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Want a Friend? Be a Friend!

If you've ever ridden to the state capitol to meet your legislators, you know how important it is to make a good impression. You're on your best behavior, of course. A lot of motorcycling issues are at stake, and you want a majority of legislators to be on our side.

But are you on their side?

As important as your trip to the capitol may be, it should not be the only personal contact you have with your legislator. Ideally, your meeting will be more like a reunion with a trusted friend. And rather than asking them to help you, instead they should be thanking you - for helping them get elected in the first place.

The reason is pretty clear.

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Politicians are just as passionate about winning elections as bikers are about riding motorcycles. So when

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crusty ol'editorial Cryptogram you volunteer for a candidate during the campaign season, you make a lasting impression. And the harder you work for them on the campaign trail, the harder they'll work for you at the state capitol.

But when it comes to making a first impression, the legislative session is probably the least advantageous time. Legislators are already busy, trying to move their own bills forward. Meanwhile, everybody else is clamoring for their attention, and asking them for favors. How can you possibly make yourself stand out from all the political moochers?

By not being a moocher, of course.

This doesn't mean you shouldn't go to the capitol.

Far from it.

The more of us that legislators see, the better.

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But think of the advantage you'd hold over other constituents, and even professional lobbyists, if you had been an important part of their winning campaign.

By all means, make that trip, and tell them what you think.

Just keep in mind that if you want to see more "biker-friendly" legislators at the state capitol, then make sure they see more "friendly biker" volunteers on the campaign trail.

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

What We're About

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

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

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

• It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, 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 newspaper. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A.T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs." -- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years.

First to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to

family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter) riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of *Motorcyclists* (*N.C.O.M.*) Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

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In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

Т TOTALITARIAN

Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.

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State Coordinator

It looks like we will have to wear our skid lids for at least another year.

But not for lack of trying. HB–3141 died in committee.

First off, I would like to thank all of you who e-mailed, wrote, called, (or even better) visited your representatives.

Thank you also to all of you who attended *Black Wednesday* or were at the committee hearing at the capitol.

I cannot say enough about the people who put in a tremendous amount of effort to get this bill passed: Don Mason, Nic Oliver, Mel Yeager, Heidi Disrud, Al Simms, Quiet Mike, and Sam Hochburg. (I apologize if I left anyone out.)

These people were more than ready for the house transportation committee hearing on HB-3141. They had their facts straight, their statistics lined up, and their testimony ready.

We filled the hearing room.

We filled the overflow area.

We filled the over-over flow area. We sat through an hour of testimony of why not to build a bridge.

We sat through the trauma nurses and their doomsday testimonies.

Now it was our turn, and it all went to hell. The committee announced they were about out of time and they had a total of four minutes, thirtytwo seconds left for all of our six speakers.

Total crap.

Today though, we hold our heads high and are extremely proud of ourselves.

We played by the rules.

They did not.

We learned a lot.

We accomplished much.

We are much more prepared for the next time.

We impressed many legislators. Many people got fired up, and all I can say to our detractors is, "*Look out, we will be back!*" I would also be remiss if I did not thank state representative Andy Olson, his co-sponsors, and the majority of the *Hub City Chapter* for all their support.

Next up is the 25th Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Rally on May 7th on the capitol steps.

Please plan to attend.

I will not be there, however, as I will be at the *N.C.O.M.* convention in Albuquerque New Mexico. I will be there to see my good friend, Gunny Hutcheson, receive the *Lifetime Achievement Award*, their highest award. We are all extremely lucky to have this man working for motorcyclists in Oregon and nationwide.

I cannot wait to see you all at Fossil.

Ride safe,

Ted



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



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

Hello C.O.

Okay, well, let me start by saying that summer is on it way.

I can't not tell what happened in the last newspaper. Must be that computer stuff at the big office.

[c.o.e. note: Traditionally the April issue articles are printed as received in order to give whoever is editor at the time an ever-so-slight break. Those who send HTML-formatted reports get to see what yer long-suffering editors have to contend with eleven other months of the year.]

We have our road side clean up on May 7th, meeting at Cloverdale fire station meet at 9:30 a.m. come rain, snow, or whatever the weather throws at us. Afterwards will be our BBQ at the Sister's city park.

We will talk more on our *M.R.F.* run on June the 18th, where we will leave the *Northside Bar and Grill* after breakfast at 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Last bike out at 10 a.m., then party at the *Cooler's* in Prinville afterwards. So please try and help us for our road side clean up May 7th.

For more info contact me, Animal, at (541)–923–3809.

Need to send this off to the big man so I don't get in trouble. [*c.o.e. note: Less of the "big", please.*]

Ride safe and rubber side down,

Animal coordinator *Central Oregon Chapter*





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

Another month flew by and I don't think I even saw it. I must have blinked or something.

Once again our club saw great attendance at our last chapter meeting, despite that the fact it was St. Patrick's Day and pub crawls were in full swing downtown.

We welcomed several new members and guests: Cary, Spike, Kathy, Dave and Pam, Al, Burt, Frank, Fred, and Ray. Again, welcome. We look forward to your input and participation.

Bike night has officially started with the first night being at *Pete's Drive-In* on Harvard, 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 8th. For those of you who couldn't make it, no worries. We will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m., the second Friday of each month through September. We meet at different locations around Roseburg, with May's bike night being at *Ray-Rae's* on highways 99 and 42. S.J.S. S.S. F. S.S.S.

Remember, you don't have to be an *A.B.A.T.E.* member, ride a *Harley* or any motorcycle to come to bike night. So bring a friend or invite someone — the more the better. We love meeting new faces and new friends. The more they know about *A.B.A.T.E.*, the more aware of us they will be when they're driving.

For more information about any *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.*sponsored event or other scheduled events, check out the web site.

Yes, I said web site!

Go to http://www. dcabateoforegon.org

There you will find a calendar listing events for each month including the flyer for the upcoming *S.O.S. Run* in August.

We will be posting events and flyers on the web site, so if you have any ideas for web content, links, or events you want listed, click on the "E-Mail Me" and tell us about it. Ray will be heading to ride to D.C. on May 17th for his annual run to the wall. Please feel free to join him on his journey by meeting at the *Love's Truck Stop* by 8 a.m., even if you can only ride part of the way.

We're want your design ideas for a *Douglas County* t-shirt. Just remember any design submitted must incorporate the official *A.B.A. T.E.* logo to be considered.

Well, until next time, enjoy the journey, enjoy the ride.

Your secretary,

Chris Shull Douglas County Chapter A.B.A.T.E.







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

Dear fellow riders,

Everyone from Jackson and Josephine County Chapters are out pounding the pavement seeking sponsors, vendors and door prizes for the 12th Annual Southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet. So far there seems to be somewhere between 25 to 30 vendor/sponsors. This will all be a done deal by the time you read this. If we did not see you there, then you were probably at the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem.

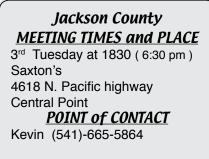
Indian Creek riders, please come check out our chapter when you get a chance. You may find it to be a lot more fun than back in the day.

Reports have been a bit short since Mikey the secretary has been under the weather and is scheduled for surgery on the day after this newspaper was sent. Chrome up, rubber side down, be brutally aware of the terminally unaware,

Jackson County Chapter







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

Fellow Oregonian bikers,

Geez, is it spring yet? Gotta get rid of some of this tension that keeps building up.

Speaking of tension, March 30 at the state capitol was the date the house transportation and economic development committee had the open hearings for house bill 3141: *"Requiring only persons under 21 years* of age to wear a motorcycle helmet while riding on or operating a motorcycle." Our personal freedom bill was once again on the docket and *Hub City* was attending in earnest.

I had that adrenaline rush and heightened sense of expectation that always comes when the biker brethren gather for an activity of importance. As we gathered outside the capitol, the support from more incoming brothers and sisters was awesome and encouraging. We moved our masses from the street to the committee hearing room, crowding round the close circuit TV as there was no way we could all possibly fit into the room. They had to bring out more chairs to try and accommodate us. Many still stood, patiently awaiting our turn in the wheels of Oregon government. As we realized we were last on the day's agenda, you could feel the anxiety start to slip into your gut.

As it turned out, it was a bittersweet day indeed. *Hub City* folks along with *BikePAC* had worked long and hard gathering data from *N.H.T.S.A.* (*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*) and other sources, making charts, planning speeches, practicing in front of each other. Presentation would bear facts that the nanny state supporters would have a hard time refuting, as the data was gathered from the sources they always touted.

The committee let testifiers for the preliminary agenda items run over their allotted time. By the time our bill was up for testimony, Andy Olson was informed that he, Tim Freeman, and an ex-state trooper friend of Andy's had only five minutes instead of the eight others had gotten. The next panel of three was further reduced in time. The nay-sayer trio was next, giving the same old arguments of "burden on society, brain injury," etc. but once again unable to correlate those



numbers specifically to motorcycle related injuries. The fourth and fifth trio of testifiers was to be the meat of our evidence, showing that we bikers are a responsible group:

• We carry adequate insurance, both medical and motorcycle. (That our private health insurance pays for far more motorcycle related injuries than automobiles or any other category.)

• We are less likely to need long term care due to motorcycle collisions than someone injured skiing or snowboarding, automobile collisions, mountain climbing, etc.

