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

What We're About

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

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

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride on.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A.T.E.

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working on are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

Executive Coordinator,
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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

It was mentioned by our Crusty Ol' Editor that I may have lost my edge. That'll be the day! I must admit my last column was pretty lame. But, I've just returned from *Meeting of the Minds* in Lansing, Michigan, and I'm pumped as ever.

Oregon was well represented at this international "Motorcycle Rider's Foundation" conference.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's representative, Ken Ray, was there and busy as usual. Teresa Hepker, editor of the *M.R.F. Newsletter*, and Brian Stovall, (both of The Dalles fame) gave a seminar on the history of the motorcycle rights movement and presented their timeline. Brian, by the way, was the only Oregon person to actually ride their motorcycle to Lansing.

Other attendees from Oregon included Joe Laurance, (Vice-Coordinator South), Cole Hembree, (Coordinator, *Hub City*, and Sergeant at Arms South), Kurt Speas and Shirley Huff (both of Seal Rock fame), Geoff White (*Southeast* Education Director and State Education Director) and Captain (of Verboort fame) were there, and...oh yeah, me.

My good friend, long lost brother, and honorary *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* member; Simon Milward (of world fame) was there also. What a great time was had.

Brian and Teresa were instrumental in the initial success of the *M.R.F.* Teresa was busy taking pictures and brainstorming, while Brian was busy selling the gorgeous *M.R.F.* commemorative coins. If you don't own a set, give Brian a call. Believe me, if you ever go to a *M.R.F.* convention you will need one. Ken Ray was going 10 different directions at once. Ken has been a great help to the *M.R.F.*

Joe Laurance went to the *M.R.F.'s* regional conference, *Best of the West* earlier this year, and was quite impressed with the *Meeting of the Minds*. I don't think he realized how big the convention was going to be.

Kurt, Cole and Shirley stayed a day later and took in a Detroit Lions game. Kurt has been a Detroit fan all his life, and he was pumped. As it turned out, the Lions won their first game at Ford Field with an Oregonian at quarterback, Joey Harrington.

Southeast Chapter sent Geoff White to Lansing where he has relatives living in the area. He had a great time at the conference, and managed to catch a few minutes with his family. Kurt wanted to thank Geoff publicly for getting them the Lions tickets.

Washington County Chapter sent myself and Guy (Captain) Putman. We thank them very much for the opportunity. Captain is the chairman of the Governor's advisory Board on Motorcycle Safety. Much of the conference centered on motorcyclists safety and education. Geoff and Captain were both in the thick of it.

We are blessed in this state to have both a great *Motorcycle Awareness Program* and rider education, *Team Oregon*.

And me?

Well, I came back all fired up. I want to further push our safety and education programs. I also came back with the realization of how important *State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (S.M.R.O.)* are. Almost every State was represented at *M.O.T.M.* Together with such national organizations as *M.R.F.* and *A.M.A.*, we can make a difference.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon supports the *M.R.F.*, and that's how we keep you updated on what's going on at the national level, but if you are not an individual member, you are missing out on a chance to contribute to motorcycle rights at the national level. Consider sending your money in and joining the *M.R.F.* and/or *A.M.A.* Contact me if you would like more information, I can help you to join the only national organization devoted entirely to the rights of motorcyclists. Join now and start



by Ted Tracy

receiving the fantastic newsletter edited by our own Teresa Hepker.

As many of you know, Simon Milward stayed with Jill and I for two weeks this summer. He is like the brother I never had. (Jill just rolls her eyes at when I say that!) Simon had a fantastic time at *M.O.T.M.*, being the celebrity that he is. Simon left for Mexico on October 10th. He then heads for South America and Africa. I can't wait to follow his adventures.

The State Board will be accepting nominations for all State Board Officer positions at the November and December meetings. A lot of the chapters will soon start that process also. Please consider running for a chapter or state position. New blood helps to avoid the burnout syndrome, and we need people to take over for us.

Be sure to check out the *BikePAC* voter's guide and vote!!! Exercise your right to choose your leadership!

Take care and keep the rubberside down,

Ted

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

Central Oregon Chapter

A fine evening and an on-time start of our meeting.

Nine members plus a new member from North Carolina. Welcome to Central Oregon, Dan.

Some questions were brought up by Bob H, our representative to the state board. Is everyone in the *Central Oregon Chapter* covered by insurance? Any discrimination by hotels, restaurants, bars, etc?

No one present voiced a problem to those questions. Still, we see it everyday somewhere in our country.

Each chapter, including ours, will take any report from any *A.B.A.T.E.* member and see to it that your report will reach the right people within our *A.B.A.T.E. or Oregon, Inc.*

Wow! Did you know that *A.B.A.T.E. or Oregon, Inc.* has a web site? With more than 20,000 hits per month? Are you one of them?

The *Central Oregon Chapter* now has 88 current members. If nine members showed up at our September meeting, that's 10% of our membership. So 90% are catching the sun's rays and warmth with wind in their hair before the last of summer departs.

[*Central Oregon Chapter* held a *Teddy Bear Run* on 05 October 2002.]

[crusty of editor's note — Perhaps we should alert Maddog about this web site.]

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1830 (6:30pm)
Redmond Hotel
Redmond, Oregon

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Columbia River Chapter

Our October, 2002, meeting was probably the biggest meeting that we have ever had. 35 members were in present. Way to go, everyone.

We have decided to have our *Sweet Heart Dance* at our meeting place, the *U & I*, 6910 N. Interstate, on February 15, 2003. There will be live music and lots of door prizes. So put it on your calendar because we are going to have a great time as always and it will be great to give support to the kind folks at the *U & I* who allow us to meet there.

The chapter decided to renew its membership in *BikePAC* at the sustaining organization level of \$100. We think that it is important to support the political work done through *BikePAC*.

DC obtained 150 copies of a booklet published by the Heritage Foundation that contains the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States*. The booklet is small enough to be carried in a pocket so that when we are confronted by some bozos who want to tell us what our rights are we can pull it out and show them what those rights really are. I hope to lead short discussions of different provisions of those important documents at future chapter meetings. Many thanks to DC for his thoughtfulness. The chapter agreed to reimburse the person from whom DC got the booklets for their cost.

Jimbo brought us up to date on the *Toy Run* project. The bike for 2003 is a real winner and is sure to be a big draw for tickets. He also let us know about the *Toy Run* shirt design that features a photograph of this year's recipients for wheelchairs and devices

as well as the grand marshal who is associated with the radio station *KUPL*. We are looking forward to a big run. However, we need to get out there and sell those tickets. We have lots of them left to sell. Janet, who is handling ticket sales for our chapter, would like everyone to bring their tickets and money to the next chapter meeting. She has to account for all of them and has to collect the unsold tickets to sell at the run.

The chapter also approved the payment of our chapter's share of the *Toy Run* parade insurance fee.

Terri, our membership secretary, has agreed to be the state board representative back-up for Joel. We had discussed having such a position to cover when the state rep could not make the meeting and we appreciate Terri stepping and offering to help Joel out.

Speaking of the membership secretary, please let Terri know if you have an e-mail address. This is the internet age and using e-mails makes it easy to provide memberships with fast and complete information. I will forward them to her if you send your addresses to me at spike1948@rabid-dog.net. I have just got this e-mail address and want to use it exclusively for *A.B.A.T.E.* business, so please use instead of my old one.

Sammy and Aaron Manning, our chapter historians, have two new scrapbooks just waiting for your photographs and other contributions. Dig those snaps out and get them in the books.

We also discussed the need to support the *Barcia Bill* in Congress, HR 5433; that legislation would

prevent the *E.P.A.*'s current efforts to regulate motorcycles. Among those efforts would a ban on any repair work done to a motorcycle except by authorized factory mechanic. That means that you could not change your muffler or carb or intake, for example. We need to contact our representatives and get them to sign on as co-sponsors and supporters.

Jimbo ran the Ways and Means drawing and we had great stuff drawn. Terri ran the membership drawing and Rick Kaestner missed out on the big drawing. Aaron snagged the short drawing.

It was a beautiful day and our road captain, Shag, led a group out for a run after the meeting.

Spike

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

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

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Douglas County Chapter

While I'm writing this I know some of our chapter members are attending the *Lighthouse Run* over at Coos Bay.

Hope they are enjoying it. By the way I'm a day late and hope this still makes it into the monthly newsletter.

Quite a few folks went down to Reno for *Street Vibrations* in September. As far as I know all made it back safely.

Swap meets are coming up. By the time you read this the state *A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet* in Roseburg will be history. We, meaning the *Douglas County Chapter* didn't know about this till it was almost time to put it on. We hope it comes off as a success.

Our *Casino Night* is still on hold until we come up with some auction items. We have a few to start with and hope more will come soon. We really cannot depend on folks just bringing them on the night of the auction because we don't have the experience of the folks at *Willamette Chapter* who know what to bring to make it a great auction.

Abe and I told the chapter that they had to be thinking of new officers for next year so this is a reminder once again that you will need new folks to keep the chapter going.

87 paid members at this point. That is down from a high of 114. Many of us still think the Sunday afternoon

meetings are killing the attendance.

Well one thing we can be thankful for is the great fall riding weather we have had. Global warming seems to be good for at least a few things.

That's all for now.

Joe Brumbach,
Chapter Secretary.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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Hub City Chapter

Coordinator Cole Hembree opened the meeting at 7:35 PM following a "Sloppy Joe" buffet style meal provided to all attendees in the Yeager's back yard.

Following a pledge of allegiance to the flag, a minute of silence was observed by all to commemorate the comrades who had passed on.

Attendance at this meeting was 32. There were two new members and four transfers from other chapters.

Cliff McCalley gave the minutes of the previous meeting in the absence of regular secretary, Debbie. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept.

Noted the reception of *BikePAC* membership card.

Cliff then gave a treasurer's report. Noted the receipt of \$500 contribution from *Lincoln City Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept.

Sgt.-at-Arms, Jim Engel, had no report at this time.

Quartermaster/ Ways and Means director, Kathy reports that she still has not received the patches from A.B.A.T.E. Products Director, and checking on it.

State Board report was given by Mel. Motion to accept, seconded and passed.

Public Relations Director, Mary presented information and a flyer from A.M.O. about their *Toy Run* on December 1st, 2002.

Historian, Cherie gave her report. Motion made to accept the report. Seconded, and approved.

Membership Secretary, Mark (Deputy Dawg) stated that with tonight's adjustment *Hub City*

membership stands at 83.

In attempting to establish a new meeting place it was reported that *Los Dos Amigos* restaurant at 1402 Pacific Boulevard would like to host our meetings and will make some adjustments to alleviate noise concerns during the meetings. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The first meeting will be held in November.

The next meeting of *Hub City* will be held at Carole Johnson's residence in October, 1571 Clover Ridge Road in North Albany. Directions are available from Cliff McCalley, (541)-926-8363.

Final nominations to fill officer positions in *Hub City Chapter* was held at this time.

After all nominations had been received there was only one disputed position and a motion was made to elect candidate Al Sims to the position of Vice Coordinator.

The remainder of the positions had been nominated with no opposition.

Coordinator—Cole Hembree

Vice-Coordinator—Al Sims

Secretary—Debbie McCalley

Treasurer—Cliff McCalley

Membership—Mark (Deputy Dawg) Fowler

Sgt-at-Arms—Gerry Hembree, Jim (Jimmer) Engle.

Quartermaster/Ways and Means—Kathy Gerke

Run Coordinator—Shawn Harwood

State Board Rep—Mel Yeager

Public Relations—Mary Burnett

Historian—Cherie Hembree

Legislative Director—Kenny

Davidson

Education Director—Carolyn Freeman

All of the above officers were elected at this time by acclamation, no opposing votes.

Next meeting it was asked that all *Hub City* members and officers get together for group photos for the history books and for the newsletter.

Kenny announced that the road cleanup was done and thanks to all who helped, and that Political signs can start going up on Saturday September 21, 2002.

A round of applause for the Yeagers who had this meeting in their back yard.

The food was excellent and all had a good time.

The 50/50 drawing was won by someone who wasn't the temporary secretary, as usual. It was worth \$29.00 to the lucky person.

Meeting adjourned about 9:30 PM (it was too dark to tell)

Mel Yeager

Acting Secretary

Hub City Chapter

HUB CITY MEETING TIME**and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Los Dos Amigos
1402 Pacific Blvd.

Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports North Coast Chapter

Hello Friends,

Sunny days are still with us here on the *North Coast* and I see the rides out every day. With the temperature running in the 60's during the day it's hard to pass up this time on the road.

What makes coast riding even better is the absence of the tourists, or a least the majority of them. The road becomes yours for a stretch here and there. Time to watch out for the elk and deer though. In fact, slow down and enjoy the visual search as you ride.

A few days ago I ran into two riders dining in Astoria who had rented rides in Portland and were making a three day ride out of the north coast. So what's the big deal? They had flown from Little Rock just to see what is in our grasp anytime we want it.

End of Summer Run was better than anyone could have anticipated and for one major reason — you. Thanks to your participation we had a sufficient census to keep a festive atmosphere present at all times.

For those who attended, thanks. We did have one problem, partially a result of alcohol excess, that could have caused some grievous injuries. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of several *A.B.A.T.E.* members it came to an acceptable solution.

North Coast people who were instrumental in accomplishing this run were (not in any kind of order) Bob and Amelia Williams, Jeff Gee and Christina Kelso, Betty Kelso and Mark O'Shay, Kris Kelso, Ron Bloker, Sue Mills and Al Jaques, Skye McKey, Ken Shrode, Rick and Brenda, Chuck Jensen, Harley Bristol, Alex, Skip

Rapp and of course those *WaCo* people too numerous for this letter. I apologize for not remembering all your last names and more so apologize for having forgotten some names altogether. It's me, not you and so to all of you, "Thanks". It was your selfless contributions that made this a great run.

