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November 2003

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November 16, 2003

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

What We're About

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

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

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event
10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, November 16, 2003

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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For Swap Meet Vendor Information Call:
Rotten Roger 503-285-4329

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Central Oregon Chapter



Greetings from sunny central Oregon!

We had a very good meeting last month with 21 members present. That meeting was pretty much devoted to fine tuning our *6th Annual Teddy Bear Run* and all our hard work paid off. The *Teddy Bear Run* was a very big success.

We left *Black Horse Saloon* in Bend riding in a group of 141 motorcycles with three vehicles full of stuffed animals for area hospitals emergency rooms, a very impressive sight! The approximate number of stuffed animals delivered was about 1,500.

Very cool!

After leaving *Prineville Hospital*, we went back to *Black Horse Saloon* where we announced high and low dice roll. High dice roll had their choice of \$100 or a pick of about 80 raffle items. The winner chose the \$100. Low dice roll had their choice of a raffle item and the winner chose a gift certificate for \$250 towards a paint job from *Scott's Custom Paints*.

Scott does some awesome paint jobs. Thanks a lot Scott!

Then it was time to pull the 50/50 raffle ticket and the winner won \$230 and went home with a smile. After that we proceeded to draw door prize tickets. There were almost 80 door

prizes, most of which were very good. There was a wide variety of door prizes and the raffle took over an hour. Thank you to all the businesses that donated these great raffle items.

Everyone had a very good time and went home smiling. When it was all said and done, the chapter had made \$813 to help run the chapter through out the next year.

I would like to thank all who came out and participated, some from as far away as Medford, and Cottage Grove. We could not have done it without all you folks. Another big thanks to Larry and Lisa, owners of *Black Horse Saloon* for allowing us to hold this great run at their establishment. And thanks to all members for their hard work, from gathering door prizes, stuffed animals, sorting stuffed animals, sign ups at the beginning of the run, dice rolling, doing traffic control, keeping 141 motorcycles in a group, and making up and distributing flyers. Thanks to all and give yourselves a great big pat on the back!

Our booth at the "Bears and Roses Harley-Dealership Open House" went very well. We talked to many people, had a good time and Andy signed up seven new members. Thanks to Andy, Marie, Richard, and Gladys for manning that booth. Thank you Steve

and Toni Foster, owners of *Bears and Roses Harley-Davidson* for allowing us to put up our booth. It was good fun and we met a lot of good people.

The chapter received two letters from the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* as a result of our donation from our *Rocks, Bridges and Lakes M.R.F. Support Run*. One letter made our chapter a sustaining member of the *M.R.F.* and the other was a very nice letter of thanks for our donation. The letter is already framed for presentation at our booths. I believe that with our two major events this summer, we have made a difference and as a chapter gotten peoples attention. It has been a good summer and I hope everyone got some miles on this season.

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

Later,
John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Columbia River Chapter

We met again at the *Highway House* with one of our main items of business to decide where to have our chapter meetings. A committee headed by DC presented us with three choices and after some discussion, the chapter voted to hold our meetings at *Jubitz's Truck Stop*, 10310 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. There is a meeting room near the lounge area and there is also good, safe motorcycle parking which will be marked with cones. We'll see you there for the next meeting.

Janet wants to remind everyone that all *Toy Run* raffle tickets must be turned in by the November meeting. She needs to get organized for the run and it takes time to account for all those ticket stubs. Thanks to all who have sold and bought tickets.

Scottie B, a new member, brought a disturbing issue to the chapter meeting for discussion. He and a group of his friends wear a patch that says "Ride Free" on it. Apparently one of the local clubs has taken issue with them wearing the patch and one of his friends was threatened with violence for wearing it. Two other local clubs have had no problem with it. We will be contacting the club's representative as well as the *Confederation of Clubs* about this matter. Many of us have decided to purchase that patch and wear it in solidarity with Scottie B and his friends. No one liked the idea of having the fashion police telling us what to wear.

On a personal level, I found this problem to be ironic.

I defended one of the local clubs, and members of two other clubs when police officers in Clark county, Washington county, and Keizer prevented them from attending public places and functions simply because they were wearing their club colors. The police had claimed that the colors were gang colors and therefore the police believed that they could bar

people who wore those colors.

In each of the federal civil rights cases that I filed, I got the police to acknowledge that the club members had a right under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to wear their colors. While that amendment only covers governmental action, a principle that I take from the cases is that no one gets to tell me what to wear or not to wear on my clothing.

As a result of the controversy, although I have never in the past worn anything on my jacket or vest, I am going to find one of the "Ride Free" patches and wear it. Again, isn't it ironic the message of the patch, "Ride Free," would cause such a stir? It is also ironic that one of our main issues in *A.B.A.T.E.* is getting the government to stop telling us that we have to wear helmets. Freedom, boys and girls, freedom is what it is all about.

DC and I will be attending the next state board meeting to express our displeasure regarding various financial matters. He had been working hard with the state treasurer about getting our financial records submitted to the state and then learned that for some reason, all of that work went to waste because the treasurer did not pass those records on to the state auditor. He also has some concerns about having to have the financial records submitted in a computer format. Since our chapter writes so few checks, it hardly seems worth our effort to keep track of our checks in a format that is not comfortable to DC, our treasurer. We don't think that the state should make a job more difficult than it needs to be, simply for the convenience of the state.

Jimbo and Julie reported on the *Life Flight* program and brought brochures for people to get information about this valuable program.

Michael Roach missed out on the membership drawing and Aaron won the

short drawing. Rob and Brandy did another fine job with the ways and means drawings.

Crow from *Northeast* attended our meeting and handed out certificates of appreciation for work at the *Summer Run* to Janet, Brandy, Rob and me and has one for Duane when he next appears. I think that Duane was away at the democratic party summit meeting in Sunriver, part of the biker presence that we wanted to have there.

Next year, the *Columbia River Chapter* is responsible for the *Summer Run* and we need a volunteer to be the run coordinator. Although I have done it several times in the past, I would rather take a break this time.

Janet and I attended the *End of Summer Run* and enjoyed ourselves. I counted some 20 or so of our chapter members there supporting that run and the host chapter.

Spike

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
Jubitz Truck Stop
10310 N. Vancouver Avenue --
Portland
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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Douglas County Chapter

Hey all,

Well as you all know we are getting close to the end of the year, and we will be getting ready to nominate our new officers. So if you think you or somebody in the chapter would be good at being an officer, come and get your nominations in. Your vote is very important. November we will be nominating the people. And in December we will be doing the voting. So please if you want to herd, or you want to make a nomination be at the November, meeting. (The first Sunday of the month, November 2nd, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.)

Further more, I would like to thank all of the officers for your support in the positions you were nominated.

If you made it to the swap meet October 26, I want to thank you for coming. Also for those who helped to make that happen. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you.

As some of you may know Christmas is just around the corner, and we are trying to decide how we would like to contribute to the public. We have talked of helping the stores fill some of the orders they get under the Christmas trees. Or we can find a family like we did last year. Or we can go with helping a nonprofit

organization.

Please remember your input is very important to us. So if you have any ideas please let us know. (But remember if you want to be herd you need to be at the meetings, because as a chapter we all have to vote on this.)

I would like to extend a personal thanks to *Brother Speed* from *A.B.A.T.E.* for your invite to the bike wash. I hope it was a big hit. (Also to sister Cheri for donating your time to help with membership. Your help is greatly recognized.)

D.J. and I would also like to thank *Willamette Valley* for having us to their *Casino Night*. Sorry we couldn't stay longer. I hope you all did well. We hope to see you soon.

Well that's all for now. I hope to see a lot of you next month alot will be going on so be there or you know.

Till next time,
Your secretary/public relations/
newsletter lady

Tonia Judd

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

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

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Hub City Chapter



Hi kids,

Hub City officers

It has come to my attention that one of the generous sponsors of our poker run was overlooked in the acknowledgments. So please allow me to rectify this situation here and now.

First let me thank this individual for continuing to serve our chapter whenever and wherever he can. Currently he has stepped up as our state board representative. If any brothers and sisters out there have need of any high quality spices, cleaners (you know that stuff the public is always trying to educate us about) or any of the other fine *Watkins* products, then please support one of our own and contact Ron Vonsild at (541)-924-3969 or watkins@dnc.net

Our August meeting was a non-meeting because there were not enough officers to form a quorum. Your officers were out riding in August. Go figure.

Our September meeting was much more productive. We held elections for new officers, calm down most of last years officers moved in a direction of their own choosing.

- coordinator - Al Sims
- vice coordinator - Steve Sorensen
- membership secretary - Kathy Gerke
- secretary - Mary Burnett
- treasurer - Cliff McCalley
- run coordinator I - Shawn Harwood
- run coordinator II - Jerry Conant
- sgt. of arms I - Garry Hastie
- sgt. of arms II - Richard Androes
- sgt. of arms III- Lance Smalley
- public relations director- Monika Sims
- education director - Carolyn Freeman
- quartermaster - Deb McCalley
- state board rep - Ron Vonsild
- legislative rep - Mel Yeager
- historian - Sara Androes

“Pistachio or triple hot fudge?”
Funny to see bikers wrestle with a question like that!

This was the case as Hub City recently held our *Ice Cream Run*, which is a family event. The *Ice Cream Run* was an “all ages” happening in which all the stops were ice cream establishments and ended at a local church, which put on a terrific BBQ for the group of 19 bikes. There were games and door prizes available for the

children. Thanks to treasurer Cliff for getting the church behind this! It was a great opportunity to portray a positive image to the community and show that we care about our future riders!

We held our quarterly highway clean up in September with 18 members showing up to pick up garbage. Their work netted us over 30 bags of garbage. The things you find on the side of the road can be pretty amazing - upside is no live snakes were reported this time around! Look for the “Hub City A.B.A.T.E.” signs next time you’re traveling highway 34 between Corvallis and I-5.

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE

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

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Josephine County Chapter

Well, here it is another winter coming up but were not going to let it slow use down a lot here in Josephine county. Things are going great here. Our chapter is still growing all the time. We plan on keeping things going on as much as possible this winter by having a casino night and other events so that nobody gets bored.

At the last meeting we elected a few new officers.

Mike Horn was elected to be are new secretary. Mike was an officer for the *Southern Oregon Chapter* in the past.

Nora Rohde was elected as vice coordinator. I think a lot of us know Nora as state education director 2. She's very excited about this chapter, so look out. I have backing in my excitement.

Also we elected Scott Squires to the position of chapter state representative. Scott is known as "Doc", his nickname. Doc was a Navy corpsman in Viet Nam and retired from the Navy.

Our chapter is a young chapter but we have a lot of positive things going on here. Brotherhood is one of them. Hopefully in the future we can get together with other chapters here in Oregon and enjoy some of that same kind of brotherhood.

Take care all.

Ride safe and have a great Thanksgiving.

Pat "Spanky" Allen
coordinator,
Josephine County



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon state coordinator Joe Laurance proudly presents Josephine County's chapter charter to its coordinator, Pat "Spanky" Allen during the October state board meeting as Tim Rohde looks on.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Thursdays at 1800 (6 pm)
Pizza Hut
1465 6th Street
Grants Pass

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Lincoln County Chapter

Thanks to everyone who helped with *Beaver Creek Run*.

Our thoughts go out to our *A.B.A.T.E.* member, Wizard, who was attacked and beaten quite badly by two unknown assailants. He is doing better at the time of this report.

Upcoming *LinCo* events

Anyone is welcome to come help provide dinner for the seniors of Lincoln county.

Saturday, 22 November at 5:00 pm is preparation night for our annual Thanksgiving dinner at *Newport Senior Center*, located to the north of Newport city hall.

Sunday, 23 November at 8:00 am: Prepare dinner to serve. Serve from noon to 2:00 pm.

We will be contacting the *Cub Scouts* about working with them on their *Pinewood Derby*.

Wanda

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

North Coast Chapter

Greetings from the north coast,

My apologies for not submitting a chapter report last month. The deadline for submittal just got by me.