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

Josephine County

We're still waiting for some good riding weather down here in southern Oregon.

We were able to get a ride together on March 31. The weather that day was gorgeous, and our ride took us down the Redwood Highway to Crescent City, led by my husband Richard. There was a total of 16 of us from Grants Pass, Winston, Roseburg, O'Brien, and Eureka. We had lunch at the *Groto* next to the harbor, and renewed our friendship with some of our camping friends we hadn't seen since last summer. Then we had a nice, leisurely, safe ride home. Hope to have many more rides like that one this year.

Just want to remind everyone about our swap meet at *Touvelle Lodge* on April 29-30 and May 1. Entry is \$3 per day. Friday is set-up day.

Saturday we will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bike show with signups from 10 a.m. to noon. The show will be from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be bike blessings

throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, and Unity Biker church service on Sunday. Vendor spaces are still available, so

if you know of anyone who needs to get rid of some old bike parts that have been laying around, this is a good opportunity.

For those who need to contact us about space rental please call: Pat Wine at (541)-832-2219 or Mike Horn at (541)-292-6121.

Two more events to put on your calendar:

The first Saturday in August is the



Josephine County Chapter's Ride To The Coast. More details to follow.

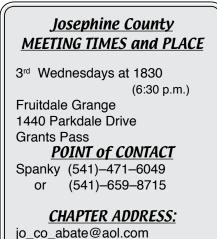
Then, on August 19 - 21 will be the *S.O.S. Campout* at Wolf Creek. Will keep you posted about the details as the planning goes along.

That's all for now folks.

Safe, and happy, riding to you all,

Karen Headley chapter secretary





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

Lincoln County Chapter is officially a year older.

We had our anniversary party on the 26th of March. A good time was had by all and we had great food. The *Kazners* played and were enjoyed.

It was a time for us to also help a friend and member. Geoff Huff, Kurt, and Shirley's son, is a new father. His son was born early and only weighted in at two pounds. Geoff travels back and forth to Portland. He works during the week and has weekends with mom and baby. Our prayers are with them.

Our meeting on April 5th was sparsely attended.

People are going to have to get used to two meetings a month again. The meetings will be necessary with *Beaver Creek Run* looming the second weekend in August. It's time to start getting things done and cleaning up the area. We are looking at companies to provide T-shirts, run pins will need to be made, and the kitchen needs to be put in order. Meal planning is a primary focus. Those of you involved in planning a run know what is happening.

We are looking forward to getting things in order. We have people handling things for *Beaver Creek Run* who have not done it before and with nothing to go by, it is a memory game for those who have belonged for a while.

The weather seems to still be a problem here. We are never sure what we will wake up to.

At least the tsunami scare is past for now. It does make for interesting talk over coffee when it is a possibility.

We are still colder than normal so were are hoping for a warm summer and fall season.

I missed the April state board meeting and that does bother me. I know that Jack, our legislative director, during the weekend of state board hubby Bob turned 70. Still has more get up and go than a lot of guys half his age.

Not a lot to add as we are just getting our spring breath of fresh air.



Keep the rubber side down and ride carefully.

For those heading to *Fossil* before the next newspaper, ride safe and enjoy.

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



Lincoln County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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

Greetings from the North Coast,

Not a lot to report from the soggy north coast. We, as many of you, have had enough of the relentless rain, chilling temperatures, and overcast skies. It's spring time already.

By the time this fine publication hits your mailboxes, our new *Spring Fever Run* will be history as well as the *Pig Out Run* sponsored by *Pacific County A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*. Hopefully both runs were a success and we were blessed with dry weather.

Our run committee is working on the final details for our annual *Around Saddle Mountain Run*. Should be yet again another great run in late June.

Judy Greendale, our membership officer, recently distributed the new trifolds with stands to eighteen locations county-wide in an effort to expand our membership. We have been picking up some new members and seeing some old faces renew their membership. Judy, many thanks for your good work.

Bob Hutson, our chapter chaplain, has been working hard on all the arrangements for the *Seaside Motorcycle Festival* (formerly *Seaside Bike Fest*) to be held on July 15th and 16th. More details coming soon. We developed an informational flyer which outlines what we (*North Coast Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E.*) are, what we do, listing all our activities, welcoming all riders and others to our meetings and activities. We are in the midst of a large scale posting of this flyer throughout the county.

Traveled to the capitol on March 30th to sit in on the scheduled public hearing for house bill 3141, the helmet bill. Pleased to see lots of bikers in and around the capitol, all with interest as to how the hearing would transpire following public testimony.

Many thanks to the state representatives who provided test-imony in favor of the bill and to those from *BikePAC* and other *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters who worked hard in preparation of presenting testimony.

Or the lack of it, since the transportation committee chairmen ceased taking testimony after the 3 p.m. hearing cutoff time.

In addition, several of bill supporters providing testimony were cut short of their allotted three minutes.

While hard copy of the documents prepared for supporting their testimony are in the hands of the committee, it was very disappointing that some of the



most compelling testimony in favor of the bill wasn't heard during the public hearing.

We are still awaiting an outcome of the committee's vote on the bill at time of submitting this chapter report.

Don't forget, the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the capitol in Salem is on Saturday, May 7th. Let's make this year's gathering the largest on record! Be careful out there.

Keep your ride in good condition and

watch out for those cages.

All the best from the North Coast Chapter,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator



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

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

We, down here on the lower Columbia, are waiting for the start of spring.

Hopefully it will be in full force on the 7th. This is the day of our spring run.

What a fun run!

If you have never ridden on the back roads between Clatskanie and highway 26, you are missing out on a beautiful spring ride.

We will be leaving Colvin's Pub (right in the middle of Clatskanie) at 10 a.m. sharp and ending in Seaside. Make sure your bikes are in good working condition and join us on the 7th.

Our chapter has taken on restoring and making over a 1978 panel truck that we are leasing, into a full concession/catering adventure. Several people have done a lot of the dirty work.

These people not only come at the call of duty for the "weenie wagon", they are always around to help at moment's notice.

We would like to give a "shout out" to those who helped with the cleaning out of the weenie wagon after it has sat for many years: Bruce and Jeannie Holt, Willy, Laura and Justin Brown, Jim Gillies, and Dave Bridges.

Thank-you for doing the dirty work.

Happy spring riding. Remember to keep the rubber down and ride safe.

Dave Witmer coordinator Lower Columbia



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

March 15, 2011

Tonight's meeting was long due to lots of discussion about run planning.

We also had a state board of directors report by Brian.

We had lots of discussion about the proposed sign for Fossil.

50/50 game was won by Gene at \$11/\$11

The membership game for \$75 was won by Richard, who donated \$20 back to the chapter. Thanks, Richard. It will be \$5 next meeting.

The bike on the agenda was a 1977 KTM 50 cc. Gene and Wendy got it right.

-- Brian

April 5, 2011

We had an early run meeting tonight to do final planning. Everything looks good for next week. We also chose a design for the Fossil sign that Wendy is working hard on. 50/50 game was won by Rick at

\$9/\$9, who donated his share back to the chapter.

The membership game for \$5 would have been won by Barbara Watikns, if she had been present. It will be \$10 next meeting.

Some of us are going to pre-run the run tomorrow, 06 April, at 3:30 p.m. from the Big K parking lot.

-- Brian



Upcoming meetings

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River City **MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.) Shiloh Inn The Dalles

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

Well, the time has come again. 25 years. The May Motorcycle Awareness Rally is back. Salem is working on a sonic night for bikes. There will be more to follow on Facebook about this when we iron out all the details. So far the ride season is shaping Our helmet bill died in committee. But there is always next year. Never give up hope. For now, as always, be safe and have a good ride. See you at the capitol on May 7th, Rick





Salem

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

Our annual birthday party on Saturday, April 2 was a big success. Thanks to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, and purchased tickets or auction items. Our members always manage to come through for us, and it was good to see a few folks from other chapters as well.

Next up for WaCo is our Roll 'N Ride on June 18. We've moved it from our traditional second Sunday of the month so we don't conflict with Best of the West or Hells Canyon Run. The ride begins at Beaverton Honda-Yamaha and will end with a free picnic hosted by the chapter. See the flyer for details, and hope to see you all there!

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. This is something every one of us can promote. Post safety signs on your lawn, slap a bumper sticker on your car, attend the May Awareness Rally on May 7. Then keep the momentum going throughout the year.

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of our public relations director, Greg "Goat Boy" Vaughn, *WaCo* will be promoting motorcycle awareness with an advertising campaign at the Valley Theater throughout the month of May. We have slides that will be seen before every movie runs all month long. If you haven't been to the Valley for a while, it's a great place to have a brew and see your favorite second run (or older) flick with friends. This type of advertising is fairly reasonable, so check with your local theater if you're interested.

As always, get the latest updates and happenings on our web site http://www.wacoabate.info

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow







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up.

Spring is here (calendar wise), but you sure couldn't prove it by the weather.

With riding season ramping up, we all need to make sure that our bikes have good tread on the tires, fresh oil, and a general tune up on the motor.

So stay safe and watch out for distracted drivers.