Fraternally Yours,
Chuck Stuart

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2002
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Northeast Portland Chapter

Fall has arrived.

Folks in the neighborhood are starting to light fires to chase the fall chill away and I am picking up wormy apples almost daily that have fallen from our old apple tree in the back yard. Soon we'll be raking leaves, going to Thanksgiving dinners, and catching the many Toy Runs and benefits dotting the fall and holiday season.

The Portland chapters of *A.B.A.T.E.* just recently awarded 14 children of the Shriners Hospital wheelchair, computer, and other needs equipment (\$30,000) to help make the kid's lives easier to get along. As of this writing I am still pumped up about what *we* did as *A.B.A.T.E.* to improve the lives of these children. We offered financial and mobile freedom for these kids. *A.B.A.T.E.* is about freedom and that is what we were able to provide for these families. Thanks go out to the many people who are out there selling tickets to friends, families, coworkers, and at events. Thanks go to the thousands of people who have bought tickets. Great thanks goes out to the car shows, cruise-ins, swap meets, golf courses, taverns, and others who have allowed us to sell tickets for the kids. It's a huge group effort and every little bit of support is greatly, greatly appreciated. We help these kids one raffle ticket at a time.

Lastly, a message of hope. In a recent episode of *Touched by an Angel* there was a story about a man who was trying to save a woman from being crushed by a huge wooden beam. As the story goes, the woman was jogging with her dog when the dog ran into an old mine. The woman went after

the dog and the roof of the mine fell in on her. The dog escaped and was outside of the abandoned mine barking. A man driving by saw the dog and pulled over to see what the problem was. As he walked up to the barking dog, he peered inside the opening of the mine hearing the woman calling for help. He immediately went in to rescue her and the roof of the mine started to fall in again. As a huge wooden beam was starting to fall on the woman and crush her, he said, "Oh God, help me!" and immediately got underneath the beam and held it up for five hours. Many times the woman told him to let go and look behind him because there was an angel holding up the beam. He refused to turn around and look fearing that she was wrong and the beam would fall and crush her. So for five hours he strained to hold up the beam until help arrived. Help finally arrived and he became a big hero taking all the credit for holding up the beam. He became such a publicity hound and jerk that the press, as well as his wife, stopped talking to him. He finally came to his senses realizing he could not of held up the beam – the only conclusion being that the hurt woman was right all along — that he had God's help. So the moral of the story is:

Obey leash laws at all times.

Avoid abandoned mines like the plague.

Lifting weights can save a life.

Trust God

Have a great Thanksgiving!!!

Mike

Your Chaplain

N.E. PORTLAND MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)

Round Table Pizza
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River City Chapter

September 17, 2002

\$8/\$8.

Called to order by Lee at 7:02pm.
12 people present, 5 arrived later.

One of our big families renewed their memberships and so our numbers will go back up to the mid 80s. It would sure be great to top 100 one of these days.

We talked about the board of directors meeting and the *Southeast Chapter* alcohol give away issue.

Most felt that this is a legitimate liability issue for the state organization. A motion was made and passed to take to the board of directors a motion to withhold sanction of next year's *Run 21* unless all alcohol is dispensed by legal outside organizations (such as is done at the *Fossil Run*).

We are proceeding with plans to begin our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of Fulton Canyon. For those not familiar with our local area, that is a short but beautifully curvy canyon that we often travel on Sunday rides. It is in Sherman County about 17 miles from The Dalles.

We set the date for our *Poker Run* for 2003. It will be April 26 and we are trying to arrange a special bit of riding through a restored (currently for hiking only) section of the old US 30 highway.

Mike Farmer brought a birthday cake tonight to celebrate his many birthdays. It was tasty. Just what this diabetic hopes for small doses of.

Joe Armstrong would have won the \$45 membership drawing if her dad had brought her to the meeting. It will be \$50 at the next meeting.

Johnna O'Neil won our 50/50 at

October 1, 2002

Very small disorganized meeting. No drawings. Preparations continue for our *Adopt a Highway* cleanup in a few weeks. Also, preparations are beginning for our next *Poker Run* in the spring. Thanks to Teresa for taking minutes in my absence as I was on my way back from the *Meeting of the Minds* in Michigan.

October 15, 2002

We had good attendance for a very long meeting tonight. We had a great safety presentation from Brad Halvorson of *Salem H.O.G.*, who graciously rode all the way (cold) up here to talk to us. Thanks a lot, Brad, we really appreciated your talk and I hope it will get us to do some more regular safety checks at our Chapter rides.

The B.O.D. report included a strong pitch for going to the Annual Meeting in December.

We had a spirited, sometimes heated, discussion of passing protocols and speed during our Chapter rides. A variety of opinions were expressed and I am sure they will be food for thought and discussion in the future.

Derek Hybertson would have won the membership drawing for \$50 if he had been present.

Our leader, Lee, won the 50/50 at \$9/\$9, and donated \$7 back to the Chapter. Thanks, Lee.

Oh yeah, we have three new

members tonight. Welcome to Bob Watkins, Bill Bell and Allen Barkley. That makes 82 members!

Upcoming meetings

November 5, 2002
7:00 PM

November 19, 2002
7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)

Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-197)

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

South Coast Chapter

It is food drive time again!

Our annual food drive benefits the local Salvation Army. Most of the people who participate are local chapter members.

We recently named our food drive after a special member, "Flash" Gordon Baker. He was a well-liked and respected member. He was a joy to have along on rides. (It seems like his bike usually was the one to have a problem or break down.) I learned a great card game from him — "31". Our chapter usually plays this game during runs or other gatherings. We have taught a lot of our friends this game. We will remember him during this month's food drive.

In December, our chapter sponsors the *Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run*. Andy was a founding member of our chapter. We remember him at this special event.

I am sure everyone has a special person to remember during the holidays. Think of the good times you had with this person, bring a smile to your face and peace to your heart. They will always be with you!

I hope everyone remembered to vote this month! Your vote is your opinion and very important.

Chapter officer elections are coming soon. have you thought about volunteering at this level? Take some responsibility for your chapter, become an officer. You get a chance to meet a lot of very nice people and become involved in different activities. You can also relieve someone who has been volunteering for several years.

Maybe they need a break and would like to just participate without being in charge. Think about taking your turn making decisions.

I have been hearing that winter is going to be pretty wet this year. If you choose to ride, be very careful on those slick roads and watch out for the other guy. Dress for the weather and stay warm and dry.

Karen Bauder
Secretary

South Coast Chapter A.B.A.T.E.

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey to all you good people,

Now another:

Well here it is time to vote. I hope you all got registered and cast your ballots.

I hear tell that all had a good time at *End of Summer Run*. Sorry I do not have more of a report but I was unable to be at the party. I do hope that Lil Texas nose is doin okay!!

I have a couple of messages here from some other folks, then I have one more from myself.

From Miss Vicki,

A good time was had by all at the *A.B.A.T.E.* family picnic. The weather was great. The kids had a lot of games to play and a lot of prizes to win. The adults had a little game of their own with quarter bingo. Some fairly good size pots were won. The adult count was 108 and there were a numerous amount of children.

I would like to thank *Southeast Portland, Northeast Portland, and Washington County* chapters for sponsoring the picnic and also those of you who donated extra prizes. Also thanks to the following people for their help:

Mammy Tami, Wyoming, Diane Peterson, Terry Schafer, Judy Haag, Debbie Mae, Carol Williams, Ever clear Cheryl, Christy Jones, Melinda McCrossen and Katrina McCrossen.

For those of you who were unable to make it, we hope to see you next year.

Thanks,

Miss Vicki

Hey Guys,

I want to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of you [who] attended the benefit that Gateway Bob put on in my honor. It was an honor for me to be the recipient of all your goodwill and is an honor to conceder you all my brothers and sisters.

Thanks Again,

Jen Waa Eddy

One more thing for me to say:

Southeast Portland Chapter is sorry to announce the passing of one of its dedicated members. Bruce Crawford was a proud member of the state organization and the chapter. He had also held office for the past few years for our chapter as Sergeant of Arms. Bruce was a beloved friend to us all. He was also a loving father and a very proud grandfather. He will be missed by us all.

Bruce may you ride on the wings of eagles and with the Lord.

Hey people, ride safe and take one for Bruce.

Later,

Mammy

S.E. Portland MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M/M Restaurant & Lounge
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southern Oregon Chapter

Hello, *Southern Oregon Chapter* member.

Please come to the November *Southern Oregon Chapter* general membership meeting and vote for new chapter officers!!!!

Nominations for positions will remain open up to the time for the vote. Unless we get enough people to accept nomination of the five key officer positions *Southern Oregon Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* will lose its charter from the state board. If we don't have enough response from you and the other members by the time we are to vote at this month's meeting, *Southern Oregon Chapter* Coordinator Tim Rohde has said, he will turn the charter in at the December State Board meeting and you will all become *Indian Creek* members.

So show some support for your chapter and attend the November 17, 2002 meeting held at 2:00 PM, *Oregano's Pizza*, Gold Hill, Oregon. At the September meeting there were only 7 members in attendance and at the October officers meeting only three members attended, not enough to have a quorum in order to conduct business at either meeting. The November meeting is your last chance save your chapter. Be there or become an *Indian Creek* member.

The *Freedom Run 2002*, the November poker run does not have a run committee to organize it at the time this letter was written.

Our Run Coordinator, Joe Vespoli, has resigned due to his employment. He has taken a job long haul trucking and is out of state at this time. Joe requested that I mention that he

appreciates all the help he got at the run committee meetings and the help with the events we did this year, and a hearty thanks to all of you [who] came out and attended the events to make them a success.

Joe also had a bit of bad luck October 5th. He was hit on his bike by a car making an illegal left turn. He only received bruises on his left leg and his passenger scraped up her helmet and knee, but his custom softail was totaled.

He also wants you all to know about the help he got from Roger, owner of *Hot Bikes* in Central Point. He called Roger to get a tow after the accident and Roger, who said he was sick. When he found out Joe needed help, was there to pick up Joe, his passenger and the bike in 15 minutes. And after getting the bike in storage, fixed Joe up with temporary transportation.

It is my thought that to promote our cause, that we need to have our name out in the public eye.

In order to do that successfully, we need to have a few socials, poker runs and one or two campout runs each year.

But to do so it takes a commitment to the chapter and enough individuals to plan, advertise and work the events. The advertisement of the events is what gets the *A.B.A.T.E.* name in front of the public. Thus, if we are doing something each month throughout the year then there are flyers and other forms of advertisement, at the shops, the places we hold events, and where ever else we can get advertising exposure. To promote motorcycle safety, education and awareness, we need for the public to recognize what

A.B.A.T.E. is about. When bikers hear about activities continually, it helps to make them aware that there is something that they can do. Whether they support by attending a social, poker run, campout, or a meeting. Also, it helps to build a brotherhood of riders in our communities.

In September a few of us enjoyed going on the *All American Steel Rods & Hawgs* poker run, and quite a few of our members made the ride to *Street Vibrations* in Reno.

Herb Sweeten

Southern Oregon Chapter
State Representative

SOUTHERN OREGON**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Washington County Chapter

As the days are getting cooler and the nights are getting longer, it's harder to find those golden days when you can get together with friends and ride. Fall is definitely here, but you can still hear the sounds of rumbling motorcycles, especially on sunny weekends.

The *First Sunday Ride* for October was combined with the now traditional *Grampa Jones Birthday Ride*. On October 6, over 30 bikes joined with John E. Moe's hack to pick up Grandpa Jones, who recently celebrated his 102nd birthday. We rode out from Cornelius down the back roads past Gaston, climbed Bald Peak and stopped at Bald Peak State Park. Then, after a brief respite, trekked back down through Laurelwood and back to Cornelius for cake and ice cream. While grandpa Jones may not like all the fuss, he sure enjoys the ride. he said he would stick around a long time so we could continue this fine tradition. Each year, the number of participants grows, along with his age. Everyone seems to enjoy the group ride, and the neighbors do not mind the bikes parked in front of their houses (probably because it slows down traffic on the street). We look forward to riding with you again next year.

While looking for something else in the October newsletter, I came across the letter printer on page 34 from a "dedicated but concerned member". Having just finished up *E.O.S. (End Of Summer Run)* with *North Coast* and *Washington County* chapters a couple of weeks before, I was surprised by the letter. Thinking back on some of the discussions we had during run

committee meetings, however, this very subject was covered, discussed, and laid to rest. There was no "segregated" camping at *E.O.S.* The *Washington County* site (such as it was), was a combination of bikes, trucks, trailers, campers, and even my Durango was welcomed into the fray. No one, that I am aware of, was told to park elsewhere because of their mode of transportation or choice of location to sleep. While I did not walk the whole site, from what I could see, it was the same in other areas as well.

I am saddened to hear that some people feel excluded from any event they wish to attend. While I don't attend a lot of camp outs, I try to participate as much as possible in the events I do make it to. I have no answers for the feeling of segregation, other than to say that I will try my best not to exclude anyone who wishes to participate in the events. If this means standing up for someone else during planning sessions, well, then I will. After all, we are a volunteer organization made up of a couple of thousand individuals with different wants, needs, and tastes. No one has suggested to me (yet) that I should change my attire because it is too different or may be offensive to other members. Hopefully, that day will never come.

Back to *E.O.S.* for a moment: the unofficial count of paid admissions was 630, over 700 people on the site. Sounds like a success to me. I enjoyed the bike games, did not hang around the mud wrestling (that was the time to hit the midway), I could hear the music from the gate where Roger Yarnell and I worked both Friday and

Saturday nights. My only complaint was that it was so freakin' cold at night I had to come back into town to get my car and all the blankets I could gather. Thanks to everyone who loaned me stuff for Friday because I was too stupid to figure on it being below 32 on Saturday morning! I will plan better next time!