Many thanks to all of our chapter officers for their hard work over the last several months to keep the chapter business moving ahead in my absence. I greatly appreciate your help.

Our 15th annual *Spaghetti Feed/ Auction/Raffle* is getting closer each day. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd, 5-8 PM, at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria. Our run committee has been very busy planning and preparing for a great time this year with lots of fantastic auction and raffle items, not to mention good food and fun. The proceeds from this event go directly to purchase Christmas gifts for children in Clatsop and Pacific counties. Please join us this year. You won't be disappointed. Look for the flyers in state newsletter and at various statewide locations.

We are also working on our *15th Annual Toy and Poker Run*, slated for Saturday, December 13th. Again, the proceeds will support the purchase of Christmas gifts for the children of Clatsop and Pacific counties.

While I didn't make the *End of Summer Run* this year due to work conflicts, many of our chapter members made it and had a great time. I'm told the music was great, the weather was tolerable and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the *Washington County Chapter* for organizing and putting on a great run this year.

As always, our chapter's coffee trailer was there providing folks with hot coffee, sundry items and our new coffee mugs.

Many thanks to our "Coffee Trailer Queen", Christina, once again for her never tiring effort to manage the trailer at the various runs throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the setup and teardown of the trailer. Greatly appreciated as always.

Our chapter's membership is growing towards our goal of reaching 100 by year's end. Many thanks to our members who have been working hard to recruit new members.

Several months ago we established a reward for any members to earn one paid month toward their annual membership fee for each new member they recruit. This unique approach is working very well.

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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Northeast Portland Chapter

Our *Portland Chapters Family Picnic* was a huge success. The bands were great. The weather couldn't have been better. The food was beyond belief! I hope everyone got one of Bev Daughtery's chocolate chip cookies. I even contributed a crock pot full of my own *Crow's Cryin' Cadaver Chili*. Some of the kids went swimming in the Sandy River. Others (like me) just watched them have fun. The bingo game was a lot of fun and a few people even made a couple of bucks. As much as I wanted a couple of the door prizes, it wasn't to be. Other people luckier than me made off with the many prizes. Thanks to *Southeast Chapter* for doing all of the legwork.

In case you haven't heard, we have been making some changes at the chapter meetings. Al, our ways and means person, has been getting creative. We are having a membership drawing every meeting. That means we have a pot that the chapter starts at \$10. Every meeting we draw a chapter member's number. If that member is present, he/she will win the pot and it will go back to \$10 for the next meeting. If they are not present, the chapter adds another \$5 into the pot for the next meeting.

Last meeting we had our first winner. Tim Taylor won \$35. I will begin listing who would have won if they had been there. Always nice to know that you would have taken home if you have pried yourself out of your little hidey hole and come to a meeting.

We also have male and female special prizes which you can claim instead of a regular door prize. Last month it was a basket. Male had caul

and fix-it stuff. Female had makeup and face cleaner. We have also been raffling off *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's* raffle bike tickets. I even won one. (Hope I win that pretty little thing!). Once you are selected for a door prize, you have to draw to see which one you get. We all had a good laugh when Roger won some woman's shaving cream!

See you at the *Swap Meet* on November 16th at the *National Guard Armory* on 33rd between Marine and Columbia Boulevard. Roger needs lots of people to help both on the afternoon before the swap meet placing vendors and helping them unload and on the day of the swap meet to run security and help park the people who come.

Don't forget about the *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's Toy Run* on December 6th with a spaghetti feed at the *Brother Speed* club house at 2800 SE 92nd Avenue, Portland. We've worked hard all year selling tickets to the raffle bike (a 2003 *Heritage Softail Springer*). Now come see who will be lucky enough to win that pretty head-turner. Bring a gift for a boy or girl. Don't wrap it. I would plan on protecting your gift from the rain. We seem to be blessed with that wet stuff every year. (It *is* Oregon in December, after all!)

Check out the new chapter picture at the top of this page. We took it at the *Roundtable* at our last meeting right after we presented the flag behind us to *Roundtable Pizza* as our way of saying thanks for letting us meet there all these years. Thanks again *Roundtable* for your support!

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at

Roundtable Pizza, between Sandy Boulevard and I-84, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30 pm is the kick off time. Meetings usually run around an hour and a half. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar or (duh!) pizza. Motorcycle-friendly places are getting hard to find. *Roundtable* rolls out the red carpet for us. So come support the people who support us. Hope to see you there.

Ride often,
Ride long,
Ride happy.

Crow

We will fly together forever,
new horizons,
new gifts, the power,
giving it,
receiving it,
growing it,
until the other eagles - find them,,
always flying.

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

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

Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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River City Chapter

September 16, 2003

These minutes are late due to my being gone to the *Meeting of the Minds* in Green Bay. I would like to thank Justin Goad again for willingly filling in for me as secretary. I really appreciate the help.

As you can see, it was a small meeting and a quick one, too. Things are rolling along. Hey, we gotta get Sue to some meetings so she can get the money she keeps getting picked for. Thanks to Lynne for donating her winnings back to the chapter in the 50/50.

By the way, if you have never gone on a long cross country ride, I suggest you give it a try. My first one was in 1979 when I became state coordinator and the board of directors gave me \$150 and told me to go to a national meeting in Lake Perry, Kansas. I split the money with Joe Melero and Martin Richelderfer and we all went together. What a trip! There have been many since, but none more exciting than that first one.

Brian

Regular meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:03pm. 12 people present, one arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance. No Flag

Guests: Bob Canvan

Minutes were read because Brian was not present, so they were not in written form.

Treasury Report is \$473 .

Old business

Group Riding Protocols: Steve and Lee when to Oct. Freest. Beer was too much money. 11 went to *Ka-Ne-Ta*.

Planned Rides: Birkenfeld, 21 September — Norm is leaving early, Steve and Lee are going on Saturday morning; *Street Vibrations*, Reno 26-28 September; *Teste Fest* 21 September.

Klickitat Co Fair parking project: The check is in our possession. Brian moved to commit to doing the project next year, passed at Last Meeting.

Temporary Secretary for 16 September:

Justin

New business

Mike Farmers Birthday!!!

Membership Drawing for \$30 would have been won by Sue Wiebalk if she had been present. It will be \$35 next time.

50/50 was won by Lynne at \$7/\$7 , who donated her share back to the chapter.

Adjourned 7:24pm

Submitted by Justin Goad

October 7, 2003

Our meeting started with 12 and got up to 18.

Greg and Laurie Hughes came and thanked us for our gift to them and invited all of us to a potluck celebration at their place on the 18th. It was very good to see Greg up and doing well. His description of the accident was amazing. He offers a wise word of caution to all riders - be aware.

We set a date for our next year's *Poker Run* and got a committee together to start figuring it all out. They will meet an hour before our next regular meeting.

Several people reported on the planned rides they have been going on. There's always lots of great stuff to do out there.

Caleb Nodholson would have won our membership drawing for \$35 if he had been at the meeting. Brian won the 50/50 at \$9/\$8 and donate his share back to the chapter.

Thanks, Brian.

Regular meeting

Called to order by Teresa at 7:00 pm. 12 people present, six arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance: Led by Teresa.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Tim because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence was an *M.R.F. Reports* and two *B.O.A.* statements.

Treasury Report is \$503.61.

Membership Report: 74

Legislative Report: Brian reported on

the recent *BikePAC* meeting.

Ways and Means Report: *Poker Run* will be April 24. Will be soliciting new shirt designs.

Old business

Group Riding Protocols: *Pine Hollow* last week.

Planned Rides: Tim reported on the *Teste Feste*, Brian reported on *M.O.T.M.*, Steve reported on Birkenfeld

Poker Run planning committee: Debra, Teresa, Lynne, Brian. First meeting at 6:00 21 October, here, before the regular meeting.

Greg and Laurie thanked the Chapter for the gift and invited all to a celebration at their home on October 18 at 4:00. R.S.V.P. (503)-296-1645 1214 Washington St.

New business

New charity fundraising idea: *Thomas the Train* in HR. Not interested

Toy Run tickets are currently with Del.

Membership Drawing for \$35 would have been won by Caleb Nicholson if he had been present. It will be \$40 next time.

50/50 was won by Brian at \$9/\$8. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks Brian.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING**TIMES 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

Salem Chapter



Greetings,

We had a new place in which to hold our meeting, The *Chalet* on Market Street. It was clean, quiet and the wait staff was pleasant. Stop on by while you are in town. I left some newsletters in the foyer.

Our chapter renewals for *BikePAC* and *M.R.F. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)* have been approved and mailed out. We are proud to be supporters of these hardworking groups and will continue to be so, both proud and supportive, as the *Salem Chapter* moves into a new year with an eye on grass roots politics and letter writing campaigns.

The t-shirts for the *Lime Ride* are fantastic looking. A big thanks goes out to Marlene and *Fristad Screen Printing* for the nice job. I am sure that we all had a great time at *Mid-Valley Cycles* in Hubbard and the *Horseshoe Tavern* in Mulino for this unique day ride which was held on September 27th.

There was someone new at our meeting, Jennifer Chamberlin (sp?). She won the 50/50 with Loren's help as he gave her his tickets saying that she is lucky. Seemed to be. Maybe I should invite her to Reno. Welcome Jennifer, come back soon.

Rot Path reminds you that when putting a flier together to put the year of

the event on there also. Not only will this help the state historian, Iris, but he can keep them straight in his files that way. He really is organized, he just doesn't want anyone to know. [*c.o.e note — Drats! Another great secret revealed, though there are some who disagree about being organized.*]

Upcoming events for *Salem Chapter* are as follows:

November 22, 2003 Biker Night at the *Wooden Nickel*

December 14, 2003 *Toy Run-Salem Chapter* at big *Kmart* (Mission Street)

To view the fliers for the above happenings please go to:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~crowlady>

The fliers for the motorcycle swap meet is there also. November 16th is the Portland swap meet.

Planning session for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is on October 18th with camping available, great lunch and a chance to put your ideas for this organization into action.

The meeting during november is our nominations time. we have openings for membership secretary, vice coordinator, historian, secretary and state representative / legislative director. Come on down and be part of the decision making process.

If you are ever interested in being part of the solution at the state level, the

current positions of treasurer and sanctioning officer are open and ready to be filled at the end of this year. Contact your state coordinator, Joe Laurance, for more information.

On a personal note, I was able to attend four runs this year and I can tell you that there are some really great people in this organization. I would name names but would probably run out of space. Thank you!!!

That's all the news that I can remember. If I forgot something, e-mail me at:

abateinfo@earthlink.net

Keep your head up and your eyes open.

Peace,

Michelle (a.k.a. Crow Lady)
Salem Chapter Goddess

**SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Chalet Restaurant
Market Street, Salem

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

South Coast Chapter

September was, as it always is, a quiet month for us in terms of scheduled events.

We've had almost perfect weather here on the south coast this September and I've seen lots of people out enjoying it. But no real scheduled events.

Our road captain scheduled a ride for September and an overnight ride to Diamond Lake in October. I haven't been able to take advantage of either of these rides, but I hope that lots of other chapter members were able to go. Pretty soon it will be too cold and wet to ride.

Our next scheduled event is the *Flash Baker Memorial Food Drive* on November 16, then a couple events in December: the *Toy Run* on December 21, and *Shores Acres* on December 26. For a list of *South Coast A.B.A.T.E.* events, please check our website at:

<http://www.southcoastabate.org>

The *South Coast Chapter* calendar for 2004 is:

May 7, 8 & 9 - *Mall Show at Pony Village Mall*; Virginia Street; North Bend, Oregon

June 5 - *Gay 90's* - Coquille

July 30, 31 & Aug 1 - *Coos River Run*, West Fork Millicoma-Allegany; Coos Bay, Oregon

August 27, 28 & 29 - *S.O.S. - Wolf Creek*

Nov 21 - *Food Drive (Salvation Army) - Gino's Pizza*; North Bend, Oregon 11AM

Dec 19 - *Toy Run (Salvation Army) - Gino's Pizza*; North Bend, Oregon 11AM

Dec 26 - *Shore Acres Christmas Lights (A.B.A.T.E. = host)* - Coos Bay, Oregon

Officer nominations will be coming up in November, with officer elections in December. Volunteers are needed for all state and local offices. If you are interested and would like to see a job description for one of these offices, please check with your local coordinator or with the state secretary. Volunteers are also needed for non-office jobs: phone calls to members, posting fliers, etc. Contact your local coordinator for more information on these jobs.

