MISCELLANEOUS**

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats .....		_____		
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin .....	3.00	_____		
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts .....	15.00	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____		
	_____	Lg	_____	X-Lg	_____	
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts .....	22.50	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____	Lg	_____
	_____	X-Lg	_____			_____




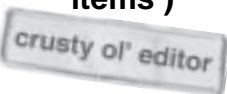
**ABATE T-SHIRTS**

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00 (One time charge)

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

**NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director before placing order.**

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side) .....	3.00	_____	 <b>STICKERS</b>
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side) .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color .....	5.00	_____	
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color .....	3.00	_____	
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small .....	1.00	_____	
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small .....	1.00	_____	
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, ..... Don't Mess With It"	2.50	_____	
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers .....	3.00	_____	
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers .....	3.00	_____	
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch .....	5.00	_____	
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available .....	1.25	_____	 <b>SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS</b>
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____) ....	5.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____	Courtesy Cards .....			_____	
_____	License Plate Frames — Cars with .....			7.00	
_____	"Let Those Who Ride Decide			_____	
_____	License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with .....			7.00	
_____	"Let Those Who Ride Decide"			_____	
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAP	Free America Patch .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAB	Free America Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	Chapter Coordinator .....			5.00	 <b>OFFICER ROCKERS ( special order items )</b> 
_____	Chapter Vice-Coordinator .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Secretary .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Membership Secretary .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Treasurer .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Historian .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Legislator .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Educational Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Ways & Means Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Public Relations Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter State Representative .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)			_____	

	<b>Sub Total</b>	_____
Shipping & Handling Charges .....		_____
	Under \$25.00 = <b>\$5.00</b>	
	\$25.01-\$100.00 = <b>\$7.00</b>	
T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping .....		<b>\$8.00</b>

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

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**att. Products Director** PHONE: (503)-666-8806  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon 97208** E-MAIL: mhobbs256@yahoo.com Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address (for UPS shipping) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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

Vance & Hines Exhaust Model V18461 for '95-'98 Honda Shadow 1100 ACE. Used, **\$100** "Lefty" in Eugene  
(541)-607-9425 (May 2003)

• 5x8x2 manufactured utility trailer **\$350**

Older 5th wheel hitch **\$50**

• 19' concession trailer, fully self-contained, 70 gal water, 5 sinks, 110v fridge, 110v chest freezer, 4200watt Sears generator. **\$1,500**

• 1978 GMC cube van camper, small block 400, rebuilt auto trans, carpeted, sink, propane burner, furnace and refrigerator. All work well. Foldup queen bed makes room for two bikes. **\$1,000**

• 1988 KAW Voyager 1200 custom trike, VW transaxle with reverse, three new tires. Ridable, needs TLC. **\$2,500**

Nina or Butch  
(503)-668-8348 (May 2003)

1980 XLH Sportster. Great shape, 500 miles on rebuilt top end, too many new things to list. Asking **\$4,600** If interested I can e-mail photos or call (503)-543-2821 You may also e-mail me at **Parley@centurytel.net** (May 2003)

Northeast chapter selling 15' concession trailer -- cheap. Leave message at  
(503)-285-4329 (May 2003)

For sale or best offer:  
Harley-Davidson trailer **\$750**  
Turbocharger **\$500**  
Sidehack **\$500**  
Hot tank **\$150**  
1969 VW bug **\$1,000**  
Hope chest, trunks, footlockers **\$75**  
Rick—Douglas County  
(541)-643-2042 (June 2003)

### For Sale

1951 Chevy 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade.

1965 Chev 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. **\$3,250.**

1992 Geo Storm in good condition. **\$1,650** or best offer.

Portable dishwasher **\$30.**

Phone (503)-285-4329

Rotten Roger

(Aug 2003)

1982 Commemorative H-D buyback edition. (Gold Eagle Medal on Front Fender) Mag wheels, disc brakes, new tires, chain, and battery. 3.5 gallon king tank, low sissy bar, sport windshield. Low miles, strong motor, runs great. Great first Harley or back-up ride. **\$3,250**, best offer, or possible trade for early-mid 1990's Ford Ranger pick-up with V6, automatic, two-wheel drive, and a long box.