As many people know, this month (May) is *Motorcycle Awareness Month* and the annual rally is on the 7th of this month. We really need to make a good showing in order to convince our legislators to give us what we want. (No brain buckets.) I realize that a lot of you have quite a way to travel in order to get there, but we need to paint the parking lot with a sea of black leather. (I'm not talking about a few hundred, but a few thousand riders.)

There will be live music, vendors, and Doug Findlay will be the speaker, so let's all show up in force and make an impression on our politicians.



• *Fossil Campout* tickets are now available, so get them while you still can and let's have a great turnout this year.

• *Run 21* is right around the corner. Tickets are now on sale.

There will be a few changes this year: the main stage will be in a different location as well as a separate gate for motor homes so that way there will be no non-paying entrants into the run. There will also be an A.T.M. machine set up by the front gate. Don't bother showing up on Thursday — you will not be let in unless you are event staff or vendor.

You will be told to leave and come back on Friday when the run opens to the public.

Everyone please be safe and ride easy,

K.J.E. Brewer recording secretary *Southeast Portland Chapter* <u>Southeast Portland</u> <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon) *M&M Restaurant & Lounge* 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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• That increased medical premiums are also due to the severely obese, smokers, etc.

• That motorcycle fatalities (citing *N.H.S.T.A.* reports) represented a tiny portion of the overall number of deaths and more.

As ill fate and committee manipulation worked together, Al Sims, Mel Yeager, and Sam Hochberg were given only one and a half minutes and the charts weren't set up.

The last trio didn't even get an opportunity for testimony.

The bill is virtually dead for now. But just as Jesus rose from the dead on easter, this fight is not over. Andy Olson is continuing the battle as is *Hub City* and *BikePAC*.

Next year is another year.

Get into action.

Continue (or start) to plague your representatives, congressman, senators with your sentiments about this freedom of choice via e-mails, phone calls, whatever.

From the *Hub City* web site (http:// www.hubcityabate.com/) you can link to current legislation, find out whom to contact and voice your concerns.

The more the people shout, the more our politicians will already know how we feel and don't have to be persuaded at the last moment.

Now who was it that said "United we stand, divided we fall"?

Other recent activities with *Hub City* were:

• *Linn County Cycle Swap Meet.* Carlos and Spanky are planning more in the future, so stay tuned for the next one. Great turn out for the first one. You go, guys.

(linncountycycle@rocketmail.com)

• Another fabulous biker night at *Riley's* in downtown Albany with a lot of support from *H.O.G. – Pioneer Chapter*, *Weasels*, and *Raiders*.

Upcoming events:

• May Motorcycle Awareness Rally – May 7th (Hope I saw you there.)

• Our annual poker run on June 4. We have already commissioned repeated performances from the *Sun Goddess Dancers* (a.k.a. *Hub City Hooters.*)

Hope we all find some righteously warm riding weather soon and see you at the capitol in May.

Lines should be shorter for outside facilities as *Hub City* is donating funds for an extra *Port-a-Potty*.

Not exactly rockin', but *Hub City* still rocks!

Mo

Touring Northeast Oregon? Have A Gas

My name is Craig Palmer. I am the owner of the *OK Garage* located in Long Creek, Oregon.

I have been asked by a couple of your organization's members to let other members know that there is a operating gas station in Long Creek. Currently I am selling the following fuels:

- #2 diesel
- 91 octane non-ethanol premium
- 87 octane regular unleaded

I am also in the process of opening a convenience store in the south part of the station. I hope to see you all soon. Take care and safe riding,

Craig Palmer *OK Garage* Long Creek, Oregon Phone: **1–(541)–421-3344** (Call for currant hours of operation.) [c.o.e. note: Long Creek is located 73 miles east-southeast of Fossil at the intersection of highways 402 and 395 in Grant county. Take highway 19 east from Fossil to Kimberly, then turn left onto highway 402. Enjoy the ride.]

Our Officers at Work

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes 09 April 2011

Ciddici's Pizza — Albany, Oregon



Call to order, welcome – The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:15 p.m. with eight of twelve chapters represented.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees – Lynn of *Salem Chapter*.

Reading, approval of minutes – Motion made by Nic Oliver to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Matt Price. **Motion passed**.

Excused – *Douglas* and *Jackson County* chapters.

Absent – *Central Oregon Chapter.* Three of the last four meetings were not attended. Ted would like to see active participation within the organization and will follow up with Animal on the matter.

Randy thought Robert Terril of Southeast Portland Chapter might possibly become the legislative director for the Central Oregon Chapter and have an opportunity to serve as their representative at the state board of directors meetings. Randy will follow up with Robert.

Coordinator's comments – Ted Tracy asked chapter representatives to please contact your chapter coordinator if you are not going to be able to attend the state board of directors meeting.

Last month's hearing of HB-4131 had great attendance with motorcycle group enthusiasts. *BikePAC* was ready with their presentation, and Ted was very pleased with how everything went until about 2 p.m. that day.

Secretary report, correspondence

– Yvonne Sahnow – No report.

Officer's Reports

Vice-coordinator (north): Allan Nichols -Please pay attention to road hazards (mud, gravel, etc.) at all times while riding the back roads. Matt said he would like the department of transportation contacted about farm tractors leaving chunks of mud on roads when exiting plowed fields. A letter of protest was suggested to the governor's counsel next Friday. This is a hazard for traffic and a liability for farmers. They could lose their farms if damage or loss of life occurred.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" -The southern Oregon swap meet will be held May 30th and 31st. *Jackson County Chapter* to be part of the swap meet this year. *BikePAC* and *M.R.F.* were offered free space for participation.

Vice-coordinator (east): <Vacant> Ted asked Randy to speak with Robert Terril about taking this position.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Report attached. We have spent \$400 this last month on travel expenses for the state board of directors meetings. She will no longer be signing expense reports. Please have a board representative's signature, as well as recipient.

Kay read a list of C.P.A. requirements needed within the next week from each chapter. They are:

• A list of the five required board members per chapter.

• Profit and loss report from the *Quicken* program.

• December 2010 bank statement along with the bank reconciliation from *Quicken*.

As of today [09 April], only \$75 has been received for the guest speaker at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Ted informed the board that we have about \$600 pledged for the event. Checking account has \$7754.65 Money market has \$14,004.71 *Pay Pal* account \$896.69

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – Report attached. We are up in memberships from last month. We do need to order more tri -folds. Let her know if you need more before the next board meeting as she will not be present.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price -With the exception of toy run in December and couple of others still missing checks for sanctioning fees, all events are current. Flyer is still needed for the December toy run.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci – Report attached. We have no chapters in the red. There are a couple more chapters that will be green by next month.

We have two weeks to convert all PDF files to *Quicken* before handing them over to the C.P.A.. That's a lot of converting, but it will be done by due date.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path received several concerns over the April issue on the formatting of some chapter reports, *Southeast Portland Chapter* in particular. Traditionally, April's issue is not edited, which allotted him time to make a color version of the magazine for our web site. He also noted that *Indian Creek Chapter* had a report in the magazine for the April issue.

Legislative director: Randy Phipps covered federal and state level bills in legislature. Bill–4131 was negated.

SB-463 lane sharing pending.

SB–162 reducing endorsement fees died.

HB–2797 firearms on motorcycles currently in the judicial senate house. HB–2232 passengers safety also in

house of transportation pending.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps – Mid-summer swap meet and bike show coming up. *Fossil* to be held in June [May]. At present, he is working on security concepts for the events.

Sergeant-at-arms(south): <Vacant> Sergeant-at-arms (east): Jim Middleton – Absent.

Products director: Dave Meeker still needs artwork for *Fossil* t-shirts. Courtesy cards are available to our members. Please pass out to individuals needing help. Also, if



Yvonne Sahnow state recording secretary

you would like to have a special t-shirt order, please see Dave as soon as possible. He will be putting an order in promptly.

Education director: Geoff White – Passed out packages to the chapter representatives to give out to the individuals who attended the motorcycle awareness instructor training class at S.T.E.A.M.

He is also putting a tutorial together for class presentation and getting class participation.

Framed certificates will be given to certified instructors at the next board meeting.

Public relations director: < Vacant >

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long – Excused. Flyers are available. All music has been locked up. Door prizes are needed as well as someone to run the gate. Dwayne and Howie still need to load the trailer up. The connex is in great shape.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols – Michael Campbell of Washington state got the profiling bill passed and it is sitting on the governors desk to sign.

HR–910 currently on the senate floor. All D.E.Q. stations would be gone by 2016 if this passes.

Kids right to ride has had 104 amendments attached to it. We do not know when it will be heard.

States with active roadside check points are being bypassed on runs.

Georgia's business' have really suffered with these check points.

Please remember *Best of the West* being held June 10–12 in Ogden, Utah.

Meetings of the Minds to be held September 22–25.

Swap meet coordinator: John Betts – Swap Meet Committee meeting was held, much progress was made. Next meeting to be at the May state board of directors

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting - 12 March 2011 (continued)

meeting at 11 a.m.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman – Excused.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – Excused.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba – Excused.

BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps – Nic stood in and thanked everybody for their hard work. The battle is not over regarding our right to choose. We made a lot of points, learned a lot of lessons, and are ready for the next time. The hearing_room was filled and spilled out into the main lobby with an extra room full. Calls-to-action will be coming and we're not going to slow down. We will get our rights back eventually.

