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

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-forprofit organization

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

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

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

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

So scan through our newsmagazine. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in *A.B.A.T.E.* And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path crusty ol' editor

MISSION STATEMENT

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. What We're About

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

by Bill Bish

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

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

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

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

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

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

Later that year, with California being sued by the *D.O.T.* because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet law mandate, Roloff helped convince California senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by president Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976. Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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State Coordinator's Comments

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by Matt Price state coordinator *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

"Unity , n., 3. a whole or totality as combining all its parts into one. 4. the state or fact of being united or combined into one, as of the parts of a whole." (*Webster*)

Save the drama for your mama. (street lingo)

Since December 8th, a lot has happened, a lot of questions have been asked, and perhaps the answers weren't always what we wanted to hear. The result has brought disharmony, frustration, and anger to members and chapters.

There is a specified grievance procedure included in the by-laws.

This starts with each person who feels grieved or even one who routinely questions the methods or purposes of another going to that person and asking "what, why and how?"

No one who belongs to

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon must ever feel that any chapter or state officer is beyond their reach.

It is a fact that America runs on coffee.

Sit down.

Order a cup.

Express yourself.

You don't need to be eloquent.

When Ricky was confused, he said "S'plain it at me, Lucy!" While he may have looked dazed and confused at the answer, he listened to it to the end. And, there are precious few ditzy red-heads around this organization. Thankfully!

With the clear understanding that we are the most diversely individual

persons who will ever gather anywhere at any time, let us never forget why we come together in the first place. The reasons are printed on the masthead, just one page back from here.

Don't surrender your liberty.

Work for awareness, education, and safety.

Be certain that the legislature knows that

only we who ride should decide!

See you down the road.

KSU Let's ride.



Contact Your Coordinator phone: (503)-463-4003

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Central Oregon



The weather is back to it old tricks – – warm then cold, rain then snow, and some days all four in the same day. That's what makes Central Oregon such a charming place to live this time of year.

By the time your are done reading this the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* will be done. Hope all who could make it had a good time. (What am I saying? It's always a good time and a great place to gather and make a statement.)

Depending on the newsmagazine publication date, our road side clean up will be done and you got to help. If not to pick up litter by the road, at least to eat some of the great food at the picnic.

Hey, if you're done reading this newsletter and the the 10th of May hasn't passed by, there is still time to help come out and help clean up. If not the three miles of road you can at least help out with eating the great food.

Depending on when you do get there, (considering the time of the newsmagazine of course) we will meet at the Cloverdale fire department around 9:30 a.m. Or for you who do the 24-hour time, that's 0900 on 10 May 2008. And the picnic to follow in Sisters at the park, of course.

Well enough on that. Now lets see what else we can talk about.

Oh yeah!

Don't forget to buy those *Fossil* tickets. As you may already know it is the 23-26 of May. (This year, of course.) For information call (503)-325-4376. (According to the 2008 run list.)

Hopefully we (*Central Oregon Chapter*) will be on that list for our annual *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run,* not to mention our famous *Teddy Bear Run.* I hope to have the forms in, since I had to buy a new computer to to get the *Adobe 8* program that my computer could not run.

So now that I have this new computer I will print off those forms that are on the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* web site and get them filled in and sent off.

Hey, that's a good idea. If you haven't checked out the web site , you should. (That is if you have a computer and an internet connection.) A lot of stuff to see there.

A special thanks to Matt Price. Oh come on! You know Matt. He is the one running the show for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. (If you don't know maybe you need to attend more meetings or read other sections of this newsmagazine.) Anyway, Matt has really been a big help on my transition into this coordinator position and helping me get the forms and stuff that I will need to make sure that our runs go off with out a hitch. (I hope.) So please be patient with me and help out any way you can. Positive feed back welcome; negative taken with a grain of salt.

I would like to thank John and his wife Jackie (hope I spelled it right) and Mike for the positive feed back on the last newsmagazine article. And no, Mike I will not let it get to my head.

On another note, Buzzard brought to my attention that when checking the air pressure in your tires (hopefully everyone is doing that) that you might want to consider using a couple different gages because some might be off a couple pounds. (Which he encountered.) Since then I have checked mine and not only were they low, I was low on tread. Thanks, Buzzard.

One other thing, there is going to be a new bar in Sisters Oregon and they are saying it's a biker-friendly place called *Scoots Bar and Grill*. For more information:

scoots@bendbroadband.com

Jay Bird coordinator *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

CENTRAL OREGON MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) *Black Horse Saloon* Bend, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports **Douglas County**



Greetings from *Douglas County*,

It truly is springtime in Oregon. If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes — it will get better or worse!

The old saying, "March rolls in like a lion, and out like a lamb" hasn't proven true this year. We've had some very, very cold temps down here for April, in what we would like to consider a little "banana belt." But alas, it's bound to get better.

Speaking of better weather, get ready for June 22nd. We are again hosting the *Thundering Water Poker Run* up the beautiful Umpqua River. Beautiful water falls, a wild and scenic stretch of river, and a hot dog and chili feed at the end. If you haven't done this run, don't miss it!

Our first *Bike Nite* of the season was April 18th. We will be doing one the third Friday of each month at varying locations. A little ride, a little good food and a very, very good time. What better way to spend a Friday evening? May 15th will be at the *Winchester Deli*, by the newly opened Winchester bridge. See you there!

Discussions are continuing regarding the *S.O.S. Run*. There is a lot of interest in getting this going again. If you are interested, contact Jim Waggoner, coordinator. We need all the help we can get. Also,

resources: possible vendors, resources for porta-potties, etc. And lots, and lotsof help!

One more reminder: Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at *Willie D's* on Jackson street in the Roseburg town center. Come early if you need dinner. It's great.

Ride safe, and have a wonderful spring,

Becky Garino secretary



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thurday at 1900 (7 pm) *Willie D's* 443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg (541)-672-5966

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Hub City



hare the Road

May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month!

Riding in the valley is in full swing by now. Most bikes have had the winter dust or winter road grime scrubbed off of them. We are all getting comfortable now in the new season. Comfort is good, but let's not get complacent. There is still some loose sand and gravel from the winter in the middle of most rural intersections.

This summer we are seeing more motorcycles than ever on our nation's roads and highways. The ever increasing price of gas, I am sure, has something to do with it, not to mention the fun, freedom, and the sheer joy of riding.

Many new riders are on two wheels. We look a little funny at them and shake our heads, maybe even laugh a little. We have all been a new rider.

Yes, even the biggest, hairiest, leather clad, tattooed biker, had to start somewhere.

Let's never forget what it took for all of us to learn to ride.

No matter how much experience we have, we should all keep an open mind and keep learning new skills, while honing the old skills.

Let's keep an eye on those new riders. Maybe a word of encouragement or a little old school advice might help a new rider stay alive out there.

Motorcycle sales have been increasing annually for quite some time now, but so has the fatality rate. You can make a difference.

This month, there are many scheduled events to attend and ride in. We are having our annual *Hub City Poker Run* on 31 May 2008. It starts at *Humpty's Dump* in Albany.

Remember, we usually ride in formation during these runs and it is important to know the rules for riding in formation.

While riding in a formation you should know the formation signals and keep at least a two-second following distance behind the bike directly in front of you. Keep at least one-second behind the bike staggered in front of you.

As traffic and road conditions change, you might want to increase your following distance or merge into single file as the corners get tighter.

New riders should get in formation near the front and the folks that love to go fast should stay near the back of the group.

Slowing down and speeding up (rubber banding) should be avoided. You should try to keep a fairly consistent following distance during the group ride.

If you insist on riding on the centerline only, maybe you should stay in the back of the group.

Proper group riding increases the safety and the enjoyment of the event

for all riders and limits the number of times that four-wheeled vehicles will interrupt our formations.

A good source of information for riding in formation can be found at:

http://njmc.org/etiquette/

Know your limits and ride within them,

the James Gang

<u>HUB CITY MEETING TIME</u> <u>and PLACE</u>

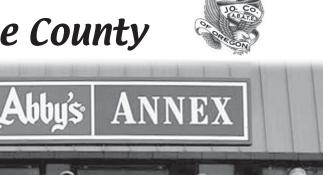
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) *Ciddici's Pizza* 133 Fifth Street Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Josephine County





Well, where do I start?

The board is very busy planning rides for this summer. We havewoken up after a long winter andev erything has hit at once.

The May 21stmeeting will be spring potluck. We will be taking a new chapter picture. So, everyone spit-shine your hair, put in your teeth, dust off y our bike, come to the meeting. We are taking pictures!

May 4th will be our first chapter ride of the year. A quick little poker run from *Full Throttle*on R ogue River highway, ending up in Murphyat the ne w *Knaughty Pine Restaurant*. Sign in starts at 9:30 a.m., last bike out at 11 a.m. \$10 entry fee.

Knaughty Pine has donated the best poker handpriz e of \$100. We are getting donations for second best hand of \$50 and worst hand is dinner for two. As always, this will be a nice easy ride with five stops and lots of fun at the end. (See flyer in the newsmagazine.)

May 10th and 11th will be the 9th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet and Expoat Touvelle Lounge.G ates open at 9 a.m. both days. \$4 entry fee, kids under 12 free. Food, vendors (new and used parts and accessories), live music, door prizes, raffles.

Information: Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* has set aside time to hear ideas from the public on Oregon's rising motorcycle crash rate, mandatory training, and consequences for riding unendorsed.

The local meeting will be onF riday, May 16, 2008 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at-Santo Community Center, 701 N. Columbus -- Medford, Oregon.

The committee's focus will be on rider education, drinking and riding, road hazards unique to motorcyclists, motorist awareness of motorcycles, sharing the road, and other safety issues. The committee advises the governor and the governor's highway safety representative on safety for motorcyclists in Oregon. The committee works closely with the Oregon Department of Transportation to find solutions to engineering related safety issues that affect motorcyclists.

There are meetings scheduled throughout the state throughout the year. Check out

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/ gac.shtml#GAC_on_Motorcycle_Safety for more information.

Run to the Coast will be August 2nd. It's a poker run from Grants Pass to Crescent City with \$300, \$150, and \$50 prizes.Raffles and 50/50. A t the end of the run, we support the Sons of God.

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE 3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm) *Fruitdale Grange* 1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass **POINT of CONTACT** Spanky (541)-471-6049

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Lincoln County



Lincoln County Chapter is out and about.

There is one stretch in northern Newport that is much cleaner due to our participation in cleaning our roadsides.

So little to ask of people -- clean up your mess.

If you don't, we will.

We had a wonderful time during our 26th Anniversary Party. The Long John Poker Run was a success and all were sent off with a wonderful breakfast and had an enjoyable ride.

High and low hands were shared by Dan and Andrew. (Ask Andrew about it.)

We had a wonderful dinner and fantastic treats to follow. We enjoyed getting to know new and old members alike.

There was also sadness during this time. Dick, one of our members, lost his wife and they held a memorial service for her. I wish there was more we could say or do at a time when a loss occurs.

It sure looks like we will be well represented at *Fossil*. We have a truck also going to carry some items. If a bike breaks or goes down there will be a lot of rearranging and carrying your own items home. We shall see.

Beaver Creek is also creeping up on us. Paper work, flyers and other items are already in the process. Seems like if the mind wraps around the ideas of what is to happen, it will start happening. There are so many things that need to be looked at, so I guess I'll do the worrying.

We are finally getting a break here in the weather. The ride to the April state board meeting should be warm. Bob is looking forward to the ride.

Not much else is going on in *Lincoln County*. Our chapter is gaining a few members at a time and trying to find out why members have let their membership expire. It does surprise a few that they have expired,

so contacting can bring them back.

Activation is what we need to learn.

There are projects that could use some new ideas and letting them shadow the chairman a year seems to be a thought. More on this later.