Just another reminder. Now that it is election season, officer elections will be held in December. Please consider joining the heart of *A.B.A.T.E.* and run for a position. We are always looking for reliable volunteers.

Even if you don't run for a position, please remember to attend the meetings. Not only do get to see your friends and brethren, you can also win money! Judy Pratt and Stan Johnston won 50/50 drawings in September. Neither Clarence Potts, Jr. nor Kim Humburg won the membership drawings, leaving all the more for the person who is present when their name is drawn.

Please join us 16 November 2002 at *Stocker's House of Power*, 214 S.E. Walnut Street, Hillsboro for our annual *Toy Run*. New parade route this year. Unwrapped gifts go to Hillsboro *Toy & Joy*; food goes to *Monika's House*.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)

Prime Time Sports Bar
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



Some would think that with the end of summer things would slow down but *Willamette Valley* chapter is still going strong! We saw the summer frolics out in style with *S.O.S.* and then *Berkeley North*, and we're moving into fall with a full load of both business and pleasure.

In my humble (and somewhat prejudiced) opinion, *S.O.S.* was *the* run of the season, even if the gate wasn't what the coalition had been hoping for. Great location, spectacular poker run, fantastic music, good games — everything you could ask for in a run.

Even though the gate was only in the range of 800 or so, we had people from all over the state, as well as Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona. So far as I know no one had any major problems, and everyone went away happy.

I really want to give kudos to the coalition for organization and execution on this one, and sincere thanks to all the (many) volunteers from each of the chapters for working so hard to pull off a really successful weekend. Now if we can just do it exactly the same next year, only with about 500 more people!

Looking forward, we've got *Casino Night at Yukon Jack's* October 12, and the *Veteran's Day Run* November 11 (*O.V.M.A.* and *Willamette Valley* are leading the run this year from South

Eugene High. Great honor and very cool).

November 17 is of course the *State Fall Swap Meet*, and the chapter is doing the *Eugene Mission* again on December 15.

Within the chapter this fall we're focusing on politics and chapter business. Michael Boggs, Rick and Hal continue to work hard to keep us informed about legislative news and *BikePAC* issues, and Wendy is looking at our finances so that we may contribute as much as possible to the political fight for bikers' rights. (This is what *A.B.A.T.E.* is really about, after all.)

We'll be making some organizational changes come December, with Hal taking over for Michael Taylor as coordinator, Rick stepping down as secretary and Dawn walking away from Membership. Wendy has also announced that she'd like to retire from Treasurer, and Doc may or may not be able to continue as Chapter Photographer. There will be a lot of new faces at the officers' table, but this means new ideas and fresh energy for the chapter.

None of the retiring officers is leaving us (thank God!), they're just moving over so others might make their own contributions.

Dawn tells us membership is down a little - we almost hit the 200 mark by *S.O.S.* but apparently some

member renewals have come up since — but we remain a big chapter and we have consistently strong attendance and involvement. New blood in the officers' chairs will just help keep the momentum going.

Fall may be depressing as hell in some ways, but we've got enough going on through the rainy season that I'm pretty sure we'll make it through till the *Rhody Run*.

Until then, keep it in the wind.

Rhonda

WILAMETTE VALLEYMEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Foxfire Restaurant

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Our Officers at Work

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

12 October 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:07 with 14 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the September 14, 2002. Reading waived, minutes adopted as printed.

Coordinators Comments

Ted returned from attending *Meeting of the Minds*, a lot focused on safety. Massachusetts D.M.V. puts in a card with all vehicle registrations that explain about motorcycles and to be aware of them on the road. Lots of talk at *Meeting of the Minds* on *E.P.A.*

Correspondence

None

***** Officers Reports *****

Legislative Director: Rick Maish included an *E.P.A.* breakdown from *A.M.A.* in the chapter rep packets. *BikePAC* is doing a good job with voter information. *BikePAC* membership is down to 140, need to get the membership up. You could upgrade your chapter membership. You can listen to *M.R.F.* archives of *Meeting of the Minds* on their website www.mrf.org. Call your Congressman at (202)-225-3121 to co-sponsor *The Barcia Act HR5433* or fax or e-mail them.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall reports headlight repeal work done by Mel and Albany area people. Vehicular assault: Randy has been working on this and had to check out a lot of laws to see what we can do about it. Randy had to sort through those laws to see which vehicle would work best. *H.I.P.P.A.*: Brian working on this one, has one person who has exclusion on a

student policy. Read the real policy under exclusions to see what exclusions are on your policy. Lane splitting: Geoff White wants opinions about lane splitting and any info. Anti discrimination is in limbo due to not enough examples. Helmet law: going with same language, looking for someone to sponsor it.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc., contracts with *BikePAC* to do lobbying work for us. The State Board contracts \$5,000 a year, a total of \$10,000 in biennium. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* cannot have a major expense for lobbying out of our budget. This was set years ago and our budget is larger now. Brain plans to advocate changing the amount. *BikePAC* has an open membership which is different than donation. You can pay more for the membership than what the actual is. An *M.A.B.* is \$200. You can spend more.

The identified candidates were given money. We asked for your list of candidates last month.

Biker Days: We have set three in advance and plan to set two more. Not planning on one opening day which is January 13, but if you can be there on opening day, do so, in leathers. The first *Biker Day* is February 3.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Ed Vaughn told Ted that he has a *Confederation* meeting Sunday and one will be at the *N.C.O.M.* conference.

Education Director: Geoff White said possible donation to *Team Oregon*, still have some planning to do. They need training facilities first. If you have any ideas to help *Team Oregon*, contact them. Geoff came back from *Meeting of the Minds* conference with lots of information, some he wants to bounce off *Team Oregon*. Need totals from *Douglas County* and *North Coast* from classes taught. Working on *S.T.E.A.M.* possibly February 15, looking for a guest

speaker and anyone who wants to help teach a class.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde had nothing to report.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy reports 2,006 members, second time we have hit the 2,000 mark this year. Getting a lot of returned mail. If you move, let Jill know so she can change your address. If you signed someone up as a member, check up on them. A lot of people only join for a year and then expire.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path needs info as soon as possible. He is going to take [the newsletter] to the printers by Friday. He has [flip] animation on the October newsletter, check it out. Thanks to all for your input in the newsletter.

Products: Michelle Hobbs was not here. Ted going to have her bring the bumper stickers.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen was not here but sent an e-mail. She has been very busy with the Swap meet, mailing post cards, sending e-mail, etc.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger said he got prices on the eight radios: \$1,519.20. He will go ahead and order them. List of events from each chapter needed by October 19th at the *Planning Session*. More *Swap Meet* fliers here, get them out. Do phone tree to contact people about the *Swap Meet* and to see if they will help.

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt Speas wants all to come help at the *Swap Meet*.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn didn't fax the treasurers report to Ted as he requested so we don't have any figures. Ted will get reimbursement checks out by Monday.

Chapter Auditor: Ted said Carla Richesin reports chapters are doing well.

Historian: Iris Yeager said that it's the time of year to gather toys for the

children. Remembering and giving to others is part of our history as a group of motorcyclists. Iris has pictures from a *Toy Run* from twenty years ago. There are many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. One is each other and the brother, sisterhood we share. Shirley gave her pictures from *Meeting of the Minds*. September 29th in Portland, they gave \$29,000 worth of wheelchairs to *Shriners*.

Webpage Editor: Maddog was not present.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim Niece reports he went to Portland for the wheelchair giveaway. Family, nurses and wheelchair manufacturers were there. Went to Fossil, took pictures of the display case and gave to Iris for history inclusion.

Vice-Coordinator South: Joe Laurance thanked those for letting him go to *Meeting of the Minds*. He reported it was five times better than *Best of the West* and very impressive. Hundreds of the best and brightest from all over were there and the symposiums were excellent.

Vice-Coordinator East: Bob Hadley was not present.

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs was not present.

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree thanked those for sending him to *Meeting of the Minds*. Also, need help at the swap meets.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms reported on their *Teddy Bear Run*. 250 bears delivered. Several bike clubs and organizations were involved. Keith also reported talk in the chapter about wanting to do a ride to the Capitol over the *E.P.A.* issue.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker was not present.

Quartermaster: Chris Anderson- was not present.

Committee Reports

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

Unfinished Business

1. **Annual Meeting** - (Jim Niece, Brain Stovall, and Melinda McCrossen.) Jim received a quote from *Hillside Grill* in Coberg for the catering job. The menu would include roast turkey, ham, mash potatoes with extra gravy, bread, rolls and fresh vegetable platter. Price would cost us \$9.95 per person. We would have a no host bar. Jim needs a head count on how many from each chapter will be attending the *Annual Meeting* in December. He needs this figure as soon as possible.

Melinda sent an e-mail requesting state officers to submit names of the people they want to acknowledge for their contributions to

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, with the proper spelling of the name in legible writing.

An Annual Report will be published for the meeting. It must include, a Treasurer's Annual Statement, Coordinators Report (State of the Union) at a minimum.

However, all other officers are encouraged to write one paragraph about how the year went with some highlights mentioned and/or a picture or two with an optional second paragraph about the coming year. She notes it would be great to see a note from the Legislative Director, Historian, Media Directors, Web Page Editor, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations Director, Membership Secretary, and Run Coordinators and anyone else who want to participate.

2. **O.D.O.T. Conference** in Tigard October 23-25. Funds for four people have been allocated. Nora, Geoff and Randy are the only ones signed up. Have funds for one more. Joe Laurence said he too will attend. Ted said the state would reimburse anyone that wants to go.

3. **Planning Session** in Cottage Grove Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. Need two people per chapter. Free lunch will be provide by Willamette Chapter.

4. **N.C.O.M. Conference**-November 2 in Portland at the DoubleTree, special rate for rooms of \$69 per night. Gunny said this is the first time the conference has been held here in 10 years. Your only cost is meals and lodging. Gunny suggests you stay the evening as there is as much goes on then as during the actual conference.

New Business

1. Motion made by Marion Bishop, seconded by Randy Phipps to send two people from the state to Washington D.C. in February 2003. Nominations to be taken at the November State Board Meeting. 13 were for, motion carried.

2. Motion made by Brian Stovall for *River City Chapter*, seconded by Shirley Huff that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* sanction for the next and all subsequent *Southeast Portland Chapter Run 21* be denied unless all alcohol dispensing is done by outside organizations such as the Lions do at *Fossil*. There was no discussion on this issue as it was tabled until next State Board Meeting. 12 were for tabling, 1 against, and 1 didn't vote.

Announcements

Salem *Gypsy Jokers Toy Run* the 25th. *M.R.F.* — join now. Ted had brochures if you want to take one with you. Sustaining members, \$100 for Chapters.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by

Charlie Hill,
State Recording Secretary

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

Fall is here, and with it comes the weather that we know will require some extra care and respect. The Oregon winter in many areas is luxurious due to the fact that we are able to ride and enjoy motorcycling when many of our fellow riders from other states have long since packed their toys away until warmer spring climates return.

I believe that riding in Oregon is a true sense of using a motorcycle as a valid alternative form of transportation. With the right protective clothing and a respect for the elements and road conditions, motorcycling can be a sensible and enjoyable means of commuting to work or enjoying a cool winter's adventure.

Here some points to remember and practice during your travels on two wheels when the weather is less than perfect. This information is a compilation of materials from many sources and references on safe riding practices. These practices are useful to help keep your ride upright when the handling becomes a bit unpredictable. These points may possibly mean the difference between an post - ride cleanup and a major repair or even worse. Winter riding is not an experience to fear. It is enjoyable and efficient when it is done wisely.

A major practice to consider in wet weather is "ride smooth, dude".

Motorcycles today are the product of research and development. The

technology is always being tested, and improvements bring a safer and better performing machine to our world of riding. This does not mean that that you can laugh at the conditions of the wet road. That wet roadway will let you know who's boss faster than you can say "Where'd the pavement run off to?" Give the accelerator that easy twist. Pulling away from a stop will just have to take a little longer this time. When exiting a curve, roll on the gas nice and smooth. Tires, today, are much more effective in the wet weather than they were back when your mom and dad were riding, but that does not mean that water on the road is not just as potentially dangerous. Add a little oil from the traffic and you've got "slip and slide" material.

If rain follows a particularly dry period, remember, that oil has had a chance to build up. The rain will eventually wash much of it away, but right at the beginning it will be pretty slick for a little while.

Apply those brakes with that same "smooth" attitude. Remember that the traction range for both acceleration and deceleration will always be reduced on wet surfaces. Wet brake discs and pads will often have a certain "lag" time. Be prepared for this. Skilled brake modulation is a must under these conditions. Give a little more space to compensate for some of the brake lag symptoms. Panic stops are even more tricky when the road surface is wet. A sufficient space cushion may help you to avoid some of the emergencies. Practice

acceleration and braking when possible to get a "feel" for the performance under wet conditions, and this will help to prevent the unpredictable situations.

Scan a larger picture in the wet weather. Search the road ahead for possible traction deficiencies or difficulties. Certain road surfaces and water don't mix well. Watch for painted surfaces. Paint can become very slick in the rain. Avoid riding on the painted lines in the roadway whenever possible.

Some commercial businesses paint the driveways and entrances to their parking lots or entryways. Watch out! These can really be a surprise in the rain.

Metal in the roadway can be very slippery when the rain comes along. Manhole covers sewer grates, bridge panels, grates, and seams, railroad tracks, and construction plates can all take your traction away at least temporarily. Be ready for these surfaces. Don't panic. Usually your "footing" returns as soon as you have cleared the metal surface. Wood surfaces, bricks, tar, and many smooth pavement areas can hold water or become slippery in the wet weather. Holes in the road can tend to "disappear" when the rain fills them. A deep hole can look like any other puddle. Avoid riding through the puddles if at all possible to reduce the risk of hitting a deep hole unexpectedly. Remember that intersections and places where cars are stopped frequently will have a concentration of oil or fluids. Wet leaves are extremely potentially treacherous for motorcyclists. Always keep them in mind while enjoying your Fall ride.