Don't forget that school is in.
Ride safe and watch out for kids.

Janet

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

Not to much to report on from here.

The democratic summit is currently happening out in Sun River. I hope to have our report on that, the *Shriner's* equipment delivery and, the *Roseburg Swap Meet* for you all next time.

Vicki has prepared a report on the *A.B.A.T.E.* family picnic.

Later,

Mammy Tami

Family Picnic

The *A.B.A.T.E. Family Picnic* was a great success.

The weather was wonderful and the turnout was excellent.

I wasn't able to get a head count but my guess was somewhere between 125 and 150.

Big Hank and the Blues Boys were there to entertain us. Great job, guys. Thanks to Matt for arranging to have them play for us.

Thank you to Jack and *Hagar's* for having us at Viking Park.

I would like to give special thanks to Mammy Tami for helping me get this thing together. I could never have gotten it all done without you. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the set up, clean up, the games, and all the people who brought extra door prizes. I don't have any names here, but you know who you all are.

See you all next year,

Vicki

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M/M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Southern Oregon Chapter held it's first meeting at *Abby's Pizza* in Medford October 8th, 2003. We had a fair turn out and are looking forward to more members attending the November 12th meeting. We meet for a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm and start the meeting at 7:00 pm. Be sure and mark your calendar and join us for dinner and the meeting, The November meeting is when you should express you desire to be a chapter officer for 2004. We will be nominating for all chapter officer positions and will hold our election at the December meeting.

Don't forget to participate in the *Freedom Run* November 15th. It is sure to be a lot of fun.

SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME and PLACE
2nd Wednesday at 1900 (7 pm)
Abby's Legendary Pizza
2550 Crater Lake Highway
Medford, Oregon

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

Washington County Chapter

Well, *End Of Summer Run (S.O.S.)* is over and done with and appears to have been a success.

Once again mud wrestling was a hit, the vendors were plentiful and Jim Henderson even arranged for a trials riding exhibit.

Dennis, the trials rider, had such a good time that he wants to do it again next year.

If you see Jim at any events, let him know what you thought of the whole weekend.

Everyone worked hard, especially Rick Stocker who was everywhere all weekend. His wife, Tina, says he lives for this event.

Paul Hering (run coordinator II) handled the mud wrestling. I heard he even sang the national anthem on Friday, an unconfirmed rumor.

Ted Tracy handled the bike games.

Mark Pratt did some emceeing.

Lots of members helped out with the gate, security, and where they were needed.

The October *First Sunday Ride* was drawn. The destination was Sturgis, South Dakota. The riders opted not to take that route and much discussion ensued. They eventually headed off north on highway 47 to highway 30 to cross the mighty Columbia on the Cathlamet ferry. Hope the ride was good.

Fall is upon us and we not only need to remember that roads can be slippery with rain, mist, frost, and leaves, we also need to remember to check our bikes and make sure that everything is in proper working order. Our education director, Roger Yarnell, has agreed to give a mini-seminar on winterizing our rides.

Frankly, my bike has not seen much road time this summer. maybe I'll spend more time on it this winter.

In addition to it being fall, it is also the beginning of the toy run season. Jim Henderson will be turning the reins over to Paul Hering to handle the event in his absence. At this writing, the parade permit application has gone to the city of Hillsboro and everything is moving along.

Please join us 15 November at *Stocker's House of Power* on the corner of S.E. 2nd and S.E. Walnut in Hillsboro, behind St. Mathews church. We will ride in a parade, end at the fire station, and then head over to the *Copperstone* for some food and fun.

Call Jim at (503)-648-1877 and either he or I can give you information, or call any of the other contact numbers listed for the chapter.

Good news!

The curse of the unclaimed membership drawing has ended!

Luke Stocker won over \$600 in a pot that has grown since January. Luke has been eyeballing some parts at *D&S Cycle* in Aloha. Time to go shopping.

Linda Wells

**WASHINGTON COUNTY****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930

(7:30pm)

Prime Time Sports Bar

4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

Willamette Valley Chapter



September has given the chapter and especially the officer's a chance to catch our collective breaths and throttle down from a very active year and riding season for us all. Along with all of the chapter events/activities, many of our member's had gone to Milwaukee, Sturgis and places beyond, ending with the success of *S.O.S.* this past August.

Whew!

I went to the *Collector's West Swap Meet* a few weeks back at the Lane county fairgrounds and stood out front for four hours handing out state *Swap Meet* flyers. What a chance to see friends and make new friends. This is not an *A.B.A.T.E.* event, but really enjoyed the day!

The *Not Berkeley North* was, again, a good time and a chance to touch base with the full spectrum of Willamette valley's biker community. If you have never ridden a bike through a bar, while having too much fun, you missed out again!

We just had our chapter's *Fall Casino Night*. The turn out and donations from members were lower than expected, but with our activity coordinator Ruth's efforts getting business support, those who won the drawings got big awards with overnight stays at casino's for two with meals, along with many more gifts and prizes. We thank all those who donated and participated. As always,

we had a good time and the money take for the chapter turned out fine. Thank you's to *Yukon Jack's* and all those businesses who donated and member's who helped for such great support of our chapter's *Casino Night*.

The last two chapter officer meetings have been very productive, using the time to look at where the chapter is at and setting a course for next year. We have set all the dates for our events for 2004 and designed all the flyers. The current officer's are looking forward to the full participation of members in *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* this next year and in the officer's nomination process coming up between now and January, with elections being held at the February meeting. If you are interested in any officer's position, sign up. All positions are open to nominations, and even if you are only interested, all current officers are very willing to mentor to anyone on the duties and requirements of being a *Willamette Valley* officer.

The chapter has qualified the position of *S.O.S.* coordinator for next year as a full time officer's position. Mary Ann and Michael Taylor did a great job making the *S.O.S. Run* a success this year and the chapter understands that this duty requires the full attention of someone to oversee this run's committee. If you have ever wanted to oversee what it takes to put

together entertainment and logistics of a full-scale event, this is your chance to learn the ropes. After three years doing this, we know the requirements, logistics and time lines to help anyone who can take on what is a very important activity and fund raiser for our Chapter.

What's coming up for our chapter in the next two months?

The chapter is purchasing turkeys for two local families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Bob Lowell is overseeing this donation and at the November and December meetings. We ask all members attending to bring food items such as canned foods, full bags of potatoes and such food items that can be presented to a needing family this holiday season. Please remember this when you come to the next two chapter meetings (November and December).

Our chapter's annual *Mission Run* will be Sunday, December 7th. We all will be meeting at *Quacker's Tavern* in Eugene at 2:00 and riding to, or meeting at, the *Eugene Mission* at 2:30. Please bring usable clothing such as coat's, socks and gloves for donation. The mission always looks forward to seeing our bikes, our leather, and our smiling faces while we serve families and staff our donated turkey holiday meal. We always come away from this activity with warm hearts about

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Willamette Valley Chapter

supporting such a great asset to the community. Seeing the facilities, families and the dedication of staff at the mission has us all riding home to our own families at the end of the day very humble and appreciative during the holiday season.

And to end the year is *Willamette Valley's Christmas Party* during our regular chapter December 17th meeting. We will be having our gift exchange (\$10 or less for those participating) and presenting awards of appreciation to members. It would be great to see all members attend this last meeting of the year blast. This year, *Mac's Restaurant* at the vet's club will be serving the chapter a specially prepared meal during the meeting. The chapter is paying for half the meal, charging those members who want to eat only \$10/advance or charging \$20 if paying the night of the meeting/party (this price includes gratuity). So paying in advance is the way to go. Moneys paid in advance for this meal can be paid at the November meeting or check mailed to Rick Maish (see return address on chapter news letters). This is a full buffet meal, and naturally we need a head count of those who wish to eat, so please let an officer know if you wish to eat at this meeting and get that advance money to the chapter. Menu: whiskey cured prime rib (carve by chef!), stuffed halibut, au gratin potatoes, rolls/butter/garlic pesto, vegies, fruit display, caesar salad, old fashion bread pudding/chocolate toffee torte. Okay, I'm already hungry and looking forward to this!

Well I am off to the annual planning session in Cottage Grove. I am expecting big plans for 2004 with very positive ideas and agenda items for *A.B.A.T.E.* this next year. Hope I saw all of you there.

Hal

WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Wednesday at 1900 (7pm)
 Veteran's Memorial Building;
 1626 Willamette Street
 Eugene

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North Coast Chapter

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I believe we have one member who has already earned ten free months. Great work !!!

I know of another member who has loaned his older *Sporty* to friends to ride so they get a taste of the freedom of the road thereby enticing them to consider buying a scoot and joining up with our chapter. Pretty creative way to recruit members, I'd say.

The election process for new chapter officers will begin very soon. We will be using the same mail-in nomination and voting process that was used last year. Please actively participate in this process and seriously consider throwing your hat [*c.o.e.* — *helmet*] in as a possible new chapter officer. Help us support the chapter in the future and have fun doing it.

I was lucky enough to participate in Washington's *Pacific County Chapter's 2nd annual Fall Run* a couple of weeks ago. While we did have a small turnout, we had great time riding on some of southwest Washington's most scenic country roads, while enjoying fantastic warm weather. The run is a little over two-hundred miles from the coast to Kelso, north from there and then back to Willipa Bay. Looking for a great fall run next year? Keep this one in mind.

All the best from the *North Coast* and keep the rubber side down on those slick, wet roads.

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Our Officers at Work

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

11 October 2003



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator, Joe Laurance at 12:07 with 10 of the 15 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the September 13, 2003.

Motion made by Jill Tracy, seconded by Rot Path to approve minutes as printed, motion carried.

Coordinators Comments: Joe thanked all for coming. Joe presented charter to Spanky for *Josephine County*. Joe said he has two e-mail addresses listed in the newsletter. He has dropped his "pioneer" account, so only use the AOL e-mail address. Officer nominations are coming up next month with elections in December. Anyone interested should speak up. Joe would like to see several people run for these positions.

Correspondence: None

*** Officers Reports ***

Legislative director: Rick Maish included in the packet handouts, some information he got from *Biker Bits* and e-mail news that talked about *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association* taking their state's information and using information along with help from the *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* *BikePAC of Pennsylvania* and put together "Talking Points." Ted Tracy noted that we (*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*) had donated \$600 to their "Helmet Offense Fund" and was one of the first to help them out. We need to keep an eye on their progress and maybe could use their help in the future.

Rick said he also received an e-mail from *A.M.A.* with information on

what's happening in other states. Rick mentioned that if you don't receive this e-mail, you should get signed up for it.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Ken Ray noted that *BikePAC* had their meeting and Joe Laurance attended as *A.B.A.T.E.'s* representative. At the meeting, they wanted to take a look at last legislative sessions, challenged everyone there to take a look at how *BikePAC* does things. Is everything still valid as it's been used the same way for the last 15 years. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* keeps *BikePAC* going.

One question is: do we need to look at a more professional lobbyist? This is not to say Mel and Iris and everyone doesn't do a good job because they do. We may not change anything. We just need to analyze all of it to see if changes do need to be made. We haven't come to any conclusions. Analyze things we did right and analyze things we did wrong. Looking to see where we can improve.

Joe noted that *BikePAC* does things that *A.B.A.T.E.* cannot do like endorse candidates. This is the era of better communication and *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* work well together. We need to assist *BikePAC* more such as at *Biker Days*. We need to show up in mass.