Randy also noted a web site, http:// www.iomgia.net/ that provides all clubs designated as gangs within the U.S. on a nation wide map. Apparently, this organization was formed in 1974.

BikePAC representative: Mel Yeager – Absent.

Confederation of Clubs representative (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen – No report.

Confederation of Clubs representative (north): David Hickerson – Lots of talk on the check points. There will be a lot of talk at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. We are meeting in the K-Mart parking lot to ride over *en mass*.

Unfinished Business

Don Mason spoke on the *Black Wednesday* event.

There was no way to minimize the effort made on Bill-4131. Our ability to move the bill all the way to house proves that we can make a difference. Victories definitely outweighed any defeat that we had. If we want to introduce this again in February, Don will continue with the same effort and with more information to pursue this bill.

There is a short session to be held in February. That's why Andy Olsen said we would see what we could do in February.

The U.S. Defenders were formed in Texas for this exact reason and administered by motorcycle clubs of that state. The motorcycle clubs are driving that bus. *U.S. Defenders* of Oregon do not have the momentum yet, but it can certainly happen judging by all the patches seen at the *Black Wednesday* session.

Vacant positions for 2011 state board of directors

• Vice-coordinator (east) VACANT

• Public relations director -VACANT

• Sargent-at-arms (south) VACANT

New Business

• A motion was made by Gordon Sahnow (*Washington County Chapter*) and seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*) to have the state send Alan Nichols (*M.R.F.* representative) to the 2011 *Meeting of the Minds* in Romulus, Michigan on September 22–25. Amount to cover air fair and registration not to exceed \$600. **Motion passed** with eight votes.

• A motion was submitted by

Randy Phipps on behalf of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* reading: Sanctioning policy article 1 - 15 to be removed from operations manual so there will be no confusion of sanctioning policies and replaced with 2006 guidelines. Matt Price knows of no problems with sanctioning. Motion was seconded and tabled to allow further information to be gathered until the next board meeting.

• We need to push *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* next month. Rot has information on the front cover of the state newspaper for the April issue.

Announcements

• *Hub City* barbecue and beverages May 6th . Meeting in the Salem *K-Mart* parking lot at 9:45 a.m. for ride to the rally.

• Next state board meeting to be held at *Ciddici's Pizza* at noon on 14 May. 11 a.m. swap meet committee meeting.

Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Not much report this month.

The committee has been working on the same issues for several months.

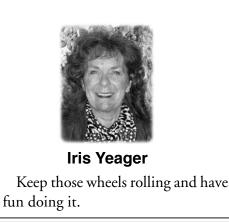
The helmet by choice and the motorcycle training for three wheel riders on three wheelers.

The majority of the committee said not to support the idea of helmet choice. Only one voted to allow riders to choose for themselves. You can guess which one that was.

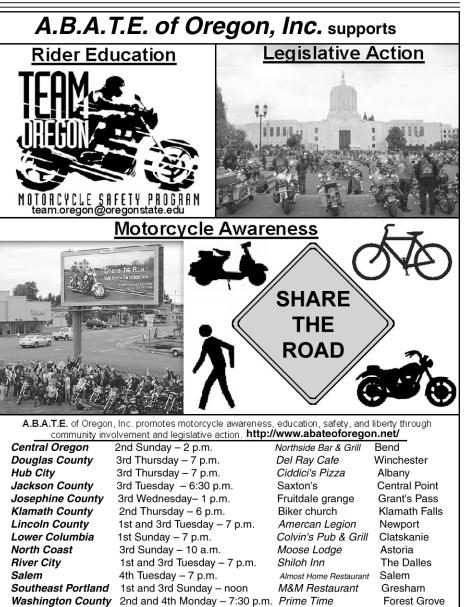
As for the training on three wheel bikes, the courses are just not set up to accommodate three wheelers and there are no funds to go further at this time.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2011 at *Embassy Suites*, 7900 NE 82nd avenue in Portland, Oregon at the regular 6:30 p.m. time.

I sure look forward to seeing you all at the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the state capitol on the 7th of May and at some of the other events this year.







Gunny

chief of staff

Oregon A.I.M.

From The ... GUNNY'S SACK

Here we go again, folks!

The riding season here in Oregon has officially started with the annual spring motorcycle swap meet in Portland on the 9th of April.

I'm just sure now that after all my harping on safety you all have gone through your rides and checked tires, changed oil, checked all the other fluids (if needed), and generally tightened every nut and bolt on your scoot so yer safe this year. Do it now, before ya get into trouble because you're just lazy and would rather ride.

Remember brothers and sisters, if yur scoot isn't sound, you could find yourself on the ground.

Our venerable *A.I.M.* attorney Sam Hochberg here can't always fix things if we're doing stupid things.

Motorcycles Can Run Red Lights in Kansas. (Really?)

Yes, the Kansas house approved a bill that will allow motorcyclist to run a red light. But only under certain conditions. Called the "*Dead Red Bill*," it gives bikers and bicyclists a free pass to go on a red light if the traffic light fails to turn green after a "reasonable period of time." Many motorcycles are not big enough to trigger the traffic light sensor that determines when a light is supposed to turn green.

The bill is supposed to prevent motorcyclists and bicyclists from being ticketed or fined for running a red light that did not change because of malfunctioning traffic signals or sensors that don't detect bikes. Before the bill, a biker would have to wait until a car came along to trigger the sensor.

This is a regulation that should be universal across this country, and has been enacted in a few areas. It was attempted and failed in Oregon a few years back. All you lawmakers out there take a good look at this one and bikers all over the place will befriend you.

Distracted Driving Woes

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is strongly urging all motorists to stop driving while distracted and backs April's national awareness month to combat this deadly highway hazard. "Distracted driving is of great concern for motorcyclists as we simply have more at stake," said M.S.F. president Tim Buche.

I'll say.

Cell phone use while driving has become a national hazard for everyone on our highways. In Oregon, as in many states, now there are regulations that will getcha a *big* ticket for doing it. Take my word for it folks, it's against regulations in Oregon and it is a primary stop.

Drive yur car and leave the phone alone or use some device that is hands free to jabber on the talkie. The last thing anyone wants is to be responsible for injury to an innocent bystander because ya just had to gossip.

All motorists should be focused on driving.

In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in crashes involving driver distraction (16 percent of the total fatalities). The proportion of fatalities reportedly associated with driver distraction increased from 10 percent in 2005 to 16 percent in 2009.

A full 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving. 18% of fatalities in distractionrelated crashes involved reports of a cell phone as a distraction.

Scooter folks are especially vulnerable to this problem. People don't see motorcycles as it is, and distracted driving makes the road that much more treacherous for us.

Introduced by former U.S. representative Betsy Markey, the resolution to create a *National Distracted Driving Awareness Month* was passed by the U.S. house of representatives in 2010.

Most states currently have legislation regulating distracted driving. The U.S. D.O.T. reports that 30 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam ban text messaging for all drivers. Last year alone, twelve of these regulations were enacted.

As any rider will tell you, some drivers just don't *see* motorcyclists as it is. They ignore them, usually unintentionally.

Ya gotta look twice for safety, like the bumper sticker says.

A bike can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside the car.

In the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (N.H.T.S.A.) "100-Car Naturalistic Driving Study, distracted driving contributed to more than 22 percent of all the crashes and near-crashes that were recorded. This research gathered its data from video recorders and instrumentation installed on the vehicles before they were placed back into everyday traffic for several months.

The *M.S.F.* 100 Motorcyclists *Naturalistic Study* will soon do the same with motorcycles, for six to eighteen



months, and will combine unobtrusive, continuous data collection with postincident interviews. The study will create a comprehensive picture of many factors, possibly including distracted driving, that contribute to both crashes and near-crashes.

In Oregon, the licensing structure for motorcycle endorsements now requires new endorsees to have passed an approved rider education course in order to get licensed. The statistics and our own experiences tell us this saves lives. Proper training and education do far more good than regulations dictating what sort of protective equipment we should wear. You don't see regulations like that in much more dangerous activities, like skiing, skateboarding, or even sky-diving. Why pick on us?

Helmets In Oregon

There was a hearing at the state capitol in early April on the helmet modification bill, HB–3141. In essence, the bill, if passed, would allow riders 21 and over to ride lidless if they possess an adequate health policy to pay hospital stays if they are injured in a crash.

BikePAC of Oregon lined up several people to testify, including A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg. But due to time constraints (or due to politics) testimony was cut very short, and several people didn't get to testify at all.

At this writing, it's unclear if the bill will move out of committee. [*c.o.e. note: It won't.*] If not, we will get another shot at it at a later date. Budget problems seem to take our time as is the case in most states nowadays. I'll keep ya posted.

Gunny Again

I'm reading more and more about motorcycle injuries and deaths in the news media. More than ever we see the rider was or was not wearing a helmet. This leaves the impression that there would not have been injury if the rider had been wearing a lid. Often, deaths are unrelated to head injuries at all.

Folks I'm tellin' ya again and again, *helmets do not prevent crashes*. And they certainly do not prevent all injuries. Most helmet manufacturers have a statement on their packaging the says this helmet is not considered head injury preventive at speeds in excess of 12 to 15 miles per hour. (That tells us a lot.)