Diesel Dave (503)-255-8552

daveganslein@hotmail.com

(June 2003)

1984 FX STC Softail EVO Recent top end, new tires, progressive suspension S&S carb, misc. spare parts and accessories. Have all paper work. Well maintained bike. **\$11,500** cash talks (541)-342-3303 Skidly

(July 2003)

2000 Harley-Davidson Electra-glide Standard. New tires, custom rear lights, quick release rack and sissy bar, custom wind deflector and mirrors, easy pull clutch, freeway pegs. Has had all scheduled maintenance and service. 14,265 miles, garaged, excellent

### For Sale

condition. Extended warranty thru October 2004, financing available. **\$14,000.** (541)-688-6731 or (541)-913-7868

(June 2003)

1985 Harley FL, custom tank.

**\$8,000** Barry or Running Dear (503)-829-6001 (July 2003)

1999 H-D Sportster, 883cc, 3,000 miles, black, H-D chrome, H-D pipes, professionally lowered (Progressive Suspension) and Corbin solo seat. The bike has been babied and is like new. A steal at **\$6,000!** Call Jason (503)-768-1460

(June 2003)

1982 Harley Sportster 95% stock and in good condition. Mag wheels, disc brakes, electric start, runs good, strong motor. 3.5 gallon tank. Low sissy bar, sport windshield. **\$3,250** or best offer.

1997 Honda CR 250R

Over \$3,000 in upgrades. Well-maintained and fast. Great condition. **\$2,500** or best offer. (503)-255-8552

Diesel Dave

(July 2003)

Yamaha Virago 1100. Asking **\$3,800.** Call Ken Johnson (503)-397-7959

(July 2003)

Panhead outside oiler heads. (Running on my bike now.) **\$500** Call Rex for details. (541)-849-3355

(July 2003)

### For Sale

#### WIN A BRAND NEW SPRINGER!!

For a measly **\$10** you can help the children of the Shriners Hospital and win a Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary *FLSTS/I Heritage Springer*.

Call: (503)-255-5415 Ask for Mike.

or e-mail:

**mailmikefriend@aol.com**

for tickets.

The drawing for the bike will be December 2003.

### Wanted

Looking for rear cyclinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake.

(503)-665-5063

or (503)-997-3558

Barry

Chev 235, 6-cylinder engine that runs good, 1955-1963

Phone Rotten Roger at

(503)-285-4329

(May 2003)

### Wanted

Your ad here.

Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.

( It's one of your perks as an A.B.A.T.E. member.)

#### Looking for the cryptogram?

We've received so many member classified ads that there wasn't room for cryptogram on this page.

But never fear, it's on page 56 of this issue.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.

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Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V/F) or

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## STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2003

<b>Position/Name:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>FAX #:</b>
COORDINATOR		1-(800)-779-3830	
Joe Laurance	(541) 679-3775	josephlaurance@aol.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Matt Hobbs	(503) 666-8806	mhobbs@acbc.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH	(541)-218-4228 (cell)		
Tim Rohde	(541) 479-4451(h)		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Bob Hadley	(541)-447-8650	easternorvc@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	tntfam@europa.com	(503)-615-0550
SECRETARY			
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
TREASURER			
Wendy Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	abatetreasurer@earthlink.net	(503)-469-0574
CHAPTER AUDITOR			
Nancy Curran	(541) 888-2572	ndcurran@earthlink.net	
NEWSLETTER EDITOR			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR			
Rick Maish	(541)-746-7837	lynandrick2msn.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH			
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	mhobbs257@earthlink.net	
SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Cole Hembree	(541)-791-1640	user9189@qwest.net	
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
Keith Odoms	(541)-385-6840	odoms@hwy97.net	
PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
Michelle Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	mhobbs@acbc.com	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2			
Nora Rohde	(541)-479-4451 (h)		
PUBLIC RELATIONS			
Melinda McCrossen	(503)-231-2701	melindam@ipns.com	
RUN COORDINATOR-1			
Roger Hendricks	(503)-285-4329		(503)-286-5830
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
Michelle Lipchitz	(503) 371-7550		
HISTORIAN			
Iris Yeager	(541)-967-1286	mrsyeag@AOL.com	
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QUARTERMASTER			
Stephan Baton	(503) 761-3362		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Brian Stovall	(541)-298-1317	ilmostro@gorge.net	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1			
Ed Vaughn	(503) 646-2060	vaughned@earthlink.net	
Confederation of Clubs Rep #2			
Bob Earl	(503) 283-1383	tazhd69@aol.com	(503)-283-1383

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

(Return address on reverse side)

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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**

**97208**

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4504  
Portland, ORegon 97208  
  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL**

[ ADDRESS LABEL HERE ]

“Link” was eating just any ol’ junk,  
Which might explain his increasing bulk,  
Then he saw his scoot cower,  
‘Cause cakes had too much power,  
He ate naturally and became a hunk.

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**NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:**

Saturday, 10 May 2003 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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1400 (2:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1230(12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>U&amp;I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1230 (12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 1000 (10 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Merts Campus</i> ; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> ; Portland
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles ( I-84 & US-197 )
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Pietro's Pizza</i> ;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1100 (11 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1100 (11 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Foxfire Restaurant</i> ; 4740 Main Street; Springfield