Time's running short, so later. Hope to see you on the road.

Keep the rubber side down and the wind at your back,

Millie

treasurer Lincoln County Chapter

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

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

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North Coast



Well, riding season is here and I just got my bike out of spring tune up. \$1,200 later, but was worth every dime. Work is slow so I put on 175 miles the first 70 degree day. Boy, what an attitude adjustment. Needed that.

North Coast is moving along and had another productive chapter meeting this month. Al (education) Jaques has been working hard in different areas.

First, with the old geezers (*A*.*A*.*R*.*P*.) to get us into their drivingclass about motorcycle awareness.

Second, we got a positive response from *Astoria High School* on doing motorcycle awareness classes with the adolescent bikers of the future.

After thathe gav e the whole chapter mini-training for *M.A.P.* certification.

Al also let us know to watch for the May motorcycle awareness ad being placed in our local paper, *The Daily Astorian*.

Good Don, our run coordinator, went in for medical tests. He was a bit worried, but everything turned out just fine. He's excited to get the *Around Saddle Mountain Run* moving along.

Our first Sunday run was a bit damp, but we still had a great ride to

the Tillamook air museum and back. Dom promises this month's ride to be just as good. Also sounds like we'll have a good group headed to the capital for the *May Awareness Rally*.

Another project I'm really excited to be a part of is our *Down Rider Fund.* Due to legal issues keeping *A.B.A.T.E.* operating funds from helping, I think this is a great alternative for helping our brothers and sisters in need.

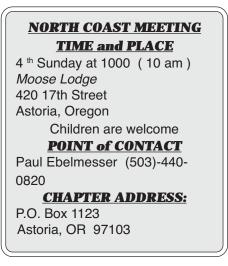
On a sad note, I wish to inform everyone that the long used coffee trailer has died.

Pacific County of Washington A.B.A.T.E. and North Coast shared this fine piece of equipment for years. You old timers might remember seeing her at End Of Summer Run. But not all is lost. She may return helping lost and broken bikes to find their way home.

Share the road,

Howie





River City



March 18, 2008

We heard a presentation for a fundraiser of fireworks sales which was too big for us to take on.

Two members renewed: Tim and Johnna.

We had a state board of directors report and passed two motions: We approved payment of the bill for the banners and ordered more banners.

Teresa won the chapter membership drawing at \$40 and bought everyone a ticket for the 50/50, which she promptly won as well. She donated her \$13 back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

Remember: Our next meeting is a photo session before the meeting as well as a run meeting at 6 p.m.

Also, you can get one of the new chapter banners for \$20 from Rod Runyon. (Insurance office next to the liquor store.)

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7 p.m. Twelve people present.

Guests and new members: Bob Brown, Andrew Chaddic.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Matt because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: *M.R.F. Reports*, flyer, chamber newsletter.

Treasury report: \$365.07 in checking and \$1036.16 savings.

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 80 fine folks. Board report: Brian reported on reports, discussions, and motions.

Legislative report: Brian talked about the Mary Peters letter.

Ways and means report: Fireworks presentation. We declined. Run meeting at 6 p.m. on 01 April.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Ride to Lexie's at the lake; ride to Longview; Hepner.

Banner project: In production \$15. Motion by Teresa to pay for first order; passed. Brian moved to order ten banners with no chapter listed on them; passed.

Highway cleanup Sunday, April 6, 9 a.m. from the *Roadstop*.

New Business

Chapter membership drawing for \$40 was won by Teresa who immediately bought a 50/50 ticket for everybody.

50/50 was won by Teresa at \$13/\$13, which she donated back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 19

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

April 1, 2008

Wow! We had a huge meeting thanks

to Rod and Steve who phoned everyone and Deb who sent out notices. Thirty people. That's 37% of our chapter! We met new folks and took a new chapter picture. Lots of pictures. We filled the room and had quite a good meeting.

We have a highway cleanup this weekend, which will be history when this gets into the newsmagazine, but our two miles of highway 30 will be neat and clean.

We had a new member tonight: Glenn Boisvert. Welcome.

Sandy won the membership drawing for \$5 and donated it back to the chapter. Thanks, Sandy.

Teresa won the 50/50, again for \$20/ \$20 and donated back \$15. Thanks, Teresa.

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<u>RIVER CITY MEETING</u> <u>TIMES and PLACE</u>

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

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Salem



Patricia Carner and Howie Long paid the *Salem Chapter* a visit to our meeting. Patricia brought us up to speed on the status of *Team Oregon* motorcycle training program. Howie updated the plans for *Fossil* and encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket whether attending or not as a show of support for the state. Thanks to both of them for taking the time to visit with us.

May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month* and it all begins at the capitol in Salem on saturday May 3 2008 at 10 a.m. with the bike show followed by speakers at noon.

We need a larger group of motorcycles if we want to be taken seriously by the folks in the legislature.

In states that have less totalitarian enactments against motorcyclists, up to 500 people show up on lobby days, let alone on motorcycle awareness day.

The motorcycle community is currently in the crosshairs of the various transportation departments on state and federal levels. We as riders are under attack because of the rise in fatalities. People who have never ridden a motorcycle are making decisions that affect your way of life.

Time to go on the offensive!

Where are the next generation of freedom fighters coming from?

Venture to say from the Iraq veterans?

A person who has fought for freedom has a personal stake in maintaining that same freedom.

So reach out to the veterans who you may encounter along the path of life.

With respect,

Quiet *G.J.M.C.*



SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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



Thank you to all who attended the food donation drop off to the *Harbor Light Foundation* and everyone who attended the anniversary party afterwards.

Lee Austin was awarded the first ever *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the *Southeast Portland Chapter*. Congratulations Lee and *thank you* for all of your love, commitment, and hard work that you have given to this organization.

Don't forget the swap meet April 27, 2008 at the National Guard Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. Portland, Oregon. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry fees are \$5 for *Oregon A..B.A. T.E.* members and \$8 for nonmembers.

May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month* and we would like to see a show of support for our annual *May Awareness Rally* on May 3rd, 2008 from noon to 2 p.m. There is no charge for this event and several guests have been invited to speak on the matter of motorcycle safetyrelated and legislative issues.

Fossil Campout at Bear Hollow is May 23 – 26, 2008. Tons of activities have been planned along with a tattoo contest and a 100% payout poker run. Advance tickets are \$25 for *Oregon A..B.A. T.E.* members and \$30 for non-members. At gate prices are \$30 for *Oregon A..B.A.T.E.* members and \$35 for non-members.

Contact Howie Long for further information.

Run 21 is coming up quickly so please don't forget to get your advance tickets early! Tickets are now available, so contact Richard C. (503)-519-0727 or Matt Hobbs (503)-928-1486 for further information. This year you will also be able to purchase tickets on-line.

Ticket prices are as follows \$40 before July 10, 2008 and \$50 after July 10, 2008. There will also be a \$25 surcharge for 20-foot or longer trailers and motor homes. First 350 people through the gate get a free run pin!

If you have not been to a chapter

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meeting lately, they are the first and third Sunday of every month at the *M&M Restaurant and Lounge*, 137 N. Main Street – Gresham, Oregon 97030.

Now is the time to get involved and have your voice heard.

Don't forget to check our chapter web site for upcoming events!

Jennifer Cox membership secretary Southeast Portland Chapter



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Twin Rivers



Enough already!

We all know that we, as an organization, are supposed to do our best to attract new members, not drive them away!

I, as a member in good standing am really starting to get really pissed because I did not join *A.B.A.T.E.* to fail. I, like so many others (or so I thought) joined because we, as a whole and individuals, believe in a good cause.

Well, it has come to my attention, recently after conversations with a few of our brothers and sisters (no, I will not divulge those people 's names, they know who they are) that things are really getting bad.

Unfortunately, because of those conversations as well as a few additional reasons of my own, I am getting to the point of wanting tosubmit my r esignation, at least as a chapter officer.

Before you ask, the answer is no, I really do not want to do that, especially to my chapter. A lot of my chapter members happen to like what I do for them, even if I do have my own faults. (No, I am not perfect, contrary to common belief.)

My point?

Well, instead of tearing each other including the organization itself apart, if we are going to be any good andtr y and fight for ourrights, organizationally, individually, and publicly, we really must agree on some things at least.

Let's get it together people!

In addition, by the time this goes to print, we will have attended the sentencing hearing for the killer of Robert "Robby" C. Pfeifer . Did you show your support by attending? I hope so. Please, do not tell me that you hadabsolutely no idea that it was going to happen. It was in the April issue of the *A.B.A.T.E.* state newsmagazine as well as the home page of the *A.B.A.T.E.* state web site at the bottom of the page. (Thanks to Trace for his willingness to make sure that it was posted.)

Tothose of y ou who havechosen towalk away fr om *A.B.A.T.E.* for whatever reason, please come back. We need your help.

Wheels recording secretary *Twin Rivers Chapter* jmbetts@hotmail.com (971)-285-6523 (mobile) FOSSIL.. Do you KNOW THE WAY ?

TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm) *The Spare Room* 4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland (503)-287-5800

POINT of CONTACT

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CHAPTER ADDRESS:

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



Hello fellow riders!

Enough of this rain.

On to sunshine, I say!

And I hear it's going to be a wonderful sunny weekend, so get ready, get set, and go, go, go ride in the wind and get some of that vitamin D!

We just had our big birthday party, which was a hit! You all missed a great time if you didn't get to come. The auction basket party prior to the birthday party was a production line filling baskets (thirty-plus) of them with items donated by wonderful people. (And you know who you are. Pat yourselves on the back because we really appreciate all of your support!) And Indian tacos were provided by Tina Stocker, which were the best! Thank you Tina!

There was a pretty good turn out at the birthday party for a spaghetti feed, good friends, great music, dancing, and balloon popping, and loosening up those checkbooks for the auction bidding! We had a great variety of baskets from magic fire, gardening, adult themed toys, *Harley-Davidson* dog toys, lotions and potions, dance lesson, oil changes, house cleaning, gift certificates to fine eateries, and even homemade deserts delivered once a month for a year, as well as framed pictures and Luke Stocker's outrageous fine welding of motorcycle yard art!

The silent auction was a hit as well. And speaking of the auctions, our two lady auctioneers were the best as well as very entertaining! The band, *Marquee*, was awesome, playing some of our old time favorites. There were many dancers in their bling-bling all dressed up (ladies in their elegant black attire and you men clean up real nice too) with smiles galore! There's got to be some good pictures out there somewhere!

I personally didn't see Rick Stocker, but we would also like to thank him for volunteering to do the shuttle to help everyone get home safe!

We just have so many people to

thank for all of their hard work and dedication I think I would run out of space. But their efforts are very much appreciated!!!

Speaking of appreciation, the *Hillsboro Elks Lodge* presented *Washington County A.B.A.T.E.* with a plaque in appreciation for all of our years of community service for putting on our annual toy run.

We also had our run committee meeting this week to review our birthday party and see if there were things we could do to make it even

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm) Prime Time Restaurant 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove POINT of CONTACT (503)-357-3040 CHAPTER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113

Well here we are, heading deep into spring and summer is just around the corner.

Do you have your ride ready? Are you ready?

To truly be ready for the road, you not only need to make your bike dependable, you need to make sure you're ready. When's the last time you took a *Team Oregon* riders class and freshened your road smarts?

We just had two new riders sign up to join *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* They are both taking the *Team Oregon* basic riders training (B.R.T.) classes and as *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.*, we are finally stepping forward to take up the other half of the riders training class expenses that the state doesn't cover. That means if they pass the class they will get all of their training class funds back.

We set some basic guidelines:

1. Must be a *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* member.

2. Must pass the class and submit verification that they passed the class and paid for it.

3. Must be one of the first five (5) members to apply for it per year. *Willamette Valley* doesn't have an endless amount of money, so for the start we decided we had to limit the numbers, at least till we get a good feel for it.