Just another reminder that our *A.I.M.* attorney network around this country is in place to help motorcyclists in legal affairs connected to crashes. However these folks work in the legal country and know other attorneys that work in other specialties besides crashes.

Call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney and they can send ya in the right direction and many times save ya buckets of grief and money.

Call the central office in California if ya don't know who to talk to in your home state, and they will set ya right.

Call either 1–(800)–531–2424, or 1–(800)–On–A–Bike, and you will get connected up.

And, be sure to check out all the biker and legal info on the *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* sites on the internet at **http://www.aimncom.com**

For Sam Hochberg here in Oregon call (503)–224–1106 locally to Portland or 1–(800)–-347–1106, toll free.

Sam's e-mail is Sambikelaw@aol. com

And you can reach this Gunny by e-mail at AIMGunny@aol.com

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

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

Probably shouldn't be admitting this in public, but yer crusty ol' editor has actually seen the movie, *Princess Bride*. Several times.

Though the flick is essentially a comedy, there is one character from whom we can learn an important lesson, a self-taught swordsman on a quest to avenge his family's honor.

When he finally encounters the bad guy who murdered his father, the swordsman quietly announces his own name, what crime the baddie committed, and what the son is going to do about it. Naturally the scoundrel and his henchmen don't take the young lad seriously... at first.

An oaf is told to take care of the would-be avenger, but is quickly dispatched, after which the young man quietly restates his three facts while slowly advancing.

More and more thugs are sent against him, but he handily defeats each one, quietly making his statement between each short fight.

The quiet relentlessness of the young swordsman's advance and the undeflected focus of his statement increasingly unnerves the bad guy until he too is brought down after a climatic personal battle.

In the political arena where motorcyclists increasingly find themselves defending their liberties, one of the favorite tactics employed by professional politicians of all stripes is deflection of purpose.

This is attempted through a variety

of tactics including requesting timeconsuming documentation, asking for information on unrelated topics, trying to add additional subjects into the matter under consideration, and just plain confusing and tricking we the people when we are attempting to use our political system as our nation's founders intended.

Self-interested politicians who have been in office far too long know how to play the system to their own advantage. We, the average citizens, do not.

Therefore, what we always need to do is retain our focus on what we want to accomplish, no matter what dirty tricks and distractions our detractors may throw at us.

We need to retain that quiet, calm, purposeful voice of Inigo Montoya in our minds as we relentlessly advance our cause:

Our name is A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Our liberties have been taken. We are here to take them back.

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As many members may know by now, our helmet amendment bill for this Oregon legislative session has essentially been killed in committee by lack of action. (And dirty tricks.)

The most excellent news is that we don't have to wait two years before we can try again. With our legislature now meeting every year, it's going to be easier for us to keep our momentum going.

But we don't have to sit around until

the new year twiddling our thumbs. Now is the time to get involved with

parties and legislators who represent our interests and area of the state.

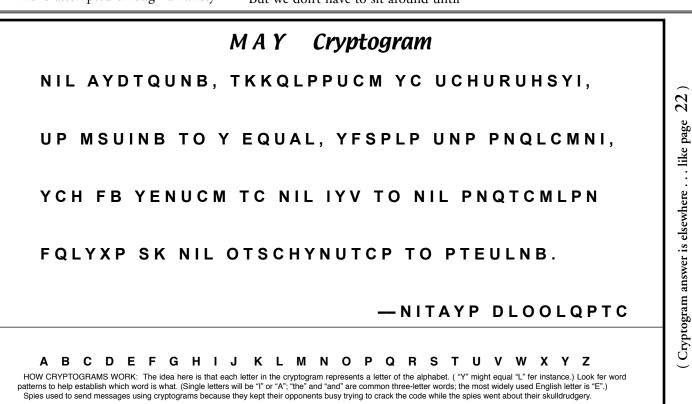
Most of the political parties have meetings periodically, often monthly. Even small towns are likely to have such meetings. Find out when meet, then drop in on a variety of them until you find one that fits comfortably.

Many politicians at all levels hold town hall meetings during breaks between legislative sessions. Not only should you try to attend at least one to get a feel for the elected officials who are suppose to represent our interests, but see if you can help organize and run future events. This can be almost as beneficial to us as helping a candidate during an election campaign.

They idea here is to let political groups get to know motorcyclists and find out for themselves just how wonderful we are. As they get to know us and trust us, the barriers come down and we begin to have more political access and clout. We begin to become political insiders without prostituting our goals.

We need to help political groups and officials understand that our main concern is the erosion of personal liberty and freedoms that were originally written into our nation's constitution as guarantees for citizens. Helmet regulations are merely the issue around which we are rallying our efforts.

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Rot Path crusty ol' editor

One more time . . .

• Accidents and crashes are not the same.

"Accident" implies that nothing could have been done to avoid what happened and that no one is at fault.

"Crash" or "wreck" acknowledges that human fault is responsible at some level for what happened and that people need to be held accountable for their actions.

Even our state's department of motor vehicles has been acknowledging and using this definition in the driver manuals for a number of years.

• Laws are universal and selfenforcing.

Regulations and legislation is *not* law but the regulation of human behavior. (It requires artificial local human enforcement.)

The terms "law" and "regulation" are not interchangeable.

To use the word "law" instead of "regulation" is to elevate a changeable human activity above its place, creating the mindset that it is supremely powerful and that nothing can be done to change it.

We know different.

• "Justice" is acceptance of responsibility for one's own actions and the restoration as much as possible of conditions that existed prior to a harmful event.

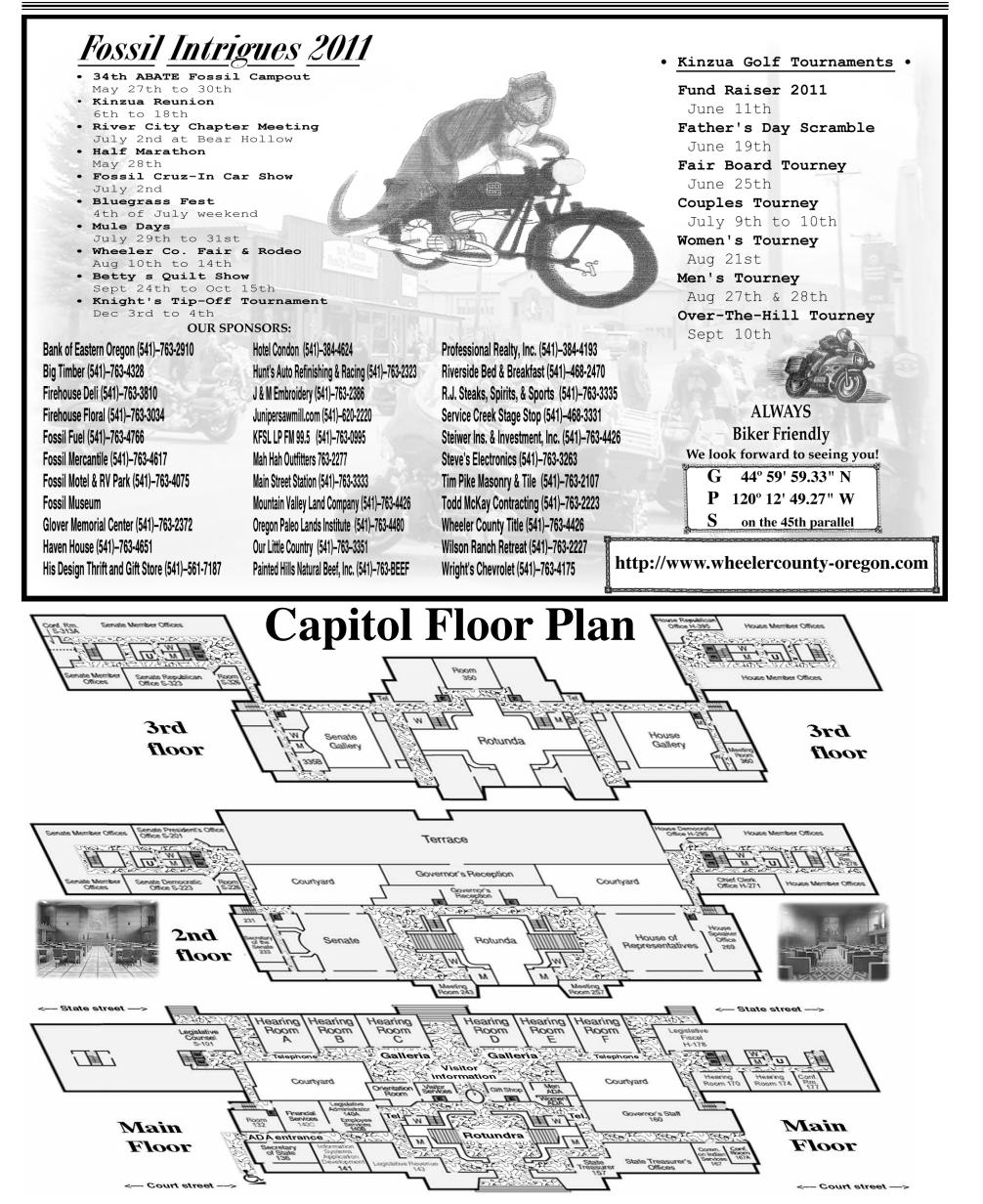
Fining people and/or sending them to jail does nothing to acknowledge wrong-doing or restore shattered lives. That is revenge.