Ken also noted that membership was down. Some members that have been with *BikePAC* for 10-12 years haven't renewed. This is something that they need to look at or maybe we failed to ask those people to renew.

BikePAC needs money in their political fund as it is depleted right now. It's a tax credit up to \$100 per couple if you donate to this political fund.

Ken also noted that less than 5% of *A.B.A.T.E.* members are *BikePAC*

members. Ken also talked about the letter in the *M.R.F.* packets he passed out written by Don Young for support on the *La Tourette-DeFazio-Murkowski Motorcycle Safety Initiative*. Geoff White is stepping into the *BikePAC* representative position for this state board.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Ed Vaughn noted that they only have a meeting every other month and they meet this weekend.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Bob Earl was not present.

Education director: Geoff White thanked those who have given support. Has some new classes starting. Nora passed out certificates to John Bowman of *Central Oregon* and Bob Hadley.

S.T.E.A.M. is coming up and is going to be different this year so it's not the same as in the past. We want new classes, so if anyone has ideas, please call Geoff.

Education director II: Nora Rohde reported that she participated in Rogue drivers education class. Nora will be able to get a class every 10 weeks as she is now acquainted with the teacher.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy reported our numbers are still up. If everyone was as ambitious as Spanky we would soon have 3,000. *Swap Meets* coming up with information booths. This is a great place to get new members. Have membership secretaries get in touch with Jill to help at those booths.

Newsletter editor: Rot Path thanked all for submissions. Rot had a bag of gifts for anyone to take with posters and other little things in it. Looking for reports from *Columbia River*, *Douglas County*, *Lincoln County*, *Northeast Portland*, *Southern Oregon* and *Willamette Valley*. Rot won't be at the

next board meeting. You can give stuff to Michelle to give to him if necessary. Tonia wanted newsletters. Ted noted trifolds are for *A.B.A.T.E.* information and Geoff noted our annual report is also a good tool.

Products: Michelle Hobbs was not present.

Public relations: Melinda McCrossen was not present.

State run coordinator: Rotten Roger was not present.

State run coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz reminded everyone that Roger wants dates for next year turned in today.

Treasurer: Ted Tracy reported a bill from the post office in the amount of \$6.80 and we have to put the postage on it. Four returned checks at \$40 each for \$160. The bank didn't send the checks back so he is unsure who they are from. Checking has \$33,078, savings \$27,446 for a total of \$60,524.

Chapter auditor: Nancy Curran was not present but will be at Cottage Grove. All chapters need to send in their reports in *Quicken*. Only two chapters are currently doing this.

Historian: Iris Yeager was not present.

Webpage editor: Maddog was not in attendance.

Vice-coordinator north: Matt Hobbs was not present.

Vice-coordinator south: Tim Rohde reported a lot of educational information is outdated. Tim would like to purchase a scanner for \$49.95 refurbished. *Planning Session* is next weekend and the following weekend is the *Roseburg Swap Meet*.

Vice-coordinator east: Bob Hadley reported they held their *6th annual Teddy Bear Run* which was the largest yet. Raised \$814 for the chapter and 1,300 to 1,500 teddy bears. They donated \$1,000 to *M.R.F.* and received a sustaining membership. They challenge all other chapters to do the

same.

Sergeant at arms north: Matt Hobbs was not present.

Sergeant at arms south: Cole Hembree was not present.

sergeant at arms east: Keith Odoms was not present.

Sanctioning officer: Ron Bloker was not present.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton reported he has been looking for a box-type 18' truck. The ones he has found have been a little bigger and have around 200,000 miles on them, which is a bit much. He won't be at the *Planning Session* but this needs to be brought up. Quartermaster volunteers to maintain the truck. Steve also reports his e-mail address has changed. The new one is ondrd@comcast.net

Committee reports

1. **Run committee:** Did not meet.

Unfinished business

1. *O.D.O.T. Safety Conference* in Eugene October 15-17, 2003. Joe Laurance, Nora Rohde and Randy Phipps will be attending. Geoff was going to attend but can't. If anyone is interested in taking his place, the spot is open.

2. *Oregon Summit* - Is going on this weekend. Some of the state officers are attending this and that is why they are not present.

3. *Annual Meeting* - Ted reports we will be using the same caterers as last year.

New business

1. Motion made by Doc Squires, seconded by Geoff White for state *A.B.A.T.E.* to assist with funding of computer scanner at a cost of \$49.95 for Tim Rohde to use. Scanner will be used to update various education materials as well as being useful in southern end of the state for other

organizational needs. 9 were for, motion passed.

2. Motion made by Rick Maish, seconded by Doc Squires for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* to write an official endorsement on *A.B.A.T.E.* letterhead to *M.R.F.* board regarding the *La Tourette* letter which Joe Laurance has offered to write. 9 were for, motion passed.

Announcements

1. Stan Dishong has opened an *Antique Motorcycle Museum* in Port Orford and we will be including a link for his web site.

2. *M.R.F.* board meeting: Ken Ray thanked us for continuing to help him attend this. The board meeting goes 9 to 12 hours long but only meet three times a year. He reported that *Central Oregon's* donation of \$1,000 was more than many states raise and everyone applauded them for their contribution. Ken noted the new board members and spoke about the *Sound Summit. A.M.A.* convened it. *M.R.F.* stated they won't be involved with anything with punitive actions. This was just a discussion. He also noted that the *Gold Wing Riders* are now getting involved. *N.T.S.A.* is going to the *United Nations* to pass helmet laws. *Best of the West* will be June 10-13.

3. *A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session* in Cottage Grove at the *V.F.W.* is Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Joe wants two representatives from each chapter to attend.

4. Charlie reminds all representatives who didn't turn in the slip releasing them from the secretary notebook that with new chapter officers coming in, make sure those notebooks get to the secretary and a release slip turned into Charlie and any past secretaries make sure they have the slip turned in too signed by the new secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

BikePAC Report

Minutes -- 04 October 2003

Meeting opened at 12:45, chaired by executive director, Ken Ray.

Welcomed Joe Laurence, coordinator, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, and his adopted son, Justin.

Having no printed minutes of the previous meeting, Mel Yeager, Secretary/treasurer read the minutes from his handwritten notes. Motion to accept, seconded and okayed.

Mel then presented the treasurer's report in printed form. Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

Pat Ryan, membership director was unable to attend and Ken Ray gave a short report; asked that Mel and Pat work out difficulties in passing information to each other and send all information in hard copy by snail mail to prevent errors and omissions. Mel presented a letter from David Lexow, of the *Motorcycle Riders Association* headquartered in Medford. The letter included a check for membership in *BikePAC* and a membership form for the *M.R.A.*

Under legislative report, Lyle gave a lengthy report of our efforts of our bills during the legislative session, their status, and the difficulties each one had to overcome. Stated that we need to establish very brief information notes about each bill to hand to our people visiting the capitol on biker days, so they can take the info to their busy legislators. This to be something attention-grabbing and easy to remember. *BikePAC* must get started earlier, prior to the session, lining up our ducks in order to be effective.

Lyle also said that we should not have tried to handle so many bills during the session. To try to birdog

and work more than three or four is nearly impossible to do effectively by the lobbying team. Geoff White, education director of *A.B.A.T.E.* stated that he would work a class into his agenda at *S.T.E.A.M.* in February dealing with this problem. *BikePAC* needs to pick and choose *now*, the bills we will work during the next session.

Assistant lobbyist, Iris Yeager, reported her impressions of our efforts. She stated that the legislators are extremely busy during the session and we need to visit them keeping in mind the K.I.S.S. principal which includes one heart-jerker point. Legislators look at numbers, not logical arguments.

Items discussed were the headlight bill, lane-splitting bill, H.I.P.A.A. insurance bill, helmet bill, and vehicular assault bill. Brian suggested that we think up more creative, attention-getting names for the bills we will work next session. *BikePAC* needs to do our research in getting our bill ready. We must use the computer to obtain information from whatever sources we can get it. Geoff White may include a class on this matter, also, at *S.T.E.A.M.* We did find out how deceptive practices and lies are done by those in opposition *and* legislators who want to railroad a bill they don't like. We will be more prepared next time.

It is imperative that we work with a well-chosen sponsor for our bills,; someone who will work to keep issue on the burner and not lose sight of it. On some of our issues last session we made recommended changes to the language them, but the bill was not brought back to committee for

consideration.

Ken said that we got "out sophisticated" by those insurance lobbyist, and legislators opposed to our issues. The insurance lobbyist used deception and the lobbyists' used their power to keep the bill from being heard. Joe suggested that we show the benefits to all motorists, not just motorcyclists in effort to sway opinion. Ken said we need to get the language of our bills written *now* and start working them.

Joe Laurence then asked *BikePAC* to explain why the organization is valuable to the political effort and that *A.B.A.T.E.* was also entertaining thoughts of establishing a legislative entity of their own. Teresa Hepker explained the reasons *BikePAC* was formed, the charter we have from the *I.R.S.* and the secretary of state to operate as a political representative for all motorcyclists in Oregon.

Moreover, she said that many times during the legislative session, decisions may have to be made on minutes notice and *BikePAC* is set up to do just that. *A.B.A.T.E.* or other organizations must bring the issues to a vote before taking action. That is why *BikePAC* was formed and chartered the way it is.

Ken Ray then brought up the matter of our organization and its effectiveness. He asked if *BikePAC* is a viable, effective organization. He continued with the thought that *BikePAC* is actually a business that is expected to give value to those who pay for service. *BikePAC* has accomplished spectacular things in the past, but not this time around. Can we do it again? He proposed the idea of hiring a professional lobbyist to keep an eye on legislative activities all the time and keep us advised. The

professional would be a full-time employee. Ken was not throwing stones at our lobbying team, but was looking to the future. Michael Boggs suggested taking a closer look at the possibility of hiring a professional, focusing on what motorcyclist would be able to best represent us.

Brian stated that the relationship between *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* must be addressed. Teresa said that she would be willing to consider hiring a professional, but that communication is of the essence. We must be kept informed at all times. Ken closed the discussion by stating that *BikePAC must have the support of grassroots motorcyclists* or our efforts will fail. When *Biker Days* come around we must have the support of our people. They need to visit their legislators and take our messages to them. They must write letters and make phone calls when needed, otherwise we will be wasting our time and their money. Joe Laurence stated that he would see that the message is included in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter.

Under open forum Geoff White asked "If not us, *who*?" He stated that of his home chapter of 300 members, that only a few are willing to do anything more than complain. It is a shame that more are not willing to do this very important work for the good of all motorcyclists. Brian responded that it is the 10% syndrome. 10% of the people do 100% of the work. It is the same in all organizations today. He is a 10%er, along with those working in their respective organizations for the good of all.

Under new business it was decided that *BikePAC* would send a \$15 membership to the *M.R.A.*, and ask to be given a non-expiring membership so we can continue to

receive their newsletters.

Mel asked that we change the reporting method to the secretary of state for the next election cycle. The executive board decided that such decisions would be left to the secretary/treasurer to arrange.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2003 at the Salem city library at noon.

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



The riding season for the most part is over here in Oregon, at least as far as camping events are concerned. We have a couple of swap meets coming up in the next few months to kind of keep things alive for the winter, along with some toy runs. So, at least we won't be completely idle, during those months of drizzle! Most northwest riders are used to a little rain, anyway. Like we say around here, if you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride in Oregon!

Last month, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* held the *End Of Summer Run*, and let me tell you if you weren't there you missed a whale of a good time. I don't know when I've had so much fun.

The bike games were a real hoot, especially this game called "*Shit, the old man's home!*" The contestants were gettin' into it, and it was hilarious. One old boy lost his britches trying to get himself out the window!

The whole run was great and the bands were better for the most part than some I've heard over the years. All in all a really satisfying way to end the *dry* riding season.