But wait a minute, that's not what we really want them to get out of the class. (Their money back.) We want them to be able to ride defensively and safely on the road and stay alive.

Get your new riders into a *Team Oregon* B.R.T. class.

Now, a little about the last *Willamette Valley Chapter* meeting.

Hal took on the lead of our March meeting. (Jeff was meeting with the *Douglas County Chapter*.

We had our *Spring Casino Night and Auction* and it was great. Wendy, with help from others, again pulled together another great event. If you're not having casino nights in your area, you're missing out on a great fund raiser and a great time for just a little effort.

Hal talked about having bike troubles after leaving *Casino Night*. A fellow biker in a truck saw Hal pushing his bike when it quit on him. He jump started Hal's bike and then followed him back to *Spirits*.

That's what it's all about, helping one another as bikers. (Or how about just because it's a fellow person in need of help?)

Everything is ready for our annual trek to Florence, Oregon for our *Rhody Run*. This year we are starting in Springfield from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at *Greg Coen's Motor Company* (151 Main street – Springfield) and end up from noon to 2 p.m. at *The Beachcomber*. (1355 Bay street – Florence)

Awards and drawings at 3:30 p.m. New Business

Next key item W*illamette Valley* talked about was what we as a chapter think *A.B.A. T.E.* and *BikePAC* should push as far as legislative agenda items. (The important few.) After all, they have asked for input, right?

I think back to the 2004 legislative summit meeting I was involved in with about 20 others down in The Dalles at Brian and Teresa's place. That's where we discussed legislative issues. We came up with ten, then cut it down to the important three. (Helmet reform, *H.I.P.P.A.* health insurance protection, and vehicular assault/right-of-way violations.)

That's also when we discussed hiring a full time legislative lobbyist. We brought it back to *A.B.A.T.E.*, and it was okayed for both support and financing.

Motorcycle Awareness, Education, Safety, and Liberty

As our chapter discussed all of the different issues, we saw that even though we now have a lobbyist, we haven't gone anywhere with helmet reform for a number of years. So we as *Willamette Valley Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* saw a need for a change in direction.

Not that the helmet issue isn't important, we just believe education, awareness, and safety should be at the top of our list instead.

We believe it's time for a change.

We need to focus on something we can accomplish.

A renewed focus on issues like vehicular assault, health insurance discrimination, and stop light/left turn signal activation.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY **MEETING TIME and PLACE** 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Roaring Rapids Pizza 4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene **POINTS of CONTACT** Jeff Schauer (541)-935-4632 jschauers@hotmail.com **CHAPTER ADDRESS:** Wilamette Valley Chapter ABATE c/o 976 Blackfoot Ave. Eugene, OR 97404 WEB SITE: http://www.wvabateoforegon.com **CHAPTERWEB EDITOR** Rod Hatter (541)-744-2494



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

12 April 2008 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, coordinator, at 12:19 p.m. with 12 of 12 chapters represented. All chapters were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Will Foster (the son of our sergeant at arms–south, Bill Foster), Laura Schwartz, Mike Gill, Joe Maffei, Jennifer Cox. Welcome to all of you.

Motion made by Randy Phipps to accept minutes from March 8th state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine. James seconded. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: (Matt Price) It is time to get ready for the riding season.

Matt reminded everyone of the May 3rd bike rally in Salem for launching *Motorcycle Awareness Month*. There are guaranteed to be surprises in the bike show that starts at 10 a.m. and ends about noon. Mel Yeager is again in charge of the show and has some interesting categories and prizes. Always a very interesting and fun bike show.

It is time for us to work harder to stand together and be strong to ensure that our voice is heard and our safety ensured. We have to be ready to challenge anything that endangers our rights in making our own choices as responsible adults.

Correspondence: Report given from *Team Oregon* that they wanted to convey to us their appreciation for

our support.

Vice coordinator–north: (Heidi Disrude) Reported that she had made it out to *Twin Rivers Chapter* meeting and will be coming out to other meetings in the near future.

She also spoke on the importance of our prioritizing. Stated that *A.B.A.T.E.* needs to keep freedom of choice our number one issue. That should be our focus together.

Vice coordinator-south: (Annette Murray) Reported on attending *Josephine County Chapter*'s meeting. Reported on their upcoming swap meet. Will be visiting the other chapters in her area very soon.

Vice coordinator–east: (Gene Mortimore) Excused. Nic read report from Gene.

The Fossil promotion that I have been working on is final and in the hands of Rot Path and Dave Meeker. I would like to make a special thanks to the people who helped me make this possible: John and Midge Geer, Jon and Judy Fessler, Althea Stockton, and Terry Ignowsky.

I met with the fair board last week. Made the deal for the rodeo arena and public address system. The fair board is requesting proof of insurance. The fair board also stated that the showers have deteriorated beyond repair and are no longer in use. However, there is a shower at the R.V. park. They will get a contract for us soon.

Talked to Howie on Wednesday the 9th, he said he will probably be in Fossil Tuesday of next week (that would be April 15th) to start the clean up at Bear Hollow.



Nic Oliver state recording secretary

River City pledged \$100 and put out a "match it or beat it" challenge to all chapters at the last state board of directors meeting.

Hub City has answered with their own \$100 pledge.

Treasurer: (Joye "Grace" Howell) Report handed in. From the report, checking balance \$1,894.84 and savings \$30,199.17 for a total of \$32,094.01.

Membership secretary: (Linda Henderson) We currently have 1,903 members.

Sanctioning officer: (Matt Price and committee) Matt reported that everything through the *Awareness Rally* has been certified.

We have a full policy now of \$2 million. The new expiration date will be 31 December, which will help us not panic just before *Fossil* like we are used to doing. The cost doubled from last year due to inadequate coverage on the last policy for a total cost of \$2,742.89 as of March 28th, 2008.

If there are things that need to happen quickly, forms and other information can be downloaded from our web site. The people who need the proof of our insurance need to provide an e-mail address or a fax number so that they can get their needed copy within 24 hours of sanctioning so that the insurance is not an issue. All sanctioning requests/ forms need to have contact information from the Chapter, such as the run coordinator's address, etc.

State auditor: (VACANT)

Newsmagazine editor: (Rot Path) Excused. Nic read e-mail report from Rot Path. There are three of these emails.

1. 10 April 2008 ---

It turns out yer crusty ol' editor has a prior commitment this Saturday and will be unable to attend the state board meeting. Something to do with time, space, quantum physics, and not being able to be in two places at once. Einstein may be involved.

Chapter reports are due today. As of yet, no reports have bee received from: Josephine County, Lincoln County, North Coast, Southeast Portland, and Washington County.

Any officer reports and the board minutes need to be sent as early next week as possible because most of the editing will be done on Thursday and Friday of next week.

What has happened to the idea of changing our monthly state publication from a newsmagazine format to a newspaper format? (Called "tabloid" in the print trade.) We would save roughly \$300 to \$400 per month in printing costs (\$3,600 to \$4,800 per year). This is money that could be applied toward our education and legislative efforts.

If it is the pleasure of the board and chapters, yer crusty ol'editor can contact our printer about trying the tabloid format for one month to see if it's acceptable to members. It will be important to stress "why" the format change is being considered. (Save the organization money.)

Let's light some fires under folks and remind them to vote in May.

If anyone has ideas about what we need to stress on May issue's cover, send the information and materials along to the newsmag. (Motorcycle awareness rally, voting, Fossil.) Take care out there,

—Rot Path

2. 10 April 2008 — At the state board meeting could you please offer yer crusty ol' editor's sincere regrets for overlooking Southeast Portland's Run 21 flyer in the April state newsmagazine. It was processed and ready to go but just plain overlooked in the mayhem to get the April issue assembled for printing. It will be featured prominently in the May issue. And please, talk it up at the state board meeting.

This time it's not a conspiracy – just fatigue,

-Rot Path

3. 11 April 2008 ---

I'm not sure who is checking A.B.A.T.E. mail at the Portland address. An ad from M.I.P. Company is expected at the Portland A.B.A.T.E. post office address. As soon as it comes in, please forward it to me in Independence. It's for the May newsmagazine and they are paying to place the ad.

Thank you,

—Rot Path

Rot Path's question about a format change was discussed and it was decided that Rot Path should go ahead and give the tabloid format a try, if he wants. He is the editor and this falls in his job description. It was agreed that a trial of one month be done and see what kind of feedback we get on this.

Legislative director: (Quiet Mike) Report included a reminder to vote in the May primary. There are a lot of people on the ballots in different areas. Find out, if you don't already know, who they are and pay attention to what they stand for and then get out and vote. House district–2 has representative Susan Morgan and Tim Freeman (who is also an *A.M.A.* member and member of *A.B.A.T.E.*) running.

Reminded everyone of the *May Awareness Rally*. Stated that it is time for everyone to step up and show up. This needs to be everyone instead of just the handful doing it now. People have to get off of their a\$#\$@.

Sergeant at arms–north: (Randy Phipps) Report included the *BikePAC* meeting. There will be a motorcycle caucus for the democratic party after the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mentioned that Kate Brown is running for secretary of state and supports us, as well as Jeff Merkley is running for office and who also supports us.

On April 15th, good ol' tax day, KGW is having a debate to support Jeff Merkley.

Reported on Vickie Walker's bill that she will be introducing next session. This bill will require mandatory training for all new endorsements and for renewals. Team *Oregon* can handle the increase from new endorsements but not the renewals. To require training for a renewal would overload their available classes. *BikePAC* will not oppose a mandatory training for new riders but will oppose any language that requires motorcycle license renewals to be required to take training. This sparked some debate on Team Oregon's funding.

It was reported on that our current

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renewal cost for motorcycle endorsements was at \$78, of which \$28 is earmarked directly to *Team Oregon*. Oregon is the only state in which the motorcyclists imposed a fee upon themselves to support motorcycle training. There was some discussion on the possibility of raising this self-imposed fee. No decision was reached.

The focus of *BikePAC*'s work this upcoming session will be to have the vehicular manslaughter/right of way (ROW) bill include motorcycles as well.

The freedom of choice for helmet use will still be presented but will not be an item of major focus.

Wayne Schuemaker has renewed his contract with *BikePAC* with a necessary increase. The new rate will be \$900 a month off-season and \$1,300 a month during session.

The last item discussed was Florida's bill #137. This bill allows confiscation of motorcycles for certain offenses. Parity was discussed and application of this bill, along with a rider's rights. This bill sets a very high fine coupled with a ten year suspension of your riding privileges. This bill could affect us in the near future if we are not vigilant. And it will surely affect us if we travel to Florida.

Sergeant at arms–south: (Bill Foster) Reported that he now has internet but his computer went south so he has to replace it with one that is more willing to work for him. Asked all chapter representatives announce that there is a sign up sheet for *Fossil* volunteer workers that needs to be filled in. No guarantees on getting any specific times. Asked that all chapter sergeant at arms call him as soon as possible.

Sergeant at arms-east: (Art Schultz) Reported that he did not have e-mail either. No other report.

Products director: (Dave Meeker) Reported that the *Fossil* artwork is ready for voting. Dave is asking for ideas for new bumper stickers. It is time to order more very soon. The year bars for *Fossil*, etc. are ready and will be available at the June state board meeting. Brought some samples of t-shirt colors for the *Fossil* t-shirts.

River City talked about the banner that Brian had brought to the last meeting. These can be purchased for \$20 and they can be made to fit other chapters, if they want them with their chapter name, etc. Larger sizes are available for a reasonable cost. Contact *River City Chapter* for ordering. Spoke on how well they fit and stay in place on the windshield of a bike.

Education director: (Patricia Carner) Excused, teaching a class.