“Be seen” out there. Try to keep your bike in a position where the traffic can spot you easily. It’s a fact that less of us will be riding in the rainy or foul weather. The automobile drivers will not necessarily be expecting to see you out there on a motorcycle more than in the good weather. The car drivers may also be struggling with visibility in foul weather. Never assume that they see or hear you.

Go ahead and use your high beam headlight in the daytime for extra visibility. It’s probably not going to blind an oncoming driver in the daylight.

The drivers of the automobiles will probably have their windows up.

The rain and wheels running through water will tend to block out some of the sounds outside the vehicle. Try to give a little more space in the wet weather.

Have a great fall and winter of riding! “Ease” yourself into winter riding, even if you are an experienced operator. Have sympathy for those who are waiting to get their bikes out when the snows melt.

Start thinking about our S.T.E.A.M. conference. (Scheduled for February 15th, 2003). Get involved with your organization’s processes and functions. We have a very busy year coming up, and you are our greatest resource. Welcome to the Salem Chapter in the field of the motorcycle awareness program. I apologize, but I’m still not able to get a complete tally of classes and students reached for the 2001 / 2002 school year. I’m still waiting for some of the reports.

So, for now...bundle up, pull it out, warm it up, rev it up, and run!

Oh yeah, spread the awareness, ya’ll!

Take care.

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Well, I'm excited about the *Swap Meet* in Roseburg. It's an excellent opportunity for our southern chapters to come together to have a good time while helping out the mother ship! *A.B.A.T.E.* runs a really great *Swap Meet*, thanks to Roger. Working a swap meet is one of my favorite officer "duties."

Because this was a new adventure for us in that particular part of the state, we ran a lot of ads in a lot of area papers. Our classified ad ran in Grants Pass, Medford, Coos Bay, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Eugene, and Junction City. We also ran a Nickel Ad throughout the state. I believe this is a good use of promotional funds.

For every swap meet, I create a poster, a vendor form, a post card, and a drawing ticket. I also stuff posters, for mailing to motorcycle shops, with Roger and others. It always amazes me how much that guy carries in his head.

The other thing that amazes me is how many people Roger has lined up to help him get our work done. I've complimented our State Treasurers for their tireless work, as I have the set up and tear down crews. However, there are two more people who are really important to the overall success of the event, whom I haven't yet pointed my finger at.

First is Dee. Dee is one of the poster stuffing crew. When Janet left the position (another loyal, hard working crew member), I was nervous about who would fill in her place. Dee is in charge of vendors at the swap meets

and at *Fossil*. She's done an excellent job and I love working with her.

The next person I'd like to thank is someone I never see and so I had no idea of how much work she does for us. Lois is all I know about her (actually I'm sure we've met at some point). She makes the labels for our poster mailings to the motorcycle shops. Then, when I came up with the great idea of getting mailing addresses off of the drawing tickets, I didn't think about all the work it would actually take to enter in 900 names/address into a database.

Not only has Lois done this for us (and she makes labels for us too) but I discovered something else she does for each and every swap meet. Roger asked me to send out postcards this time because Lois was able to do it this once. Oh, my gosh! I had to put on 900 address labels, 900 return address labels, and 900 postage stamps! Roger says I should be grateful that he bought stamps with stick because I could have been lickin' too. So much for sympathy. It took hours and hours of time. I, for one, appreciate Lois' contributions. Hummm, I wonder what else Roger has her doing that I don't know about?

Belated thanks also to Larry Smith, from the *Southeast Portland Chapter*, who had me talk on

KEX with Lars Larson on *Ride Your Bike to Work Day*. When he said, "Isn't *A.B.A.T.E.* that anti-helmet group?" I held my position and said, "Actually, we're a pro-education and charity organization." I said we were best

known in the Portland area for the *Toy Run* at the beginning of the program. At the end of the show, after the anti-helmet jab, I invited him to the *Toy Run* and told him I'd find him a ride. He cut me off the phone and made the comment that his wife would kill him if he did! Way to go, Larry. It's great that you, personally, created some positive air time for us. Thanks.

Another personal note rattling around my head to tell all of you was how weird it was in May when I came home from *Fossil* and flipped the calendar page for the week. The featured photo was *Fossil*! How strange is that? I was reminded of it when I flipped the calendar before I started writing today and there was the sun rising on Waldo Lake in the Deschutes National Forest. I swear, this is the most beautiful state in the union. It makes motorcycle riding through it one of the greatest thrills of all. It takes on a spiritual aspect for me, and for many of you too. I feel blessed to live here and to work with the likes of you. Thanks.

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Attention State Officers:

All state officers need to submit the names of the people they want to acknowledge for their contributions to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* to Melinda McCrossen by the next State Board Meeting on November 9th. The Award Presentation will be part of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s Annual Meeting on December 14th in Junction City. Please make a point of participating in this event.

How can you participate? An Annual Report will be published for the meeting. Creating this tool just makes good business sense. You will be able to use the report for fundraising activities and for credibility when visiting the State Capitol in 2003. It should reflect how well we have our act together and how we shine.

It must include a Treasurer's Annual Statement and a Coordinator's Report (State of the Union) at a minimum. However, all other officers are encouraged to write one paragraph about how the year went (with some highlights mentioned and/or a picture or two) with an optional second paragraph about the coming year. It would be great to see a note from the Legislative Director, the Historian, the Media Directors (Web Page Editor, Newsletter Editor, and Public Relations Director), the Membership Secretary, the Run Coordinators, and anyone else who wants to participate.

Officers, please immediately send:

1) Award Nominations (with the proper spelling of the name in legible writing)

2) An officer's report for the Annual Report.

3) Photo images with captions and dates.

Send it to:

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or bring it to the November State Board Meeting.

Thank you for your participation.

Historian

by Iris Yeager



It is the time of year to gather toys for the children. Remembering and giving to others is part of our history as a group of motorcyclists.

Toy runs are the best. I sincerely hope each of you will be able to be part of one this year.

You see here a couple pictures from a toy run in 1982.

Twenty years ago.

We will repeat good history again this year.

Help keep our history on the happy pages by *looking*, not just once or twice, but *three times* for *other vehicles* on the road.

There are many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. One is each other and the brother, sisterhood we share.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Iris Yeager

Toy Run -- 1982

Beginning at Eastport

photos by Carl J. Wilke



From The

GUNNY'S SACK



You know there is no end to some of the nastiness we see in the media about riders and motorcycles. We've had a few reports recently from my boss, Oregon *A.I.M.* Attorney Sam Hochberg, about what he sees on TV now and then that gets *his* hackles up. He just told me another one: Seems that on the *very* popular NBC show *ER*, there was a scene with a young girl who was on the back of a bike when it wrecked. She arrived basically D.O.A. in the emergency room. Not much talk in the script about what *caused* the wreck. Not *any* talk about safety training. Just this little exchange. One doc says "What was she doing on the back of a motorcycle?" The British doctor, "Dr. Corday," says: "*What is anybody doing on a motorcycle?*"

I think some of the other biker press has already picked up on this story, but it couldn't hurt to complain to NBC. They're big boys, they can take it. Tell 'em your Gunny sent you, and e-mail an extra copy of whatever you write to me, if you would, at:

AIMGunny@aol.com

News Bits'n Pieces

Toronto — Here's some more media hype I saw; this one on-line. The headline: "Dozens of Outlaw motorcycle gang members, including some top leaders, were arrested in raids on biker clubhouses in Canada and the United States."

In Canada there were supposedly over 500 officers involved in this abomination, but the press made it look even bigger than it really was.

In the U.S.A., the same game is

being played.

I'm not saying I think all riders are saints. We have a few sour apples, too. Our biggest problem as I see it is much the same as the

Harley parked outside a bar that everybody sees but no one ever sees the five or six pick-ups parked there too.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania — This is some good news. Pennsylvania motorcyclists have "taxed" themselves to ensure safer riding. They voted in some increased funding for their state Motorcycle Safety Program. It's the *best* way to prevent motorcycle accidents, injuries and deaths, says *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania*. And Joe Public still thinks we have a death wish because we ride. This bill had 68 co-sponsors.

All S.M.R.O.'s (State Motorcycle Rights Associations) could take a lesson here. In Oregon we did about the same thing a couple of sessions ago and it works.

Nova Scotia, Canada — This bit comes to me (word for word) from Animal, my good buddy from the north country: "*Each year I MC to a toy run up in New Brunswick. This year we raised over \$10,000 in cash and toys which is an awesome amount for up here. \$5,000 of it came from the inmates of the Dorchester Penitentiary.*" Wow! Even convicts in Canada love kids. And why not.

Tokyo — Government is stickin' it's paws where they shouldn't be again, this time in Vietnam, and it's about

motorcycles. In September, their government put a cap on how many bikes and bike parts they would allow Yamaha build in their Vietnam plants. I guess they wanted to give a leg up to their locally-owned motorcycle businesses there. Nice idea, but it sorta backfired. Yamaha just said "screw it," and shut down their Viet-Nam plant, at least for now.

Earth Orbit — A biker's wife is the pilot of the space shuttle *Atlantis*, at this writing. The crew is headed up to the international space station. Pilot-astronaut Pamela Melroy is the third woman to fly as a space shuttle pilot. Seems she hesitated about her husband getting a scoot. But listen to what she said: "*I thought to myself, the guy's an airline pilot flying international and I'm a shuttle pilot. Who am I to tell him it's not safe enough? To hold either of us back from doing something that we're really excited about, because the other person would be worried about you, would just be wrong. We just don't do it.*"

Now *there's* a "top-flight" woman with the right attitude!

N.H.T.S.A. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) — From these good safetycrats comes this critical information: "...on a national level, motorcycle deaths have for the last four years been steadily rising. The latest figures show that 3,181 people died in motorcycle crashes in 2001, up nearly 10 percent from 2000, according to Rae Tyson of *N.H.T.S.A.*

in Washington, D.C.

It's fairly obvious to me that some folks don't take into account that ridership has increased phenomenally in the last several years and many of these new riders – some of 'em baby-boomers who are just *now* starting to ride – have *never taken a riding course!* *N.H.T.S.A.* says they are perplexed at the sudden rise and tend to blame it on states that have repealed their helmet laws.

Well, let me tell them this: If we had *better* and *more* rider education, you'd see a big *drop* in accidents and death. And a *lot* of these new boomer-riders have never ridden a big bike, and that's what *N.H.T.S.A.*'s own stats say they're riding.

Well, if the last time you rode was on a Honda 350 in 1973 and you get yourself up on a brand-new Fatboy, you're just askin' for it if you don't get out and get some training.

A *whole* lot has changed in the past 30 years about riding. If we're all better riders and crash *less*, we can continue to tell *N.H.T.S.A.* where to put their statistics.

Dehli, India — So I come across this article from *Reuters*, and I find out that India's transportation situation is the same as in a *lot* of the poorer but up'n coming countries. In short, they all go nuts for motorcycles! Now, some folks think it's just because the buggers can't afford a car, and that *is* part of it. These are countries that are just now getting invigorated with growth and change — kinda like it was here in the U.S.A. a long time ago. Bikes are *the* most practical thing a person could buy there! Cheap on gas, but flashy and cool. There are a whole slew of models and wild colors — even from major

companies like *Honda* — that we *never*, ever see here in the US. Sounds great for them — I'll stick with my *Valkyrie*.

Gunny Again

Remember that the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* program is in place to help riders who have had any sort of mishap on the road. Our *A.I.M.* attorneys around the country are here for us and they are part of our riding world so they know of that which they speak. You can reach these guys by dialing 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE or 1-(800)-531-2424. You can reach Sam Hochberg here in Oregon at (503)-224-1106, or toll free at 1-(800)-347-1106.

Get Your Gunny's Sack by e-mail: You can get this column straight to your computer a good month or two before it shows up in your local biker newsletter. To get the e-mail version, just pop out an e-mail directed to Bill Bish, at:

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and he'll make sure you get the *Sack* as well as Bill's e-mail version of *Coast to Coast Biker News*. Both are monthly publications. In fact, if you're a really *big* fan of the *Sack*, they are now archived on the *N.C.O.M.* website, which you can get to by either:

www.aimncom.com

or:

www.on-a-bike.com

Click on "News," and you'll see a few years of old *Sacks* layin' around in cyberspace for ya.

Gunny-At-Large

For those of you in the west who do get the e-mail version of this here *Sack*, please note that the *N.C.O.M. West Coast Regional Conference* will be held all day on November 2nd, at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Inn, in Portland, Oregon. There will be an *N.C.O.M. full board* meeting in the morning, followed by bikers rights seminars, including a talk about the anti-terrorist laws and how they may affect us, and a big party at night! It's all free, except the hotel. Call (503)-283-2111, and ask for the *N.C.O.M.* rate of \$69 a night. If you can't make it, I'll report on the happenings next month.

'Till then,

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny,

Oregon

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NEWS and NOTES



The Recreation Fee Demonstration Program was created in 1996 through an act of the 105th Congress, HR 3109. The Act gave the *National Park Service (N.P.S.)*, the *Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.)*, the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, and the *U.S. Forest Service* the authority to collect recreation fees on federal land.

The fees were to be used to address the backlogged recreation needs on our public lands. The fees were to be collected locally and to be used for maintenance locally.

Recently, U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) introduced S. 2607, which grants permanent fee authority to these agencies. Additionally, the administration has expressed its support for the bill.