Gresham, Oregon — A victory to report here, and victory is always sweet. We'd reported here a few issues back (past issues of the *Sack* are available to read in our online archives, at www.AIMNCOM.com, and click on "news"). To sum it up, the *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club*, *G.J.M.C.*, had a little poker run, open to *all* bikers. It was their "strip-poker run," to girlie joints. Now they come up to our Portland suburb of Gresham, home of recent Miss

America Katy Harmon, and we come to find out that the police were bored or paranoid or god-knows-what, but they not only stopped the pack; they treated it as a goddamned felony stop! *Everyone*, passengers too, face-down on the pavement, cuffs behind 'em, in the full sun on a 95-degree day. All this for the infractions of supposedly *some* or a *few* of them running a red light, at the end of the pack. Cops claimed they ran one light — very unlikely, to say the least. Four of the bikers were also charged with *felony Attempting to Elude a Police Vehicle!*

So, *everyone* who was cited — most of them members of *G.J.M.C.* — they *all* pleaded *not* guilty, and my boss here — and now I gotta tell ya, I'm proud of the man when I hear this — Sam Hochberg decided that *this* one was just too outrageous, so he offered to defend *all* of the bikers cited for infractions only, *free* of charge, or *pro bono*, as the lawyers say.

A lot of you *Sack* readers know Sam. He's been our Oregon *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* lawyer for about 15 years now, handling accident claims for bikers and others, and doing a lot of this sort of *pro bono* work, like our other *A.I.M.* attorneys.

On this one, he had the backing of the Oregon *Confederation of Clubs (C.O.C.)*, as a justice project they support. Sam's also the *C.O.C.*'s lawyer, which he *also* does *pro bono*, which means "for the public good." Well, this one was for his *own* good, too. Sam's been a rider for nearly all his years since he was a pup of 21 in New York city, back in '71.

Anyhow, on one fine September

afternoon in Gresham, sixteen bikers showed up for the trial, and they all testified, and damn if judge Albrecht, Multnomah county circuit court, didn't find 'em *all not guilty!* Took her almost two weeks to sift through all the notes Sam says he saw her taking, but she sent out a letter to Sam, and there were cheers in Mudville that night.

Sam wanted to make sure that I'd print the names of some of the people who helped Sam bring that victory: First, our new *A.I.M. (Aid to Incarcerated Motorcyclists*, in this instance!) criminal defense lawyer, Jim Rice.

Jim helped handle the prep and defended one of the bikers, so he and Sam *both* got to talk to every witness. Jim is the guy who talked about the *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* at the west coast regional *N.C.O.M. Conference*, back in November, '02 here in Portland. Jim's a member of *O.V.M.A.*, an Oregon vets biker association, and *many* *A.B.A.T.E.* people contributed to Jim's campaign when he ran for Oregon supreme court. His campaign poster had him astride a *Harley*, with his *O.V.M.A.* insignia displayed.

Besides Jim, Sam says that our biker-veterinarian, Dr. Darryl Leu, did a terrific job testifying, and he made an excellent photographic record and narrative description of the whole incident!!

Oh, and member of the *Brother Speed Motorcycle Club (B.S.M.C. of Portland)*, was going to testify on what Sam says was a "collateral matter,"

whatever *that* is, but then he didn't need him after all. He knows who he is, and his willingness to help was *much* appreciated.

And to throw in my *own* two cents, I gotta hand it to the *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club* for standing up for their rights. I mean, y'can't fight 'em if y'don't take the time to take a stand, even on the small battles. My hat's off to them, to Sam Hochberg, and to all the people he thanked. Sometimes, you just have draw the line.

San Francisco, California — Two San Francisco groups representing seniors and pedestrians came out swinging against a city supervisor's proposal to allow some parking of motorcycles on sidewalks. I'm not so sure I don't agree with them, in principal at least. I don't like the idea just because it would put my ride in harms way from the "touchy-feely" people who run around laying their dirty paws on everything in sight! I don't want some fool thinking he can sit on my bike just because it's there. There is always the danger of somebody knocking it over and maybe hurting someone and then getting my butt sued. It would be much simpler to designate one car space at the end of each block for bikes like they do in Salem, Oregon. It works folks, and doesn't cost anybody a red cent.

Miami, Florida — When it comes to saving lives, most non-riders *don't* think about motorcycles! They figure just the opposite; that you'll get yourself *killed* on one of "those things."

Well, turns out that in a medical emergency, motorcycles have the edge. Four-wheeled vehicles have their hands full just trying to get through the mess a traffic accident causes.

You lose too much time for the wrong person, and they will *die* as a result.

So, bikes are perfect! Motorcycle medics can get around traffic snafu's much faster than an ambulance, so now yet another community is using them!

Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue's M.E.R.T., the *Motorcycle Emergency Response Team*, consists of ten *B.M.W.* bikes, each one fitted with the most critical lifesaving tools. The biker-medics travel in pairs. The time saved by using bikes allows for critical extra treating time the injured, and it's saving lives! We've reported in the *Sack* on biker medics in other cities and countries around the world, and I'll *keep* doing it, 'cuz it just makes *so* much damned sense!

Herpes On Two Wheels

Well here's another goofy TV ad making goofs of bikers. This commercial shows a guy hopping onto some generic motorcycle. The voice-over you hear is yakking about "freedom" and how good it feels to be out there on the road, while we're watching the biker rounding curves on some beautiful road somewhere. Turns out the ad is for *Valtrex*, which is some sorta stuff you take to stop herpes sores on your *what's its*. So, in other words, they figure *bikers* are the kind of people who are more likely to *get venereal disease*? My boss Sam Hochberg went online to check this out, and sure enough, even on their own website, (www.valtrex.com), the same actor from the TV ad is there online with a bike in the background, a young *chickie* with him in the foreground, and he's carrying a helmet around. I think a lot of the wives and

husbands of bikers might think that this "Bikers-get-VD" stereotype is going a little too damned far! Me, I just think it's just kinda dumb, that's all. But, if y'got a gripe, I'd go to their website and give 'em a piece of your mind!

bikerkiss.com

We've heard about computer dating for years, but here's one just for bikers! Here's what they say about themselves: "A great group helps riders in your city and nearby areas to share their favorite riding areas, trails, dual-sport rides, and motorcycle news. Membership is open to all, whether single, couple or family." Way to go, folks. Sign up and meet the love of your life. Neat idea.

Keep the round side on the bottom folks!

Gunny,
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NEWS and NOTES



A.M.A. is hosting a Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether it's in congress or at their own local councils.

The seminar, to be held March 6-9 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, DC, allows participants to meet and learn from the *A.M.A.*'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government-agency officials and on lobbying elected officials.

Participants will also prepare to meet face-to-face with members of their congressional delegation. But the seminar isn't all work; there will be a welcome reception as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the training.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. The registration deadline is February 11.

A.M.A. membership is required.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at (614)-856-1900, ext.

1252 or by e-mail at: stitus@ama-cycle.org.

Britain's Government has announced a £3.5m (\$5,620,300) plan to help fix the often neglected secondary roads that motorcyclists love.

Despite an increase in the overall standard of British roads, smaller secondary roads have continued to

decline in recent years. But the new government pledge promises to use new systems to target more effective spending on local roads.

The road surface-testing systems are expected to be in limited use next year but the technology will not be fully developed until at least 2005.

New Jersey is the first state to criminalize driving while tired — a first-in-the-nation law against driving while drowsy. Known as *Maggie's Law*, police will not be pulling over drivers whose eyelids look heavy. The law allows prosecutors to charge a motorist with vehicular homicide, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine, in the event of a deadly crash if there is evidence the accident was caused by sleepiness.

Recent studies estimate 51 percent of motorists feel drowsy behind the wheel, and about two of every 10 drivers say they have fallen asleep while driving in the past year.

Similar bills are pending in New York and have been discussed by lawmakers in Washington state.

Motorcycle and auto insurance rates are expected to increase 6 percent in 2004, according to the *Insurance Information Institute*, due to rising costs of medical care, vehicle repair, jury awards, theft, and fraud. Some things riders/drivers can do to offset these higher costs are: raise your deductible, compare insurance costs before buying a bike or car, reduce coverage on older vehicles, buy home and auto policies from the same insurer, maintain good credit,

comparison shop and get formal safety training.

A.M.A. community council members Todd Sheinfeld of Vermont and Glenn Myers of Alabama recently utilized talk radio shows to lay out their plans and voice their concerns regarding O.H.V. issues in their states.

"The key to getting on these shows is to make yourself available to the media whenever you get the chance," explains Sheinfeld. "In my case I was at a state senate transportation meeting and the moderator of a Vermont public radio talk show called *Switchboard* approached me about getting on his program after he heard me speak at the meeting.

Myers held a roundtable discussion with on WEZZ 97.7 FM regarding the *Chilton County/Minooka Park* O.H.V. riding area project which is getting off the ground this year. Myers had a few minutes to fill listeners in on the current progress of the new O.H.V. riding area and some of the things that have yet to be accomplished. The show also gave Glenn a chance to recruit some volunteers to help complete the project.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* told a congressional subcommittee that the *U.S. Forest Service* needs to spend more of the money it raises from recreation fees on trail maintenance.

In testimony before the *U.S. House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health* on Wednesday, September 17, *A.M.A.* Washington representative

American Motorcyclist Association



Patrick Holtz pointed out that land managers in some national forests are using the fee money for operations and services rather than spending it on much-needed trail rehabilitation.

He was testifying on a proposal to make the recreation fee demonstration program, which involves collecting fees for using public federal land, a permanent program. The demonstration project is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2004.

Congress authorized the recreation fee demonstration program in 1996 for the *U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, federal Bureau of Land Management* and the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*. The purpose was to collect money to maintain and improve natural resources, recreation facilities and services on federal land.

The *U.S. Forest Service* is currently collecting fees in 114 national forests and grasslands in 36 states and Puerto Rico.

Holtz told the committee that a *U.S. General Accounting Office* report this year noted that the *Angeles* and *San Bernardino* national forests spend 80 percent of their recreation fee money on visitor services, operations, maintenance of facilities, and for providing interpretive services, rather than addressing deferred trail maintenance needs.

He said the *A.M.A.* could support making the recreation fee demonstration program a permanent program provided certain conditions are met. The fees must be collected to recover costs, and must be used at the area where they are collected, he said. Also, the administrative costs must be held down, paying the fees must be

convenient for the land users, and federal, state and local fees should be combined where appropriate.

San Francisco motorcyclists are encouraged to visit the *San Francisco Motorcycle and Scooter Coalition's* web site at: <http://www.sfmisc.org/index.html> for the latest on the effort to increase motorcycle parking spots in the bay area. A resolution recently passed by the board of supervisors did not fix the problem and a new one has been introduced.

Alabama governor Bob Riley (R) has signed executive order number 10, effective immediately. This supports the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century*, which is now up for reauthorization, including a provision supportive of funding the *Recreational Trails Program (R.T.P.)*. *R.T.P.*, championed by the *A.M.A.* and other organizations, apportions funds to the states for the purposes of providing and maintaining motorized and non-motorized trails.

Governor Riley also used the executive order to create the *State of Alabama Recreational Trail Advisory Board*. The board will consist of 11 members appointed by the governor and shall be composed of both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail users as members.

New Hampshire's vast majority of O.H.V. trails are located on private lands and the issue of landowner liability has been a significant concern. Granite state legislators commissioned a study committee to review the issue. Their conclusion is that the

landowner is not liable if recreational vehicle operators, injured from causes not attributable to intentional acts of the landowner, are injured while recreating on their lands.

RSA 215- A:34 II states "It is recognized that off-highway recreational vehicle (O.H.R.V.) operation may be hazardous. Therefore, each person who drives or rides an O.H.R.V. accepts, as a matter of law, the dangers inherent in the sport, and shall not maintain an action against an owner, occupant, or lessee of land for any injuries which result from such inherent risks, dangers, or hazards. The categories of such risks, hazards, or dangers which the O.H.R.V. user assumes as a matter of law include, but are not limited to, the following: variations in terrain, trails, paths or roads, surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions, bare spots, rocks, trees, stumps, and other forms of forest growth or debris, structures on the land, equipment not in use, pole lines, fences, and collisions with other operators or persons."