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American Motorcyclist Association

Video Contest Will Deliver Message To Congress: Kids Just Want To Ride

The A.M.A. is asking its youth riders impacted by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (C.P.S.I.A.) of 2008(commonly referred to as the "lead law") to produce, with their parents' help and permission, home-made videos that will be presented to federal legislators.

The *Kids Just Want to Ride* video contest empowers those most impacted by the legislation, children who ride, to tell congress just how important motorcycling is to them. The program is part of the on-going fight by the *A.M.A.* and its members to change the misguided *C.P.S.I.A.* that will effectively ban the sale of kids' dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) at the end of the year.

"This contest puts a real face on the effects of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, which threatens the availability of kid-sized motorcycles and ATVs," said A.M.A. senior vice president for government relations Ed Moreland.

The A.M.A. will select one video from the Kids Just Want to Ride contest to be a key component of an A.M.A.-organized A.M.A. Family Capitol Hill Climb in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, May 26. The media event and lobbying effort will urge legislators to exempt kids' dirt bikes and A.T.V.s from the C.P.S.I.A.

For full details concerning the Kids Just Want to Ride video contest, including prizes, see http://www. AmericanMotorcyclist.com/ KidsJustWantToRide.aspx

A.M.A. Family Capitol Hill Climb

All motorcyclists, A.T.V. riders and their families are encouraged to attend the *A.M.A. Family Capitol Hill Climb* on Sunday, May 26 in Washington, D.C.

A.M.A. and All-Terrain Vehicle Association (A.T.V.A.) members should contact the A.M.A. grassroots team at 1–(202)–742–4310 or e-mail grassroots@ama-cycle.org for more information or to obtain help with their visit.

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Ride To Work Day Monday, June 20

The 20th annual commuting event, set for Monday, June 20, is expected to more than double the number of riders on the road, according to *Ride to Work*, the coordinator of the activity.

"Riding on this day showcases the positive value of motorcycles and scooters for transportation. It is an economical, efficient and socially responsible form of mobility that saves energy, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefits," states Andy Goldfine, the event organizer.

Motorcycle and scooter enthusiasts and rider organizations worldwide encourage their members to ride to work on this day. The event has also been recognized by proclamation in over one hundred American cities.

Donate And You Could Win A Pair Of Classic Kawasakis

If you donate to the motorcycle hall of fame, you could ride away on a fully restored 1973 *Kawasaki* Z1 and a brand new Z1000 muscle bike. The winner will be announced at *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* this summer.

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Signing up to receive A.M.A. Action Alerts and News & Notes will keep you informed on hot topics, news affecting the motorcycling community.

America's 15 Best Motorcycling Roads

The results are in, and communities nationwide are the winners.

A.M.A. members voted on their favorite roads in America, and the top 15 selections represent scenic highways and byways throughout the country.

"When it comes to the best places in the country to ride motorcycles, no group of riders is more knowledgeable than A.M.A. members," said A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman.

"No group puts in more miles, samples more asphalt or rides more roads. By publicizing our favorite roads in American Motorcyclist magazine, A.M.A. members will seek out these destinations and bring tourism dollars into local communities through the purchase of food, fuel, lodging, and more," Dingman said.

Win a Yamaha Super Ténéré Ride the A.M.A. Yamaha Super Ténéré Adventure Riding Series

The country's premier riding series for fans of big-bore adventuretouring motorcycles has a new title sponsor with the launch of the 2011 A.M.A. Yamaha Super Ténéré Adventure Riding series.

Geared toward riders of all brands of adventure-touring motorcycles, the series includes more than twenty rides in some of the most scenic riding areas in the country.

The partnership between the *A.M.A.* and *Yamaha* coincides with the manufacturer's exciting entry into the big-bore adventure touring

market with the impressive Super Ténéré, the 1,199 cc, rally-inspired motorcycle designed to cover long miles over varied terrain in comfort and style.

One lucky participant in the 2011 A.M.A. Yamaha Super Ténéré Adventure series will win a brand new 2012 Super Ténéré.

Wild Lands Policy Dealt Possible Setback

The funding measure that will keep the federal government operating through September 30 includes language that bars the interior department from using any money to carry out the controversial wild lands land-use policy.

If adopted, the language in the bill would be a major victory for off-highway vehicle riders and others concerned with responsible recreation on public land.

Language in the fiscal year 2011 continuing resolution negotiated by the house, senate and white house and unveiled on April 12 specifically states that no federal money "*may be used to implement, administer, or enforce secretarial order number 3310 issued by the secretary of the interior on December 22, 2010.*"





Motorcycle Riders Foundation N.H.T.S.A. Requests **Motorcycle Safety Money**

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)has submitted his 2012 budget request to the federal appropriations committees. One item in particular jumped off the page when the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) examined the \$860 million request.

Section 3011, motorcycle safety grants, includes a \$7 million that specifically adds the promotion of department of transportation compliant helmet use to the fund.

In the past, the motorcycle safety grant program has solely put money toward two areas: teaching people to ride motorcycles and educating the rest of the motoring public to look for motorcycles while driving. Diluting this already small grant program to include helmet use promotion will certainly diminish the effectiveness of the two existing programs.

In a recent senate hearing, department of transportation secretary Ray LaHood was asked by senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) to include a mandatory helmet requirement in his budget request. LaHood responded, "This administration believes that is a state issue." Apparently Strickland did not get that information.

It is troubling that N.H.T.S.A., whose mantra should be "crash avoidance," continues to promote "safer crashing."

The *M.R.F.* believes that the best crash is the one that doesn't happen.

M.R.F. Testifies Before Congress

The U.S. house of representatives committee on transportation and infrastructure held an historic two-day

Administrator David Strickland of hearing March 29 and 30, 2011. The Highway Traffic Safety Administration focus of the hearing was to gain valuable insight as the committee drafts the next surface transportation reauthorization. current legislation The expired September 30, 2009 but has been on life support via a series of extensions that currently expire September 30, 2011.

The hearings called in a record forty witnesses over the two days. The lengthy list included union representatives, mass transit, taxi drivers, truck drivers, financing experts, and (of course) a motorcycle safety specialist.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) was contacted by committee staff to bring an expert motorcycle safety witness. To accommodate the request, the M.R.F. contacted long-time M.R.F. supporter senator Bob Letourneau. Letourneau is a fifteen-year veteran of the New Hampshire legislator, who along the way chaired the New Hampshire house and senate transportation committees. He now serves at the New Hampshire department of safety as the resident motorcycle safety specialist. He is also a recipient of the M.R.F.'s highest honor, the John "Farmer" Eggers award.

Senator Letourneau was the only motorcycle safety expert on the witness list. His unique qualifications made him the perfect advocate for the expansion of the 2010 motorcycle safety grants. His testimony focused on the grant program, stressed its importance to the states, and urged the committee to keep the funds as they are now and not dilute the program to be used for frivolous purposes such as promotion of personal protective equipment, which was recently suggested by David Strickland, administrator for the National

(*N.H.T.S.A.*).

The subcommittee chair John Duncan (R-TN) was especially impressed with senator Letourneau's testimony and personal observations concerning the validity of the New Hampshire rider education program. Letourneau cited a valuable and impressive and remarkable statistic, "Over ten years the New Hampshire rider education program has trained 23,000 students and out of the 23,000 students only one has been involved in a fatal crash, and we suspect that was most likely due to a medical event." Chairman Duncan was visibly in awe of the statistic.

M.R.F. Meets With U.S.D.O.T. Secretary

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, along with a few members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, recently met with the nation's highest ranking transportation official, United States department of transportation secretary Ray LaHood. LaHood also had his top safety staffer, N.H.S.T.A. administrator David Strickland in on the meeting.

The M.R.F. urged Strickland and LaHood to back off on the controversial motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints recently funded by the agency. Administrator Strickland did his best to defend the checkpoints.

Other topics of discussion included asking Strickland to change his 2012 budget request, specifically the modification to what is now known as the 2011 motorcycle safety grant program. In Strickland's budget request, he asked that the program be opened up to not only fund rider education

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and share the road campaigns, but also be used for helmet use promotion and helmet use promotion requirements.

The M.R.F. told Strickland that if he wants to fund helmet campaigns to please find another pot of money to raid, as this program was created by motorcyclists for motorcyclists.

Out of his \$850 million dollar budget request, to attack this \$7 million dollar program is just wrong. Certainly, he could find another source of cash for his helmet hunt.

The M.R.F. does have some praise for Strickland. He recently successfully completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's basic rider course. He had good things to say about the experience and now has a deeper sense of value for proper and affordable rider training.

The group then encouraged LaHood to reinstate the Motorcycle Advisory Council, whose charter ended last fall. LaHood seemed willing to do so. The council had met twice a year for four years and advised the secretary on infrastructure issues as they relate to motorcycling.

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

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Motorcyclists Await Roadblock Ruling

Motorcycle riders across the country are anxiously awaiting a decision from the U.S. district court for the northern district of New York which they hope will declare New York's "motorcycle only" roadblocks to be unconstitutional. The so-called "safety checkpoints", which target well-known motorcycle events, force motorcyclists to leave the roadway, regardless of any wrongdoing, and have their persons and property inspected for equipment violations, proper paperwork, D.U.I. and stolen V.I.N. numbers. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) is now providing federal funding for police to conduct such motorcycle-only checkpoints nationwide despite objections raised by members of congress and legal challenges from the biker community.