Although the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* supports the concept of small user fees to be used for the creation and maintenance of trails, as well as the concept of permanent fee authority, we remain skeptical of specific details of S.2607.

The bill allows the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require a special recreation permit for motorized recreation to "ensure resource protection or public safety". The *A.M.A.* believes that motorized recreation should be treated equitably, like any other valid form of recreation. A special permit in lieu of ordinary fees is unnecessary. Also, the bill does not recognize the important lessons learned through the demonstration project. The Bush Administration stated the following lessons: Recreation fees are administered

inconsistently from site to site; there is no distinction between entrance fees and user fees; the improvements made through fees are not readily apparent to the public; the current pass system is confusing to the public; a fee should not be imposed where there isn't an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience; visitors should not be "nickel and dimed" through too many separate recreation fee charges.

S. 2607 or any other attempt to grant permanent authority to implement fees must reflect these learned experiences. Please tell your member of Congress to reflect on these past experiences of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program before granting permanent authority to the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The *A.M.A.* and the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* announce a partnership on a national impaired-riding campaign. The program is intended to educate motorcyclists about the dangers of drinking and riding.

In 2001, 41 percent of the fatally injured motorcycle riders were impaired, with blood alcohol content (B.A.C.) of .08 g/dl or greater, the legal limit of impairment in many states. Impaired-riding issues were listed among the urgent recommendations of the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (DOT HS 809156), a national plan that was developed by the motorcycling community in late 2000.

The *A.M.A.*'s "Ride Straight" campaign will develop messages

specifically targeting motorcyclists and will incorporate segments of

N.H.T.S.A.'s current "Friends Don't Let Friends Ride Drunk" campaign. The *A.M.A.* will launch Ride Straight in mid-2003.

California Governor Gray Davis vetoed AB-2521, a bill to require all new and replacement traffic-actuated signals to recognize motorcycles and bicycles.

His veto message, signed September 18, 2002, read in part: "While I recognize the merits of this measure, I am vetoing this bill because it would result in unknown reimbursable state-mandated costs on local government by requiring them to install these new detectors."

London, England bicyclists have vowed to fight plans to let motorcyclists use bus lanes in metro London.

A two-year pilot scheme started in September, which would see motorcycles use bus lanes without penalty. If successful the plan could be a real breakthrough in opening up bus lanes throughout the country to motorcycling commuters.

But representatives of the bicycling community have already begun lobbying hard to get the scheme shelved, even before it gets off the ground.

Bicyclists fear increased competition from a lot of motorcycles, which have the worst crash and casualty rates of any road user.

This is despite the results from a similar trial on other motorways

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which have operated since July. The Highway Agency reported no major problems, and was quick to stress that the trial, which takes place on motorway approaches to London, would not automatically lead to changes in urban area.

Vietnam will raise its tariff on imported motorcycles to 100 percent from the current 60 percent to compensate for the elimination of an import licensing requirement that helps protect domestic assembly operations.

Virtually all motorcycles in Vietnam are assembled in the country from sets of local and imported parts because a license required by the Ministry of Trade to import finished models is seldom granted.

That license requirement is to be lifted but the tariff rate will be simultaneously raised to 100 percent to protect domestic assemblers.

Vietnam's motorcycle assembly industry has been in chaos for several weeks since the government suddenly lowered an annual quota on imported parts to 1.5 million sets from 2.5 million. Officials cited a public outcry over the soaring number of motorcycle accidents.

Honda Vietnam, the country's largest motorcycle assembler, was forced to suspend production earlier this week because of the lower limit. Vietnam has seven foreign joint-venture motorcycle assemblers and 55 local assemblers.

Local media have reported that two other joint ventures, with Japanese manufacturers *Suzuki* and *Yamaha*, may also be forced to suspend

production soon because of the curb on imported parts.

Motorcycle ownership has grown rapidly in recent years as Vietnam's economy has expanded. The country, with a population of 79 million, now has 9.4 million motorcycles, one of the highest per capita levels in the world.

Last year, more than 10,000 people were killed in traffic accidents, of which 80 percent reportedly involved motorcycles.

Michigan Senate Bill 1413, introduced by Senator Valde Garcia (R-26) and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism, would amend the Michigan vehicle code to make a person found responsible for a violation that causes injury to another individual who is operating or riding on a motorcycle, subject to a fine five times otherwise prescribed.

This legislation is consistent with the goals of the *A.M.A.*'s "Motorcyclists Matter" campaign, introduced in 2000. If you would like further information on *A.M.A.*'s "Motorcyclist Matter" campaign contact Imre Szauter, *A.M.A.* Legislative Affairs Specialist at:

(614)-856-1900 extension 1125

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A three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in Manhattan, ruled 2 to 1 that Vermont lawmakers had a right to impose spending limits of \$300,000 on candidates for governor and \$100,000 on candidates for lieutenant governor.

The justification for the limits lay in "preventing the effective sale of time and access to public officials that results from the corrupting influence of excessive fund-raising and campaign spending," Judge Chester J. Straub wrote.

Such limits, Judge Straub said, were "necessary to safeguard the democratic process and the public's faith in its representatives."

Judge Ralph K. Winter dissented, asserting that the Vermont law violated candidates' First Amendment rights to free speech. Judge Winter said the law, even assuming the good intentions of its enactors, "suppresses ordinary political activity at every level of the electoral process."

Judge Straub and Judge Pooler were appointed by President Bill Clinton; Judge Winter by President Ronald Reagan.

The ruling threw out parts of the 1997 law, including limits the Legislature placed on contributions from outside the state. In addition, the majority sent the case back to Federal District Court to consider how much political action committees (P.A.C.s) can spend if they are lobbying on issues but not giving to specific candidates.

Out of Control: *Off Road Vehicles and Roads in Florida's National Forests: An Assessment of Impacts on Wildlife with Recommendations for Management* with dramatic introductory text and organized to stress perceived problems, conveys the objective to lock Off-Highway Vehicle (O.H.V.) usage off of Florida public lands. The authors

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intend to present this report to the upcoming National Trails Symposium (which the A.M.A., N.O.H.V.C.C. and others will be attending).

The Defenders of Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle impacts/management on Florida's national forests report is available online at:

<http://www.defenders.org/habitat/florvs/>

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (*W.D.N.R.*) has decided to seasonally (November 1 to April 1) close the officially allowed Walker Valley Off-Highway Vehicle (O.H.V.) Area despite the continued efforts of the *A.M.A.* chartered *Skagit Motorcycle Club* and *Northwest Motorcycle Association* to rectify the alleged problems.

If you would like to comment please contact Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Doug Sutherland at e-mail - doug.sutherland@wadnr.gov

Walker Valley is an off-road vehicle trail system located on state land managed by the *W.D.N.R.* with approximately twenty-eight miles of designated off-highway vehicle trails on 6500 acres.

A Horry County, South Carolina police officer will not face reckless homicide charges in relation to a fatal car versus-motorcycle crash last spring. The crash happened in the early morning hours of May 18. Officer James Costello's unmarked police car collided with a motorcycle.

A Michigan man and a Georgia woman were riding on the motorcycle;

both died in the crash. Officer Costello suffered only minor injuries. A Highway Patrol accident report showed the motorcycle was traveling at more than 72 miles-per-hour at the time of the collision. Horry County Solicitor Greg Hebrée says there was no evidence that would support a reckless homicide charge against Costello. Highway Patrol officials are still considering traffic violations.

California's new state law should help ensure that off-highway motorcycle and All-Terrain Vehicle (A.T.V.) users have places to ride in California in the future.

The law, co-sponsored by Assembly Speaker pro tem Fred Keeley (D-Boulder Creek) and Assemblyman Mark Wyland (R-Del Mar), includes many of the suggestions of the Stakeholders Roundtable, a group put together by the state's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. The group includes *A.M.A.* Government Relations Department staff as well as other off-highway vehicle enthusiasts, environmentalists, property owners, law enforcement personnel and others.

Among other things, the new law requires comprehensive planning to improve the chances of developing off-highway vehicle recreation areas, and calls for studies to understand the need for developing off-road sports complexes.



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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com

 Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. Elects New Officers and Directors



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) is pleased to announce the election of several new officers and directors. Buck Kittredge (Wisconsin) was elected at the board meeting on September 26, 2002 to take the reins as the *M.R.F.*'s new President. Chuc Coulter (Idaho) will take over the Vice President position vacated by Buck, and Jay Jackson (Indiana) will replace Chuc as Director of Rider Education.

Dave Mann (Kansas) was re-elected for another two-year term as Treasurer, Noriene Mann (Kansas) will continue for another two years as Director of Product and Procurement, and Teri Stobbs (Illinois) will serve another two years as Director of Communications and Information. Mark Buckner (Colorado) rejoined the *M.R.F.* Board as an Ex-Officio Board Member, and Mark Falsetti (Indiana), Rick Gray (Pennsylvania), Lynn Oldenburg (Maryland) and Brian Stovall (Oregon) were re-elected as Ex-Officio Board Members.

Polly Schoeller (Iowa) has taken over as the new Director of Member Relations, and Paul Cote' (Massachusetts) is now serving as the Director of Marketing. Carol Downs (Colorado) has stepped in as the new Director of Events and Conferences. The *M.R.F.* State Reps re-elected Tim Nelson (Iowa) to another two-year term as State Representative to the Board. Carol Simpson (Maryland) and Cindy Hodges (North Carolina) were elected at-large to serve as Member Representative Board

Members.

Please join us in welcoming the new additions to the *M.R.F.* Board of Directors. We would also like to thank Tom Pauley (Indiana), former *M.R.F.* President, Vice President, and Treasurer for all his years of hard work and dedication to the *M.R.F.*. In addition, we would like to thank Pam Piacenti (Michigan), former Director of Events and Conferences, and Wayne Thomas (Idaho), former Director of Member Relations for their valuable years of service to the *M.R.F.*

For a complete listing of the *M.R.F.*'s officers and directors, including their contact information, please visit the *M.R.F.* website at:

www.mrf.org/directors.php

M.R.F. and A.M.A. Working Together on Motorcycling Issues

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) held its annual national conference, the *Meeting of the Minds*, in Lansing, Michigan, from September 26-29, 2002. Just prior to this meeting, the *M.R.F.* was successful in having legislation introduced in Congress to counter the new proposed rules and standards to be imposed on street bikes by *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*). It had been reported that *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*) met with the bill

sponsor to voice objections to the bill. On Friday, September 27, 2002, the leadership of *M.R.F.* and *A.M.A.* met to discuss strategies regarding the *E.P.A.*'s proposed regulations for street motorcycles.

The *M.R.F.* and the *A.M.A.*, as major national leaders in motorcycling issues, are both committed to communicating clearly with each other and working side by side on all of the issues that face motorcyclists today, so this meeting was very important for the members of both organizations. The result of this meeting between the *M.R.F.* and the *A.M.A.* is that a better understanding now exists on how we can support each other, even though we may choose different approaches to a particular issue.

The *A.M.A.* indicated that it would not oppose the *M.R.F.*'s legislative efforts to meet this *E.P.A.* attack on motorcycling, the small volume motorcycle manufacturers and the extensive after market. The *A.M.A.* has chosen to pursue the regulatory side of the *E.P.A.* issues for its constituency, while the *M.R.F.* will pursue both regulatory and legislative avenues.

After meeting with the *A.M.A.*, *M.R.F.* President Buck Kittredge addressed the *Meeting of the Minds* attendees and reported that the *M.R.F.* and the *A.M.A.* have resolved to work together on all of the numerous issues facing motorcyclists today, including

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the proposed E.P.A. regulations, health insurance issues, and the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21).

President Kittredge reminded the attendees at the *Meeting of the Minds* that this is not the first time the *M.R.F.* and the *A.M.A.* have had a difference of opinion on the approach to an issue. However, the *M.R.F.* and the *A.M.A.* have always strived to work together and the attendees were assured that we will continue to work together to succeed for the betterment of motorcycling.

Call Your Congressman to Co-Sponsor H.R. 5433!

Emerging from a *Meeting of the Minds* that can only be described as electrifying, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (*S.M.R.O.s*) nationwide join with Congressman Jim Barcia (D-MI), the very sponsor of *The Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act*, in urging you to call your Congressman with this simple message:

"Safeguard small business and add weight to our words by co-sponsoring H.R. 5433!"

To thunderous standing ovations, Congressman Barcia, an *M.R.F.* champion of motorcyclists' rights and safety and this year's guest speaker at the *M.R.F.'s Meeting of the Minds* banquet, called on motorcyclists

nationwide to urge their Congressmen to join him as co-sponsors of H.R. 5433 - ground-breaking legislation that safeguards small businesses and rider freedom while cutting pollution and dependence on foreign oil.

"*E.P.A.* may have your name," said *M.R.F.* lobbyist Tom Wyld, "but you now have a number. H.R. 5433!" Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last week, H.R. 5433 currently has six co-sponsors: U.S. Reps. John Shimkus (R-IL), Judy Biggert (R-IL), Mark Green (R-WI), Mark Kirk (R-IL), Ray LaHood (R-IL), and David Phelps (D-IL). "Our congratulations to *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* for their outreach and our thanks to these lawmakers for adding their names to a bill that adds weight to the voice of motorcycle consumers in America," added new *M.R.F.* President Buck Kittredge.

Call your U.S. Representatives *today* and urge them to add their names to this bill.

Here's how:

1. **Review** H.R. 5433, the "Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act," at:

www.mrf.org/epalegislation.php

2. **Read** the one-page summary, as well as the many points we've made in our appeal to *E.P.A.* to extend the public comment period deadline, at:

www.mrf.org/positionpapers.php

3. **Telephone** your Congressman at (202)-225-3121 or find his or her e-mail address or fax number at:

<http://thomas.loc.gov>.

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Safeguard your freedom.

Call your Congressman today!

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.