Ron August has made a call out for the monies that A.B.A.T.E. and it's chapters have pledged. If it has not already been sent to the state treasurer, it is now time to do that. Team Oregon is purchasing a container that will be modified to fit their needs and the cost is \$5,000 to \$,7000. Our treasurer reported that we are holding collected funds of almost \$7,000 for Team Oregon. It was requested that the checks *not* be made out to Oregon State University as it just greatly delays getting the money and there is a fee taken out of it.

Education director II: (Geoff

White) Absent.

Public relations director: (Debra Lutje) Reported that there is a motorcycle event in Turner, Oregon June 13-15. They have purchased an advertisement in our newsmagazine and have offered *A.B.A.T.E.* a free booth space at the event.

The advertisement that was approved in March to be purchased and placed in the conglomerate of papers will be circulating the first week in May.

State run coordinator (*Fossil***)**: (Howie Long) Excused.

State run coordinator II: (Jeff Schuaer) Reported that the final minor details for *Fossil* are being taken care of.

Reported that *Lincoln County* will be manning the gate on Friday night and *Washington County* will be putting on the bike games.

Also passed out sign up sheets to take to the chapters for volunteer signup for different jobs at *Fossil*. All tickets for *Fossil* must be turned back in at the May board of directors meeting. Any problems found in returning the tickets at the May meeting need to be brought to his attention as soon as possible. All tickets need to be accounted for.

State swap meet coordinator: (William Sanders) Absent. Robert Hale reported that he ordered six new batteries for the radios.

Historian: (VACANT)

Web page editor: (Trace Ceccacc) Reported that there have been some updates made to our web site. He is still working to make our site better.

Trace asked about the G.P.S. coordinates for Bear Hollow as they are wrong on the flyer. Jeff said that

he would help Trace get a more accurate location for Bear Hollow to him.

Nic asked about the possibility of adding a section to the web site for *A.B.A. T.E.* members to list items for sale, as the request came to him via e-mail. Trace said that he will check into it and see if there is enough interest.

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) Reported that the stage trailer will be taken to *Fossil*. There were safety issues addressed. Asked about the purchase of a storage container that was briefly discussed last meeting. The cost would be about \$1,800 but we would save that in the first year in not paying storage fees. No decision was reached.

A.B.A.T.E.'s *BikePAC* representative: (Randy Phipps) Gave report during his sergeant at arms report. (See above.)

*Confederation of Clubs***representative**: (Pat Williams) Excused. Volunteering at the *Mountain Bike Show*. An e-mail stating her absence is added to the file.

*Confederation of Clubs***representative II**: (Ray DeMelo) Reported that the *C.O.C.* has \$7,667.00 in their treasury.

Spoke on the voting to admit some new members to the *C.O.C.*

The next *C.O.C.* meeting is scheduled for May 4th at the Eugene clubhouse of the *Free Souls*.

Unfinished Business

• 2008 vacancies in officer positions were opened for nominations. No volunteers or nominations came forward at this time.

• Tabled motion to purchase laptop

computers for the recording secretary, treasurer and membership secretary was opened for discussion. Nic briefly outlined the proposal and with no objections a vote was taken. The motion passed.

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• Tabled motion to create officer training at November state board meeting. This was tabled because the education directors were both absent.

• Tabled motion regarding the swap meet coordinator was requested by the writer, and agreed with by the second, to be removed from any consideration and dismissed without prejudice. Report under new business, executive board meeting.

New Business

• Report given by Nic regarding executive board meeting held April 12, 2008, just prior to the board of directors meeting. It was the finding of the executive board investigation that the accusations against the swap meet coordinator, Willie Sanders, were unfounded and that no action whatsoever is to be taken against anyone. It is unfortunate that this investigation caused Willie Sanders so many problems and he has the executive board's apology. (While this was being reported there were numerous differing opinions that emanated from the gallery and it reached the point that very little understanding was being reached. There is no way that any reasonable dialogue can be reached if people are not willing to listen before they act. This problem is an example of how without communication/listening on/to both sides, can break down and totally destroy a person's reputation without any real proof.) Everyone is

innocent until proven otherwise and this should not have made Willie look bad in any way. Willie was never charged and no action is pending in any manner. Willie Sanders is a fine swap meet coordinator and the board hopes that he will continue to do the job.

• Report given on Deb Ross, former state auditor, and her request for reimbursement for her internet costs. Deb brought the needed documentation that enabled the executive board to authorize final payment of the accrued costs. (This was another example of lack of communication, in one form or another, causing an unnecessary hostile environment. *A.B.A.T.E.* members ((at all levels)) definitely need to listen to each other and not just talk.)

• Executive board reached a decision on future reimbursements regarding internet, fax, phone, answering machine and other like services/equipment. The past routine of paying for internet connections, etc, will in the future be limited to the following: Totally dedicated equipment, connections, phone lines, etc, will continue to be fully funded at A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's expense. Anything that is an undedicated or shared service/ equipment will be funded at ____ of the person's bill or \$50, whichever is less. This decision is not a change in rules or by-laws but is to be a voluntary understanding and agreement to be reached between the parties involved prior to any incursion of costs.

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• Ratification of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*'s by-laws took place to make official the changes approved and implemented by the board of directors. Motion passed. New copies will be available very shortly on the web site for anyone who wants one. If you need a copy before it gets on the web site or, maybe you don't have internet and want a copy, let Nic know and he will be happy to mail you a copy.

• State fair proposal. The committee for the state fair (education directors) authorized the application to the state fair and the application has been submitted to the state fair board. A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon is awaiting their decision. There were questions from the gallery regarding who made the decision and why was the membership not informed. Rebuttal was that the issue had been previously discussed at the state board meetings and that it was also a part of the minutes. (Which are published in the newsmagazine.) That this was an application for space at the state fair and there have been no funds disbursement as yet.

Motions

1. Motion made by Jordan Kelley and seconded by Matt Hobbs. To add to the duties of state historian to give them a statewide gate pass for all *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events, if they are at the event prepared to document the event for the state. Amended to: Change gate pass to reimbursement upon receipt of report and pictures of the event. Motion passed)

2. Motion to move S.T.E.A.M. to November with a mini-S.T.E.A.M./ officer training as needed in February.

After discussion, motion tabled

3. Motion made by Jordan Kelley and seconded by Al Jaques. (Vice coordinator and education/safety officer for North Coast Chapter.) To change the reimbursement for training to \$75 or 50% of the class, whichever is least. This is regarding Team Oregon training. Jordan presented figures based upon potential expense of members who had not renewed and what that expense could have been had the reimbursement been less. (The state treasurer had left the meeting prior to this discussion so actual numbers were not available.) The motion was tabled until firmer figures could be acquired.

Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting: May 10th, 2008, *Eagles Lodge* on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon at noon.

• 11 April 2008: Sentencing for the murderer of Bob Pfeiffer's son, Robby, at the Multnomah county courthouse, 1021 SW 4th Ave. (4th and Main), department 12, room 508 at 3 p.m. (This will have taken place by the time you get this. The killer, Li Thatch, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.)

• 18 April 2008: *Douglas County Chapter* is having a biker night. Starts at 6 p.m. at *Pete's Drive-In*.

• 26 April 2008: *River City Mystery Ride* at the *7th Annual Cherry Festival.* Sign-in is now in the *K-Mart* parking at 2600 6th street in The Dalles. Last rider out by 12:30 p.m. It seems that *BiMart* overreacted to a complaint that the motorcycles obstructed a customer's access to the parking lot. (There were a lot of bikes that day and the customer couldn't move as they wanted to.) If you have anything to say to *BiMart*, the corporate office in Eugene is where the matter should be addressed.

• 27 April 2008: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* swap meet at the armory in Portland

• 03 May 2008: *Motorcycle Awareness Month* rally at the capital steps. Noon to 2 p.m. with a bike show and prizes to precede the speakers. This free event is a great way to start the season and hear some great speakers and see some great bikes. The bike show will start at 10 a.m. and will conclude just before noon. A *BikePAC* meeting will follow.

• 10-11 May 2008: Josephine County Chapter is holding their 9th Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet and Expo. It starts at 9 a.m. at the Touvelle Lodge located at 9367 Table Rock road, Central Point.

• 23-26 May 2008: *Fossil Run* at Fossil, Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*'s biggest run for 2008. It is our 31st annual event. Come help out and have some fun in the process. Great games and great times with old and new friends and family.

• 12-15 June 2008: A.B.A.T.E. of Washington is having their Spring Opener at the Toppenish rodeo grounds in Toppenish, Washington. For more information contact Big Ron (509)-836-2712 or Dutch (253)-862-2556 or visit http://www.SpringOpener.com or http://www.abate wa.org.

• 28 June 2008: Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run by North Coast Chapter. Start 10 a.m. at Worker's Tavern at 281 W Marine drive;. Astoria, Oregon.

• 25-27 July 2008: *Run 21* at Birkenfeld, Oregon. This is the *9th Annual Run 21*. Great bands. Come and have fun.

• 15-16 August 2008: Summer Run.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.



Fossil Report

As of this reading, *Fossil* will be days away.

I hope we sold lots of tickets and have had a good volunteer sign up response.

I will have spent a week preparing the site with others helping on the weekend.

As usual Gene Mortimer has stepped up and made my job a lot easier. It's nice to have an on-site guy.

My being there for a week should acclimate me to the new site and I'm taking my bike to catch some good weather and ride some of the premier motorcycle roads in the nation.

Imagine an image of Howie's face here. (Try not to be petrified.)

Howie Long head dinosaur of Fossil Campout

Just some reminders: If you want pre-sale tickets, get them now. Your chapter representative should have them. Unsold tickets need to be turned in by the May meeting.

Don't forget Bear Hollow will be tight quarters, so bring your tents. Hope to see you there,

Howie

Josephine County

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Last year they had spaghetti and salad for \$5. We look forward to what they will offer this year. The county fairwill begoing on, so plan to stay the night and enjoy the local entertainment.

September 7th will be the *Last Chance Ride and BBQ* at *Tom Pearce Park*. We always have lots of raffle prizes, good food, and fun.

Ending up the year on October 3rd will be our annual toy run. We have outgrown the grange, so we are moving to the fair grounds. This is a big event for Grants Pass. Over 300 bikes rode through town last year and over \$5,000 was donated to local kids' programs. We hope to make it bigger than ever this year.

It's good to feel the sun on our backs and the wind in our hair again. See you all down the road,

Karen

WaCo

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better next year. We received a lot of input, compliments, and some good suggestions were made for next year's party.

With all that said and done, Len Punzel is heading our run committee and finalizing the *Roll-N-Ride Run* to be held June 8, 2008 as well as working on future events for this year with much help from our great members.

Enjoy!

Sharon recording secretary *WaCo*

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

The traveling meetings of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* are generating some valuable response and attendance at the meetings as we travel around the state.

The purpose of these meetings are to gather opinions and ideas from motorcyclists who live and ride in those areas. The committee wants to find out what issues are near and dear to you, as they pertain to the safety of motorcyclists. Come prepared to tell us what you think.

In March, we met in Gladstone senior center, with several local motorcyclists attending.

The meeting for May will be held

in Medford on May 16th at 6:30 p.m. The location is to be announced.

For more information go to: http://www.oregon.gov.odot.ts

Iris Yeager



Iris Yeager member GACMS

BikePAC of Oregon

April 5th, 2008 meeting minutes

Meeting opened at 12:15 p.m. chaired by executive director Brian Stovall. Twentyone people attended, representing *A.B.A.T.E., A.M.A., A.M.O., G.A.C.M.C.S., G.W.R.R.A., M.R.F., O.V.M.A., U.F.R.,* and the *Gypsy Jokers* organizations.