The New York lawsuit is the first to challenge the constitutionality of motorcycle checkpoints. The plaintiffs are being represented by Proner and Proner, led by New York Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Mitch Proner, a motorcycle-riding lawyer who has a long history of doing pro bono (free) legal work to protect the rights of motorcyclists. The Proner law firm commenced the lawsuit on behalf of four motorcyclists who were detained at two separate checkpoints, as well as representing the interests of A.B.A.T.E. of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. (N.C.O.M.)

The checkpoints in question are funded by a grant from the New York governor's traffic safety committee and the troopers who work them are paid overtime. Although the stated purpose of the checkpoints is to promote safety, the majority of the more than a thousand tickets which were issued during the first year of the checkpoints had nothing to do with safety and instead focused on non-safety violations such as loud pipes. The written guidelines for the checkpoints specifically state that one of the purposes of the checkpoints is to look for stolen and forged V.I.N.s and the police readily admit that they often have undercover members of their gang and auto theft units working the checkpoints looking for signs of criminal activity.

According to Proner, the supreme court of the United States has repeatedly made it clear that any roadway checkpoint whose primary purpose is general crime control constitutes an unreasonable search and seizure under the fourth amendment and is presumptively unconstitutional. Notwithstanding that fact, the progress reports which the police prepared on the checkpoints specifically state that the grant funds are used "for overtime for intelligence gathering and the subsequent criminal and traffic enforcement." The police admit that the checkpoints, which focus only on equipment violations and forged and stolen V.I.N.s, do not address any of the major causes of motorcycle crashes such as reckless driving, driver inattentiveness, or alcohol impairment. The case, Wagner et al. v. The County of Schenectady, et al. could wind up in the U.S. supreme court. The future of motorcyclists' rights hangs in the balance.

Bills Introduced To Prohibit Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

Even as Georgia police prepared to launch the nation's first federallyfunded motorcycle-only checkpoints during *Daytona Bike Week*, legislators in Washington D.C. were taking steps to cut federal funding for the controversial practice.

Wisconsin representatives Jim Sensenbrenner, Paul Ryan, and Tom Petri introduced house resolution 904 on March 3rd that would prohibit the secretary of transportation from providing funds to state and local governments for the use of motorcycleonly traffic checkpoints.

"The first step in motorcycle crash prevention should be rider education and increased awareness. Taxpayer money should not be spent on helmet checkpoints that do not prevent crashes," Petri said in a news release. "Also, it's outrageously intrusive. Nobody is suggesting pulling cars off the road for unscheduled inspections, so why are motorcycle riders being harassed?"

"We stand in solidarity against the unconstitutional use of motorcycle-only checkpoints being implemented in Georgia, and may be coming to your state soon," said Escondido Paul, national LCDR of the U.S. Defenders, in issuing a call to action (C.T.A.) urging all motorcyclists to contact their federal officials to



"solicit their support against grant money being used by the federal government to induce other states to participate in such discriminatory actions!"

Riding Out The Recession

With gasoline prices approaching \$4 a gallon, commuters are turning to more fuel efficient motorcycles to save money. Sales and interest are up across the country, and many motorcycle dealers anticipate the popularity of motorcycles to increase even more.

Signs that the two-wheeled world is getting back on the road to recovery are coming from not only improving motorcycle sales, but also by the financial health of bikers themselves. Fewer bikers appear to be making late payments or defaulting on their motorcycle loans, according to a report issued by *Fitch Ratings*, a credit rating agency working with *Harley-Davidson*'s financial services (H.D.F.S.) division.

In addition, the report also notes the improving market for previously owned motorcycles is again gaining strength, in part due to reduced inventory levels at dealers. This would allow for any repossessed motorcycles to be sold for a better price than they may have the year before.

Congressional Motorcycle Caucus Expands

Newly-elected U.S. representative Allen West (R-FL), who was accused by his incumbent foe of belonging to a "biker gang" because he was supported by the *South Florida Confederation of Clubs*, has become one of the newest members of the *Congressional Motorcycle Caucus*.

The bi-partisan caucus is comprised of members of congress who are passionate about motorcycling and who work to promote the interests of motorcyclists. The *C.M.S.C.* has actively highlighted the safety of motorcyclists by passing congressional resolutions supporting the goals of May as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*, drawing attention to *Ride To Work Day*, and ensuring that motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process.

Representatives Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) founded the *Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus* on June 26, 2009 and currently serve as co-chairs of the caucus, despite a gunman's vicious attack on Giffords.

Representatives West and Giffords were both recently selected by the



N.C.O.M. board of directors to receive the coveted *Silver Spoke Award– Legislative* at the upcoming *26th Annual N.C.O.M. Convention* over Mother's Day weekend May 5-8, 2011 at the *Hyatt Regency* in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For further information or to register for the *N.C.O.M.* convention, visit http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com or call 1–(800)–525–5355.

America's Most Dangerous Drivers By Profession

Chances are the car that cut you off in traffic was driven by an attorney, judge, government worker, or maybe even a dog groomer according to a new study listing the most dangerous drivers by profession.

Findings were based on crash claims as a percentage of quotes, the agency said, and used its proprietary data.

Here is the full list of *Insurance.com*'s study of most dangerous driver's by profession:

- 1-Attorney/judge
- 2-Financial professionals
- 3-Government worker (GS6)
- 4-Bartender or waiter5-Business professionals
- 6-Dog groomer
- 7-Marketing/advertising
- professionals
- 8-Barber/stylist
- 9-Coach
- 10-Nurse

So why did these folks rank so high? Distraction.

Quotable Quote

"In matters of conscience, the law of majority has no place."

 Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi (1869-1948)
 Hindu spiritual and political leader

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Point and Counter-Point

Oregon Motorcyclist Refutes Uninformed Editorial

(Write On !)

The Bulletin – Bend, Oregon Friday, 18 March 2011 (page C4)

editorials: Keep helmet law for motorcyclists

Allowing motorcyclists 21 or older to opt out of wearing safety helmets sounds like a matter of personal choice.

Unfortunately, it isn't. It's a matter, in part, of increased deaths and serious injuries, of higher medical costs, and ultimately, of tax dollars that could be better spent elsewhere.

That's why Oregon lawmakers would be misguided at best if they approved House Bill 3141.

The issue is not new. Some motorcyclists don't want to wear safety helmets. More than once they've asked lawmakers for the right to decide the matter for themselves, and more than once they've been turned down. There are good reasons

for that. The statistics regarding motorcycle accidents are enough to gray the hair of anyone who reads them.

Consider: Helmet use has cut the fatality rate in motorcycle accidents by 37 percent, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Another study, published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, found that helmets are highly effective in preventing traumatic brain injury. Bareheaded riders are three times more likely to suffer such injuries, which can lead to lifelong disabilities. A study in Nebraska, meanwhile, found that helmet use reduced acute hospital care costs by

38 percent, while other studies have found different savings amounts.

Then there's this. In states that have allowed those 21 and older to opt out of helmets, fatalities and medical costs have risen as helmet use declined. Worse, because it's nearly impossible to tell how old a motorcycle rider is without pulling him or her over, such laws are virtually unenforceable.

Even these grim numbers might allow for personal choice about helmets but for one thing. Bareheaded motorcyclists involved in accidents cost taxpayers money, and plenty of it, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In Nebraska, some 41

percent of injured motorcyclists lacked health insurance. In Seattle, 63 percent of trauma care for injured cyclists was paid from public funds, and in California, some 83 percent of the cost of orthopedic injuries in motorcycle wrecks were picked up by taxpayers.

After listening to Gov. John Kitzhaber, a former emergency room physician, the sponsors of HB 3141 upped the insurance requirement in their bill to \$15,000 from \$10,000. That's a pittance in today's world, likely to be blown through after a serious motorcycle wreck. The measure is a thoroughly bad idea without the change and not any better with it. It should be defeated.

Let Those Who Ride Decide – Robert Terrill

The editorial published [in the Bend Bulletin] on March 18 citing reasons to keep the Oregon motorcycle helmet requirement contains some inaccuracies I would like to correct and present some new information.

Allowing motorcyclists 21 or older to choose whether or not to wear a helmet should be a matter of personal choice. Right now tax dollars are being wasted on officer training and court time for this "nanny" regulation violation.

Oregon statutes currently requires all riders to wear a helmet consisting of a hard shell, padding, chin strap, and a D.O.T. sticker. Meeting the qualifications and application of the D.O.T. sticker is solely determined by the manufacturer. This statute requires some officers to receive training in determining if a helmet meets these requirements. These "helmet specialists" must often be called away from other duties to assist an street officer with a traffic stops. Then the citations are often disputed in court tying up our courts. Most of those citations are dismissed. One use to involve riders with less than acquaintance has received over a dozen citations for his helmets, but has had every one dismissed.

Let us clear up terminology.

There is no such thing as an "accident", there are only crashes caused by human error. Whether inattention by drivers or riders, or from blatant disregard of traffic regulations and devices. Crashes do not just happen.