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Letters From Our Members

Coordinator's Call

It's been a long time since I sat down and wrote something to be put in the newsletter but it's time this be said. For three years I've led *Southern Oregon Chapter* and I have to say it has been both an experience and an honor. When I took over the chapter it had next to nothing in the treasury and only a handful of people at the meeting and the chapter was doomed! I personally was not going to let the chapter die so I stepped up and gave it my best shot and with the help of those really great officers I had, we worked hard and built the chapter back up. My thanks and gratitude to each and every one of you 'cause I couldn't have done it without you!

I'm sure many of you read the chapter report Herb submitted for September and I have to say he is not blowing smoke — not this time. It's time for new people with fresh ideas to give chapter leadership positions a while. I myself have done everything I set out to do for the chapter and I feel it can be strong enough now that I can go serve on the next level — a state officer position.

The fight for motorcycle rights, for me, is much higher than chapter level, though it is a very good start! You see, the issues that a lot of people pass over in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter (to get to the run calendar) are very real to me and a genuine threat to my rights and freedoms and my lifestyle and it really pisses me off! I have not had a bike of my own for several years now because I've been working on credit issues but

I have had several in the past and I'm now close to finally getting another one. The question is, how long am I gonna be able to ride that bike without worrying about where I'm gonna find parts for it. How many of you who read rags like *N.W. Biker* actually read the part in the September issue about the *E.P.A.*? I'll bet most of you only read about runs and shit like that. Well, you need to stop and think 'cause all this political stuff is showing up in every national rag out there and the threat is *real!*

The headline that caught my eye was "*E.P.A. Proposes Motorcycle Ban*" and "more than 50,000 jobs could also be lost in after market." Now to me that's a pretty conservative figure — it will be much higher!

The *E.P.A.* is loaded with environmental Dudley dogooders who haven't a clue what they're doing to lifestyles of people like you and me (nor do they care), but it sounds good and not *enough* people challenge them, so they get their way. There are some people in bed with *N.T.S.A.* (*National Transportation Safety Administration*).

Now combined, these people want catalytic "perverters", sheer bolts, anti-tampering devices, air bags, California emissions and god knows what else they're gonna think of next on our bikes!

These people are no joke and we're in for a fight and everybody really needs to wake up to this!

Some of you can afford a \$20,000 machine and have someone else work on it and that's great.

I, on the other hand, can only afford

a \$10,000 machine and I do the work on it and I'm willing to stand on the front line and fight for what we *all* believe in and I need your help!

A.B.A.T.E. needs your help.

M.R.F. and *BikePAC* also need your help.

Now is not the time to think about it and tomorrow is too late.

In October we are having nominations for chapter officers although you can still nominate somebody at the November membership meeting as well. Keep in mind that all positions are open. Also keep in mind that those of you who don't like the way things went or want change, now is the time to step up to the plate!

I personally will be running for *no* chapter positions as my fight is much higher than chapter level.

In December, the second Saturday, is the state board meeting and also the annual meeting. There will be food and activities and people from all the other chapters in attendance. This would be a great time for new officers of *Southern Oregon* to get to know people up north and I'm sure I'll have room for two more people to ride up with me and Nora (your state Educational Director).

In *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* there are almost 2,000 registered members and in the state of Oregon over 17,000 registered motorcycles.

Where are all of you?

I know that in the last few months I've seen a decline in meeting attendance in *Southern Oregon* for one

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reason or another. Every family and every organization has in it people or things that others don't like but now is a time that everybody needs to get past that. There is work to be done or we're all gonna have a lot to sit around and bitch about. The old saying goes: "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Well, we need to make a hell of a lot of noise!

That person in your chapter who annoys the shit out of you might just be the very person stubborn enough to keep e-mailing a local congressman or state representative. There's one in my chapter for instance who has been a pain in my ass for a long time but in really getting to talk lately I've found he's the one I can count on to send e-mails or even go north with me to make an appearance.

Everybody in *A.B.A.T.E.* is useful and everybody is needed! The ones who don't try have nothing to say at all!

Ride safe,

Tim "Renegade" Rohde
Southern Oregon Chapter
Coordinator

P.S. Are you really happy with the way the government and select manufacturers want you to look on yer bike? Or would ya rather look the way you want to look? The choice is almost not yours any more!

Bringing Justice To "Three Strikes" Guidelines

As I pass my fifth birthday inside these walls and wire, I want to once again thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for its continued support. The *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter has been a constant reminder of the freedom I've been denied.

The late Mrs. Patsy Mink, former Senator, authored a bill (House Resolution 529) to adjust the terribly long sentences imposed by Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

I'm finally able to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel and would like to invite all those of you who can, in conscience, to contact your federal lawmakers and ask them to pick up sponsorship of Senator Patsy Mink's bill to revive federal parole for *all* federal prisoners instead of just those under what's referred to as "old law".

Currently we're required to serve 85% of our sentences before going on what is called "supervised release", which is like parole.

This bill, HR 5296, would allow the parole board to release those of us eligible for parole after serving 2/3 of our sentence.

If you would like to see the full text of the bill, HR 5296, please check this web address:

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

then use the bill number to access the file.

I'd like to think many of you out there do not agree with federal high-handed law enforcement methods or

the terribly long sentences mandated by federal sentences guidelines. Please ask your representative to support this bill.

I'm 48, was raised right around here, and have been riding for most of the last 35 years. It's been (I think) August of 1995 since I last rode to an *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* party. I'm planning on staying here in Oregon after I release, as this is where where my family is.

Anyone interested in corresponding further about this bill (HR 5296) or just to chat and say "hey" is welcomed.

Thank you,

Bird Schwarz
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FCI Sheridan
PO Box 5000
Sheridan, OR 97378

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Thank you. (Now please vote, y'all.)



These last few months as crusty ol' editor of the newsletter have given Rot Path an opportunity to see what goes on within *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon (Inc, etc.)* and other motorcyclist rights organizations in our state. It is humbling to witness how much so many people give of themselves to protect that precious concept of freedom — everyone from gate security at a run to lobbyists addressing congress.

Many of our chapters are holding nominations and elections for officers in the next two months. This is an excellent time for you to get further involved in preserving freedoms of the road.

Volunteering beyond meeting attendance can be slightly scary at first. But then you realize that you don't have to work alone — there are always people within and outside your chapter to turn to if you come up against problems you don't know how to handle.

If you've been living life only for yourself up until now, when you begin giving of yourself through volunteer activities there is a lightening of your spirit that is incredible to experience. You realize that you involved in something bigger than yourself, something that can continue beyond you, a legacy for future generations

The interval just before elections is a good time to putt around your neighborhood looking at political lawn signs. It gives you feeling for the mood of your community. It can also

be a map of where motorcycle awareness needs to be increased.

This is one of the best opportunities to educate legislative hopefuls and those seeking reelection. Their political positions are tenuous which makes them more open to listening to us. This is an excellent time to extract promises, then hold them to their word if they're elected.

We need to form a group that takes the mass media to task every time they portray motorcyclists in a negative light. Something like: "Biker Anti-Defamation And Stereotyping Suppression".

(Except we'd have to work out a better acronym.)

(You might want to also point out to candidates that bikers have long memories when it comes to injustices inflicted on us. Going back on campaign promises made to us can come back to haunt them during the next election.)

We need elected officials who have the moral courage to stand up to the special interests of big business and big government on behalf of this nation's citizens

Apparently during World War Two, some Navy fleets had unofficial "dirty tricks" departments. They would gather intelligence about their adversary, then plan operations which turned their opponent's strengths and weaknesses against themselves.

We are not mice flipping off a swooping hawk.

We're bikers, dammit!

We're both smarter and sneakier than the suited power-trippers give us credit for. Let's use that to our advantage.

Often large organizations of any kind tend to be ponderous and reluctant to change their course of action once it's been set. (Titanic Syndrome.) Being bikers, we know the advantage of being fast and maneuverable. The trick is to help these giants set a course that is beneficial to all of us, not just the self-interest groups. Because once these juggernauts get rolling in a destructive direction, the law of gross tonnage makes it difficult to divert them to another course.

More than ever, be aware of others in the world this time of year — from Bird Schwarz who had his freedom taken by our government to bikers seeking to preserve or regain freedoms in legislatures to our troops in areas remote from home who have taken on a higher burden than most citizens.

Be thankful for what we have — help others to achieve a similar level of creature comfort and security.

Blessed be.

Support candidates who support motorcyclist's issues.
(Biker lawn signs we'd like to see.)

2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

- November 3rd A.M.A. run sanctioning meeting (503)-538-0979
- November 10th Millican Desert Run
- November 16th Washington County Chapter Toy Run (503)-646-2060
- November 17th A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet-Portland (503)-285-4329
- November 23rd Biker Night-Silverton (503)-873-2492 (Salem)
- November 30th Spaghetti Feed & Raffle (360)-665-6513 (North Coast)
- December 7th Shriners Toy Run (503)-771-0188 (Portland chapters)
- December 8th Annual Toy Run (503)-371-7550 (Salem)
- December 14th A.B.A.T.E. Annual Meeting-Junction City (503)-775-2203
- December 14th Toy & Poker Run (503)-325-1707 (North Coast)



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Nov 16th 2002

Parade starts at 12:00 at Stocker's House of Power
417 SW Bailey St. Hillsboro, Oregon 97123
and ends at the Hillsboro Fire Dept on 1st.

50/50 Drawing

Refreshments

Door Prize

Bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to benefit the Hillsboro
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Also bring 2 cans of food to benefit the Hillsboro Domestic Violence
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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, November 17, 2002

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
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Swap Meet parking available on site
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Parking in designated areas only

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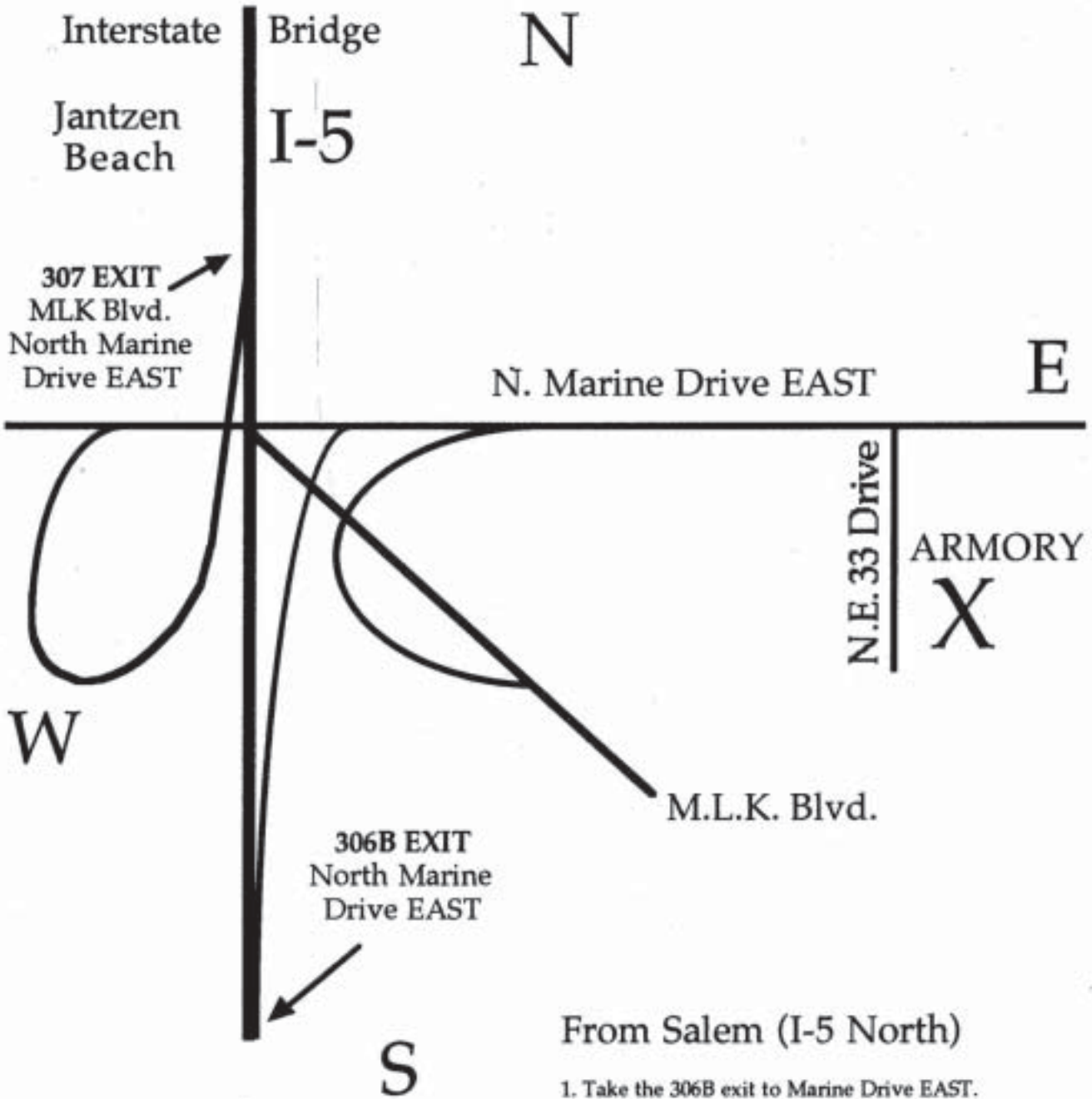
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2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
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Saturday Nov. 23rd

**Wooden Nickel
1610 Pine St.
Silverton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.**



Donation at door: \$2 per Person or \$3 per Couple

Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

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For Information call:
Michelle (503) 371-7550
Marlene (503) 873-2492

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Toy Run Sunday Dec. 8th, 10am, K-Mart at Mission & 25th, Salem

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**ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
NORTH COAST CHAPTER**

**14th Annual
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Auction & Raffle

**Raffle Tickets
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**Adults \$5
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DECEMBER 7, 2002

Starting from Tri-Met, 4012 SE 17th.