Brian opened the meeting with comments about his missing the last meeting, turning 60 years old, and the age of the members willing to do the political work of this organization. He appreciates the interest of the younger crowd. He gave himself a good chastising for missing the March meeting and whined his sorry excuse of repairing his home as important enough to distract his attention from the March meeting.

Minutes and treasurer's report given by Mel Yeager and accepted as presented.

Brian gave the membership report. Randy Comer could not be at this meeting. Brian encouraged the organizations to promote individual *BikePAC* memberships. Randy will be doing some cleanup of the web site.

Nic Oliver has been in contact with some local politicians from Benton county and invited them to come to our *BikePAC* meeting. No response from his mailing of solicitation to businesses to support *BikePAC*. He has spoken with some sport bike riders about the restrictions that will be coming down from the government concerning motorcycles. Nic told of restrictions being proposed by other states.

Legislative officer, Quiet Mike, reported that there was very little help from the federal level for our issues. Mike asked Wayne if he knew of unfriendly legislators at the state level. Wayne answered that he knows of at least a dozen. Mike asked if *BikePAC* would provide financial help for Jeff Merkley. Brian explained that we do not provide funds to any candidate until after the primary election. We talked about several candidates and asked for opinions of their past performance. Attendees suggested the names of politicians to speak at the *May Awareness Rally*. Mel will contact the suggested legislators.

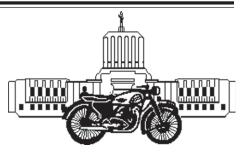
Brian wants to have a meeting of the *Democratic Motorcycle Caucus* immediately following the *May Awareness Rally*. All are invited to attend and to become members.

Bill Milan, *G.W.R.R.A.*, was given time to explain and ask for signatures on a petition that would put on the ballot a mandate that would grant an Oregon driver's license only to those having a legal presence in Oregon. A question and answer session followed. Many attendees explained that the present laws already cover this issue. All are free to decide to sign the petition or not.

May Awareness Rally: Mel reported on the progress of the planning of the rally, the bike show, insurance issue, and ordering the porta-pottys. All are ready to go.

Wayne Schumacher was then introduced to provide us with his impressions of the issues that may be proposed in the next legislation session. One item of interest is the effort to make training mandatory prior to obtaining a motorcyclist endorsement. We must be aware of this issue and to decide what we want to do about it. Wayne does not see that the expense and efforts of fighting the helmet issue would be in our best interest. He also stated that if the helmet issue was the most important of our issues that he may not be willing to represent us. Much discussion followed about other issues such as attempting to be included on the Vulnerable User Act passed last session for bicyclists.

Brian pointed out that plans from the federal government could change the way politics are conducted in Oregon. It is suggested that we keep the helmet issue on the burner to let the politicians know we still are interested. An idea proposed is that the helmet description be allowed to revert to the *FMVSS-214* standard with the intent that it will get riders off their butts and get



involved in rider issues. The helmet regulation is almost twenty years old. We must keep our eyes on the mandatory education issue proposed by senator Vickie Walker.

An item of discussion was brought up by Rod Baker concerning the cost of *Team Oregon* training. Brian pointed out that motorcyclists have financed the *Team Oregon* training program by passing and increasing motorcycle endorsement costs in past sessions. The money is used specifically for expenses of the training course. Stephan Baton stated his belief that mandatory training should be required for first-time endorsees, regardless of age. Several bills have been pursued in the past concerning vehicle assault, mandatory sentencing, and others that were of interest to bikers.

Items of importance to *BikePAC* this session are:

- Vehicle assault
- Mandatory training issue
- Helmet issue

We will have to vigilant and watch for these bills.

Brian asked for a vote of the executive board to agree to pay Wayne Schumacher the proposed amounts during the periods as stated above. Voted unanimously to approve.

Best of the West in the Portland area. BikePAC has not been approached to participate. Proposal to pay \$100 registration to Best of the West in Vancouver, Washington from June 13-15, 2008 for any BikePAC members wishing to participate. Died for lack of interest.

Next meeting will be the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on May 3rd at the capitol building.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Mel Yeager secretary/treasurer



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From The **GUNNY'S SACK**

By the time some of you get to read this issue of the Gunny's pearls, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists convention should be almost in full swing. That's the three days before Mother's Day in Houston. Hope I got 'ta see ya there!

One of our premier speakers this year will be Slider Gilmore, a biker paramedic and Iowa hog farmer who is well known for his presentation on How To Survive a bike crash, and what to do immediately after to save a life. As we all know, the first or "golden hour" is often when the difference is determined how well or even if a person will survive such an event. It's a "don't miss" event. Right before Slider's talk, Oregon A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg and New England A.I.M. attorney Joe Ritzo will be talking about insurance. (Which is about surviving a crash too - financially.)

I'm reminded that the riding season is soon to arrive for those of us that maybe don't get to ride during the winter months due to climate. We are so fortunate here in Oregon that for the most part we can ride year round, if a bit wet sometimes. This is one of the most beautiful states in the union and a joy to ride in anyway.

Well, enough of the meandering and time to get to the meat and potatoes of this missive.

Newsbits-N-Pieces **Road Rage Victim Brings \$10M suit Against Feds**

Award-winning court and crime reporter Laurel J. Sweet tells us a South Boston motorcyclist who was nearly killed two years ago in a road rage attack by a federal agent has brought a \$10 million lawsuit against the U.S. government.

Frank Merlonghi, 47, is a laid-up Amtrak lineman presently facing his 13th surgery since the March, 2006, incident, when an armed export enforcer for the U.S. Department of Commerce drove into Merlonghi's Harley-Davidson with a governmentissued Nissan Maxima and then fled. The driver was found and went to prison for six months and had to do 100 hours of community service, but he wasn't required to take care of the man he nearly killed.

Merlonghi wants the driver and his boss, the feds, held liable in his civil action. The rider was put in a medically induced coma after his right arm was shattered, his ribs broken, and the flesh on one leg carved off to the bone from the impact with the federal car. There is a lot more to this story but the guy is suing the feds and I for one hope he prevails. The man who caused the whole thing should be held more responsible. There is no excuse for running over a motorcyclist and absolutely none for fleeing the scene of any crash no matter who or what is involved.

Remembering Simon Milward

Many of you folks out there may not remember who this man was, so I'll help ya out some. I met Simon at



Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

the first N.C.O.M. convention I attended in 1993. I had just started working with our Oregon A.I.M. attorney, Sam Hochberg. At that time Simon was general secretary to Europe's F.E.M.A., the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations. Shortly after that he resigned and took his life savings and started a motorcycle trip around the world he named The Millennium Ride. The purpose was to raise money for Motorcycle Outreach, a group of folks raising funds to supply motorcycles for medical folks to get into the backcountry of developing nations to provide medical treatment of those people who have no other means of

getting medical care.

During this trip around the world he lost his life in a crash just a few thousand miles from home.

What Simon started and what it stands for is still alive. Those of you interested in the results of this quest are invited to go to:

http://www.millennium-ride.com/

For updates as to what is happening on Simon's fundraising effort, check here:

http://

www.motorcycleoutreach.org

Simon will remain in my memory for the work he gave his life to and the person he was.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana -- You'd think Louisiana's helmet requirement was riding a bungee cord. There's

GUNNY'S SACK (continued)

another bill to pull their mandatory helmet regulation for adults, filed by senator Eric LaFleur, a democrat from Ville Platte. The bill would repeal the regulation now in force. We all remember what happened a few years ago when they passed a similar bill here. Their governor somehow managed to put the squash on it and the regulation that required the wearing of helmets when riding was reinstated very quickly. Lets hope they are more successful this time. All riders in the state of Louisiana should write this senator a letter or at least a note and thank him for his support. We need more folks like him in all our state legislatures across

this country.

Australia -- World champion motorcycle racer Casey Stoner has called for regulations to require riders to wear more protective equipment than just a helmet. He says: "It would be a great idea to introduce a minimum standard of clothing for all motorcyclists to ensure an acceptable standard of protection." I for one don't want to be compelled to wear a universal set of clothes that is mandated by people who have no knowledge of the climate or conditions in which I might ride at any given time. My dignity has been invaded enough with the helmet requirements I have to deal with. This is really scary. How in the world can someone in a foreign country tell me what I need for protection from cagers in my country? Just blows my mind.

Toronto, Canada -- From our Ontario *A.I.M.* attorney Jeff

Chapnick comes this news piece. In March, a trial judge here said the *Hells Angels* were nothing more than a social club and should be regarded as such at the trial of some of their members in a criminal case. One of these folks was acquitted and a couple were guilty as charged. The acquittal meant he could not found guilty of a second charge of directing a criminal organization, the judge said.

The trial was a key test of new Canadian federal anti-gang legislation and if the *Hells Angels* were deemed a criminal organization in court, police would have been able to seize their assets. It's good to see some common sense prevail in court for a change!

Jacksonville, Florida ---RateMyCop.com, a new and widely publicized web site that allows users to say whatever they want about thousands of individual police officers, has drawn a mixture of ratings itself. If they did that in every state maybe the police would be a little more cautious when they stop scooter folks. I think it would be

good for all of us, cops too.

Gunny Again

Remember the *A.I.M.* attorneys in our world are a part of our community and are very aware of the problems we face on a daily basis. Don't try and take care of your crashes on your own. We aren't trained for it and our *A.I.M.* guys are. Call them if ya have a problem. You'll be doin' yourself a favor.

1-(800)-On-A-Bike for the national office and here in Oregon

call 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free, or local to Portland (503)-224-1106 will getcha Sam Hochberg, our local Oregon *A.I.M.* guy. His e-mail is at:

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Keep the round side on the bottom

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

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letters from our members

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

(Otherwise known as *A.B.A.T.E.*)

A – One, single, solitary.

Brotherhood – Family, group.

Against – In opposition, not in favor of, anti-.

Totalitarian – Dictatorial, oneparty, oppressive.

Enactments – Endorsement, ratifying and passing.

No matter how you phrase these words, it still means the same thing!

A group of people who do not believe in a dictatorship.

I joined *A.B.A.T.E.* so that others could not speak for me but so that I could have a voice of my own along with others who feel that same way. I became an officer of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* this year. Over the last few years that I have been involved with this organization I have met so many that share the same heart and passion for our beliefs as I do.

Lee Austin is one of those people. Yes, Lee can be rough around the edges and a little hard to take at first but has been nothing but passionate about the *A.B.A. T.E* organization. I have seen how much he has put himself out there to make sure that all of our events are sanctioned the correct way, that all of the insurance that we needed was taken care of, and that our events that everyone enjoys could even happen. The amount of heat and time that this man has put in to the *A.B.A. T.E.* organization should be rewarded and not looked down upon.

According to the *A.B.A.T.E of Oregon* by-laws, it states that a termination of membership will only be terminated upon death, written request from member, nonpayment of dues, theft of

A.B.A.T.E. assets, or by decision of the state board of directors. (Article V, section 5.)

It also states that if there is a grievance the procedure is as follows: member complaints, disputes, dissatisfaction, problems, etc., with or about *A.B.A.T.E.*, shall be handled as follows:

1. The interested parties are urged to talk to each other with a view towards agreement, resolution, or compromise.

2. If necessary, the interested parties can present the issue at hand to the chapter for discussion and possible handling.

3. If conditions warrant it, the interested parties can request a hearing before the state board of directors.

4. The state board of directors has the final authority in resolving grievances.

Now with that all being said in our last chapter meeting it was brought to our attention that a lifetime member (Lee Austin) has had his membership terminated. Now how can this be if the above procedures were not followed? That to me sounds like a totalitarian enactment!

This is not what I joined this organization for! I would expect that an organization of this size would follow by their own rules and expect that our higher acting leadership (if you can call it that at this point) will do what is right and follow our outlined by-laws that we all agreed to follow, not only as active members, but as active officers. I find it cowardly to go behind the scenes and shove someone to the side without cause, let alone without discussion. As an American we should all have the right to face our accusers and be given the right to defend ourselves!