While it is true that motorcycle fatalities are down 37 percent, motorcycle ridership is at an all time high, and multiple states have revoked their helmet laws. The decrease comes from improved motorcycle training and awareness programs not helmet use like the previous editorial insinuates.

Oregon statute requires all new riders who are under the age of 31 to take the Team Oregon training receive a new motorcycle to endorsement. Every year that age goes up ten years to eventually require all new riders to have completed that course. Many motorcycle crashes

six months riding experience. Team Oregon training has reduced the number of these crashes.

Oregon statute also requires insurance for all motor vehicles. The editorial claimed that even requiring a rider to carry \$15,000 personal injury protection was not enough coverage in the event of a crash. If we are to examine insurance requirements we will see that automobiles are only required to carry \$25,000 in medical liability. That is not enough if they hit a motorcyclist, so if we are discussing minimum amounts, all motorists requirements should be raised. Many motorcyclists carrymore than \$250,000 uninsured/under-insured for this very reason.

The statistics listed for what percentage of motorcyclists carried enough insurance and the expense picked up by taxpayers after a crash in other states were all from states with helmet requirements, so are irrelevant when considering making helmets optional.

Opponents claim enforcement would be problematic if some riders were required to wear helmets and some were given the option. A different colored tag or license plate would be an easy-to-see marker for enforcement officers.

It should be a matter of personal choice whether or not to wear a helmet. Many will always wear a helmet, some will wear one most of the time, and a few would choose to not wear one at all.

We, as riders, are just asking for the opportunity to make the choice for ourselves.

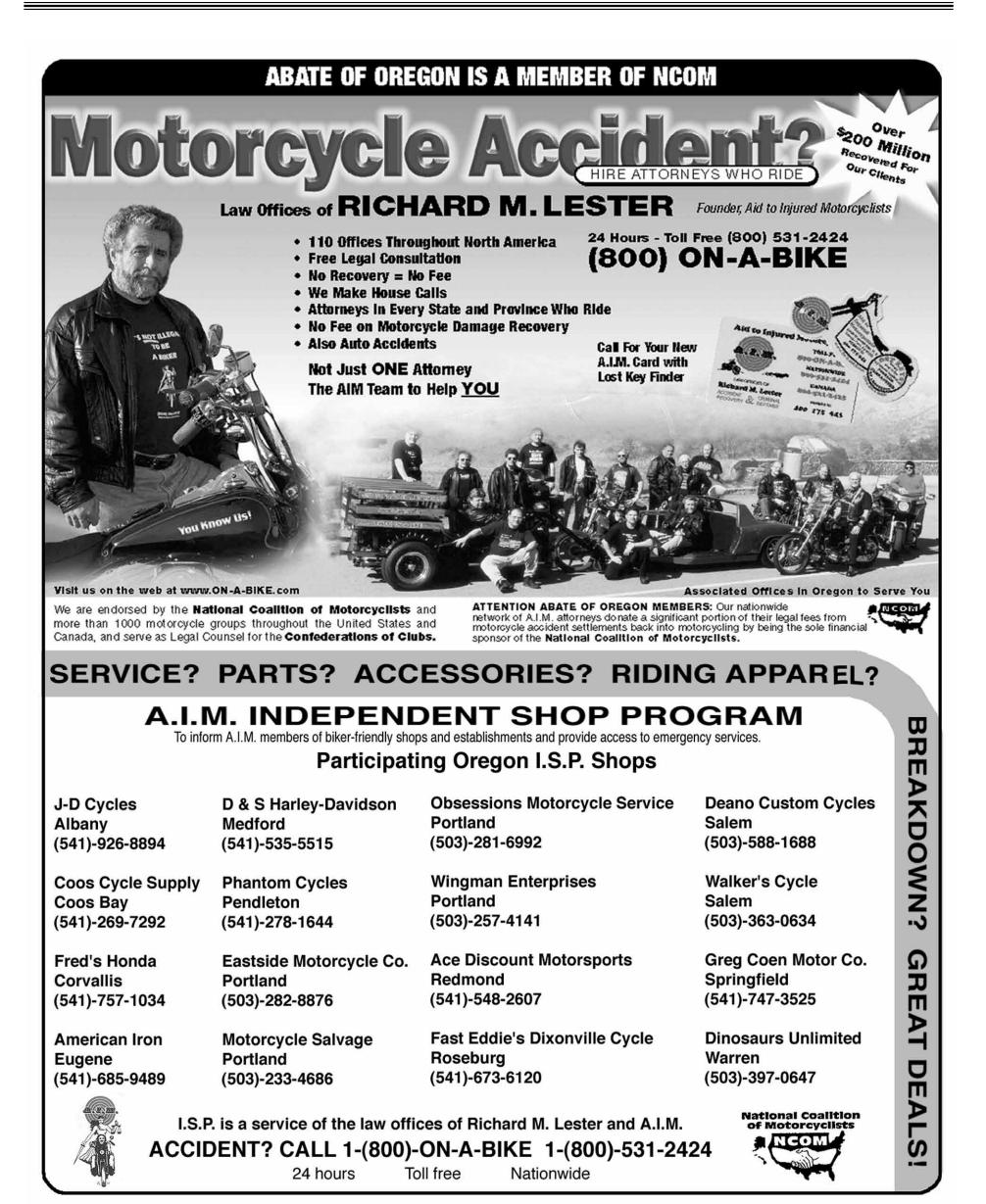
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I am an avid motorcyclist.

I will wear a helmet most of the time, but would enjoy the opportunity to choose not to wear a helmet on occasion.

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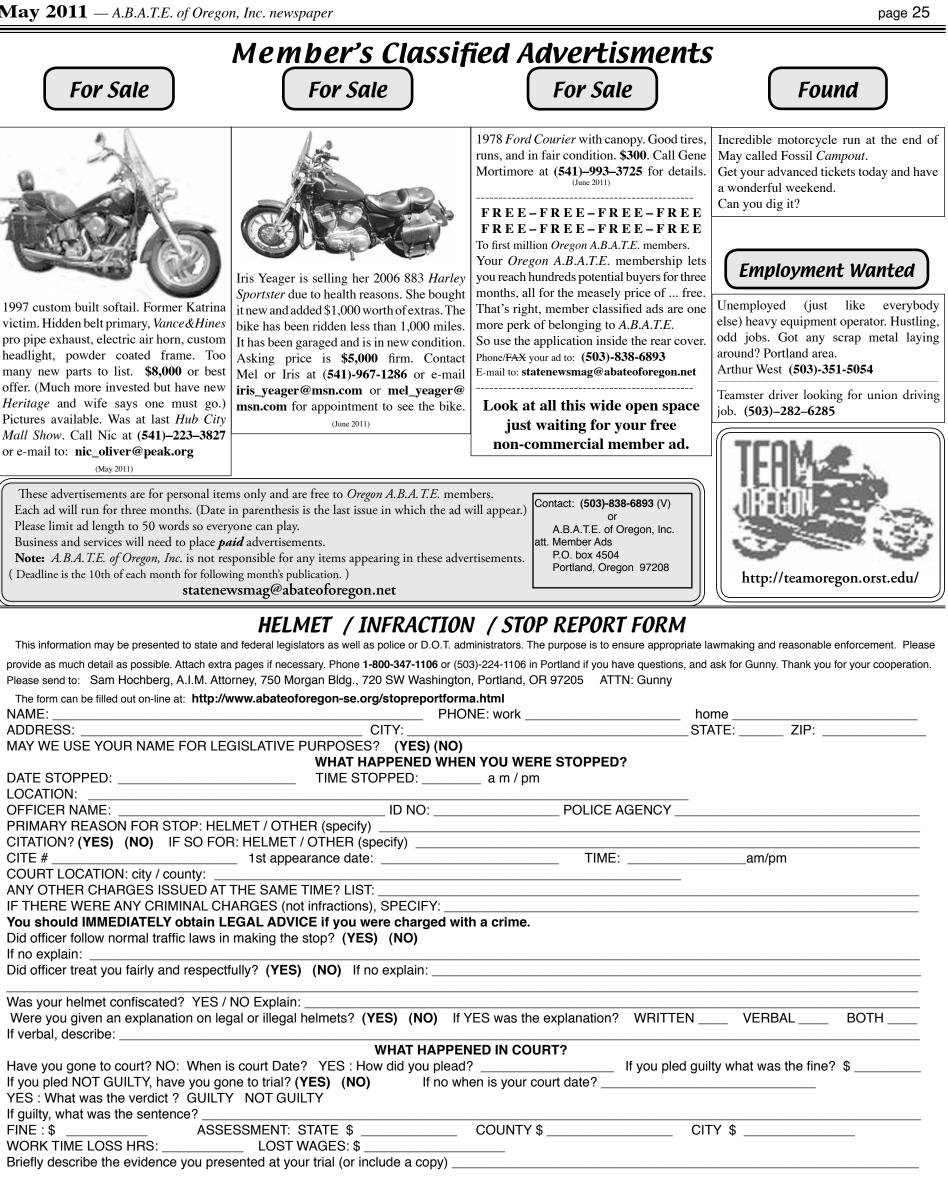
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Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889					
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Del Ray Cafe; 5669 NE Stephens St; Winchester	(541)-672-1522					
Hub City (HC)	3rd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