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We leave for the Hospital at 12:30 PM

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Salem, Oregon

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Leave 11:00 am

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CHAPTER**

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- **Raffle Prizes**
- **Food & Fun**
- **Trophies for best & worst poker hands!**

Raffle Tickets
\$1 each or 6 for \$5

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Annual Meeting

Following the regular ABATE State Board Meeting at
7th and Kalmia, Junction City, Oregon

Saturday

December 14, 2002

2:00 - 3:00 PM Free Buffet Lunch for ABATE members

3:00 - 4:00 PM Coordinator and Treasurer Reports
Officers present volunteer awards

4:00 - 5:00 PM Entertainment and general frolicking

For More Information Call:

Jim Niece

503-775-2203 (Portland)

Brian Stovall

541-298-1317 (The Dalles)



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A benefit for the children of
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Bike is at COLUMBIA HARLEY DAVIDSON

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Drawing at noon, December 7th

@ TRI-MET, 4012 SE 17th

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Just the Facts, Please

Statistics are like a bikini:
“What they reveal is interesting, but what they conceal is vital.”

And what the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.) has been concealing in their crusade to promote helmet laws borders on fraud. In their efforts to sway public opinion in favor of mandatory helmet laws, N.H.T.S.A. and others have been quick to point out an increase in Florida's motorcycle fatalities in the year following a repeal of their lid law. What they fail to mention, however, is that a jump in motorcycle ownership has outpaced the fatality rate, and *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* has compiled the actual numbers to refute the apparently flawed statistics being circulated by the federal agency.

“These figures represent the statistics for the first full year of our amended helmet law,” explains James “Doc” Reichenbach, President and Lobbyist for *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* and chairman of the board for the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (N.C.O.M.). “As you can see, the actual number of deaths were up 11%, however the motorcycle registrations were up 20.4%, which represents an increase of over 40,000 new motorcycles on the roads. After all the figures are compiled according to the *Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles*, the death rate was actually down by 5.2%.”

Also, based on the 40,000 new motorcycles on the road this past year, *A.B.A.T.E.* made the following estimates of what this amended law

has brought into the economy of Florida:

40,000 new motorcycles at an average of \$10,000 each: \$400,000,000
Sales tax on motorcycles at 6%: \$24,000,000
Registration fee on motorcycles: \$1,444,000
Change of title: \$ 1,190,000
Total: \$ 426,634,000

“This total is almost one half a *billion* dollars in one year that was put into the economy of the state of Florida,” says Doc. “Of this amount, over 25 million dollars went directly into the state treasury for the budget. This also does not include the tourist money that increased because of Florida being a freedom of choice state. In 2001 over 300,000,000 dollars was spent in Florida at Bike Week during a ten day period.” The 2002 figures are not available yet, but participation was up from 2001.

“I hope these figures will help anyone who has heard the bad publicity that has come of our amended law,” Doc summarized. “Deaths per mile ridden are down and the economy has gotten a huge boost.”

Wisconsin Supreme Court Rules Against Helmetless Riders

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that All-Terrain Vehicle (A.T.V.) riders injured in accidents may have damage awards reduced by up to 100% for failing to wear a helmet. On June 26, 2002, the court issued a decision in an A.T.V. accident case that allowed a reduction in damages from a head injury because the injured party was not wearing a helmet, reports *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*.

Although this was an A.T.V. case, the court also stated that, “Our conclusion here pertains to helmet use while operating or riding a motorized, non-enclosed, moderate-to-high-speed vehicle such as an A.T.V. or like vehicle.”

“The leaders and Legislative Committee of *A.B.A.T.E.* are taking this threat very seriously and giving it a Level One priority,” reports Dave Dwyer, Legislative Chair for *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*. “We have already been in contact with legislators to let them know what is going on and how we feel about it.”

Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien, long time biker and member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (N.C.O.M.) Legislative Task Force, is working with *A.B.A.T.E.* to determine if the decision can be applied to motorcycle riders who suffer a head injury while not wearing a helmet.

“We intend to be ready with a bill to introduce when the new legislature comes into session in January,” said

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Dwyer. "If for some reason this decision cannot be applied to motorcycles, I feel that we should go ahead with language to clarify how the courts should handle the "no helmet" defense."

Wisconsin has enacted legislation that allows damages to be reduced by 15% for anyone injured in a car accident who is not wearing a seat belt, in reaction to an earlier Wisconsin Supreme Court decision regarding seat belt use and injury damages award reductions. But the high court refused to transfer that over to the helmet use case, even though they used the seat belt use ruling as a guide in their recent decision.

The court stated, "that, ultimately, is a question for the legislature."

West Virginia Bikers Ask Court: "What is a helmet?"

Trial was to be held this summer regarding motorcyclist Mark Fike's traffic citation for not wearing an approved helmet while operating his motorcycle on SR 119 in Spencer, West Virginia. Mr. Fike could have pled no contest and paid a relatively small fine to avoid the hassle of going to court.

However, West Virginia State Senator John Mitchell and *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* Attorney Ralph Buss, anticipating an unfavorable ruling, took the case to trial in order to obtain a verdict for the purpose of arguing on appeal to the State Supreme Court the issue of what is an approved motorcycle helmet.

At issue is what are the specific parameters of what is and what is not a legal helmet in the state of West Virginia. Federal Vehicle Safety Standards and Regulations; Article 57, Section 218 that sets forth helmet design regulations was to have been introduced in its entirety in order that it become part of the record for use on appeal. Walter Snyder, Coordinator of the W. Virginia Motorcycle Safety Education Program, was scheduled to testify regarding the meaning of *Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)* compliance. He was also set to describe his committee of eight persons' interaction with the State Police on helmet related issues.

During the preparations for trial, it was learned that the C.E.O. of the State Police would be unable to provide testimony regarding valid helmet compliance for West Virginia. It was also learned that there are no courses available to the State Police to train them to recognize a compliant helmet. Currently, officers use the "eyeball and instinct method" to determine compliance.

As neither the arresting officer, Sergeant. D. U. Garrett nor his superior, Colonel Hill showed up for court on July 31, 2002, the magistrate permanently dismissed the case for "failure to prosecute". At the conclusion of the session, the prosecutor jokingly suggested that perhaps when the bikers come back, one of them might wear a "bucket of lard with a D.O.T. sticker affixed to it and see what happens."

President of *A.B.A.T.E. of West Virginia*, Duck, and *West Virginia Confederation of Clubs* Chairman Widomaker, along with the

numerous other motorcyclists in attendance, vowed that they will have another day in court.

The leadership of West Virginia's motorcyclists' rights organizations are at this time considering what forum to use for their next confrontation.

Three of the issues under consideration are:

1) Does West Virginia Statute 17C-15-44 adequately inform motorcyclists as to what is an approved helmet and/or what is a non-compliant device?

2) Is the statute so vague that most persons cannot come to a reasonable conclusion as to the definition of an approved helmet?

3) Is the State required to have an expert testify on its behalf when the approved/not approved helmet design issue is again presented to the court? Stay tuned.

City Sends Safety Message

Darlene Kimsey, vice-president of the *High Point Chapter* of the *Concerned Bikers Association of North Carolina*, was sick of hearing about motorcycle accidents, so she approached the city council with an idea to make drivers more aware of riders on the road.

"The public needs to understand that with the rise of riding, we are out there," Kimsey told the Greensboro News and Record. "Riding isn't just a

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recreational thing anymore, but a mode of transportation.”

After almost a year of lobbying the city, Kimsey says High Point will be the first city in the nation to put up signs reminding motorists to share the road with motorcycles.

About a year ago, Kimsey went to the

North Carolina Department of Transportation to see about getting some signs posted along roads along streets throughout the state reminding motorists to share the road with motorcycles.

When the state rejected the proposal, Kimsey went to the city of High Point.

Following a letter to the city council, and several meetings with the city manager and city transportation officials, Kimsey was able to identify four city streets where the signs were needed, based on a high volume of motorcycle accidents.

The city is expected to erect four signs on each street, and the transportation department will monitor accidents on the streets to see if the signs have an impact.

While state transportation officials haven't approved signs for state-owned streets, Kimsey says they will be watching the project in High Point. "If we can show that the signs have an impact on reducing the number of accidents, the state may consider the signs," Kimsey said. "I am hoping it's something that will catch on."

California Governor Vetoes Red Light Bill

California Assembly Bill 2521, introduced by Assembly Member Jay

LaSuer (R- County of San Diego), would have required all new and replacement traffic-actuated signal devices to recognize motorcycles and bicycles, as well as new lighter cars, but was vetoed by Governor Gray Davis.

The bill passed through the legislature without opposition in both the Senate and the Assembly, but was doomed to defeat when it reached the governor's desk on September 18.

"Now that is unconscionable!" exclaimed Nancy Nemecek, chairman of the board for A.B.A.T.E. of California. "If any motorcycle rider was on the fence about Davis, this should show his true colors," she said in reference to the upcoming gubernatorial election in the Golden State.

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Weird News of the Month

Dangerous Intersections More Safe?! British traffic consultant Ben Hamilton-Bailie told the British Institution of Civil Engineers that improving road safety by making intersections more dangerous may actually decrease accidents.

The approach has already proved successful in Holland and Denmark, and relies on the idea that drivers will be more careful if they perceive more danger. Without road signs and road markings, they are forced to slow down and make eye contact with other road users to establish who makes the next move.

This has lead to many new intersections in Northern Europe



resembling the days before cars were commonplace, and it is said that it has reduced accidents without affecting journey times, but it does rely on vehicles traveling below 20mph.

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Quotable Quotes

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote."

Benjamin Franklin patriot and founding father

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Voter Information Guide for the General Election -- Nov 5 2002

(prepared August 13 2002)

Notes: Letter-number after name indicate prior House or Senate for 2000/01 session and district.

Number listed on left side is the district number.

We made every attempt to find out candidate views. Those candidates who did not respond to inquiries are listed as "No Response". They might respond to local voter pressure.

<i>Race:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>phone #:</i>	<i>Level of support for motorcycle issues:</i>
Governor	Ted Kulongoski	D		Put it on my desk and we can talk about it. Doesn't sound promising.
	Kevin Mannix	R	(503)-485-2002	Only candidate for Governor who showed for May Awareness Rally. Also was sponsor on helmet bill in 1999.
U.S. Senate	Bill Bradbury	D	(503)-986-1523	Good.
	Gordon Smith (I)	R	(503)-326-3386	Strong.
Congress Dist. 1	David Wu (I)	D		fair
	Jim Greenfield	R	(503)-722-9000	Good.
Congress Dist. 2	Peter Buckley	D		Good.
	Greg Walden (I)	R	(541)-386-2867	Strong.
Congress Dist. 3	Earl Bumenauer (I)	D		Poor. Only wants photo ops.
	Sarah Seale	R		Good, but not expected to win.
Congress Dist. 4	Peter DeFazio (I)	D	(541)-747-1191	Strong.
	Liz VanLeeuwenn	R	(541)-369-2544	Strong.
Congress Dist. 5	Darlene Hooley (I)	D		Poor.
	Brian Boquist	R	(503)-589-1437	Good.
State Senate 3	Lenn Hannon (I)S-26	R	(541)-773-7548	Strong.
	Virginia Lemon	D	(541)-482-8229	Good.
State Senate 4	David Alsup	R	(541)-836-2337	Good.
	Tony Corcoran (I) H-22	D		Poor.
State Senate 6	Bill Morrisette (I) H-42	D		Poor.
	Vicki Walker(I) H-41	D	(541)-344-4545	No on helmet. OK on other issues.
State Senate 7	Mike Cary	R		Poor.
	Barbara Ross	D		Poor.
State Senate 8	Frank Morse	R		Poor.
	Jackie Winters (I) H31	R	(503)-581-9114	Strong.
State Senate 10	Bryan Johnston	D		Poor.
	Peter Courtney(I) S-17	D		Poor.
State Senate 11	Randy Franke	R		Poor.
	Charles Starr (I) S-5	R	(503)-887-7986	Strong.
State Senate 13	Ken Crowley	D	(503)-694-6655	No on helmet OK on other issues
	Bruce Starr (I) S-3	R	(503)-809-5326	Strong.
State Senate 15	Ermine Todd	D		Poor.
	Joan Dukes(I) S-1	D	(503)-458-6746	Poor. on helmet OK on other issues.
State Senate 16	Don Fell	R	(503)-325-9696	Strong.
	Bill Witt (I) H-7	R	(503)-681-8557	Strong.
State Senate 17	Charlie Ringo (I) H-6	D	(503)-643-7500	Strong.
	Richard Devlin (I)H-24	D		Poor.
State Senate 19	Bob Tiernan	R	(503)-697-7266	Strong--motorcyclist.
	Kurt Schrader (I) H-23	D	(503)-657-3171	Strong.
State Senate 20	Jesse Lott	R		Good.
	Cletus Moore Jr.	R	(503)-655-7191	Good.
State Senate 24	Frank Shields (I) S-9	D		Poor.
	Bob Montgomery	R	(541)-374-8690	Strong. Former sponsor-helmet bill.
State Senate 26	Rick Metsger(I) S-14	D		Poor
	Wayne Krieger (I) H-48	R	(541)-247-7990	Strong.
Rep 1	Dave Tilton	D	(541)-269-5661	Strong--motorcyclist.

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State	Susan Morgan (I) H-46	R	(541)-430-0004	Strong.
Rep 2	Bruce Cronk	D		Poor.
State	Gordon Anderson	R	(541)-476-3059	Fair.
Rep 3				
State	Shayne Maxwell	D		Poor.
Rep 4	Dennis Richardson	R	(541)-664-6622	Strong--motorcyclist.
State	Alan Bates (I) H-52	D		Poor.
Rep 5				
State	Rob Patridge (I) H-50	R	(541)-857-7223	Strong--motorcyclist.
Rep 6	Barbara Davidson	D		Poor.
State	Jeff Kruse (I) H-45	R	(541)-580-3276	Strong--motorcyclist.
Rep 7	Donald Nordin	D	(541)-942-5257	Good.
State	Floyd Prozanski	D		Poor.
Rep 8	Greg McNeill	R		Poor.
State	Joanne Verger (I) H-47	D	(541)-267-7611	Good.
Rep 9				
State	Alan Brown (I) H-4	R	(541)-265-6604	Strong.
Rep 10	Marcia Thompson	D	(541)-265-6810	Fair.
State	Phil Barnhart (I) H-40	D		Poor.
Rep 11	Robert Bolanos	R		Poor.
State	Elizabeth (Terry) Beyer	D	(541)-726-2533	Good.
Rep 12	Norm Fox	R	(541)-683-9538	Good.
State	Robert Ackerman(I) H-39	D		Poor.
Rep 13				
State	Pat Farr	R	(541)-461-4091	Strong.
Rep 14	Araminta Hawkins	D	(541)-461-7944	Good.
State	Betsy Close (I)H-36	R	(541)-926-5418	Strong.
Rep 15	Joseph Novak	D	(541)-967-9488	Good.
State	Scott Bisson	R		Poor.
Rep 16	Kelly Wirth	D		Poor.
State	Jeff Kropf (I)H-37	R	(541)-258-7363	Strong.
Rep 17	Donald Beale	D	(503)-873-3448	No on helmet, okay on other issues.
State	Tootie Smith (I) H-28	R	(503)-632-2115	Strong.
Rep 18	Herman Joesph Bauer	Con		Poor.
State	Dan Doyle (I) H-30	R	(503)-585-2054	Strong.
Rep 19	Fred Fleischman	D	(503)-391-4347	Good.
State	Lloyd Kumley	D		Poor.
Rep 20	Vicki Berger	R		Poor.
State	Mike Swaim	D		Poor.
Rep 21	Billy Dalto	R		Fair.
State	Cliff Zauner (I) H-38	R	(503)-982 8352	Strong.
Rep 22	Betty Komp	D		Poor.
State	Lane Shetterley (I) H-34	R		Poor.
Rep 23	Peter Leung	D		Poor.
State	Donna Nelson (I) H-29	R	(503)-472-7446	Good.
Rep 24	Tim Duerfeld	D	(503)-472-4244	Good.
State	Vic Backlund (I) H-33	R	(503)-393-5927	Strong.
Rep 25	Jonathan Bella	D		Poor.
State	Angela Weeks	D		Poor.
Rep 26	Jerry Krummel (I) H-27	R		Poor.
State	Mark Hass(I) H-8	D		Poor.
Rep 27				
State	Jeff Barker	D	(503)-641-5130	Strong.
Rep 28	Keith Parker	R		Poor.
State	Mary Gallegos	R	(503)-992-0245	Good.
Rep 29	Chuck Riley	D		Poor.
State	Aron Carleson	D	(5030-649-4594	Fair.
Rep 30	Derrick Kitts	R		Poor.
State	Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson (I) H-1	D	(503)-543-4046	Strong.
Rep 31				

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State	Elaine Hopson (I) H-2	D		No Response.
Rep 32	Joe Meyer	R		No Response.
State	Mitch Greenlick	D	(503)-292-2223	Fair.
Rep 33	Erik Hartung	R		No Response.
State	Brad Avakian	D	(503)-417-0100	Good.
Rep 34	John Scruggs	R		Poor.
State	Max Williams (I) H-9	R	(503)-205-2429	Strong.
Rep 35	Geoff Sinclair	D	(503)-639-9916	Good.
State	Mary Nolan (I) H-11	D		Poor.
Rep 36				
State	Randy Miller (I) S-13	R	(503)-638-2622	Strong.
Rep 37	Bill Gleason	D		No Response.
State	Greg Macpherson	D	(503)-294-9205	Good.
Rep 38	Jim Zupancic	R	(503)-778-5305	Good.
State	Martha Scharader	D		No Response.
Rep 39	Wayne Scott	R	(503)-266-3837	Good.
State	Dick Jones	R	(503)-285-6343	Good.
Rep 40	Dave Hunt	D	(503)-353-8387	Good.
State	Carolyn Tomei (I) H-25	D		Fair.
Rep 41				
State	Diane Rosebaum(I)H-14	D		Poor.
Rep 42				
State	Deborah Kafoury (I) H18	D	(503)-281-3325	Strong.
Rep 43	Shirley Whitehead Freeman	R	(503)-557-4631	Good.
State	Gary Hansen	D		Poor.
Rep 44				
State	Jackie Dingfelder (I) H-19	D		Poor.
Rep 45				
State	Steve March (I) H15	D		Poor.
Rep 46				
State	Jeff Merkley (I) H-16	D	(503)-261-7826	Strong.
Rep 47				
State	Mike Schaufler	D		Poor.
Rep 48	Michael Wrathell	R	(503)-760-3147	Good.
State	Karen Minnis (I) H-20	R	(503)-667-6068	Strong.
Rep 49	Pamela Spradling	D		Poor.
State	Lauri Monnes Anderson (I) H-22	D		Poor.
Rep 50	Ernest Hodgin	R	(503)-661-1206	Good.
State	Linda Flores	R	(503)-658-6735	Good.
Rep 51	Jan Lee (I) H-10	D		Poor.
State	Patti Smith (I) H-56	R	(503)-695-6385	Strong.
Rep 52	Larry Cramblett	D	(541)-347-8805	Strong.
State	Ben Westlund (I) H-55	R	(541)-383-4444	Strong.
Rep 53	Cylvia Hayes	D	(541)-617-9013	Good.
State	Tim Knopp (I) H-54	R	(541)-389-7008	Strong.
Rep 54	James Bradfield	D		No Response.
State	Karole Stockton	D		No Response.
Rep 55	George Gilman	R		No Response.
State	Bill Garrard (I) H-53	R	(541)-882-0490	Strong.
Rep 56				
State	Greg Smith (I) H-59	R	(541)-676-5154	Strong.
Rep 57	Elizabeth Scheeler	D		No Response.
State	Phinney William	D		No Response.
Rep 58	Bob Jenson (I) H-57	R		Poor.
State	Jim Gilbertson	D		No Response.
Rep 59	John Mabrey	R		No Response.
State	Tom Butler (I) H-60	R	(541)-889-7654	Strong.
Rep 60	Roxanna Swan	D		No Response.

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Millenium Ride

Hello Everyone

These are my last few hours in the U.S.A.

Tucson, Arizona, about 60 miles north of Nogales at the Mexican border, is really not the "one horse town", you may think. A lovely ambience, very friendly people and is the fastest growing community in the U.S.A. Cactus plants of all shapes and sizes replace the roses and pansies. It's a desert here, and Tucson is surrounded on all sides by mountains that turn red at sunset. I was last here in 1984 with my brother hitch hiking when we got a lift with a cocaine smuggler who was on his way back to Nicaragua to get some more!

Bike

I've been fettling the bike a little more by mounting Metzeler tire number eight on the front, fitting a new speedometer and a replacement Scottoiler (the wonderful automatic chain lubrication system), and getting the rear wheel aligned properly.

My wheels were recently inspected and the front was rebuilt by the kind people at *Buchanan's* before I left Los Angeles last week. That was the same day I picked up a new drive chain donated by *Glendale Harley-Davidson*.

There are three small cracks in the rear wheel that I am not worried about since there was one in Australia and I have covered 50,000 miles and some very tough terrain since and only two more have appeared. I'll keep my eye on it.

Goodridge gave me all new brake and oil lines with fittings. *Progressive Suspension* very kindly replaced my rear shock absorbers too. The

damping had disappeared in the last set. No wonder the rear end was behaving like a pogo stick!

En route to Tucson last weekend I got my first punctured tire since Russia and am glad to say my compressor is still working.

Fundraising

I spent much of the week at *Iron Horse Motorcycles* here in Tucson who gave me the run of the workshop. Marty signed this *B.M.W.* dealer up as a corporate sponsor too in between local TV and radio coming in and out to interview me. Some of the time I spent at Foothills Community Church modifying my powerpoint presentation so that it can be given by a third person. Kim Brown will very kindly offer the virtual world tour to audiences in Tucson over the coming months. I tell you what this is really absolutely super and very kind of her. If anyone else out there is competent and prepared to donate time and effort in doing likewise please let me know, since we are still looking for that further \$65,000 to run the *Flores Project* for the full term. I landed at Foothills through Lisa whom I met in Nepal two years ago.

I have put little effort into fundraising but still some very kind groups have donated including \$500 from *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio*, \$500 from Richard Sorensen at *Inn Management*, and a further \$200 from the *Airheads* Ontario, Canada, *Top Cats* the motorcycle club in Chicago, and *Lake Chapter A.B.A.T.E.* in Minnesota.

I don't normally do this but I feel compelled to mention my big disappointment with the Japanese motorcycle producers/distributors in



Simon Milward

the U.S.A.. I don't mind that none of them made a direct donation to the *Flores Project*, using motorcycles to save lives, even though it has been high profile here. It is the way I was treated. Despite a full year of trying to get through to them there was not even a "thanks, but no thanks". I only asked for the opportunity to show them what we are trying to do. I'm so glad the Motorcycle Industry Council was not so arrogant and introvertish.

Other preparations

Aerostitch, the adventure motorcycle outfitters sent me a large packet of goodies. I bought some new jeans, deciding on 30" waist since I'll start to lose weight again now. Today I made photocopies of all the essential documents like passport, new vehicle ownership document (since my engine number changed with the new one), *carnet des passage*, the bike passport, and a host of others.

On the communications front I am sorry if you did not get the last update or if you haven't had one for a while. It's a long story. I won't bore you with it. I have decided to stick with the Psion and Motorola for Central/South America, though British Telecom are proving as difficult as ever to work with in getting my S.I.M. card replaced. So I'll be back to paying too much for sub standard service. I left my laptop with Dave Scoggins in Los Angeles and the digital projector has gone back to C.T.X. who will send it

on somewhere else for me in the future.

I flew up to the *Meeting of the Minds* at the end of September in Michigan state, the premier annual event for bikers rights activists organized by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, and supported by both the *American Motorcyclist Association* and the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.)*. It was a special weekend, seeing all my friends, making new ones, and meeting Antonio Perlot who is my successor as General Secretary of *F.E.M.A.* I was also able to further the cause of the *Flores Project* and *Motorcycle Outreach* which will hopefully lead us to that \$65,000 and further.

So, with the bike in top condition, paperwork organized, things mailed off everywhere, I am free to get back to my adventure.

Thanks again America.
See you south of the border.

Simon

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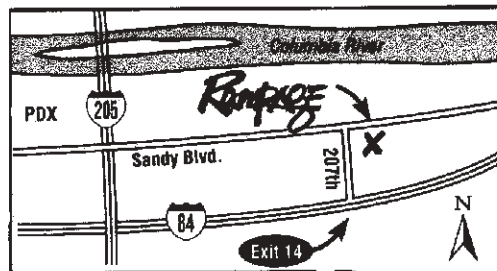
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QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
YEAR PIN				
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	6.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____

ABATE PINS

MISCELLANEOUS

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black (NEW STYLE COMING SOON)		
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
	Sm_____	Med_____	Lg_____	X-Lg_____
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	22.50	_____
	Sm_____	Med_____	Lg_____	X-Lg_____

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

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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

Sub Total

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Portland, ORegon 97208

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Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

**Thank you
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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO)

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? (YES) (NO)

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO)

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)

If modified describe: _____

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For Sale

1989 Harley-Davidson springer softail. Custom blue trick paint, alluminum alloy wheels, over abundance of chrome, hyper charger, new Avon Venom tires front and rear, drag bars, iso pegs low miles. This is a street-riden show baike. This baby could use a little T.L.C. and a new home. Please help. Fantastic deal. \$11,200 or best offer. Phone (503)-257-7390. let's talk.

(Nov 2002)

For Sale

1988 FLHTC. Black/red pinstripping. Factory lace wheels. FM works but cassette player took a dump. I never used it anyway so never replaced it. 57,000 miles with recent EV27 cam, lifters and valve job. Have all receipts. Clean stock scooter right down to the pipes. Has trailer hitch if you desire to pack along the house. \$10,500. (541)-447-1627 Evenings after 6:00 pm. Ask for Bill

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(Jan 2003)

For Sale

For Sale

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(Nov 2002)

For Sale

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(Dec 2002)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM -- October --

Fear of serious injury cannot alone justify suppression of free speech and assembly.

-- Louis Brandeis

(Note: two mistakes were made in creating last month's cryptogram. Apologies are extended to those who were thwarted in their attempts to solve it.)

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November Cryptogram

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U X L Z H W X F A X D Z T X J I W F I U W X T C X P.

— G I A N F R E E I F W I N

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

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 Name: _____
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___ Couple membership \$25	Amount enclosed: \$ _____
___ Family membership \$30	Date paid: _____

Chapter: _____

New member ?

Renewal ?

Yes _____

Yes _____

No _____

Membership #

Patch Received ?

Yes _____

No _____

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'Cause when she goes out drinkin',
She gives up on her thinkin'.
Good thing she took a cab, not her bike.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 09 November 2002 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	3 rd Thursday 1830 (6:30 ^{pm})	Redmond Hotel; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	U&I Tavern; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Los Dos Amigos;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	Merts Campus; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	M/M restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	3 rd Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	Oregano's Pizza; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bart; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Foxfire Restaurant; 4740 Main Street; Springfield