So in closing, if being passionate, having heart, and believing strongly about what you stand for gets your membership terminated without cause in this organization, then I challenge you to take mine also! Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Cox membership secretary Southeast Portland Chapter A.B.A.T.E.

Exerpts From State Newsmagazine – January 2008 –

(State board minutes, page 20)

"At this point a very unfortunate incident occurred. Lee Austin, our past and newly elected sanctioning officer resigned as sanctioning officer and turned in his materials and his membership to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc."

(Letter, page 37)

Why I Did What I Did

Maybe most of you heard about me resigning from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and probably heard things.

I found myself not trusting A.B.A.T.E. any more.

They put a man in charge of A.B.A.T.E. who quit twelve years ago because he was for helmets, did not like A.B.A.T.E. parties, the way we generated our income, and most of all did not like the wet t-shirt contests.

I will not work for a man I cannot trust or would be fighting with at every board meeting.

So I did what I do best: I quit A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Lee A. Austin organizer for A.B.A.T.E. North



Later this month, quite a few folk will be casting their ballots in the primary election. (Fishing for democracy, if you will.) It's one of the few times where the collective mass of individuals can affect the quality and direction of our nation at every level, from local government up to our relationship with other nations of the world.

Can your vote make a difference? You betcha.

There have been numerous occasions when legislation depended on a single voter, including women's right to vote.

So please, if you are eligible to receive a ballot, fill it out and drop it off or spring for the cost of a stamp to send your vote in.*

It *is* important.

Just ask the women and men in uniform who are placing themselves in harm's way to fulfill their oath defending "the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

But voting isn't limited to just elections. We vote every time we spend our personal funds.

Power is no longer invested solely in government. Multinational corporations often have more financial resources than many smaller nations. Unlike even the most nominal democratic government, however, corporations' allegiance is to profit and their stockholders, not to the masses of gullible consumers people.

How we spend our funds affects our local communities.

When we buy from a local business, most of the money we spend remains in our community, enriching the quality of our life and the lives of those around us.

Buying from a regional business that covers several counties or states still leaves most of our money in the larger area to work for the people who live there.

But spending money at national chains or multinational corporations siphons most of our money away from our community. Local government may attempt to impose corporate taxes on large companies, but they just chuckle and jack up the prices to

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consumers (us) while our money continues to flow out of our communities.

It's tough.

A lot of folks are struggling financially as the value of the dollar has been declining, thereby raising prices. People are trying to get the most bang for their buck.

But please think before you spend. Buy as locally or regionally as possible. Shop intelligently and spend wisely. Your vote *is* important.

-- Attention --We may be trying a different newsmagazine format in June or July in order to save the organization money.

Yer crusty ol' editor recently received a letter from one of our members who was upset by events that were reputed to have taken place at a state board meeting. Trouble is, the letter-writer's reasoned and spirited response appear to be based on misinformation.

Yer c.o.e. knows.

He was there.

And actual events were documented in the minutes and a published letter from one involved.

Over the last decade, c.o.e. has seen this pattern repeated far too often: information from a run or state board meeting is reported inaccurately, rumors begin propagating like a virus, people and chapters get upset over perceived injustices and lash out, and it takes about three months of exchanging information at meetings before the little cartoony light bulb goes on over everyone's heads as they begin to understand what really happened.

This cycle is a waste of our time, effort, and spirits.

It dissipates our energies that could be more productively used for fulfilling our mission -- saving motorcyclist's lives through education and intelligent legislation.

And this unneeded internal bickering wears down volunteerism, causes folks to reconsider renewing their memberships. (If



by Rot Path crusty ol' editor

c.o.e. were into conspiracy theories, he would believe that somewhere someone was chortling with glee at that prospect.)

Do us a favor.

If you hear a report or rumor that heats your blood, take a few minutes to research the truth of it before you go to full throttle.

Too often ego is involved in misleading information that gets into circulation.

Some folks, being human, will inflate facts or change information to make themselves seem more important or to be the center of attention. (Or to draw attention away from the fact that they dozed off during a long boring meeting when they should have been taking notes.)

If you hear something that bothers you, call or e-mail folks who know. That's one of the functions of the state sergeant-atarms, vice-coordinators, and other state officers listed in the back of each newsmagazine -- to be available as direct sources of correct information.

Let's talk with each other, not accuse. Let's use our resources wisely. We ride together.

am increasingly convienced that the only way I'll achieve my ideal body weight is through desomposition. * (Where else in the United States can you get hundreds of people to work for you for less than a dollar?)

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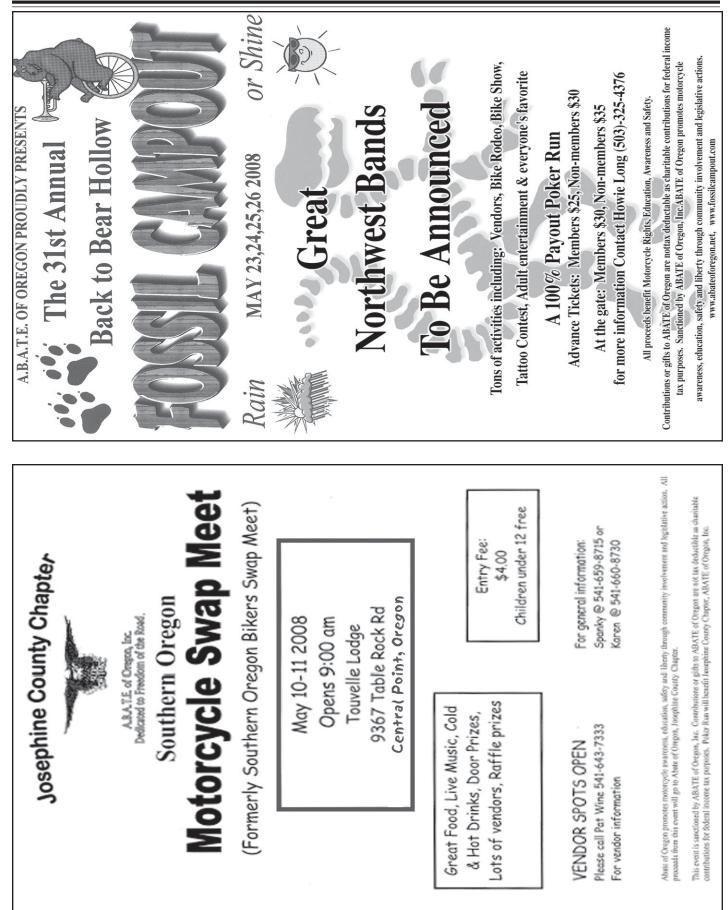
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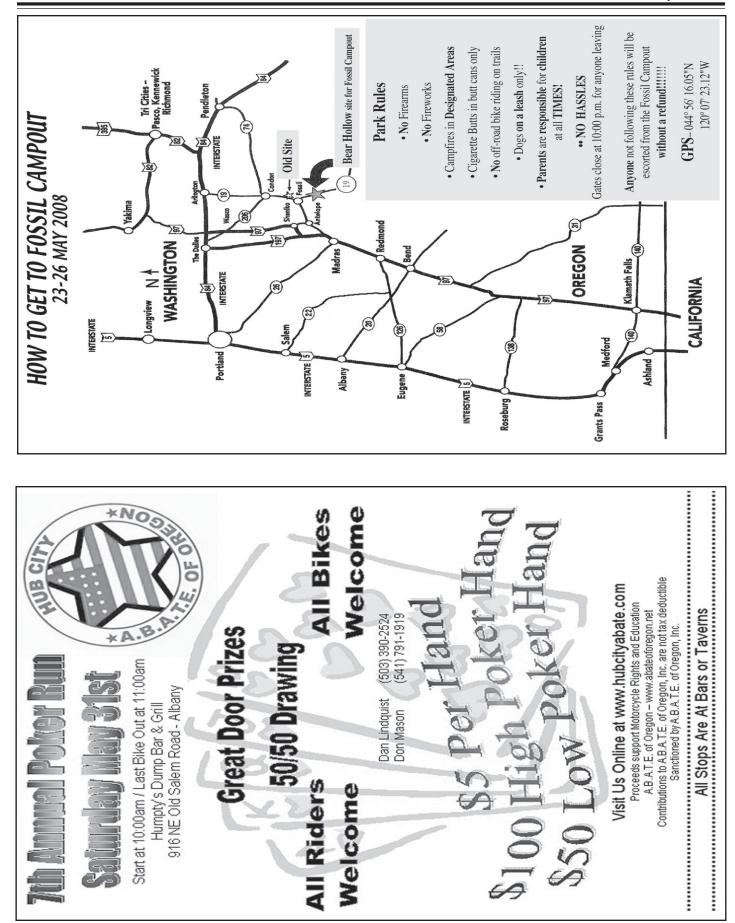
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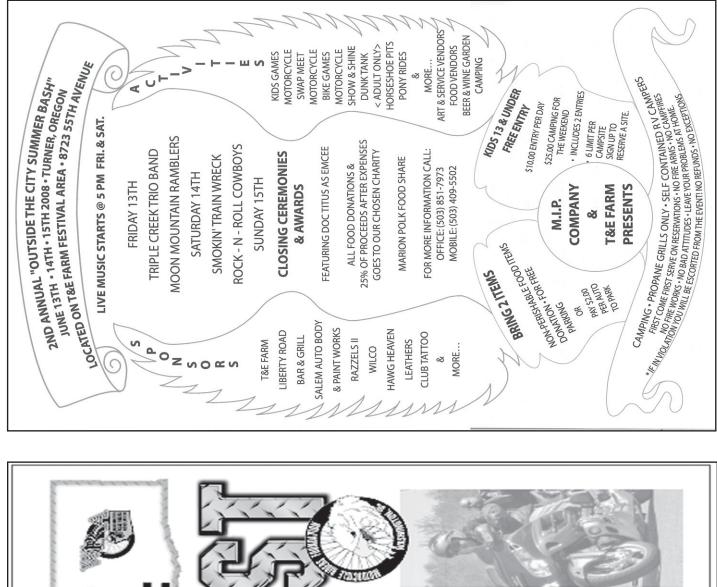
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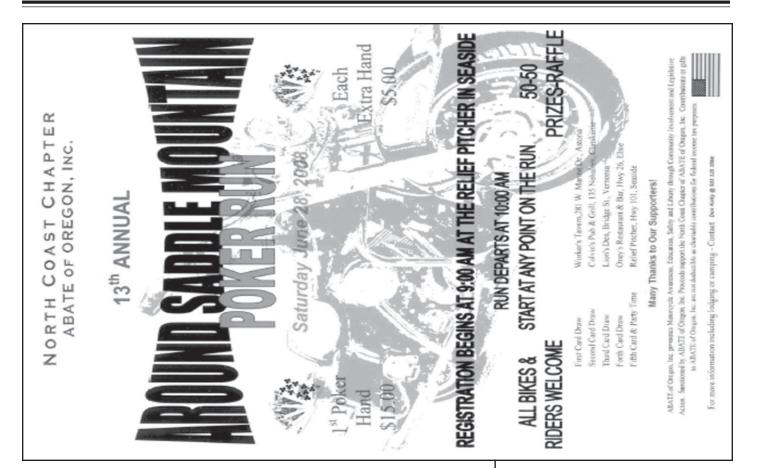