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. Call to Action: N.H.T.S.A. Pushes for United Nations Acceptance of Mandatory Rider Apparel



Having failed to convince state legislatures to adopt laws mandating helmet or apparel use by motorcyclists, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) has potentially found another body to advance mandatory-use laws: the United Nations.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) has learned that, in total defiance of legislation passed by congress, *N.H.T.S.A.* has moved its efforts to the United Nations, specifically the world body's "Inland Transport Committee: Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)." In a document dated July 15, 2003, and during meetings held by WP.1 in Geneva, Sept. 22-25, 2003, *N.H.T.S.A.* presented the following recommendations for WP.1:

Action: "To start a discussion and exchange of information among WP.1 member nations and key non-governmental organizations on motorcycle safety programmes." As part of *N.H.T.S.A.*'s proposed action plan, it urges a questionnaire be circulated among member states (editor's note: in this instance, "member states" means countries involved with the United Nations). Among the questions *N.H.T.S.A.* requests for inclusion on the questionnaire: "Fatality and injury rates due to motorcyclists not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash;" "Laws governing helmet use;"

"Amount of penalty for not wearing a helmet;" and "Are there any repercussions, other than fines, if riders do not wear a helmet."

N.H.T.S.A.'s estimated timeframe: September 2003 - form a working group; April 2004 - develop and distribute questionnaire; April 2005 - present preliminary results and recommendations to WP.1. This July 15, 2003 *N.H.T.S.A.* document will be posted in its entirety on the *M.R.F.* web site next week.

The *Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations* (*F.E.M.A.*) disclosed the *N.H.T.S.A.* strategy at the September *M.R.F. Meeting of The Minds*. *F.E.M.A.* is a partner with the *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.* and *F.I.M.* in ensuring the voice of riders is heard at "Working Party 29 (WP.29), the global vehicles harmonization talks being held in Geneva under the auspices of the U.N. The *N.H.T.S.A.* document surfaced in Geneva.

Mrs. Rose McMurray and Dr. Jeffrey Rungie represented *N.H.T.S.A.* at the WP.1 meetings held in Geneva Sept. 22-25. Bob Tomlins, *F.E.M.A.*, reported that Mrs. McMurray, when pressed on the proposed focus on helmets, responded that there are, "compelling safety problems that unite everyone and that the polarizing helmet debate could be set aside in order to work on the bigger safety picture."

"This extraordinary move is a

violation of congressional action and intent," said Karen Bolin, president of the *M.R.F.*. "Congress has directed that motorcyclist apparel issues are matters to be decided by the states - not the congress, not a federal regulatory agency, and certainly not the United Nations. This calls for a vigorous, sustained response from the motorcyclists' rights movement in the United States. The *M.R.F.* will pursue every option available to halt *N.H.T.S.A.*'s regulatory power grab."

N.H.T.S.A. represents the United States in the global talks. As a signatory to the international agreement to establish WP.29, the U.S. is obligated to initiate a federal rulemaking whenever WP.29 agrees to a *Global Technical Regulation* (*G.T.R.*)

"If *N.H.T.S.A.* initiates a rulemaking on mandatory apparel of any kind, the regulation usurps state legislative prerogatives," said Tom Wyld, *M.R.F.* vice president, government relations. "We would view that as a violation of the tenth amendment, and the *M.R.F.* will use every avenue available to fight such infringement."

The *M.R.F.* urges *all* motorcyclists and riding organizations to do the following *now*:

1. Contact your congressman and U.S. senators: (202)-224-3121, www.house.gov or www.senate.gov.

2. Explain the situation, let them know your views, and ask for their

help in pressuring *N.H.T.S.A.* to abandon its bid to regulate American motorcyclist attire through the United Nations.

3. Ask your congressman and senators to follow-up with you on this issue.

4. Follow up with them.

5. Please e-mail Tom Wyld with any feedback you receive from your congressman or senators at mrf-news@mrf.org.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Historian

by Iris Yeager



Thank you for the pictures of the *S.O.S. Run*. It looks like you had a good one.

I look forward to pictures of all our *A.B.A.T.E.* events.

A pictorial history is of interest to all. Thanks again!!

Thank you for the Democratic Party of Oregon's summit opportunity this weekend, October 10-12th. This meeting had a large turnout. There were ten of us *A.B.A.T.E.* members there, thanks to you all. We were noticed and hope others will give more respect for our rights as we make an effort to understand better the workings and methods of our state government.

Randy Phipps arranged a comfortable place for us to stay and to provide a hospitality room for others to come and mingle with us. The food stuff was planned, bought, and brought to the lodging by Dwayne Caulkins. Thanks, guys for the great work.

Iris

Pictures From A State Board Meeting



Bob Hadley (Central Oregon) receives a *M.A.P.* certificate from Nora Rohde.

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

Hub City Chapter

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The most exciting thing we had last month was our *Bike Awareness Show* at *Heritage Mall*. The show was held on October 25 (9AM-7PM) and 26 (10AM-5PM) at *Heritage Mall* in Albany. (That's at 14th and Clay near *Fred Meyer*.) Our education director, Carolyn Freeman, did an excellent job in pulling this event together and we are looking forward to the opportunity to share with the community. We expected 40 or more bikes to be on display along with educational material including *Team Oregon*. The raffle bike for Shriners was also there - will let you know how it went next month. Hope you stopped by and enjoyed the displays and bikes while also supporting *A.B.A.T.E.*, *Shriners*, and *Hub City!*

After some unexpected turn of events, *Hub City* at last has some new officers in place and we are looking forward to a great year.

Who would have guessed two years ago when six people gathered to form a new chapter it would grow so quickly to be 100 plus!?

Hub City is blessed with such an active membership that we have at least 50% attendance at every meeting.

Stop by *Ciddici's Pizza* on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM and see why members actually come to our meetings again and again! Our meetings are held at 133 5th Street in Albany. Please contact our coordinator, Al Sims, (541)-926-2161 or hdalandmo@comcast.net for directions.

Thanks to Mel and Iris Yeager for opening their home for our annual September BBQ meeting. After a little propane snafu Mel made sure that everyone was fat and sassy. Iris made sure everyone had plenty (and kept a good eye on Mel!). That meeting saw our elections finalized and we are ready to move into a new year with a bang! Mel has moved from state board representative to legislative director and I'm sure he'll do a great job for *Hub City* and state *A.B.A.T.E.*.

Lastly, on behalf of the membership I want to thank all the officers from last year for doing such a great job. I know I have some big shoes to fill as Deb McCalley did this job so well but I'm going to give it my best.

Trikerbb,
secretary, *Hub City*



Nora Rohde presents a *M.A.P.* certificate to Ed Miller of Central Oregon.

From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

Don't See Or Can't See?

c.o.e. -- 22



by
Rot Path
(c.o.e.)

Thanks y'all,

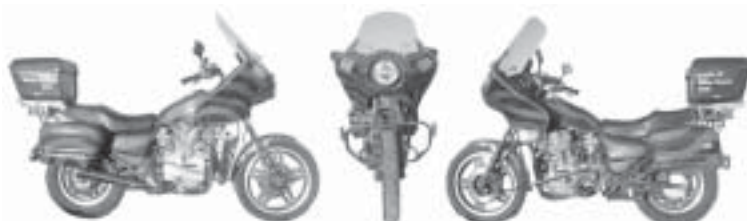
Yer crusty ol' editor had an eye-opening experience recently.

The c.o.e.'s cage was in the shop (why does having cages repaired always have to be such a traumatic experience, especially at a dealer?) for some major work (i.e. expensive) and as usual they found something else wrong that necessitated ordering a part and keeping the vehicle overnight. (Because it was all torn apart.)

Which meant that c.o.e. had to rent a cage to get home. (Wonder if there are motorcycle rental places in Salem?) Ended up in a dark grey late model *Chevy Suburban* (all they had left) feeling like c.o.e should have been wearing a dark suit, sunglasses, and an earpiece, *al la* secret service types. That kind of vehicle sure puts folks up in the air so they can see around, but it wasn't practical for a 25 mile per day commute to and from work.

Back at the dealer the next day, the part had come in for c.o.e.'s car, but it didn't fit. Had to keep the rental for the weekend, but at least this time the dealer was paying.

The Rot Bike's 2003 Paint Scheme



Back to see the cute rental agent and trade the beomouth for something closer to mom's dirt. (Unwashed and lower.) Ended up with a late model *Dodge Intrepid*.

And this is where yer crusty ol' editor's eyes got opened: the design of some modern cages makes it almost impossible for drivers to see other vehicles, let alone see motorcyclists.

Safe car design has given way to style.

Door posts are positioned such that they blocked vision when trying to turn your head to look for other vehicles. And the outside mirrors have gotten so small that you can't even mount small fisheye mirrors on them to cover the blind spots caused by the door posts and thicker windshield posts.

There's still way too many cage drivers out there who *don't* look out for motorcyclists.

Now it turns out that there are some who *can't* see motorcyclists, even when they *try* to look.

So as always, when you're out riding, you're not riding just for yourself, you're also riding for every cage driver you encounter who won't or can't look out for you.

The next time you're down Hub City way, say "hi" to Cliff McCalley. He survived a heart attack earlier this year and we're all thankful that he's still with us, especially his soul mate Debbie. He was at the October state board meeting and boggled yer crusty ol' editor's mind with his tale of survival. Glad you're here, Cliff.

Try to take times in the next couple of months to separate yourself from the media brainwashing frenzy of trying to buy happiness and quietly think about what you already have. There is much to be grateful for, especially where family and friends are concerned, biological and otherwise.

Thank you, each and every member of *A.B.A.T.E.* and all who read these pages.

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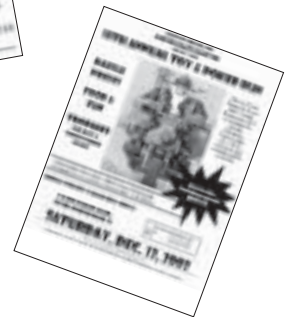
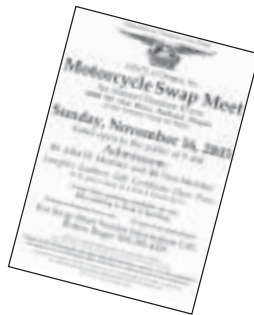
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07 December	Willamette Valley benefit	Eugene	
13 December	North Coast <i>Toy Run</i>	Astoria	(503)-325-6686
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21 December	South Coast Toy Run		(541)-759-2388
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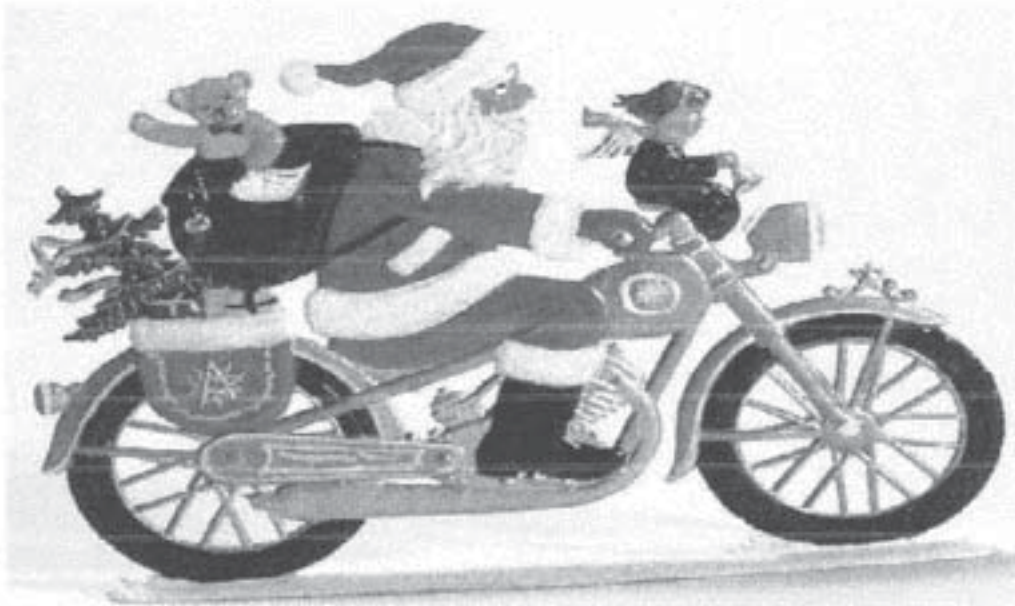
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November 2003

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9 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	10	11 Veteran's Day <i>Thank those who have served our nation's liberties</i> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	12 Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	13	14	15 Toy Run WaCo
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TOY RUN



November 15th, 2003

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or stuffed animal to Washington County's Annual Toy Run! This run is one of the largest donations to the Toy & Joy Program here in Washington County. Not only do you get to participate in a Police and Fire Company escorted parade through Hillsboro on your scooter but also you get the joy of knowing you helped a child or family in need!