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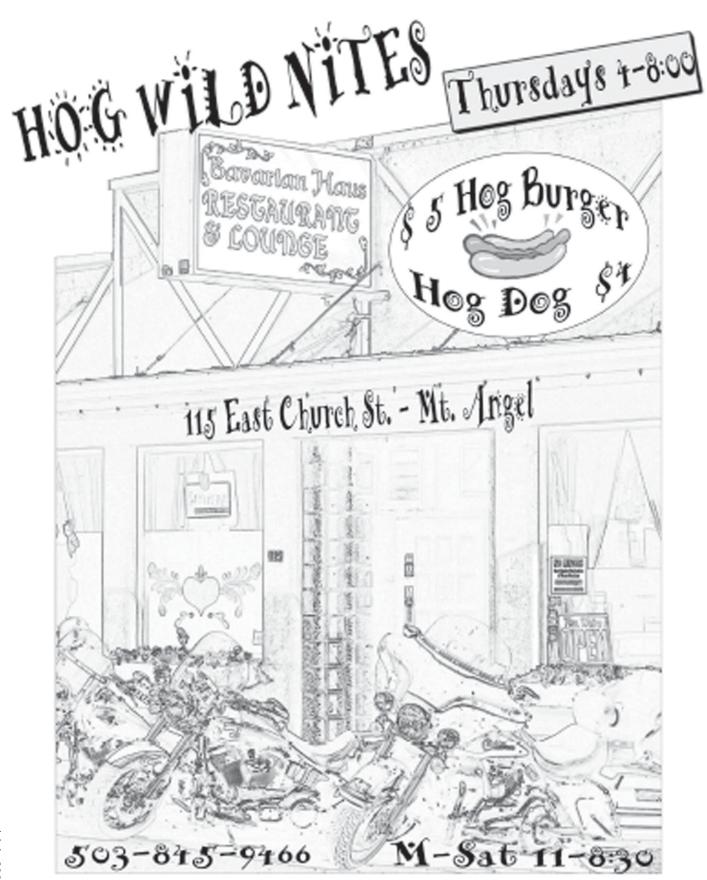
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American Motorcyclist Association

U.S. Forest Service Travel Management Survey: Have Your Voice Heard

Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (A.R.R.A.) has teamed up with the A.M.A./A. T.V.A. and several other national motorized recreation groups to develop a survey designed to gain a better understanding of how the U.S. Forest Service's travel management rule is being implemented on the national forest lands you access with your offhighway motorcycle or A.T.V.

If you're an off-road rider please go to:

http://online.svia.org/survey/cgibin/qweb.cgi?4YXM42B

to take the survey. Even if you're not familiar with the *U.S. Forest Service*'s travel management rule, your input will still be useful.

Background

The U.S. Forest Service finalized its travel management rule in November 2005. The rule requires each forest to designate roads, trails, and areas open to O.H.V. use and to publish a motor vehicle use map (M.V.U.M.) indicating those decisions. After the M.V.U.M. is published, any use of O.H.V.s on routes or areas not identified on the map will be illegal. While there was no deadline for forests to publish an M.V.U.M. in the rule, the forest service chief directed forests to complete work on travel management by December 2009. Virtually every forest in the nation is currently implementing the rule.

Rider participation in the travel management process is critical. The *A.M.A.* encourages all O.H.V. enthusiasts to be involved in the travel management process.

The survey was developed and is being distributed through a partnership of A.R.R.A., American Council of Snowmobile Associations, A.M.A./A.T.V.A., BlueRibbon Coalition, Motorcycle Industry Council, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, Off-Road Business Association, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, Tread Lightly!, and the United Four Wheel Drive Associations.

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We feel we need to make a statement by doing something we can accomplish. It's "old hat" to continue dumping money into helmet reform at this time (with the legislature we currently have) and then not see it happening. Maybe there's a better time just down the road.

Our two top choices:

1. Right-of-way-violations, vehicular assault.

2. Health insurance discrimination.

We even discussed the U.S. supreme court looking into the Washington D.C. hand gun ban that's been on the books for some

thirty years and finally someone challenged it. This could have very profound impacts for gun owners across the country, depending on which way the U.S. supreme court decision goes on the second amendment of the U.S. constitution

Meeting closed with our regular membership drawing plus one initiated by Rod and Sunny. They have started a new business. It is *Biker All Occasion Cards* under the *SunHat Motor Cards* name. (Get it? It's Sunny and Rod Hatter, thus "SunHat".) Great idea you two.

Anyway, they gave away a set of biker holiday cards in a raffle and Gary Jackson won them.

We had our membership drawing and Susan Rauchfuss name was drawn. She was not present for the \$70.

The 50/50 drawing for \$14 was won by Wendy Taylor. That pretty much says it all and enough has been said.

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up!

Rick Maish secretary, legislative director Willamette Valley Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon LynandRick@msn.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Right To Repair Meeting

On March 19, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona there was a productive meeting with motorcyclists' rights activists, automotive after market industry representatives and a staff member of United States senator John Kyl. The meeting's purpose was to get constituent input on Right to Repair legislation. Such legislation has currently been introduced in the **States** United house of representatives. Such legislation has not been introduced in the senate to date, but senator Kyl has indicated interest in the issue.

Carol O'Reilly, A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona lobbyist, and Tim O'Reilly, vice president of A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona were present representing their membership and the consumers of the after market motorcycle industry. I was in attendance representing the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) and as the founder of a motorcycle after market shop. In addition, as the Arizona M.R.F. state representative I represented the membership of Modified Motorcycle Association of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations, was able to work with one of the automotive after market lobbyists to allow the Arizona motorcyclists rights activists and the *M.R.F.* to be present at this meeting in senator Kyl's home state. It is obvious the auto and motorcycle after market industry parallel one another on the *Right to Repair* issue. The discussion went well with senator Kyl's staffer. We discussed the issues of the automotive and motorcycle after market industry. The dealers won't give current downloads to allow the completion of repairing the autos or motorcycles. Shops can no longer work on certain makes of vehicles due to lack of data or download information.

We discussed the economic impact on after market industry and the trickle down effect to the consume. The fact [that] the dealership has set policy, pricing, and diagnostics which give the consumer no choices about their vehicle's repair. This all holds true for the motorcycle after market industry as well.

The language by *E.P.A.* that states the manufacturer must provide the information to the after market is there and some companies partially comply by posting information on their web sites, but when you follow [their] directions, you get to a point where you can go no further without the data downloads, current updates, or specialty tools to finish the repairs on the vehicle.

The *M.R.F.* will continue to follow and be involved with this legislation representing its members.

Deborah Butitta ex-officio board member M.R.F.



On The Air With U.S.A.

Biker Nation Radio

Washington, D.C. -- U.S.A. Biker Nation Radio Network is a syndicated show that takes place every Saturday morning on these stations across the country: KTRB San Francisco, California: KTNF Minneapolis. Minnesota: KKZN Denver. Colorado: WPIN Roanoke/ Lynchburg, Virginia; KXFD Boise, Idaho; KOLN Port Arthur, Texas; KPRC Houston. Texas: and WSBA York, Pennsylvania.

According to their web site, host Peter Boyles is known for "his noholds-barred interview style and his uncanny ability to cut to the heart of the matter." You can catch the live streaming broadcast by logging on to their web site at:

http://www.bikernationradio.com

Be sure to check with your local station for exact air times in your area.

Do you have a question or a topic you want to hear Peter and Jeff discuss? You can call in to the show at 1-(303)-713-8178 or 1-(303)-713-8179.

The Helmet Debate Rages On in the National Spotlight

{In early April], U.S.A. Today devoted themselves to covering a major hot button issue with motorcyclists: Helmets. The helmet requirement debate was catapulted back into the national spotlight with an article that highlighted the increase of motorcycling fatalities in

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the past ten years.

Since that original article, Jeff Hennie (vice president of government relations) defended why helmet regulations have not proven to be the best course of action to save motorcyclist lives.

The U.S.A. Today continued on with the subject of helmet regulations and motorcycle fatalities by featuring both sides of the story. Our View on Helmet Laws: Motorcycle Madness, written by the U.S.A. Today highlighted the increase of motorcycle fatalities since congress repealed its helmet policy in 1995.

Like most things do, motorcycling has significantly increased in the U.S. within that time frame used in the U.S.A. Today's view of helmet regulations. M.R.F. lobbyist, Jeff Hennie weighed in on the situation with his rebuttal Opposing View: Helmet Laws Don't Work. Not only does this article discuss the proportionate increase in motorcycle deaths in the past ten years but goes on to explain why state helmet requirements have not proven to be the most effective way to prevent fatalities.

For more information on this subject, you can contact Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations at: **jeff@mrf.org** or at **1**-(202)-546-0983.

To read these articles for yourself, check them out on the *U.S.A. Today* web site.

Our View on Helmet Laws: Motorcycle Madness by U.S.A. Today http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/ 2008/04/our-view-on-hel.html *Opposing View: Helmet Laws Don't Work* by Jeff Hennie http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/ 2008/04/opposing-view-h.html

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

U.S. Transportation Secretary Lobbies For Helmet Requirements

There's a big difference between promoting helmet usage and advocating helmet requirements, and U.S. transportation secretary Mary Peters made it clear to congress that she prefers the latter as her cornerstone to motorcycle safety.

In testimony before the U.S. senate appropriations committee transportation subcommittee on March 6, secretary Peters revealed her desire to promulgate nationwide helmet regulations: "I support giving the information to states so that they can act on those [regulations]," she told senators, adding "And I certainly have made myself available to a number of states, and, in fact, have called governors when I see substantial increases in the number of motorcycle deaths in a state, especially a state that has repealed a helmet [requirement]."

Calling upon the federal government to ease lobbying restrictions imposed at the behest of motorcycle rights organizations across the country, Peters has requested legislation that will allow her to divert motorcycle safety funding to convince states to enact mandatory helmet regulations.

Peters has sent letters to house and senate leadership urging legislation to allow states to utilize federal funds intended for motorcycle rider training and awareness programs to promote helmet requirements instead.

Honda To Cease U.S. Motorcycle Production In Ohio

After nearly 30 years, *Honda Motor Company* plans to stop producing motorcycles in the United States next year, ending production at its first U.S. plant and consolidating the Marysville motorcycle plant production at a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Kumamoto, Japan which will be capable of producing 600,000 motorcycles a year.

The sprawling plant in Marysville, Ohio employs 450 workers. *Honda* said there will be no layoffs when production ends in spring 2009.

Horsepower vs. Horsesense

While speed and power typically dominate two-wheeled trends, a safety movement may be afoot featuring such hot topics as airbags from *Honda*, inflatable vests from *Dainese*, and "uncrashable" bike concepts from *B.M.W.*

Honda and *Yamaha* are working with twelve car manufacturers to test and develop technology intended to "...reduce rear-end shunts, head-on collisions and drivers who turn [right] across a road in the face of oncoming traffic, a common cause of motorcycle [crashes]."

Weird News Motorcycles Make Women's Clothes Fall Off

A new trend is developing: motorcycles and undressing women, reports **clutchandchrome.com**, citing two recent events that have the mainstream press lending some credence to this possibility.

First, Pamela Anderson made celebrity headlines around the world with her sold out Valentine's Day show at a famous Parisian gentlemen's club, cabaret house *Le Crazy Horse*. A crowd of over 500 fans paid \$300 to watch the former *Baywatch* star give a performance that finished on the back of a *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle.

A few weeks after Ms. Anderson's unique Valentine's present, pop star Prince threw a post-Oscar party in his Beverly Hills mansion, which featured room after room of exotic dancers dressed in various themes with one featuring a scantily clad woman enthusiastically using a motorcycle as a prop.

Many industry experts would agree, if this trend of women shedding clothing at the sight of a motorcycle becomes popular, currently struggling twowheeled sales could see a marked improvement.

Quotable Quote

"For the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time."

> George Sutherland (1862-1942) U.S. supreme court justice

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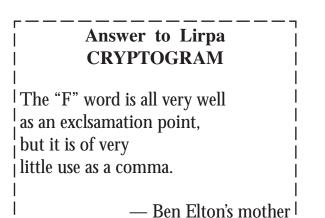
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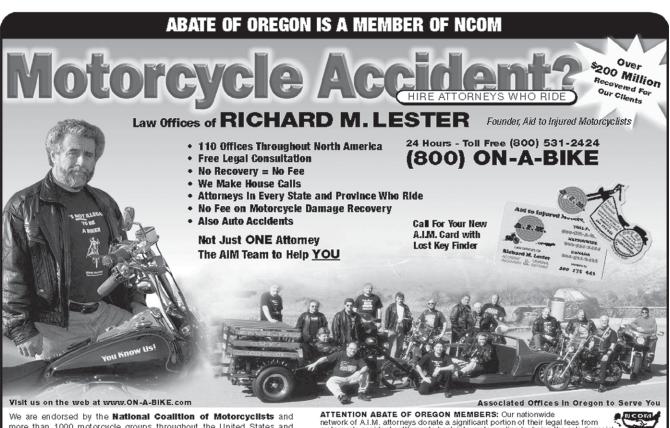
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more letters from our members

Having been a member of *A.B.A.T.E.* of *California* before moving to Oregon and becoming a member here, one thing has always stuck out in my mind regarding *A.B.A.T.E.* The separation if you will between bikers and sport bike riders.

When you attend a typical *A.B.A. T.E.* meeting and look around the room, your first impression is a room full of your prototypical bikers. There may be the one or two guys in racing leathers and riding a sport bike, but, they seem to be few and very far between. There are several reasons for this.

First and foremost I believe is the biker view of the "rice rockets" or, "zoom splats". By labeling, whether we intend to or not, we hold ourselves separate from them, and as such, don't consider them fellow "bikers". They in turn, view us as the "old grey bearded farts" which considering the average age of a lot of us, is not far from wrong. They also consider us, the "helmet law" guys. I don't think, because of the rift between these two groups and how little time we spend together, that they realize how much more we are involved in besides just helmet laws.

Here in Oregon there are well over 100,000 motorcycles registered. There are less than 4,000 *A.B.A.T.E.* members and less than 100 *BikePAC* members.

Hmmmm . . . What are we missing here?

There is a huge untapped resource out there and I believe it is because of mistaken ideas about who we are and what we do.

Sure, they may not ride like us or enjoy the same kind of riding we do, but, then we don't do what they do either. (Although I have seen a stoppie on a *Road Glide* once. The result was not pretty.)

The fact remains, what affects us affects them too. To continue this divide in the motorcycling world, in the end, will only weaken us and our efforts.

So, this spring, summer, and early fall, when you're out for your rides, in a group or solo, and you come across a rider "not of our world", reach out, inform, invite, talk, bridge the gap. Only through understanding and effort can we gain the numbers needed to show our legislators that we do in fact have the numbers.

Sport bikers, much like us, have their core group of folks they ride with. Bring in one, show them we are about more than helmets, get them on board, and their friends will follow. I challenge all my fellow A.B.A.T.E. members this summer to bring in someone new, someone who you would not ordinarily expect to see at an A.B.A.T.E. meeting.

I'm not saying we have to go out and make best friends with "the other guys", but, at the very least we have two things in common with them: a love of freedom and a love of riding. A lot of relationships have been started based on a lot less.

If we could get just 10% of the licensed motorcyclists in the state on board, we would have formidable numbers that our legislators could not ignore.

Might these efforts take away from some of our "fun time"?

Sure, they might.

Then again, letting bad legislation continue to just roll along unchecked is sure to ruin our fun time . . . for a long time to come.

Joe (541)-497-3982

Group riding protocols: Gresham and Dufur, points east.

Highway cleanup Sunday, April 6th, 9 a.m. from the *Roadstop*.

Chapter banners here.

New Business

Chapter membership drawing for \$5 was won by Sandy which she donated back to the chapter.

50/50 was won by Teresa at \$20/\$20, of which she donated \$15 back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1966 *Harley–Davidson Sportster*, correctly identified by Rick.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Upcoming meetings May 6, 2008 -- May 20, 2008

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Rick correctly identified the bike on the agenda as a (lovely) 1966 *Harley-Davidson Sportster*.

I have new e-mail addresses on the list tonight, so I am a happy camper. I hope you all enjoyed the meeting and I hope you will all come out to many more.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:11 p.m. Twenty-nine people present; one arrived later.

A big round of applause to those who contacted all the chapter members for this meeting!

Guests and new members: Glenn Boisvert.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by

Steve because they were presented in written form

Correspondence: Flyers, St. Vincent solicitation, chamber member focus, The Dalles biker nights.

Treasury report: \$199.07 in checking and \$1036.16 savings.

Bills submitted: Rod Runyon for \$150. Larry moved to pay; passed.

Membership report: 81 wonderful peoples.

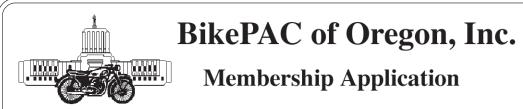
Board report: April Fool.

Ways and means report: Need more run help at the site. Run committee meeting on the 15th at 6 p.m.

Public relations: None.

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	(541)-265-7586	central coast		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	(541)-265-9376	central coast		Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	(541)-336-3844	central coast		Х						Х	
	(541)-961-3207	central coast		Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
	(541)-265-3535	central coast		Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	
er (?)	(541)-563-7191	central coast		Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	
	North Coast are	a									
	(503)-325-6383	Astoria		Χ	X	X	Х	Х	Χ	Х	
	Salem area										
	(503)-363-4727	Salem		X		Х					

Walt Allegar	
Michael Boggs	
Terry Edwards	
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Rot Path	
L.R. Schroeder	
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(503)-391-5600

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(503)-873-2492

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(541)-572-0207

(541)-888-2572

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South Coast area

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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 statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

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	South Coast area	 (continued)	======		==	==	===				
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille		х	x	х	Х	х	х		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside				Χ		X			
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside			x			X	х		
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point				Х	X				
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609						X				
	Portland area										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland		Х	x	x		x	x	x	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland			X			X		X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland			X				x	X	
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland		Х						X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland		X						X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland		X						X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland			Χ			Χ		X	
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland		X					х	X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland		Χ						Χ	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland			X					Χ	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland			х	Х		Х		Х	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland			х			Х		Х	
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland		Χ	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Χ	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland		Х	х			Х	Х	Х	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland				Х		Х	Х		
	Southern Oregon	area									
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston		x	x	х	Х	х	x	х	
Eric Grout	(541)-673-0686	Roseburg			•••			X	••	••	
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo		x	x	x	Х		x	x	
Rock On	(541)-459-3541			Χ				Χ			
	Washington Cou	ntv area									
Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)	-J		х	x	х	X	х	х	x	
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)						X				
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)						Χ				
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135						Х				
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139						Х				
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768						Х				
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)						X				
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727						X				
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047						Х				
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060						Χ				
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113						Χ				
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653						X				
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091						Х				
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451						Х				
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344						Х				
	Willamette Valley	v area									
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City		Х				Х		Х	
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene			X	X			Х		
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	Willamet	tte Valley area (continued)								:==:
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	Χ	Х	Х					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	Χ	Х		Х	Х		Χ	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ		
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	Χ			Х	Х		Χ	
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	Χ				Х		Χ	
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	XX	C I
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	Χ	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Χ	
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	Χ	Х	Х		Х	Х	Χ	
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	Χ			Х			Χ	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				Х		Х	
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Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	Χ	Х	X	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	Χ	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Χ	
loseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х		
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	

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Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem 03)-731-8200

Region 1	(Portland and metro area)	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	(Salem and northwest Oregon)	(503)-986-2600
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Region 4	(Bend and central Oregon)	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	(LaGrande and eastern Oregon)	(541)-963-3177

Road and weather information:

1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT

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

NAME:			
ADDRESS:	CI [_]	ГҮ:	
ADDRESS: STATE: ZIP:	PHONE: work		home
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LE	EGISLATIVE PURPOSES?	(YES) (NO)	
DATE STOPPED:	TIME STOP	PED: a	m / pm
LOCATION:			
OFFICER NAME:	ID NO:	POLICE	AGENCY
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CITE # 1st appear		TIME:	am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _			
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED A	THE SAME TIME? LIST:		
IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL C	HARGES (not infractions), S	SPECIFY:	
Did officer follow normal traffic laws i If no explain: Did officer treat you fairly and respec Was your helmet confiscated? YES	ctfully? (YES) (NO) If no	explain:	
Were you given an explanation on le If YES was the explanation? WRIT If verbal, describe:	TEN VERBAL	BOTH	
	WHAT HAPPENED IN	COURT?	
Have you gone to court? NO: When the fine? \$			
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FINE : \$ ASSESSM	IENT: STATE \$	COUNTY \$	CITY \$
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Briefly describe the evidence you pre	esented at your trial (or inclu	ıde a copy)	
BRAND:	SCRIBE THE HELMET YOU MODEL:	WERE WEARIN	G
When you bought the helmet did it h			0
Label permanently fastened inside?			
Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)			
If modified describe:			

For Sale	For Sale	Wanted	Wanted
2000 Harley-Davidson Road King, black with hard leather bags, crash bar, factory tach, removable windshield, 20,600 miles. Ready to ride! \$12,000 . Jim (503)- 750-6047 (May 2008) 	1989 FXRP Custom paint. 1993 stock engine with under 50,000 miles, runs great. \$8,000 . Call Paul in Grants Pass. (541)-474- 2577 . (July 2008) 	STILL WANTED Person willing to work with attractive figures. We need a wonderful person to step forward for the <i>A.B.A.T.E.</i> of Oregon state auditor position. This is your chance to take a deep breath, screw your courage to the sticking place, and do your part to help the motorcyclists of Oregon. (Ability to add and subtract considered a plus.)	ALSO WANTED Is living in the past a lot more pleasant for you than facing the present? <i>Have we got a deal for you!</i> <i>A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon</i> needs someone to step forward to take over the state historian job. It's a great way to meet folks and play detective, tracking down photos and information. If Rot Path wasn't the crusty ol' editor of this rag, this is the job he'd want to do.
80 inch black and chrome <i>Evo</i> - style motor with updates to carburater, powder-coated heat		r is elsewhere like page 43	
resistant black modified Screaming Eagle dual exhaust. Black and chrome Harley 5- speed transmission. Powder- coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. \$12,500 or best offer. Pictures available on Southeast Portland Chapter web site in classified ads. Call (503)- 257-7390 (July 2008)	XYZ FUZJIKY XW JOE INEU MEJ IWJEZEI PUAXZIJG HI	<i>Aay Cryptogr</i> Suz Lxkiejg Hu J Jouj ib Ewxyi Ljen iw uw illy SS Kxpe yf Hij J XR JOE JIPE.	JL BXYWNEN MO FEXFSE
Hot tub, six-person, electric. \$500 or best offer. Portable dishwasher, works good. \$30 or best offer. Round oak antique table. \$350 . Rotten Roger (503)-285-4329 (July 2008)	HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word pa common three-letter words; the most win	I J K L M N O P Q R idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram rep tterns to help establish which word is what. (Singl dely used English letter is "E".) yptograms because they kept their opponents busy	presents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might e letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 May 2008 at noon

Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:		
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167		
Douglas County	3rd Thurssday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966		
Hub City	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802		
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive;	(541)-471-6049		
			Grant's Pass			
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street,	(541)-265-7586		
			Newport			
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376		
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083		
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant	(503)-390-4292		
			3310 Market Street, Salem			
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main;	(503)-666-8806		
			Gresham			
Twin Rivers	2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421		
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave;	(503)-357-3040		
			Forest Grove			
Willamette Valley	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roaring Rapids Pizza 4006 Franklin Boulevard;	(541)-688-4268		
			Eugene			