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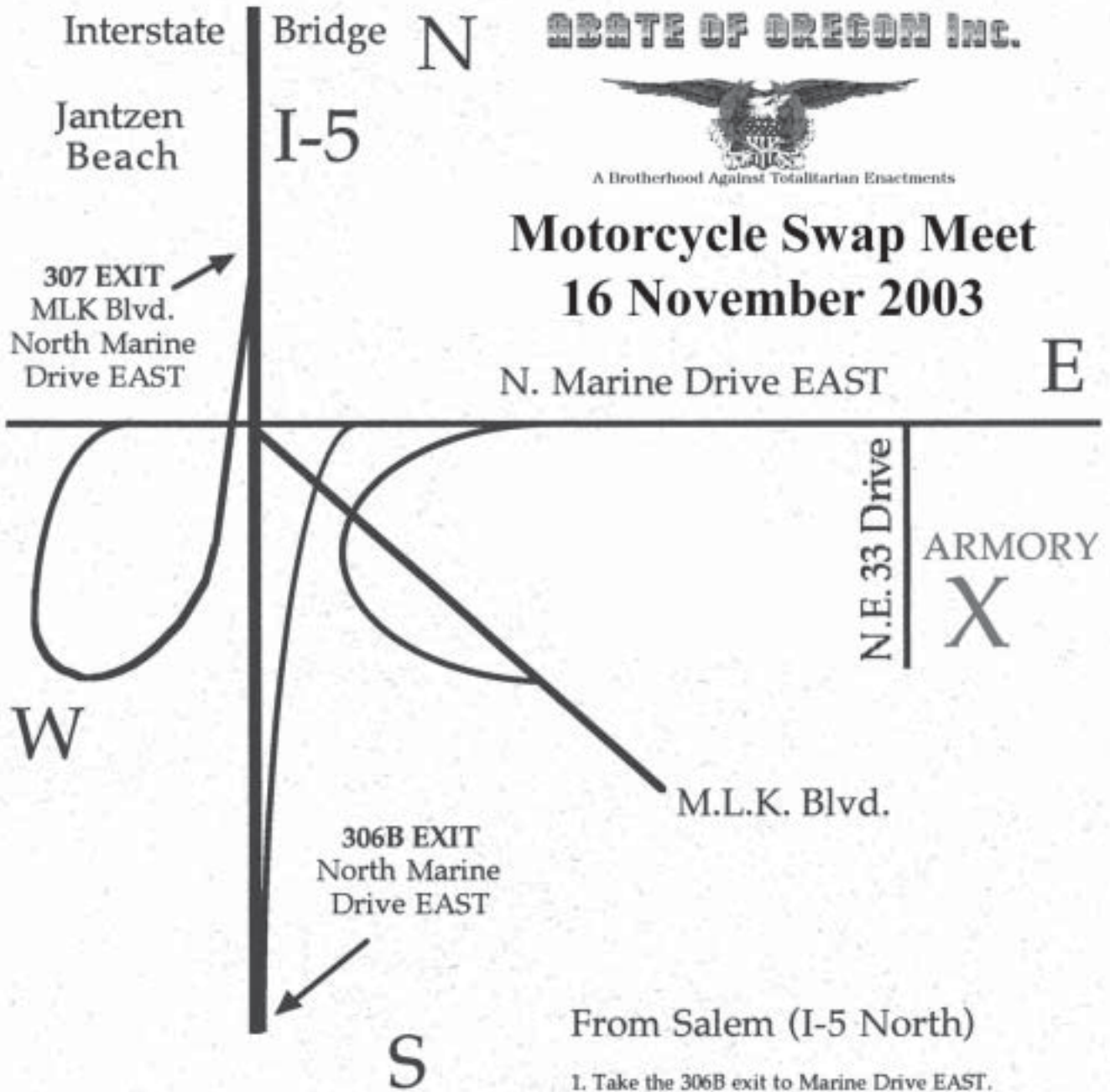
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Hillsboro, OR

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Copperstone: 264 E Main St

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16 November 2003

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November 16, 2003

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Marlene (503) 873-2492

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Toy Run Sunday Dec. 14th, 10am, K-Mart at Mission & 25th, Salem

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Salem, Oregon

10:00 am Gather/Coffee by CMA

Leave 11:00 am

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.,
South Coast Chapter
Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run
Come ride with us, all riders welcome

Starting Point: Gino's Pizza
11:00 a.m.
December 21, 2003

After a brief meeting we will ride to
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N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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Indian Bites The Dust

The last pieces of confetti were still being swept off the streets of Milwaukee following *Harley-Davidson's* 100th anniversary celebration when the announcement came that their American rival for the past century has closed its doors, again.

As of Friday, September 19, 2003, *Indian Motorcycle Corporation* ceased operations at its Gilroy, California factory, and sent more than 350 employees home after a company-saving deal with a new investor fell through.

The closing comes as *Indian* was enjoying strong sales and critical acceptance. Fran O'Hagan, *Indian's* executive vice president, said the company was "on target" to sell a record 4,500 bikes this year.

O'Hagan wouldn't discuss in detail the would-be investor in what he called "an eight-digit deal." In 2001, *Audax*, a private equity firm in Boston, invested \$45 million in *Indian* and brought in new executives, including O'Hagan, who had worked for *Jaguar*, *B.M.W.* and *Mercedes-Benz*.

The news took *Indian* dealers by surprise, as the announcement was made just as *Indian's* dealer meetings were set to begin in Las Vegas to introduce the 2004 models. The company has about 200 dealers nationwide.

O'Hagan said late Friday that he was unsure what would happen next. Bankruptcy is one option, he told the *San Jose Mercury News*. "In the end,

the creditors will control what's left of *Indian Motorcycle*," he said.

Indian was originally founded in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1901.

Indian introduced the first motorcycle with an electric starter and complete electrical system in 1913. Before *World War I*, the company was the largest motorcycle maker in the world, producing more than 20,000 bikes a year. It was a worthy rival to *Harley-Davidson* in both consumer loyalty and on the racetrack, before going out of business the first time in 1953.

After a lengthy court battle, *Indian* was revived in 1999 through a \$30 million merger involving *American Indian Motorcycle Company*, *Indian Motorcycle Company Inc.*, *California Motorcycle Company*, and six-related companies to become the second largest producer of heavy cruiser motorcycles in north America.

The first time around, *Indian* lasted more than 50 years; this time they didn't make it five.

The closing ends another chapter in the storied manufacturer's history, but does it close the book? Once again, only time, and the courts, will tell.

Political Action For Dummies

When it comes to political organizing and legislative lobbying strategies, *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* wrote the book on how to get a helmet law repealed in your state literally. Since their successful modification of

the helmet law to allow experienced adult riders the freedom to choose when and where to wear a helmet, *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* has compiled a 156-page dossier on their efforts, including correspondence, web pages, media articles and related items beginning in December 2002 and ending July 9, 2003 - three days after governor Edward G. Rendell signed the new helmet law.

Now, *A.B.A.T.E.*-ers in the *Keystone State* want to share their experiences and help other states gain freedom of choice, and are making their game plan available to any organizations fighting for bikers' rights. For details on the book and a link to the order form, please visit:

<http://abatepa.org/abate/legislation/history/sb259-2003.htm> and happy lobbying!

Texas Biker Shares The Road

When Mr. Cano from the Texas panhandle was run over by a pickup while riding his motorcycle, he complained to the Texas *Department of Transportation* office in Amarillo that "They have signs warning about not running over such things as livestock, deer and even illegal aliens, so why don't they have signs about watching out for motorcycles?"

Thanks to his efforts, the *Sons of Liberty Riders* reports that *TxDOT* in Austin has developed a drawing for a

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sign to share the road with motorcycles, and that other municipalities have permission to make these signs and place them in their city. In fact, the motorcycle safety division has been approached to make these motorcycle awareness signs part of their program, and state legislators have been contacted to put them up in their home towns. Great idea! Hope it spreads. See, one person can make a difference!

Segway Scooters Recalled

You remember the *Segway*, the mini motorized two-wheeled scooter that was supposed to revolutionize the way us humans travel? Well, the gyroscopically controlled *Segway Human Transporter* has been recalled because riders have been injured falling off when its batteries run low. Just ask president Bush, who fell off one he was trying out at the white house. Of course, it helps to turn it on.

Beirut Bike Ban

“From purse-snatchings to reckless driving habits, bikers are increasingly considered a menace to those around them,” wrote Badih Chayban in the February 14 edition of *The Daily Star*, written six months after Beirut’s municipal council voted unanimously to ban motorcycles from the capital’s streets for causing noise pollution, irresponsible driving habits and drive-by purse snatchings. “The public is out of patience with motorcycles.”

However, due to lack of law

enforcement personnel, the ban has yet to been implemented.

Many citizens have filed complaints about what they described as the “irresponsible and reckless” driving of bikers, and blamed them for causing accidents and endangering other drivers.

In an interview with *The Daily Star*, Marianne Azzi said she crashed her car because a biker did not respect a red light, surprised her and made a quick turn that caused her to lose control of her car and crash into the window of a gallery.

She added that following the incident, she started noticing that most bikers did not respect red lights, “even if there is an *I.S.F.* officer standing at the spot.”

The police source said that this was true, adding that *Internal Security Force (I.S.F.)* personnel were also complaining about the driving of bikers and their flaunting of road rules. The source said that weak enforcement of the ban and other traffic violations was due to the low number of *I.S.F.* personnel on the roads, arguing that if the policeman leaves his spot to arrest or follow a biker, it would cause a significant traffic jam of even greater disturbance to the public.

Major complaints have also involved an increased rate of purse-snatchings by bikers, and according to police reports these crimes are a daily affair in Beirut.

Security sources told *The Daily Star* that the *I.S.F.* personnel were “doing their best to put an end to this phenomenon and to arrest the thieves who have been doing this dirty job.”

Hall Of Fame Looking For A Few Good Bikers

The *Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame* is now accepting at-large nominations for the 2004 *Hall of Fame* inductees. The *Hall of Fame* honors “the men and women who have dedicated much of their lives to improving, promoting and advancing our great sport and lifestyle.” Help recognize these unique individuals by sending in a nomination form, accompanied by credentials which explain why this person should be considered for induction. Deadline is January 12, 2004. You can contact the museum at (605)-347-2001 to request a nomination form and further instructions.

Quotable Quote

“You don’t get to choose how you’re going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you’re going to live. Now.”

Joan Baez

(1941-____)

Singer, songwriter,
political activist

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Millenium Ride

Paraguay bikers beat corrupt cops
Paraty, Brazil, 30 September 2003

Motorcyclists in Paraguay have a solution to the problem of corrupt policemen ^ have them sacked. The Nomadas Motorcycle Club used legitimate means to collect evidence and followed legal processes to have the offending police officers fired.

Club President Josemaria Silva Alonso revealed the startling news to Simon Milward during his recent visit to Paraguay. Speaking from the beach 200km south of Rio de Janeiro Milward said, 'Corrupt policemen throughout South America often see motorcyclists as an easy target. Riders in other Latin countries should try the Paraguay solution. There are encouraging signs of interest in taking a continental approach on rights issues. We need forward-thinkers to lead Latin America into an golden era of motorcycle touring and at the same time to give democracy a helping hand.'

Hello everyone,

Well I have arrived here on the Atlantic coast of Brazil. On the beach in fact, camping, at Paraty, an old Colonial town from where the Portuguese sent their gold home. Traffic is banned from the centre, quite rightly, because the streets are paved with rounded boulders a bit like a river bed. You have to walk quite carefully or risk twisting your ankle!

My bike has been using one litre of oil per day (300-500km) and stopping at the beach seemed to be the best short term cure! I'll have to check out

the engine in Rio de Janeiro. I blame a broken carburetta slider which combusted and/or myself for not taking enough care in the Peru-Bolivia stretch. I try not to think of the number of km I rode without oil. I'm surprised the Rotax engine is still working.

Let's talk about something else, yes. The coast road here, through the Serra da Bocaina National Park, winding its way round jungled mountains, sometimes one km above the sea. This coast is superb, unspoilt too, though only a few hundred km from Sao Paulo to the south, the biggest city in the world, and Rio de Janeiro, a few hundred north.

Brazil is very different to other countries in South America. It's big, very big, over one half of South America. It's developed, relatively expensive and just a bit clinical too. The national flag bears the slogan "Order and Progress".

The language, Portuguese, also sounds a little like German, or Dutch. The people usually understand some of my Spanish, but I understand nothing of their tongue. If I can get a free week or two at a language school I'll do it.

Brazilian people are an interesting mix of indigenous natives, white Europeans and black Africans (the latter from abandoned slaves after the Britain and the U.S. banned the trade).

There was no war of independence. They say their country was founded on love. Stranded Portuguese sailors took the most beautiful local women as wives. In time, Brazilian women soldiers were victorious over a Spanish



Simon Milward

attack from Peru, and bedded the heartiest of the men to celebrate. It is said to be a trait.

We shall see . . .

It was a rainy 1,200km ride from Paraguay through some heavily populated areas and fertile agricultural land. I spent one night at an orphanage where I had the chance to talk to the children, thanks to a new friend called Joao in a place called Matelandia. At the three country point (Argentina , Brazil, Paraguay) I saw two amazing sights:

First, the Iguacu Falls (<http://www.expeditionstravel.net/iguacu4.htm>), bigger and better than Niagara, made of 275 waterways of the Rio Iguacu which join and crash down 80 metres.

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Paraguay is an ace little place. From the moment of crossing the river in the ferry from northern Argentina I had hospitality showered on me. I spent two nights at the ship-discotech of David, who walks around with his leather mate ("matay", a sort of herb tea) kit. Mate drinking is a continuous daily activity in Paraguay. Men hold their hot water bottle and mate cup (with stainless steel drinking straw) a little like a handbag, or pet. Many drink it cold.

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Millenium Ride

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I met quite a number of the local bikers as well as visiting their rally down south in Ayolas where I received a plaque on behalf of the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations. In particular Carlos Mazo, who previously created the bike club Nomadas Motorcycle Club and, it turns out, is deeply motivated on both the issues of my Millennium Ride. It was his doing that got the 120 corrupt policemen sacked, an idea we passed on to other motorcycle groups in Latin America.

We met the Ministry of Health together to speak about motorcycles in delivering basic health services to rural areas. Carlos had proposed this solution to them five years ago, but because of ministry prejudice the idea was not adopted. Anyway now they urgently need 200 motorcycles. Carlos seemed to have many solutions, like 50 sponsors for 50 motorcycles, but time will tell if we can put them into action for the poorest Paraguayans. If so, then it can only be true that I am talking my way round the world and God is putting all the right people in my way.

Argentina — In southern Bolivia I played cowboy in Tupiza where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid were shot, by spending a day horseriding. I am now an accomplished horseman, resplendant with my galloping grin equalled only by my motorcycling one. My arrival in Argentina was accompanied by more shock absorber breakages, for which I thank Jujuy Motos for repair. The province of Jujuy is in a poor part of Argentina and the Health Ministry needs 50

motorcycles for reaching out to mothers and infants in the remotest areas. There are three other needy provinces in Northern Argentina too.

I want to thank Lalo, a famous lawyer in Jujuy, for putting me up and treating me like an old friend. I am hoping that the Argentinian needs will encourage Argentine bikers further south, like in Buenos Aires, to support this whole deal.

Arrival and exit roads in Argentina display large “Las Malvinas son Argentinas” signs. We Brits know them them as “the Falkland Islands”. A biker group in Jujuy put the question to me, “what do you think about the Malvinas?”

I have worked in democracy for most of my useful life, it is the basis for all our societies, and in my view we have to support what the people want. The vast majority of Falklanders want to be British, so for me that is that. Otherwise we will have to give Bagdad to the Israelis, or all of Israel to the Palestinians, or California back to Mexico, just name it. So in Argentina I normally tell people that I am British with a bit of a grin.

Police in Argentinian Chaco, a massive flat dry expanse covering much of northern Argentina, Paraguay and Bolivia, presented the most blatant attempts at corruption that I have witnessed on my journey.

The first tried to issue a “multa” (fine) because I had no fire extinguisher.

The second, not an hour later, demanded money because I had no white sheet. The sheet is used to cover you up after a fatal accident and is compulsory for motorcyclists!!

The mere mention of a multa now instantly renders me in a fit of

apoplexy, the perfectly indignant Englishman threatening the call the consulate and flatly refusing to accept the fine. Sometimes the cops leave it at that. If more persuasion is needed, I bring out the health by motorbike card and threaten to stop activities in their country.

The third Argentine policeman gave up all pretense of a fine and resorted to outright begging after he saw that I was no easy target. I should have given him something for his straightforwardness.

Here in Brazil the word is also multa, and a traffic cop wanted \$60 for no daytime headlight. “Make my day,” I thought. I flatly refused to accept it and eventually had to use the health card. They know what they can do with their fines.

I’m off to find some fish to eat.

Ciao

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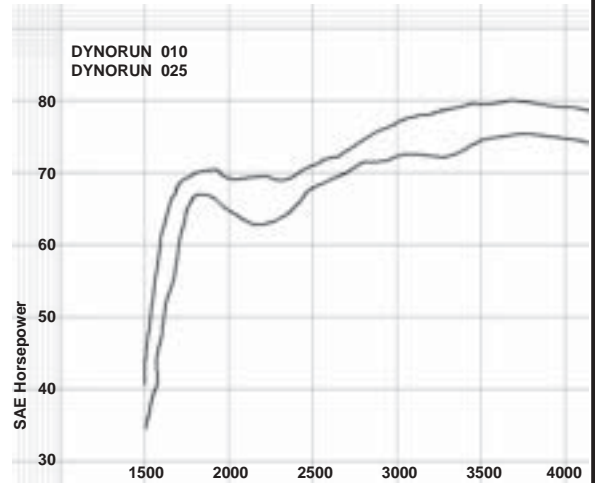


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_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	6.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____



YEAR PIN



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



ABATE PINS



MISCELLANEOUS

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

ABATE T-SHIRTS




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



NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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

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

STICKERS

SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)

Sub Total _____

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**
\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping

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

att. Products Director
P.O. Box 4504

PHONE: **(503)-666-8806**

Portland, Oregon 97208

E-MAIL: **mhobbs256@yahoo.com**

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Thank you for your order ;-)

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1985 Ford F700 Ex U-Haul moving van. 460 V-8 engine, 5-speed stick, 22 foot box with hang over above cab, roll-up rear door, slide-out rear loading ramp. Runs and drives great. Minor shifting fork problem. (You fix, you save.) **\$3,500** or best offer, maybe trade.

Frank (541)-926-0333 (Albany)

(Nov 2003)

1999 silver Harley Sportster 883. Front end and frame damage only. Will sell as whole or will separate parts as needed. **\$3,000** or best offer.

Joe
(503)-521-8422 (h)
(503)-453-7861 (c)

(Dec 2003)

1959 Lincoln Continental, stock. 135,000 miles, runs good, clean. Needs home. \$5,500.

1978 Sportster XLCH. Low miles on rebuild. Apehangers, dual disk brakes, black with gold cross. Sharp bike. **\$5,800.**

1977 Superglide. Sharp bike. New top end, flowed heads, chain tensioner, new early model throwout bearing, Avon tires, color orange. Asking **\$9,000.**

Leaving Oregon.

Cowboy
(503)-493-6020

(Dec 2003)

Portable dishwasher **\$30.**

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

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

Phone (503)-285-4329
Rotten Roger

(Dec 2003)

For Sale

1970 Dodge Polara, 4-door, 18 mpg freeway. 383 with Carter 2 bbl. Stock and a runner!

(503)-371-7550

Crow Lady (Dec 2003)

1979 Suzuki Special 650.

\$1,495 or best offer.

(503)-667-3312

Jimmy Bear
Dec 2003)

1985 Ford F-350, crew cab dually 1-ton pickup. Less than 11,000 miles on new 460 crate engine, transmission cooler, RV-ready for camper, wired for trailer, two batteries, two fuel tanks, dual pipes, chrome wheels and running boards, too much to mention. Licensed until 2005. Bargain price \$6,250 or best offer

Frank (541)-926-0333 (Albany)

(Jan 2004)

Harley-Davidson jacket, top of the line! Fits women size 12-16. Perfect condition, all the bells and whistles, zip-out windbreaker/rain jacket can be worn alone. Removable back, shoulder, elbow armor and kidney belt. Embossed "Harley-Davidson" on sleeve. Paid \$549 new, asking \$400 or best offer. Beautiful jacket, only worn on one ride.

Call Karla "Scoutee" at (503)-774-2502, leave message if no answer.

(Jan 2004)

1996 Triumph Speed Triple, 108 HP, Buell-eater. \$4,000.

1974 early MGB with overdrive \$4,500.

1965 GTO, 421, 4-speed, power steering and brakes, show winner, \$17,000.

(503)-648-1367

(Jan 2004)

For Sale

Make no bones about it!

Genuine buffalo skull. Wuz \$150, now **\$100** (until christmas).plus shipping and handling in lower 48 states.

Jay (541)-389-6773

(Jan 2004)

WIN A BRAND NEW SPRINGER!!

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

Call:(503)-255-5415, ask for Mike, or e-mail:

mailmikefriend@aol.com

for tickets.

The drawing for the bike will be December 2003.

Wanted

Electric treadmill.
DANA 70 rear end, 411 ratio.
Call Rotten Roger at (503)-285-4329

(Dec 2003)

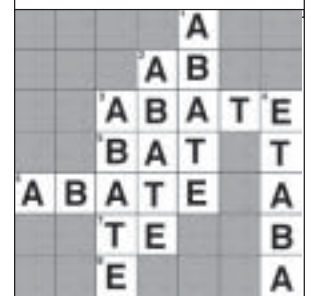
Wanted

Your ad here.

Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.

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

ANSWER TO OCTOBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



November Cryptogram

XUEC AEE CHAG FEJT EX FYJYID,

XUEC GELT RIP XTRU BTA XUTT,

MTAGRIZ MYAG SUYTX AGRIZBDYJYID,

MGRATJTU DEPB CRN ST.

— RFDTUIEI AGRUFTB BMYISHUIT

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".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldruggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

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

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

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
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U.S. POSTAGE
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PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

Thankful is the weary biker's way,
Who's lived to ride another day,
Midst the perils of life's road,
Rain and wind and heat and cold,
Forestalling a debt we all must pay.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 November 2003 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Jubitz Truck Stop</i> ; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 st Thursday 1800 (6 ^{pm})	<i>Pizza Hut</i> ; 1465 6th; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Thusday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ; 335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Chalet Restaurant</i> , Market Street, Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	2 nd Wed 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 2550 Crater Lake Hwy; Medford
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Wednesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene