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

-- Rot Path

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

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

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# Hub City Members Complete Team Oregon Experienced Rider Course At Linn-Benton College



*Chapter coordinator Al Sims rolls up his sleeves and prepares for the classroom portion of the Team Oregon Experienced Rider Course.*



*Our substitute instructor, Mike, takes us through the gears on topics like traction and effective braking.*



*Our faithful steeds await us as we move out onto the range for the afternoon riding exercises.*



*Riders take a breather between riding exercises.*

*(photo by Mel Yeager)*



*Hub City Chapter members pose proudly after surviving the experienced rider class.*

*(photo by Mel Yeager)*



*And remember, if your chapter can't get to a Team Oregon class site, they can come to you.*

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

**Central Oregon Chapter**

Greeting from sunny central Oregon!

We held our *7th Annual Teddy Bear Run* on October 2nd and it was a big success. The weather cooperated which made for a very nice ride. We counted 73 motorcycles attending, a pretty good sized group going down the road, to Bend, Redmond, Madras and Prineville emergency rooms.

We distributed approximately 1,200 stuffed animals to the hospitals for kids in a time of need, which were well received.

After dropping off the last of the stuffed animals at our last stop which was Prineville, everyone rode back to the *Black Horse Saloon* via the backway past Prineville reservoir and over Bowman dam which is always a nice ride up a beautiful canyon along the Crooked River.

Once back to the *Black Horse Saloon* we raffled off over 80 door prizes, awarded the high dice roll, and drew the 50/50 raffle.

High dice roll went to Richard Shurley who won a nice full length leather duster which was donated by John at *The Leather Store* at the junction of highways 97 and 31 past La-Pine.

The split for the 50/50 raffle was \$340, which sent someone home with a smile and netted the chapter some bucks.

All this made for a very good day and event. Good weather, good fun, and very good people.

I would like to thank all of our members who worked so hard to put on such a good event. Everything went very smooth and organized, which could not have happened without you. From collecting stuffed animals, door prize donations, collecting t-shirt sponsors, signing people up, rolling dice, selling t-shirts, selling 50/50 tickets, separating and have t-shirts made, making flyers, counting stuffed animals, driving vehicles with the stuffed animals, and doing traffic control where needed.

I would also like to thank all the business who sponsored our t-shirts, donated door prizes, and donated stuffed animals and all those people who came out in support of our chapter and such a great community event. We could not have done it without you.

Thanks to Larry and Lisa Havinear, owners of the *Black Horse Saloon*, for allowing us to use their establishment for this great event.

Well, the nights are getting colder and

days getting shorter. I hope everyone is getting in some good last rides before the snow flies. That means the holidays are right around the corner and we need to think about our Christmas party and start planning. If you want to put your two cents in you have to attend the meetings. Our meetings at the *Black Horse Saloon* have been very well attended with 25 to 30 members. That is very good to see.

That's about all I have for this month.

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

Later,

John

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

*Black Horse Saloon*

Bend, Oregon

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## "Columbia River Welcome's You"



We began our meeting on October 10th a few minutes late. I had a time getting my bike started. I am not riding it enough, I guess, so I will hook it up to trickle-charge. I apologize for my delay of the start of the meeting.

Verl Smith from *H&H Cycle* visited us to introduce his new shop located at the *Easyrider* site on Lower Boone's Ferry Road. He was kind enough to bring several tee-shirts and coupons for oil changes as door prizes. He is also interested in sponsoring a poker run next summer and asked for our chapter's cooperation with that effort.

Rhonda reported that we have 155 members.

Mary reported that we have \$2,899 in the bank account before payments were made from the *Summer Run* account to repay the seed money put up by the other chapters.

Rob reported that ticket sales for the toy run raffle bike are way behind.

Kodiak moved for the chapter to buy five tickets from the toy run committee to be used as door prizes. That motion was unanimously passed.

I encourage everyone to check out tickets to sell. Rob also announced that the *Shriner's* wheel-chair/equipment presentation will be Saturday, October 16th at 11 a.m. at the hospital.

Duane reported that the *Best of the West* was held in Oklahoma City and was a

success. Next year it will be held in Boise and we hope that we can have a group ride over for it. He reported that *BikePAC* has a number of officer openings and is looking for volunteers.

Larry reminded us of the swap meet on November 21st and the need for help with security and set up. *Columbia River* has traditionally been very helpful doing these tasks at the swap meet and I know that we will again this year.

Donnie reported that Billy Hagan has agreed to play for the *Sweet Heart Dance*. We are waiting to hear back from Chuck whether the owners of the *Blue Eyes Lounge* will again host this event.

Dee has decided that she no longer wants to be historian and has requested that someone come pick up the materials from her. Aaron has agreed to get them.

We had a long discussion of the *Summer Run* and its continued viability. Various suggestions were made about possible changes to the run as well as the possibility of dropping our participation in it. When the accounts were settled, the three chapters lost a total of about \$160. It was decided to continue the discussion to the next meeting and to engage other chapter members over the next month about what they think that we should do. Matt suggested that we attend next Sunday's meeting of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* to discuss this matter.

The chapter voted to spend \$50 for

flowers for Rotten Roger's mother who suffered a stroke in October. She is now in a nursing home and doing well.

Nicky Russum lost out on the membership drawing and DC won the short drawing.

Spike

### COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

*Douglas County Chapter*

Greetings from a foggy, soggy, *Douglas County*,

Yes, Fall is upon us.

Not a lot happening here. October 24 was our date for the annual fall swap meet. It's an opportunity to stock up on parts and goodies for the winter "projects" and yet another way to support *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. So, if you haven't attended here, you still have an opportunity in Portland on November 21st. And for next year, (dates are always posted well in advance, Spring and Fall), it's an opportunity to help out with set-up, tear-down, security and a myriad of other tasks. Believe me, it takes a lot of work from Stephan Baton and others to pull one of these events off.

Speaking of the end of the year, nominations for next year's officers are coming up soon. If you are one of those chapter members who pays membership each year, reads this lovely publication to stay informed but rarely attends a meeting, now is a good time to make an appearance at your local chapter meeting. These are

the people who will for twelve months be making decisions on your behalf. They in effect are the voice of *A.B.A.T.E.* And, to take it one step further, maybe it's time that our members become more of their own voice by actively participating in the meetings.

As an example, our chapter has 126 members on the roster; there were 20 at our September meeting. There are people on the list that I'm sure I don't even know and I'm an "old-timer." And I know this issue is not unique to *Douglas County*.

The short story is we need each and every member to be a part of making this chapter and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* an effective tool for the motorcyclists of Oregon and the nation. The work of *A.B.A.T.E.* doesn't stop at the borders as you know from the reports and activities of Joe Laurance, state coordinator, and the many other officers and members who are active in national level work regarding legislation, insurance, traffic laws and our right to use the highways enjoying our sport safely and freely.

Consider yourself encouraged. Besides there are a lot of pretty wonderful people waiting to meet you. It's not all work – we have a lot of fun in the process and make some lifelong friendships.

Sincerely,

Becky Garino  
secretary  
*Douglas County Chapter*

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7:00pm )  
*Round Table Pizza*  
Roseburg

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

## Hub City Chapter



Hello out there from *Hub City*,

*Hub City* held elections for new officers this last meeting. We have some new faces who have stepped up big time and some old faces who are taking on some different responsibilities. An organization is only as good as the participation of the membership and it is wonderful to see so many new people contributing their time and energy to keep this great group growing. Expect to see various authors of this submission to the newsmagazine this coming year as well.

Here is a listing of the *Hub City* officers for coming year:

Coordinator - Garry Hastie  
 coordinator - Steve Sorenson  
 Mary Burnett  
 Treasurer - Kathy Gerke  
 Membership - Donita Baronof-arms I - Fred Tuckerof-arms II - Don Nashof-arms III - Terry Quiring- Debbie McCalleycordinator I - Richard Androescoordinator II - Ron Vonsildboard rep - Al Sims  
 Public relations - Monika Sims- Sara Androes  
 Education director - Carolyn Freeman  
 Legislative rep - Mel Yeager

I am happy to report that the *Team Oregon* experienced rider course that several of the members took this past month was a success. Everyone passed and highly recommends the course to all. Even the seasoned riders such as our

patriarch Mel talked very highly of the experience. Remember that *A.B.A.T.E.* pays for half of the cost of on going safety-training education. By taking advantage of this benefit, you make it safer on the road for yourself and others. In addition, many insurance companies will give you a price reduction after taking safer training courses such as those offered by *Team Oregon*.

By the time you read this, we will have held our *Bike Awareness Show* at *Heritage Mall* in Albany. This is our second year and preliminary planning shows we will have more bikes and a wider variety of bikes on display than last year. *Team Oregon* will have a booth with a video and information to pass out to the public. The *Shriner's* raffle bike will be on display and tickets available for sale. An opportunity to sit on a *Harley* and have a picture taken was a huge success last year and will be returning this year. This is an excellent venue for promoting motorcycle awareness, education, and safety. It is an opportunity to talk with people one on one and educate the community about motorcycle rights. Events such as this are what *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement talks about.

In the coming months several organizations will be holding toy runs and

food drives. I encourage everyone to support these efforts in whatever way possible. This is another opportunity for bikes to talk with folks about motorcycle rights and show support for the community. A donation of time in helping to make an event successful can be as valuable a contribution as toys and food.

As always, an open invitation is extended to everyone to attend our monthly meeting at *Ciddici's Pizza*, 135 5th Ave, Albany, Oregon on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Until next time, ride safe,

trikerbb

**HUB CITY MEETING TIME**  
**and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
*Ciddici's Pizza*  
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 Albany

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

# Josephine County Chapter



Well, the holidays are coming again and so is winter!

Here at *Josephine County Chapter* we're making plans for another good year of riding fun!

First off I'd like to say our October meeting was a good one. We had Sam Hochberg, the *A.I.M.* lawyer as a guest. Thanks Sam for driving all the way down here to speak to us. We learned a lot about insurance from him.

We also had another guest from *Siskiyou Community Health Center* and *Project Baby Check*. This is [where] we're going to have our toy run for this year.

On Sunday, November 7th at 1 p.m. we will be having our toy run. It will be at the *Fruitdale Grange* at 1440 Parkdale Drive, which is on the corner of Parkdale Drive and Rogue River highway.

Everybody's welcome to attend.

We will have a potluck, so bring sidedishes. The chapter will bring chicken and other meats.

The entertainment will be provided by the *Leadfoot Band*, who also are *A.B.A.T.E.* members. They're a great band and like to play loud.

There also will be a 50/50 and raffle prizes too.

I'm hoping to see all our members there and maybe some people from other chapters too!

If the weather is okay we will ride in a group through Grants Pass and back to the grange. Bring a sidedish and a new toy and have a great time!!

Okay, back to the the rest of my report. At the next meeting we will have our nominations for officers for the next year. If you think you'd like to take on a position in the chapter, it's work but if you have the time then

put your name in for it.

Also I'd like to thank the people who have helped me get this chapter going stronger. They know who they are!!

We have plans already going on for some events next year.

There's not much else to say other than *ride safe and take care!!*

Spanky

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Abby's Pizza*  
 205 Beacon Drive  
 Grants Pass  
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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**North Coast Chapter**

Greetings from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Our historic *16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* is right around the corner. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 20. This fun event is hosted by our fantastic supporters at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria. Hours of the event are 5– 8 p.m. Children are more than welcome to join in on the fun. Look for our flyer in this month's newsmagazine. Don't miss this great *Toys for Tots* fund raising event. How can you lose? An awesome spaghetti dinner followed by the fun filled auction with lots and lots of cool donations by local businesses and articles crafted by our chapter members. Look forward to seeing you there. Don't miss it. Donations for the auction and raffle (yes, we have a raffle too) are welcomed. Please call Betty at (503)-325-1073 or Amelia at (503)-325-6686 for more information.

Thanks to chapter member John Waterbury who has developed a new *North Coast* web site:

[http://groups.msn.com/  
ABATENorthCoastChapter/  
home.htm](http://groups.msn.com/ABATENorthCoastChapter/home.htm)

The site is a work in progress, so new items will added as time goes on. John has contacted Mad Dog, so hopefully we'll get a link to our new site on state's web site soon. Thanks again to John for his time to put up and maintain the site.

Here's a bit of news about two of our chapter members who have been traveling big time. They were recently featured in a front page article (October 1st) in the *Daily Astorian*. Erik Moore and Jennifer Strand recently returned from a 8,000 mile trek from Seaside, Oregon through Alaska to the arctic circle and back. They have lots of stories to tell about this trip, not to mention the trip they took last year as they visited all of the 48 states in the continental United States and several Canadian provinces in just 49 days. Check out the news article at the following site:

<http://www.dailyastorian.info/>  
and click on the local news to locate the article titled *Today The United States, Tomorrow The World*. Lucky Erik and Jen is all I can say. I'm sure all of us wishes we had more time to travel.

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**NORTH COAST MEETING****TIME and PLACE**

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

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River City Chapter

21 September 2004

Regular Meeting

Call to order: 7:00 pm

14 members present

Guests: Mariah Gove

Minutes of previous meeting:

Reading of minutes were waived in a motion by Scott Goad and seconded by Lynn Kadlec because they are sent by e-mail and written form.

Treasurers report: \$1209.35

Correspondence: B.O.D. report; legislative report; ways and means report. All were not reported on due to persons responsible had prior engagements.

Public relations: Rick Prentice had nothing out of the ordinary other than his normal diligent passing of the word that promotes the camaraderie and enjoyment of our organization.

Historian report: Cheryl Duquist reported that the book is up to date and is available to be viewed.

Group riding protocol: Lee Eikanas talked on the ride to Birkenfeld – Wet, muddy, wet, fun, wet, good times, wet, great company and did I remember to report a little wet!

Planned rides: Reno (Street Vibrations); A.M.A. show in Seattle was brought up for some planning.

Old business: Adopt-A-Highway – Delbert reported that any time the group is ready everything is setup.

Announcements: Barb Stinson would have won the \$100 [membership] drawing if she had been present. Sorry, Barb!

Delbert won the 50/50 at 9/9 and donated \$16 back to the chapter.

Thanks, Mariah!!!

Delbert Nicholson

acting secretary

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October 5, 2004

We had over twenty people at tonight’s meeting, including guests. That’s about 40% of our dwindling membership.

We had some intense feeling around a complaint to the chapter from Dale Ruff about backing out of doing the parking at the Klickitat County Fair. Dale has taken the heat for our lack of planning. It is a good reminder to keep up on chapter plans so they don’t take us by surprise.

Brian won the 50/50 at \$9/\$9 and donated his share back to the chapter.

Mona Chatterton would have won the membership drawing for \$105 if she had been at the meeting. It will go up to \$110 next meeting.

Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:00 pm. 19 people present, four arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee.

Guests: Howard and Danielle, Dale Ruff, and Shelley’s two daughters.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Steve because there weren’t any.

Correspondence: M.R.F. Reports; thank yous from St Vincent De Paul; and a newsletter from South Coast Chapter.

Treasury report: \$1220.35 During this report time Dale spoke and severely chastised the chapter for backing out on the Klickitat County Fair parking venue. He took a lot of heat for it.

Bills submitted: \$20 reimbursement

for Brian for travel expenses.

Membership report: 57 with five memberships expired this month.

Board report: None.

Legislative report: None.

Ways and means report: The chopper throw will be raffled next meeting. We will have poker run meeting at 6:00 pm, before the next regular meeting.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Be careful of fall hazards.

Troop support: Nothing new. Benefit this Saturday at the Eagles.

New Business

Announcements:

Membership drawing for \$105 would have been won by Mona Chatterton if she had been present. It will be \$110 next meeting.

50/50 was won by Brian at \$9/\$9, and he donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

Adjourned: 7:54 pm

Upcoming meetings

November 2, 2004

7:00 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7pm )

Lone Pine Restaurant

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

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

## South Coast Chapter



Hi all,

Well the leaves are turning and the mornings are getting colder a sure sign that fall is upon us. However, I still see a lot of motorcycles on the road.

At our last meeting Tom Shine, asked the members to participate in a calendar shoot. Tom is designing a calendar incorporating area motorcycle groups with areas of interest on the South Coast. So at our next meeting members will be arriving on their motorcycles (all but me – I'm the girl without a motorcycle) wearing their leathers. After the meeting we will be adjourning to Sunset beach for the photo shoot. Tom is donating \$50 at the next meeting as a door prize.

Our chapter is still discussing the pros and cons of continuing the *Coos River Run*. One of our major drawbacks to keeping the *Coos River Run* is finding a site that doesn't need a lot of work done to it to get it ready for the run.

We have been working hard to get everyone to vote in the November election.

And speaking of elections, we will be electing new officers in December.

Our coordinator, Charlie Hill, will be stepping down and we are searching for someone to fill her

*big* shoes. Charlie has done a

wonderful job, but feels she needs a break and we can understand that.

November is now upon us and with that comes one of our biggest community service projects. November is our food drive for the Salvation Army. During the holidays many families count on our contributions, so lets make this the best year ever.

On the heels of our food drive comes the

*Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Drive*. Local businesses as well as local chapter members participate in this event. Last year we donated enough toys to help out over 700 families. This year lets try to provide for 1,000 families.

Until next month ride safe and free,

Kris

**SOUTH COAST MEETING**

**TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1300 ( 1 pm )  
*Gino's Pizza*  
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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

*Southeast Portland Chapter*

Hello there to all you great folks,

Well the *A.B.A.T.E.* annual family picnic went really well. The turnout was good and the weather cleared up for a beautiful day. Matt ended up winning the cribbage tournament. Thank you to every one who pitched in to help.

Our chapter's next event is our anniversary party scheduled for March 19th 2005. It will again be at the *M&M Lounge* at 3rd and Main in Gresham. Rich has stepped up to take charge of the committee this year. Good job Rich!! More details will come after the committee has formed and has its first meeting.

The same day as our anniversary party will be our annual canned food delivery to the *Light House Mission*. We hope to see a lot of you there to help unload the "groceries".

Well folks, once again it has come time for our chapter's officer nominations and elections. These will be held the first and second meetings in November. I hope to see a lot of attendance at these meetings. I also hope to see a lot more people willing to step up and volunteer to take a position in our chapter.

I will not be taking the position of

secretary again next year. Other obligations in my life make it hard for fulfill my duties for the chapter. I want to thank you all for having me, for your help and, support these past few years. I will continue to be an active part of *Southeast Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E.*

One more thing to note in this report: At *Run 21 2003, Life Flight* was called in to transport a man for emergency care. This happened during the bike game/bike show. He is in need of any one who saw or remembers anything concerning this event. You can contact him at:

Bill Patraw  
PO Box 2051  
Estacada, OR 97023  
(971)-219-1751

Hope you all got out your votes by November 2nd. If not, shame on you!!!

Later,

Mammy Tami

S.E. Portland MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200  
(noon)

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

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

## Southern Oregon Chapter

Hello ex-Southern Oregon Chapter members,

Welcome to *Indian Creek*.

After careful consideration and discussion with Joe Laurence I have decided to turn the *Southern Oregon* charter to the state board.

The by-laws state that the coordinator of a chapter may, upon written request, turn the charter over to the state board. I was unable to do that at the last board meeting as was suggested by Joe Laurence. I was a bit too tired to attend the state board meeting after working a graveyard shift on Friday night, then drive 210 miles to turn in the charter and request for dissolution of chapter/charter to the state board. But I will make sure it is there on the 13th of November.

As per the minutes of the state board it is mentioned that there are now only 14 chapters and that *Southern Oregon Chapter* members will be transferred to *Indian Creek* unless they specify another chapter they wish to belong to. So at this point I would believe that the charter is in suspension.

You may save your chapter [Southern Oregon] or start another one, but you will need to call a meeting and have ten paid up members and elect seven officers who may be just five individuals. You may contact me at (541)-482-2313 to get a list of the chapter members or Robert Mumby at (541)-535-2934.

I do not have the time or energy at this time to put anything together, but will help anyone from the southern Oregon [who wants to

reorganize the *Southern Oregon Chapter*.]

The main problem is that the state representative we elected last year failed to go to the meetings and other internal problems: Lynn "Motor" Livingston resigned his position as treasurer for health reasons. A long hard year of 9 and 10-hour days for me at work left me without the energy needed to effectively coordinate the chapter.

Herb Sweeten

SOUTHERN OREGON

MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

*Abby's Legendary Pizza*

2550 Crater Lake Highway  
Medford, Oregon

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Herb Sweeten (541)-944-8272

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P.O. Box 877  
Phoenix, OR 97535

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

# Washington County Chapter

October has been quite a month for *Washington County Chapter*.

On the beautiful morning of October 3rd, 51 bikes assembled at the *Primetime* restaurant for the *Grandpa Jones Memorial Ride*. The route was chosen to cover all the spots we had taken with Grandpa. We rode past his former home, then to the cemetery where he rests next to his bride. A trip up to Bald Peak park was next where we celebrated his memory. The last part of the route took us out and around Hagg Lake, Grandpa's favorite riding trip.

We finished up at Ed and Wendy Vaughn's home, where we had a chance to socialize and eat, and of course enjoy Grandpa's birthday cake. Thanks go to Ed and Wendy for the use of their lovely backyard, and to Tina and Rick Stocker for introducing us to their fantastic relative.

Don't forget, our *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* is coming up on November 20th. Stan was a longtime member of *Washington County Chapter*, and the toy run always was special to Stan. Meet us at *Stocker's House of Power*, 214 SW Walnut street, Hillsboro before noon. We will deliver the toys to the Hillsboro fire department, and then meet at the *Copperstone* restaurant to draw for the raffle prizes (two \$250 gift certificates to *Paradise Harley-Davidson*), and other door prizes. Just remember, it's for the kids.

We will also be pulling the winning ticket for the special biker quilt, with

proceeds from the ticket sales to benefit the

*American Cancer Society* and *American Heart Association*.

Canned food donations for *Monika's House* women's shelter will also be accepted at the run. two cans will get you a free door prize ticket! Hope to see you there.

On a final note: The membership drawing was *not* won by Sherry Altes. Sorry Sherry, but ya gotta be at the meeting to win! The pot is building up pretty quickly now, so that should make for some exciting meetings in the next couple weeks.

As Linda always says, "Watch out for the other guy because he probably is not watching for you."

Jill and Ted Tracy  
substitute *WaCo* secretaries



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

**POINT of CONTACT**  
Ted Tracy (503)-640-5766

**CHAPTER ADDRESS:**  
P.O. Box 202  
Cornelius, OR 97113

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



*Fall Casino Night* October 9 at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta was another success. I want to thank the participation from many in the chapters and our friends. All three black jack tables were full and many donations were given for the auction along with Ruth getting donations from *Seven Feathers and Mill Casino* for overnighters and dinner along with *Liberty Leathers, Custom Leathers, Spirits and Butt Magazine, Pacific Alloy, Discount Motorcycle, V-Town*, including many businesses from Veneta and of course Mike Johnston's awesome metal art. Danny and *Yukon's* staffs as always were great hosts. If I forgot anyone else, and I am sure I did, I apologize and thanks to all who participated or helped!

Our chapter is providing a Thanksgiving family donation this year and all donations of food should be brought to the November 11 meeting. The Christmas family donations should be brought to the December 9 meeting. As always the chapter will be providing a turkey or ham with member donations filling in the rest of the meal. A seasonal warm and fuzzy!

We will do the

*Mission Run* on December 5 and be serving three separate seasonal turkey meals to staff, women/children and the men. We will be meeting at

*Quackers Tavern*, Eugene at 2 p.m. or meet us all at the *Eugene Mission* at 2:30 p.m. Bring usable socks, gloves and coats.

December 9 we will be having our Christmas party at the December general chapter meeting. Bring a gift (\$10 or less) if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. If you would like dinner, the charge will be \$10 with R.S.V.P. before December 6th. Dinner will be two main dishes with all the trimmings and a great time as always at the *Vet Club*. This is always a seasonal celebration for the chapter and great fun.

As with most things, you get back what you put in. *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* is expanding and going through growing pains with new members having varying ideas, opinions and expectations what *A.B.A.T.E.* is about. This is a good thing that will continue to move our chapter forward into the future.

Our chapter has worked diligently to recruit and accept all kinds of bikers from all walks of life into joining. As officers and members we need to listen and learn because these new members are the future of this chapter and *A.B.A.T.E.* We exclude no one who is willing to step up in a positive manner and help towards building our chapter further and improve how we represent ourselves

to the community and to other bikers when we hold our events.

As I have said in the past, as a member if you don't speak up and participate as an officer or as a member to help run this chapter and our events, then you should have no complaints. We are all adults here and talking the talk without walking the walk does not help with the success of this chapter. Talking heads don't do us much good. Action is what is needed.

In October we elected new officers in all positions including new positions for coordinators for our casino nights, *Rhody Run*, the *4th of July Social*, and *S.O.S. Run*. Any officer's position not filled or coordinators for our chapter fund raisers will require the chapter to hold elections for those positions every meeting until these positions are filled. If a event coordinator is not found to oversee our fund raising event there is a possibility the event will be canceled.

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<p><b>WILAMETTE VALLEY</b>  <b>MEETING TIME and PLACE</b>          2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7pm )  <i>Veteran's Memorial Building</i>          1626 Willamette Street; Eugene  <b>POINTS of CONTACT</b>          Hal Fletcher (541)-688-4268          Rick Maish (541)-746-7837          Ruth Johnston (541)-935-6261  <b>CHAPTER ADDRESS:</b>          Willamette Valley Chapter ABATE          c/o 4618 Daisy Street          Springfield, OR 97478  <b>WEB SITE:</b>  <a href="http://www.wvabateoforegon.com">http://www.wvabateoforegon.com</a></p>
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## Willamette Valley

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This decision is to spread the workload from the few involved as officers with other duties to other members who should be helping us oversee our events and participating in the chapter. All former officers are more than willing to mentor someone into a position. Even if you've never done something like this, there's no better way to get involved.

As with most things in life, you get back what you are willing to put into it. Many want to enjoy the many functions *A.B.A.T.E.* offers for members and the motorcycle community, but it is another thing to participate in the form of being a full participating and helpful member of *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.*

In November we're doing something slightly different this year in hopes of getting more people involved with the decision process and in turn, more people involved in chapter events. At our regularly scheduled officers meeting November 11 we will be having a chapter planning session for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.*'s 2005 year. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and our focus will be events for the upcoming year, how we will staff these events, and what we expect to accomplish in this next new year. We are inviting *all* members to participate and express their opinions, suggestions, and *be involved!*

I know there are lots of members out there with plenty of ideas and talents, who could assist this chapter in making next year a fun and effective year for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* We've been challenged in

many areas to raise money and awareness, and we're only going to be continue our success if everyone's gets involved to put ideas into action.

So mark your calendars for that November meeting ready to "step up to the plate."

Thanks again to all for two great years as your coordinator. I am looking forward to working with you all this next year and in the future.

Hal

## Historian

by Iris Yeager



## O.D.O.T. Conference

22-24 September 2004

Iris Yeager

What an experience!! It was busy and educational. It let us know how much the safety of citizens on our roads concerns those who make decisions about all types traveling machines. We have a very diverse mixture of transportation machines that need to work together in friendly and safe ways.

It was great to see people we have met at other events and discuss our concerns with them.

Randy, Nora, Mel, and I were there to represent *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* It was great to talk with people we met at the governor's motorcycle advisory meetings we attended last year. Mitch Putman, June Carter, James Wyffels, Troy Costales, and Stan Porter are a few that I remember, and they remember us.

We registered Wednesday morning and were handed information about *A.C.T.S. Oregon. (Alliance for Community Traffic Safety)* The mission of *A.C.T.S. Oregon* is to reduce fatalities, injuries, and the

severity of injuries resulting from vehicle crashes throughout Oregon. Their vision is to motivate individuals and communities throughout Oregon to solve their traffic safety problems by providing resources, technical training, and education. I felt it would be good to know what they are thinking of or trying to do so I joined. Now I will receive meeting announcements and decisions made which can help us decide some steps we might need to take.

The beginning luncheon meeting (Wednesday, Sept 22) was hosted by Troy Costales, the administrator for the budget and governor advisory committees. After expressing appreciation that we were all present he also stated that Oregon has had 10% fewer traffic fatalities the past few years, except last year. So far this year we are back to doing better. Also, traffic injuries are down by a large number.

John Moffit spoke about Oregon's efforts to decrease the tragedies on our roads. The seat belt law has done much to help and also the child safety seat law has been a large saver of life.

*Tragedy is often the beginning of a law for safety measures.* Driver training is very important and since it is a fact that a car does not just go to it's stable if the driver is too drunk to drive as a horse would, it is so important to keep people from drinking and driving. We also need to have ordinary citizens aware of how to give some basic aid when someone is injured. Lack of money is not what keeps states from getting important issues proper attention and care. It is *lack of will* that sets them back.

The 1:30 p.m. session was interesting. Troy presented ten possible laws the legislature may have passed last legislative session, then asking is this true or false? Example "Safety corridors are all declared 'double fined'." (HB 3001) This was not passed and not all of us knew that. Not all of us knew the answers to the other nine either. This gave proof to the fact that more effort is needed to



make all drivers aware of new rules and laws. Misinformation is a problem.

Speed management was the next session I attended. Speed causes 12% of crashes, 31% of fatality crashes, and 37% have a male driver 15 to 10 years old. *Careless or clueless?* Question "How to decide on a reasonable speed for different situations and help drivers understand the *need to heed speed.*"

**Thursday September 23**

**10:15 a.m. Traffic Control for Incidents and Events.** Efforts are toward ways to help drivers through and around emergency areas – the need to protect all people, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, etc. Making direction easy to understand so attention can stay on safe driving, walking. Not "Oh my gosh, what does that mean?" How to help drivers, bicyclist, all know that rules are for everyone's safety, not because the government just wants to run your life.

The afternoon and evening and Friday

meetings seem to blend together in effort to see how the state and federal governments are trying to control the use of alcohol and other substances that cause the driver of a vehicle to not think as clearly as is important while driving. The state of Oregon can not afford to keep offender under lock and key for as long as seems necessary to encourage better attention to the laws of good sense and the state concerning driving under the influence of alcohol of drugs. The federal government can penalize the state for not giving enough punishment. So, because of not enough money we can't sentence long enough so are losing federal funds. This makes it even more impossible. We must find a better way.

A 1998 law makes a direct connection between U.S. departments and our state. Under bill *T.E.A.-21* states share in money if within alcohol limits for driving. We have received funds ever since, if we comply.

Efforts to improve transportation

safety acts are being made, but slow to come. Differences between senate and house of representatives. Contact your senators and representative to find out what is being done and what he or she is doing to help. Remember that as motorcyclists what is being done by the government concerning motor vehicle use is very important to you.

This conference was very interesting and informative. We were welcomed warmly by the conference directors and our vocalized thoughts were given time as any others. I believe it is wise for us to be interested in all aspects of travel safety. Showing interest in all areas of concern in transportation should help others look to our motorcyclist needs with more serious consideration.

Thank you for letting me attend,

Iris E. Yeager



# BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

## Membership Application

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Salem, OR 97304  
[www.bikepac.com](http://www.bikepac.com)

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
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MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates

(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state senate district \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state representative district \_\_\_\_\_

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BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy

## Our Officers at Work

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

09 October 2004



by Charlie Hill  
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by state vice coordinator, Larry Brown at 12:10 with 11 of the 14 chapters represented. All present were eligible to vote. Chapters not in attendance were *Northeast Portland*, *Salem*, and *South Coast*.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the September 11, 2004: Motion made by Al Sims, seconded by Kurt Speas to adopt the minutes as printed in the news magazine. Motion carried.

**Coordinators comments:** Joe couldn't make it today.

**Guests and first time attendees:** Jim from *Josephine County* and Gary, the new *Hub City* coordinator.

**Correspondence:** None noted.

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

**Legislative director:** Rick Maish thanked all those for allowing him to attend the *Meeting of the Minds*. Rick reported he had a great time and he has a written report in the packet on the conference. Rick said it was interesting to see *M.S.F.* Tim Buche in the hot seat. He held up under fire. *I.N.B.* radio was there live for the conference. You can hear key events at *M.R.F.* site.

November 2 is voting day. October 15-19 ballots will be sent out. The voters guide didn't make it in the newsletter. Wayne Schumacher is working on legislation for the new session. Brain wants information on people who have been in accidents and nothing was taken care of due to biker discrimination.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:** Geoff White was excused.

Mel said the voter's guide may need a supplemental mailing.

*BikePAC* has some office vacancies that need to be filled. Legislative director position is open and needs to be filled A.S.A.P. Please take this information back to your chapters and let them know. Other positions are: development officer--this is to help set guides and raise funds.

This may be Ken Ray's last year as executive director.

The secretary/treasurer position is open as Mel plans to lobby and as an officer of *BikePAC* you can't do that.

They are working on the accident report.

Papa Joe was killed last year and Mel is trying to get all that information for vehicular manslaughter. If you have more of the details on that [crash] or any of these types of [crashes], send the information to Sam Hochberg. *BikePAC* has a new web page editor-jay.

There are two copies of the voters guide in your packets.

Rick is updating Brian and Theresa's history and need dates of all chapters conception.

**Confederation of Clubs representative:** Ed Vaughan excused. Ted read his report.

"My apologizes for not being at the meeting, but work has got in the way for this weekend. The motorcycle confiscated by the Eugene police in February of 2002 is still in police custody but is to be returned.

However, the bike is in pieces, the case is back in court. Three other legal issues are in process:

1. A case of hotel non-accommodation in Roseburg.
2. The raid on the Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club Portland clubhouse.
3. A mass stop of the Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club by police in Keiser.

The *N.C.O.M.* region 1 meeting and seminar is being held at the *La Quinta Inn* at 32124 25th Ave. South; Federal Way, Washington on Saturday October 23. The conference is free and will be an excellent source for info on the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. act and pending gang legislation.

**Confederation of Clubs representative II:** Michael Schneider said Ted said it all.

**Education director:** Geoff White not here, excused.

**Education director II:** Nora Rohde said she attended the *O.D.O.T.* conference for the fourth year and we didn't have a display because of controversy over our tape.

*Team Oregon* had a class there and did a great job. They changed their curriculum.

There is information on D.U.I.I., seat belt laws and other issues in the back that Nora brought back with her.

Much was the same as last year. They are working on younger kids, getting information to them. Stop lights that don't change can be adjusted by the city official. There is also information in the back on the 20 mile per hour kid zone speed limit.

They talked about the blowing

machine (breathalyzer machine) that if you don't blow you will get your license suspended and if you do blow it you'll get suspended. The *A.C.L.U.* web site has a breathalyzer cheat card that has all the information as to what the codes mean.

Mel said he talked to an *O.D.O.T.* safety person and asked them about presenting our program. He is going to look into it.

**Membership secretary:** Jill Tracy was not present but was excused. Ted gave her report. We are 300 above last year. *Southern Oregon* members will be transferred to *Indian Creek* unless they specify elsewhere. Most of the chapters are still growing and we're at 2,422 total members.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path had to work. Charlie read his e-mail:

"I want to thank everyone for sending in their reports in a timely manner. I'm going to be very pushed for time this month so \*any\* reports or fliers not received by Wednesday, 13 October will not appear in the November newsmagazine.

In addition to three minor errors in the October newsmagazine, I totally overlooked processing and printing the *BikePAC* voter's guide. I'm going to put it promptly in the November issue and try to get it out several days before the election, though it may be too late to do any good. (Another reason for not putting up with late reports - the rag is going to the printer on the 19th.)

If *BikePAC* submitted a check to pay for the voter guide, I suggest we return their money. I've already contacted Ken Ray about the oversight and apologized for my negligence. ("Creeping senility" as Terry Sue Tyler would say.)

On 25 September, several members of *Hub City* (including crusty ol' editor) went though a *Team Oregon* experienced rider course at *Linn-Benton College*. It was a humbling experience of personal growth and improvement. (c.o.e. also realized that his rear brake pedal position needed massive adjustment.) No matter how long you've been riding, you can benefit from taking rider classes. It's the cheapest reassurance you can buy because it makes you a better, more aware rider who can avoid crashing when others aren't doing their share of driving.

Don't just suggest that people who haven't ridden a bike in awhile take a refresher rider course - demand it! Drag them kicking and screaming to the class if necessary. Remind them that swallowing a little pride is better than trying to swallow around a feeding tube."

**Products:** Michelle Hobbs—excused.  
**Public relations:** Melinda McCrossen was not here, excused.

**State run coordinator (*Fossil*):** Duane Calkins—The first run meeting was attended by Duane and Steve Baton. The next meeting will be the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Duane's house. Chapters need to get their run dates in. He will have to meet with *A.M.A.* to correlate dates with them.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton—Swap meets are on schedule. Flyers had the wrong phone number for Cindy on them. It was her old number. Steve has corrected them and taken some to Newport, Josephine and Roseburg so they could get them out today. Other information will be brought up at the planning meeting. Swap meet dates are October 24 for

Roseburg and November 21 for Portland.

**State run coordinator II:** Michelle FitzHenry not present, excused.

**Treasurer:** Ted Tracy reported he didn't get the bank statement. He said last month we had \$37,595 in the money market which he hasn't taken any money out of for this month. We had \$11,687 in the checking less the \$5,000 check to *M.R.F.* and he used the credit card for the St. Louis expenses. Jill was able to get our rooms for Thursday night at the same rate as they were giving us for the weekend. They were going to charge us full rate for Thursday night. The special rate was suppose to be Friday through the weekend, so that saved us some money. Ted only used the credit card to buy our dinner one night and according to what our *per diem* rate is, we actually spent less. Ted said we need to raise some money at the upcoming swap meets as we have to pay out \$12,000 to the lobbyist January 1st.

**State auditor:** Nancy Curran—excused. Ted read Nancy's report and noted that *North Coast* and *South Coast* are on probation. Nancy said the meeting is so early in the month that several chapters don't have bank statements yet. Everyone is reporting (in a fashion) except *Southern Oregon*. They are slated for revocation of their charter. We still have a lot of training to do, but it's certainly better than it was last year at this time, which is progress. Nancy will be at the planning session.

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

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**Historian:** Iris Yeager reported that she received a call from Charles Brown who found a flyer from years ago for the first *Fall Bash Run* in Sweet Home. He was about to throw it out and called Iris to see if she would like it for her history book.

Iris said the *O.D.O.T.* conference was very helpful and she has a complete *O.D.O.T.* conference report submitted to the newsmagazine. *Team Oregon* safety program part of the conference noted motorcycle crashes have decreased about 1%. Riders age has increased last few years. Fatalities about 46 a year.

Causes:

1. Rider error = 80%.
2. Alcohol, drug use = 50%.
3. Non-endorsed riders = 33 to 45%.

It seems that both non-endorsement and alcohol could or would lead to rider error. Rider training is very important. So far 5,621 motorcyclists have been trained this year. *Team Oregon* does motorcycle training for the police. Motorcyclists are wise to use partnering as a support, help.

*Team Oregon* has been teaching the current basic rider training for 14 years by the end of this year.

**Web page editor:** Mad Dog was not present.

**Vice coordinator-south:** Tim Rohde said he subscribes to a couple of magazines. Tim read an article from Louisiana about their helmet bill and how they put in an amendment such as what we are trying to do. He also read an article regarding the Hurt report and the *T.E.A.* bill. Tim also reminded

everyone the planning session is next week and officer nominations are in November.

**Vice coordinator-east:** Bob Hadley-excused.

**Sergeant at arms-north:** Larry Brown – Need assistance at the swap meet in November

**Sergeant at arms-south:** Doc Squires gave a follow-up on the Arlington incident. It is not against the law for the motel owner to discriminate against bikers but it is against the law for them to use the officers to discriminate against them.

**Sergeant at arms-east:** Keith Odoms-excused.

**Sanctioning officer:** Ron VonSild – *Willamette Valley Casino Night* flyer wasn't given to Rot Path for the newsmagazine in error.

November 6th is *Biker Night* in Salem. Bring food or a toy to Jefferson fire department.

**Quartermaster:** Steve Baton said the revoked chapter has some *A.B.A.T.E.* equipment that had been made by locals and donated to that chapter. He feels they should pass the equipment on to the other chapter in that area.

### Committee Reports

Meeting will be the last Wednesday of the month 5:30 p.m. at Duane's, 8238 NE 17th , Portland.

### Unfinished Business

1. Oregon transportation safety conference, September 22-24. Nora has already reported on this.

2. *Meeting of the Minds* - September 24-25. Ed said we got to grill the *F.B.I.* and *A.C.L.U.* *M.S.F.* Tim Buche and *Team Oregon* were on another panel. It was surprising how many people on a national level knew

of the Oregon and *M.S.F.* fight. Brian said *I.N.B.* radio documents the meeting and *M.S.F.* wanted to buy the rights for that newscast, like maybe something was said they didn't want known. Lots of historic figures were there from *M.R.F.* *M.S.F.* seems to be geared toward new riders not the more experienced riders. Charlie thanked all for allowing her to attend *Meeting of The Minds* for the first time. She reported she was proud to be a part of the Oregon team and we are very fortunate to have such grass roots key people from Oregon representing us there such as Brian, Theresa, and Ken Ray.

Ken Ray couldn't make it to the board meeting so Ted read his report.

"The *M.R.F.* board convened at 9:30 on Wednesday the 22nd. After comments and routine business the election of several positions was handled. Karen Bolin was reelected to the presidency and made it clear that she will not serve any beyond this two-year term. Chuc Coulter was reelected treasurer J.D. De Paolantonio, who had been the interim communications person, was elected. Miles France was elected to membership. Jay Jackson was reelected to rider education. Carol Downs was reelected to events and Lynn Oldenburg was reelected to products. Hardtail reported on meetings with the after market community about the *E.P.A.* and talked about a meeting just completed with the *E.P.A.* Progress is being made, although its slow. Hardtail said that we actually have a dialogue established and good faith efforts are being made by the *E.P.A.* to address concerns. There was much discussion about the state of rider education and

some of the states that are struggling. The *M.S.F.*'s role in the state training programs was discussed. Events are being planned well in the future and *Meeting of the Minds (M.O.T.M.)* is being planned as far out as 2006. The treasurer's report by Chuc was the shortest I've ever seen on the *M.R.F.* board. Chuc has done a great job of getting a handle on not just budgeting, but also the accounting of money. Financial categories are set up so money can be tracked in each area and this allows a better handle on expenses. Office expenses have been reduced due to cost reductions in phones and other items. Although revenue has not grown, the fiscal discipline has reversed a net loss that had happened for several years. Marketing is continuing well with the new benefits receiving good support. The roadside assistance in particular has been an early success. We discussed the *M.R.F.* state rep programs to grow membership. The representative's handbook is completed and will be handed out at *M.O.T.M.* After some other minor reports we adjourned. Thursday convened at 9:00 a.m. with a comprehensive legislative report by Jeff Hennie. All areas of legislative activity were discussed and strategy considered. All discussions were also reported at *M.O.T.M.* so enough on that here. *M.R.F.P.A.C.* is more successful than ever. The *B.O.T.W.* raised almost \$2,500 for the *P.A.C.* and *M.O.T.M.* *P.A.C.* was discussed. Membership was discussed and the new changes to the membership policies were presented. Renewals are being handled far more professionally with their renewal notices and a three-month grace period to renew. Expired

members are purged more quickly so newsletters and such will not get sent to them by accident. Communications under JD have improved substantially. There are quicker mailings with a more dynamic web site and useful data being integrated in to the web site in officer only areas so that multiple databases are not kept. Teresa mentioned that she is looking to retire as the *M.R.F. Reports* editor and is beginning to search for a replacement. Officer activity was discussed mainly as in how it relates to D.C. visits by S.M.R.O.s. Planning was discussed and then committee assignments were handed out. After review the *M.R.F.* board meeting was adjourned."

3. Planning session: October 16, 2004 9:00 a.m. at the *V.F.W.* hall in Cottage Grove. You are welcome to come Friday night and spend the night but all must leave after the planning session Saturday afternoon. *Willamette Valley* will be providing a continental breakfast Saturday morning and they will be providing lunch at noon.

#### New Business

Motion made by Jordan Kelley, seconded by Duane Caulkins that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* donate \$200 to the *Toy and Joy Program* of Hillsboro, to be presented at the *Washington County Toy Run* November 20, 2004 if *Washington County* does the parking

at the *Portland Swap Meet* November 21, 2004. For=3, Against=0, Abstentions=5, motion failed.

Motion made by Rick Maish, seconded by Ed Miller that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* pick up the cost of mailing the *BikePAC* voter information sheet in place of not having it in the state newsmagazine. Cost would be postage and copying of 2,500 which would consist of four pages. (The *BikePAC* motorcycle voters information guide on candidates was left out of the state newsmagazine after being paid for by *BikePAC.*) For=5 Against=5, Larry Brown made the deciding vote of Yes. Motion passed.

Ted said the annual December *A.B.A.T.E.* dinner is coming up and Jill has offered to do the food again. Please ask your chapter members how many will be attending and give the information to Ted or Jill so they have a head count.

#### Announcements

Charlie said she will be e-mailing the agendas for the meetings to cut down on printing expenses. Be sure you print it out and bring it with you to the board meeting.

Next month is officer nominations.

*Willamette Valley* is holding their poker run right now at *Yukon Jack's*.

**Next state board meeting:** November 13, Junction City

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

#### October's Limerick

(the one that got cut off)

There was a young ghoul on one Halloween,  
Who wondered why bike drinkers rode like fiends,  
He tossed back six Marys,  
But found riding too scary,  
Now he rides without drinking in between.

## Legislative Report

## Rick's Ramblings On Stuff

*BikePAC Meeting*  
02 October 2004 update

Attended the October *BikePAC* meeting. This is a recap of the some of the high points.

Meeting was short on expected turnout, but Mel, Iris, Ken, Brian, Pat, Jay, Wayne Schumacher and I were present. Meeting was kicked off with the normal house keeping stuff.

**Treasury report:** Shows \$7,300 in the general *BikePAC* fund and political fund at \$600+. Not much for a campaign/election year and then going into a legislative year.

**Membership** is still holding around 200. *Sign-up, become a supporting BikePAC member.*

Main discussion was of course around legislative issues and the campaign/election. Wayne and Ken are already working legislators, letting them know what is coming and who will be carrying our bills this coming legislative session. They are already talking getting the *Bill Fact Sheets* together. It was agreed that we need to improve on information sharing and what we have to say "evidence fact, bill fact sheets, set bill descriptions". Constituents all talk the same and call the bills by their right name, *plus* all bikers/constituents working the legislators.

***BikePAC web page:*** Jay "Loner" Hadley has offered to take over the management of the *BikePAC* web page. Our thanks go out to Christina who has managed it since its inception and who is now swamped with other work. Arrangements will be worked

out between "Loner" and Christina to achieve the changeover.

Ken and Wayne will be getting together to decide on whom will receive political donations for *BikePAC*.

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### Some Important Items *BikePAC* Needs From Us

- Need right-of-way violation incident/police reports, all detailed information on any motorcycle [crashes] that involved another vehicle and were not cited or prosecuted for killing or hurting a rider.

- Brian needs

*A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* members to *very* closely check their medical insurance policy to see if riding a motorcycle will exclude them from insurance coverage if you have an [crash].

- Form a committed "rapid response team" to respond/be on-call for our bills going into committee review. Need to get bikers to capitol on those days on short notices, sometimes less than 24 hours notice.

- Need commitment from *A.B.A.T.E./all* chapters to get people to capitol on all *Biker Days* and days when our bills will be reviewed or voted on. If we cannot show support for our own bills, then why should the legislators support them?

- First *Biker Day* will be Monday, February 14th. Yeah, that's *Valentines Day*. That will also be Oregon's birthday. Should make for an interesting day at the capital.

- Next *BikePAC* meeting will be February 5th at the *Salem Public*



Rick Maish  
legislative director  
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*Library.* Small chance their may be a special meeting at an earlier time. Keep your ears open.

- *Meeting of the Minds:* (See my report elsewhere in this newsmagazine.) Had a great time, met some very dedicated "freedom fighters", and came away with some great information. Thanks again for letting me attend.

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### News From Other States

**South Dakota:** Janklow story still not finished. Janklow has filed an appeal, but instead of the supreme court judges hearing the case, they dismissed themselves because Janklow appointed them all. Now a group of circuit court judges will sit as the state supreme court when they consider oral arguments on November 16 in the appeal of the manslaughter conviction of Bill Janklow.

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### Judge Affirms Janklow Was On Official State Business At The Time Of The Crash

A Minneapolis judge Friday affirmed a federal magistrate's ruling that former U.S. representative Bill Janklow was on official business when he caused a crash that killed a Minnesota motorcyclist. If the ruling stands, U.S. taxpayers, not Janklow, would pay any civil damages in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Randy Scott's family. Attorney for the family wanted the case returned to Scott's

home state of Minnesota so the family could seek money from Janklow through punitive damages, which are not allowed in federal court. Janklow asked to be covered under the federal tort claims act, which protects federal employees from negligence claims when they're on duty.

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### California Backs Plan to Cut Car Emissions

Wonder where that leaves motorcycles?

The plan would drastically reduce emissions over the next 11 years by another 30%. This would phase in from 2009 to the 2016 model years, with each automaker's annual new vehicle offerings required to meet the new limits.

Proponents say the auto industry already has much of the technology needed to comply with emission rules.

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### Guilt by Arrest

Seems that California has another twist, proposition 69, a ballot initiative that would allow seizure of D.N.A. samples from people arrested but *never even charged* for crimes such as shoplifting and writing bad checks, and stores this sensitive data in a vast criminal database maintained by the justice department.

Proposition 69 [is] called invasive, expensive, unnecessary by the *A.C.L.U.* of northern California

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### California Modifies Its Handle Bar Height Restriction

But they did not get the complete law removed. Instead, they added

inches to the height allowed. What they got was instead of shoulder height it is now six inches above the shoulder. Not much of a change. They had tried to get it removed completely, but *C.H.P.* would not go for it. They believe the compromise will eliminate about 98% of the stops and tickets.

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South Carolina *Aiken County A.B.A.T.E.* still combats helmet laws by blocking the passage of any state law requiring helmets for riders near the top of its agenda. Yet the *A.B.A.T.E.* coordinator hardly goes anywhere on his *Suzuki Intruder* without wearing a helmet.

"*A.B.A.T.E.* means different things to different people," said Johnson. "Everybody has this misconception that *A.B.A.T.E.* is against helmets. We are about freedom of choice. I choose to wear my helmet."

South Carolina's *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters will rally at the state capitol in support of the current "choice law" that in 1980 allowed riders to make a choice if over the age of 21.

Dennis Welborn, *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative director, said that though recent efforts to bring back the helmet law have failed, "it's basically a chronic thing - it never goes away. I don't think a helmet law is going to solve any problems," Welborn said. "I think the problem in South Carolina is the people here do not know how to drive."

Welborn and his group say more driver education courses, not helmets, are the answer.

Tom Crosby, of *Carolinas A.A.A.* said his organization has pushed for mandatory helmet laws because of the "financial price society pays". "But it's

a privilege, not a right, to be on the highway."

Sid Gauldin, a spokesperson for South Carolina's *Department of Public Safety*, said helmet use might not be a factor in the state's motorcycle fatalities. "It could be a factor, but last week we had two motorcycle fatalities in the state," he said. "One was wearing a helmet and one wasn't."

Johnson: "At 70 mph, a helmet isn't going to do much good anyway."

Crosby of the *A.A.A.*, also said making the driving public more aware of motorcycles should be the priority, not new requirements for riders. "The government seems to think a helmet law is the silver bullet, that if you put helmets on them they'll never have another wreck. But you just have to look at Georgia and North Carolina to see that's not true," Said Johnson. "I'm proud to live in a state where I have a choice."

Rick Maish

*Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* legislative director

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## State Run Coordinator Report

by Duane "Big Daddy" Calkins



Greetings to my fellow brotherhood,

Big Daddy Duane here. If you have been reading your newsmagazine faithfully you may have noticed that this report is the first in a few months. Now that summer has wound down and the seasons are changing I have a little more time to sit at the computer and do this hunt and peck thing for all the little letters that make up these words. *Not!* No time at all. But I will put a few lines down anyway.

I could possibly title this article as *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*, but then I would have to bore you with all the juicy details of all the different motorcycle runs that I attended this riding season. So I will just name off a few of the great parties I had the opportunity to attend.

After *Fossil Campout 2004* and with one day in between, Big Daddy, and

Little Mama (Erin Smith) headed off with some trailer trash friends to the *Spring Opener* in North Idaho.

We met up with a few more friends along the way and had a good showing of bikers from Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho* always puts on a great party.

We decided that we would take our own way home and went south by the way of Lewiston, Idaho and then crossed over the border and through Hell's Canyon. This is the first time that I had coursed over that land and it is hard to believe that being a homegrown mountain man from Oregon all my life, I have never been through that canyon before. It truly was an awesome display of mother nature. And I thank God for his creations.

Then on July 4th we had the opportunity to go to a fun party up a few miles into Washington state called the *Perkins Ferry Party*. Again another good time was had by all.

The next weekend included a state board meeting and getting to see all the longtime friends at *Paco's* on the little fork of the Nehalem River. There were games like twister and fireworks and homemade root beer.

This always proves to be the closest thing to a reunion that I know of.

A couple weeks later we pack the car and the *Harley-Davidson* and headed off for *Southeast Chapter's, Run 21*. All the great music and good times were enjoyed.







( It shoulda been in last month's issue – blame the crusty ol' editor )

## BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

# Voter Information Guide for the General Election

## November 2, 2004

(I) = incumbent

(P) = prior legislator running again

© = current legislator running for new seat

<i>Race</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>phone number for info</i>	<i>BikePAC Grade</i>	<i>Additional info</i>
US Senate	Ron Wyden (I)	D		F	
	<b>Al King</b>	R	541 892-7105	B	Pro freedom candidate
Congress 1st Dist.	<b>Goli Ameri</b>	R	503 624 2004	B	
	David Wu (I)	D		C	
Congress 2nd Dist.	<b>Greg Walden (I)</b>	R	202 225-6730	A	Long time friend
	<b>John McColgan</b>	D	541 512-2005	B	
Congress 3rd Dist.	Tami Mars	R		C	
	Earl Blumenauer (I)	D		F	
Congress 4th Dist.	<b>Peter DeFazio (I)</b>	D	541 679 6814	A	Member transportation committee
	<b>Jim Feldkamp</b>	R	541 607-6614	B	Pro freedom candidate
Sec. State	<b>Betsy Close ©</b>	R	541 926-5418	A	
	<b>Bill Bradbury (I)</b>	D	503 698 8334	B	
Treasurer	<b>Jeff Caton</b>	R	503 546-8076	B	Motorcyclist
	Randall Edwards (I)	D		D	
Attorney General	Hardy Myers (I)	D		C	
	Paul Connely	R		C	
State Senate 1	<b>Jeff Kruse ©</b>	R	541 580-3276	A	Helmet bill sponsor
	Bruce Kronk	D		??	
State Senate 2	<b>Jason Atkinson (I)</b>	R	541 955-0911	A	Always votes with us
State Senate 3	Alan Bates ©	D		F	Vocal oppositon. Kitzhaber buddy
	Jim Wright	R		C	
State Senate 4	Floyd Prozanski ©	D		F	
	<b>Norm Thomas</b>	R		B	
State Senate 5	<b>Joanne Verger ©</b>	D	541 267-7611	A	Supporter in the past
	Al Pearn	R		C	
State Senate 9	<b>Roger Beyer (I)</b>	R	503 829-8646	A	Supporter. No opponent
State Senate 12	<b>Gary George (I)</b>	R	503 538 4122	A	Solid Supporter
	Hank Franzoni	D		??	
State Senate 14	Ryan Deckart (I)	D		D	Not supportive in past
	<b>Jay Ohmdahl</b>	R	503 469-9889	B	Pro freedom candidate
State Senate 18	Ginny Burdick (I)	D		D	
	John Wight	R		??	

**BikePAC Voter Information Guide for the General Election (continued)**

<i>Race</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>phone number for info</i>	<i>BikePAC Grade</i>	<i>Additional info</i>
State Senate 21	Kate Brown (I)	D		C	
State Senate 22	Margaret Carter (I)	D		D	
State Senate 23	Avel Gordly (I)	D		F	
State Senate 25	<b>Ron Sunseri (P)</b>	R	503 661 0800	A	Solid BikePAC friend
	Lorrie Monnes Anderson ©	D		F	
State Senate 27	<b>Ben Westlund (I)</b>	R	541 383-4444	A	Solid BikePAC friend
State Senate 28	Ross Carroll	D		??	
	Doug Whitsett	R		??	
State Senate 29	David Nelson (I)	R		D	
State Senate 30	<b>Ted Ferrioli (I)</b>	R	541 575-2711	A	Solid BikePAC friend
State Rep 1	<b>Wayne Krieger (I)</b>	R	541 247-7990	A	Solid supporter
	Charles Hochberg	D		??	
State Rep 2	Linda Mongkeya	D		??	
	<b>Susan Morgan (I)</b>	R	541 784-3503	A	Good BikePAC friend
State Rep 3	<b>Gordon Anderson (I)</b>	R	541 476-3059	A	Solid BikePAC supporter
	Kevin Marr	D		??	
State Rep 4	Dennis Richardson (I)				
R	541 664-6622	A	Solid BikePAC supporter		
	Richard Koopmans	D		??	

## Free Fender Snicker

Let's face it, bumper stickers just don't fit on motorcycles at all well. What we need is our own line of stickers that will fit our bike's fenders.

Below is another modest effort. It can be cut out or duplicated at a copy center, then laminated. Stick on with glue, rubber cement, or the rider's best friend—duct tape.





rights.

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American Motorcyclist Association

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

The seminar is March 6-9, 2005 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, DC. Participants will 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 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 seminar.

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

1-(614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at [stitus@ama-cycle.org](mailto:stitus@ama-cycle.org)

The Pennsylvania senate appropriations committee recently pulled SB216, introduced by senator Greenleaf. This bill would have expanded the state's automobile lemon law to include motorcycles. The bill was withdrawn after several members of the committee were contacted by Pennsylvania motorcycle dealers voicing objections to

extending lemon law protection to motorcycles.

The *A.M.A.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* believe that motorcycle owners should have the same benefits of lemon law protection that are extended to automobile owners. Motorcyclists are encouraged to contact members of the senate appropriations committee and ask them to reconsider voting in favor of SB216.

The Vermont attorney general is investigating actions taken in Vermont that stopped a dual-sport ride before it even started.

Cindy Maguire, chief of the criminal division of the Vermont Office of the Attorney General, told the *Rutland (Vermont) Herald* newspaper that her department is reviewing complaints from riders about actions taken in Windham County that blocked the ride.

The *A.M.A.* and outraged motorcyclists sent letters to the Vermont state attorney general and the Windham County sheriff demanding to know why the Sheriff's Department intimidated riders and shut down the 5th annual *A.M.A./New England Trail Rider Association-sanctioned Red Fox Turkey Run* set for August 8, which was organized by the *Pathfinders Motorcycle Club*.

Before the approximately 300 riders could head off on the ride that morning, officers from the Windham county sheriff's department showed up in force at the staging area and told riders they would be arrested if they

started riding.

The *A.M.A.* and riders are also questioning whether Jamaica selectmen acted properly in passing a law banning travel by motorized vehicles from class IV roads, which are dirt roads, unless a permit is obtained from the select board.

The *A.M.A.* board of directors has awarded the *Motorcycling Advocate Award* to Clark L. Collins for his years of leadership in maintaining access to off-road riding areas and his role in founding the *Blue Ribbon Coalition*. Collins was presented the award by Nick Haris, *A.M.A.* western states representative and Dal Smilie, *A.M.A.* board of directors vice chairman.

Collins served as *Idaho Trail Machine Association* president several times and became more active politically when restrictions began shutting off-road riders out of public lands in Idaho in the 1980s.

Collins realized that the fight was larger than one state. In 1987, he incorporated the *Blue Ribbon Coalition*, which reached out to other users of public lands and now represents several hundred member organizations.

Collins is the fourth person to receive the *Motorcycling Advocate Award*, which was created by the *A.M.A.* board of directors to recognize individuals and organizations fighting for the rights of motorcyclists.

Australia's *Motorcycle Council* of New South Wales has expressed



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outrage at the *Road Traffic Authority's* (*R.T.A.*) "neglect" of motorcycle riders in its planned cashless tollways, saying the *R.T.A.* has "not considered motorcycle riders in their plans".

Sydney's cross city tunnel is about to switch to an automated electronic-tag only and no other technology is being offered to motorcycle riders. According to the *Motorcycle Council* the standard e-tag devices are unsuitable for motorcycle riders. (*ZDNet Australia*)

The U.S. house of representatives passed HR 3247, the *Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands* (*T.R.A.I.L.*) act of 2003. *T.R.A.I.L.* is designed to provide consistent enforcement authority to the *Bureau of Land Management*, the *National Park Service*, the *United States Fish and Wildlife Service*, and the *Forest Service* to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, and provides for consistent enforcement and penalties on federal lands.

*T.R.A.I.L.* is a coalition effort of *Americans for Responsible Recreational Access* (*A.R.R.A.*), *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*), *Motorcycle Industry Council* (*M.I.C.*), *American Council of Snowmobile Associations*, *United Four Wheel Drive*, *National Marine Manufacturers Association*, and the *American Recreation Coalition* designed as an alternative to a bill that discriminated against the motorized community.

North Carolina's *BikePAC* announced a "Meet the Legislators Day" on opening day of the legislative session in Raleigh to be held on January 26, 2005. The event will be hosted by *North Carolina BikePAC* and cosponsored by *Dixie Rider National Motorcycle News* and *Full Throttle Magazine* of North Carolina. The idea is to help the motorcyclists of North Carolina make the biggest impression possible on the legislators of the Tar Heel state.

Among the other interesting activities, *BikePAC* will be cooking a pig on the back lawn of the legislative building for the representatives and senators.

*BikePAC* has an ambitious legislative agenda for this session including introduction of helmet choice for adults, increasing penalties for drivers who kill and maim other road users (based on the *A.M.A. Justice For All*), and other items of specific interest to all motorcyclists.

For further information contact Sam Nobles, state legislative director, *C.B.A./A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina* and lobbyist for *BikePAC* at 1-(910)-840-2277.

The *U.S. Forest Service* said it plans to bill a teenager about \$10 million to pay the costs of fighting a 16,000-acre wildfire.

Ryan Unger, 18, was cited last month for operating an off-road vehicle without a spark arrester, which officials believe started the August blaze in central Washington.

Besides burning thousands of acres, the fire destroyed one home.

The *Forest Service* is required by law to try to recover costs of fighting forest fires. The state *Department of Natural Resources* has paid about one-third of the total \$14.9 million it took to extinguish the blaze. (*Associated Press*)

The U.S. house of representatives has passed HR 4571, the *Lawsuit Abuse Reduction* act (*L.A.R.A.*). H.R. 4571 would restore mandatory sanctions for filing frivolous lawsuits in violation of Rule 11 of the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, requiring monetary sanctions against any party making a frivolous claim, including attorneys' fees. It would also allow Rule 11's provisions preventing frivolous lawsuits to apply to state cases in which a state judge finds the case affects interstate commerce by threatening jobs and economic losses to other states.

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation



# M.S.F. Delivers Response to Questions from the Meeting Of The Minds Panel

During the *Future of Rider Education* seminar at *Meeting of the Minds* a question from the floor was posed to panelist Tim Buche, president *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. The question centered around *M.S.F.* lobbying activities in Georgia, and *M.S.F.*'s involvement in the demise of rider education funding in Georgia.

Mr. Buche was not prepared to respond at the time, and asked to submit a written response by Tuesday, September 28th. He further asked that the *M.R.F.* release his response to *M.O.T.M.s* attendees and *M.R.F.* members. The official *M.S.F.* response is posted below.

This response is not an official *M.R.F.* endorsement, nor does it reflect the *M.R.F.* position on this matter.

Karen Bolin  
*M.R.F.* president

September 28, 2004  
 (via e-mail)

Ms. Karen Bolin  
 President,  
*Motorcycle Riders Foundation*

Dear Karen:

On behalf of the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*, thank you for inviting me to participate on the *Future of Rider Training* panel this past

Saturday in St. Louis. As promised, here are *M.S.F.*'s responses to the two questions that needed further clarification. Thank you in advance for communicating these responses in their entirety to *M.R.F.* members.

It is absolutely, categorically false that *M.S.F.* lobbied to eliminate state funding for the *Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program* - or any other state program. In fact, the *M.S.F.* has a strong history of helping to protect or increase state funding for rider education programs.

During the last two years *M.S.F.* has helped Michigan and Utah protect state funding for rider education. Additionally, for many years we have helped Massachusetts and South Carolina secure legislative appropriations for their rider education programs.

When the South Carolina appropriation was vetoed in 2003, *M.S.F.* intended to work to override the veto, but was told by program principals that an override was unnecessary. Therefore, without support from those involved with the program,

*M.S.F.* did not pursue a veto override to restore the appropriation.

In 2002, in response to a growing number of complaints from potential students about the unavailability of rider education courses in Georgia, from rider coaches regarding their inability to teach courses, as well as *M.S.F.* member companies' increasing frustration with the inability to

expand training opportunities for Georgia consumers,

*M.S.F.* began working with government officials in Georgia to address capacity concerns.

Unfortunately, efforts to increase training capacity in Georgia were seriously impeded because independent programs were not allowed to operate effectively, if at all, in Georgia.

Repeated discussions over a long period of time with the state coordinator in an attempt to address these concerns did not result in improvement.

Over the past two years, *M.S.F.* has met several times with Georgia officials to discuss these capacity issues. During one of our meetings, a state legislator discussed the fact that governor Perdue was exploring the privatization of a number of state government services. The governor had asked him to explore the possibility and options for privatization of the motorcycle rider education program.

In response to his request, we provided information on the framework for privatization as it is utilized in several other states. At no time did we promote, advocate for, or pursue complete privatization of rider education in Georgia or the elimination of state funding. In fact, it was made clear at all our meetings that our desire was to work with the existing state coordinator, within the framework of the existing *Georgia*

State Motorcycle Program to increase the ability for more riders and prospective riders to participate in the G.M.S.P.

As a result of our work in Georgia, the G.M.S.P. has formed a working group comprised of those within the rider education and training community to address mutual concerns and we are confident that the G.M.S.P. will continue as an even stronger state program.

Regarding

M.S.F. communication with

senator Murkowski's staff: Mike Pearlstein and Kathy Van Kleeck, of M.S.F.'s government relations staff, met with Bill Woolf of senator Murkowski's staff and two other congressional staff members prior to the December 10 meeting. They did not meet in person with him following the meeting, but Mike Pearlstein followed up with him by phone. During that phone discussion, Mr. Woolf read him a proposed change to the Murkowski amendment language. While M.S.F.

was evaluating the proposed change, the senate passed T.E.A.-21 reauthorization without the Murkowski amendment and action shifted to the house. M.S.F. supports the motorcycle safety provisions contained in the house version.

Karen, please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you again for the opportunity to provide the M.S.F.'s responses to these questions.

Best regards,

Tim Buche  
president

*Motorcycle Safety Foundation*

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



# Helmet Law Proposed In Chicago

Motorcyclists would be required to wear helmets when they ride through the "Windy City" if local politicians get their way. A citywide helmet law has been proposed by alderman Edward Burke to combat a rise in fatal motorcycle accidents, and mayor Richard Daley is backing the measure but wants to extend the requirement to include bicycle riders and skaters.

*A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* has cautioned the Chicago city council to think twice about enacting a helmet law within its city limits, citing a 1999 law that states; "No unit of local government, including a home-rule unit, may enact any ordinance requiring motorcycle users to wear protective head gear."

Alderman Burke said that if Chicago can mandate that bicycle messengers wear helmets and bright-colored safety vests, then the city can use its sweeping home-rule authority to mandate that motorcycle riders wear helmets.

Mayor Daley stated that the city should do what the state legislature has failed to do, and that it should not only be a law for motorcycle riders to wear a helmet, but that a helmet requirement should be put in insurance policies. "You should not get an insurance policy unless you have it," Daley said. "How do you get insurance to ride a motorcycle without a helmet?"

"We understand that recent tragic events are spurring the city council

to 'do something' about motorcycle safety," said *A.B.A.T.E.* spokesperson Cheryl Pearre. "However, we find it unfortunate that the council has chosen to antagonize the state's many thousands of responsible riders with this proposed ordinance. Excessive speed, reckless driving, and alcohol all factored into the incidents leading up to this proposed ordinance. *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* believes strongly that education and vigorous enforcement of existing traffic laws speaks more directly to the problem of irresponsible ridership than does a helmet law."

"In 1999, the general assembly saw the wisdom in preempting local jurisdiction over helmet use," continued Pearre. "If the Chicago city council ignores the preemption statute and passes a local helmet use ordinance, *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* will employ the legal and legislative means necessary to ensure that state law is enforced, and that the rights of responsible motorcyclists are preserved."

### Motorcycle Sales Roaring Along

The U.S. motorcycle industry, spurred by the impressive success of *Harley-Davidson*, has grown steadily in each of the last 11 years, according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*. This year, it's booming. "Sales are at an all-time-record high, all brands, all styles," said John Wyckoff, a longtime

industry consultant who regularly calls 60 dealers a week and says all are running 10 percent to 50 percent ahead of last year in sales. "It just took off like a flying goose," he told the *Associated Press* in a recent interview.

"I've been in the business all my life and I keep as close as I can to it," Wyckoff said. "It's a phenomenon I don't really understand. It's just amazing."

According to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, a not-for-profit national trade association based in California, sales of new motorcycles rose 6.4 percent to 996,000 in 2003. Overall, the association's latest estimates show the industry generating more than \$20 billion in consumer sales and services, including around \$7.5 billion in retail sales of new motorcycles.

"This is a generation that refuses to age. That's at the core of this. 'I'm not an old man or woman and here's the proof,'" said Chick Hancock, a *Harley-Davidson* dealer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who initially feared an oversupply when *Harley* announced it would increase production 8 percent this year. "Even with horrendous weather in the east, things are looking good."

Even for motorcycles that haven't been ridden in a while, the resale value is going up in the used-bike market, according to Frank Wal, who works at trade shows for *B.M.W.* "People are looking for cheap transportation, fuel



economy, that type of thing. You're seeing a lot more motorcycles being sold that probably sat in the garage the last two or three years. It's putting a lot more bikes on the road."

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### Made In China

China is gearing up to become the world's largest manufacturer of sport bikes, with Chinese marque *Jialing* set to produce two million bikes per year! *Jialing* is the first Chinese company to work with a foreign motorcycle company, *Honda*, and has it's own town, Jialing Industrial Town, which covers two square miles and has a population of 30,000.

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### Training Film Free With Every Bike

Now here's a great idea from across the pond, where the *Motorcycle Industry Association (M.C.I.)* is planning to produce a rider training DVD that will be distributed with new motorcycles in England. The safety DVD will be issued with all new bikes purchased at franchised dealerships to educate newbie riders about safer motorcycling in a modern documentary format.

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### American Biker

With all the biker reality shows, documentaries and travelogues on the air these days, it's refreshing to finally view a video that not only traces the beginnings of modern motorcycling but also explores the rich history of the motorcyclists' rights movement. *American Biker* is a three hour tour from past to present, chronicling the history, life style and culture of the American biker.

This unique documentary features interviews with politicians, authors,

law enforcement, celebrities, and motorcycle clubs from all over America, including: senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, *Easyriders*, *N.C.O.M.*, *A.M.A.*, *A.B.A.T.E.*, *M.M.A.*, the *Confederation of Clubs*, Peter Fonda, Arlen Ness, Jesse James, Chuck Zito and "a cast of hundreds".

*American Biker* also features original footage from Daytona, Sturgis, Hollister, and *Rolling Thunder*.

VHS and DVD's are available for \$19.95 + \$2.95 shipping and handling from *Guerrilladocs*, 4804 Laurel Canyon Blvd. #513, Valley Village, CA 91607, or order online at [www.guerrilladocs.com/site/html/american\\_biker.html](http://www.guerrilladocs.com/site/html/american_biker.html)

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### Weird News Of The Month Kryptonite Not So Super, Man

The u-shaped steel locks that bikers and bicyclists have relied upon for years to thwart thieves has been picked apart, quite literally, by an internet video that shows how to pick the most secure locks known to cyclists with a *Bic* pen. Just stick the non-writing end into the cylinder-shaped keyhole and twist. The *New York Daily News* reported that lock maker *Kryptonite* is scrambling to reassure customers that it is working on a solution, and they said it will provide free product upgrades for certain locks purchased since September 2002 and urged consumers to visit its company's web site to learn how they can participate in the security upgrade program.

Although the trick apparently works on many locks with tubular cylinder technology including vending machines, some ignitions

and other security products, it's the bike industry's best known locksmith, *Kryptonite*, that's feeling most of the heat. Industry experts say that a recall could cost tens of millions of dollars and would affect riders around the world.

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### Quotable Quote

"Thanksgiving day comes, by statute, once a year. To the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."

Edward Sandford Martin  
(1856-1939)

American editor & writer,  
founder of *Harvard Lampoon*  
and *Life* magazines

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## GUNNY'S SACK



Here it is, for me the best time of the year, time to consider the turkey we'll be eating soon. I find myself remembering some of the Thanksgivings in my own past. Like my own Thanksgiving in Korea, in the early fifties. I was colder than I've ever been in my life. We got a turkey dinner up on the front lines, and what a treat that was. There were some others in the service that were memorable to me too. Thinking back on that, it reminds me how very fortunate we are to live in this country.

We have the freedom to vote and choose those who will lead us and if we don't like the job they do we can vote them out of office and replace them with another choice. We as a people are fortunate indeed. By the time you are reading this, our election will be history.

The worldwide strife that we *don't* have to experience personally is what I think about. I'm just grateful we live in this part of the world. It's a time for us to think and pray (if you do) for our troops in harm's way. Every day is a day to pray for our troops. Yes, I do have family in harm's way. And yes, I pray for their safety, the same as my people prayed for me when I was out there. On the home front, though, life does go on. We still have issues, and we have the tools to work with. We are charged with the responsibility to use those tools to the best of our ability. The voting will be finished when you read this and I hope you exercised that responsibility and voted. Your vote *counts*.

### Newsbits -N-Pieces

**Wabasha, Minnesota:** Can a *Honda 1000* travel 200 miles per hour?

This story was on the wire services recently – we carried it in the *Sack*, too: A man living in Minnesota reported that an airplane pilot and cop says he clocked a man on a *Honda 1000* traveling over 200 miles a hour. What? Sounds like a cop looking for his 15 minutes of fame.

Ask any *A.M.A.* pit crew member and he will tell you it would cost over \$60,000 to build a superbike that could travel that fast. Those kinds of speeds are expensive and most of us don't have money in that quantity. I'm told that 150 mph is max for most bikes. The cops should take the time to at least do a little research.

The real kicker here is the kid riding the

*Honda* is the son of a deputy sheriff! My oh my! Now, a modified *Hyabusa* can top 200, but the key word is *modified*. I would believe 175, maybe, on a *Honda 1000*.

**Arizona:** The *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* has imposed restrictions on *A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona's* motorcycle awareness program (M.A.P.) taught in schools all over the state. During their 53-minute presentation of the M.A.P., an 8 minute *M.S.F. Common Road* tape is shown. *M.S.F.* claims that they *cannot show* this videotape unless they *also* recommend the use of certain safety equipment and riding clothes! This includes *D.O.T.* helmets, wearing long pants, and using eye protection, among other things. The *M.S.F.* also said that *A.B.A.T.E.'s* failure to make these recommendations could "undercut the message of the program."

*A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona* has replied, saying that the message of the M.A.P. is about how motorists can safely share the road with motorcycles, not what to wear

or not wear when riding a motorcycle. *A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona* says because of these restrictions the *M.S.F.* tape will be dropped from the curriculum. *M.S.F.* is trying to force their versions of safety training across the country. They want a monopoly, and the biker community has tended to resist that sort of high-handedness.

**Nashville, Tennessee:** Got word that the 2005 *N.C.O.M.* conference is gonna be here! A little country-western will do us good. I know my boss Sam is gonna want to ride down the road to Memphis afterwards, to get another bellyful of the blues, Memphis-style. All that lawyering he does would give *me* the blues. If you have a motorcycle-related legal question, you can always pop Sam an e-mail at: [SamBikeLaw@aol.com](mailto:SamBikeLaw@aol.com), and he'll sit up to some godawful hours to answer ya! For any *Sack* questions or follow-ups, your Gunny is on-line, too, at [AIMGunny@aol.com](mailto:AIMGunny@aol.com)

**Scottsdale, Arizona:** Here is a good thing for bikers, for a change. The *National Motorcycle Dealers Association (N.M.D.A.)*, has signed a nationwide agreement to provide rental insurance for their dealer members. The coverage includes liability and collision riders for most large bikes. Whoopee!

**New York, New York:** The sad news from N.Y.C. is that "Indian Larry", the well-known chopper builder, was killed when there was an incident during his ride in a stunt show. The unfortunate thing is he was not wearing a helmet at the time. His death was due to head injuries. I will say no more about whether or not the lids are important safety equipment. I still think prudent people know what is best for them.

**Lincoln, Nebraska:** An amendment to

this town's noise abatement ordinance would prohibit the use of straight pipes on bikes and it would be a violation to modify any pipes on bikes manufactured prior to 1982.

I've said it before folks, and I know not everyone agrees: Loud pipes don't save lives, they just cause us trouble in the community. I just don't see any sense in paying large fines for noise when that money could better be used to buy gasoline for my ride. Just a personal opinion of course, after over fifty years of riding.

Munich, Germany: At *Intermot*, the largest motorcycle show in the world, the new *Evader* is turning heads all over the place. This electric scooter builder is apparently right on track with their machines. I'm given to understand these things are not only fast but economical as well. I'll keep ya up to date with this critter, when I know some more.

**New Delhi, India:** Two wheeled machines are selling almost as fast as they can be put together here. Sales have risen over 13% during the first five months of this fiscal year. Step-throughs and mopeds are the largest sellers with nearly 75% of all sales. Maybe a scooter business in India might be an idea. Huh!

**Washington, D.C.:** Meanwhile, back in this country senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, our *Harley*-riding senator from Colorado, addressed congress in traditional Cheyenne chieftain's regalia, to manage an appropriations bill. Ben said it was more for convenience than anything else. He had just come from speaking at the opening of the *Native American Heritage Museum* and was short of time to change. He had made arrangements ahead of time. I would have loved to been there and seen that.

**Chicago, Illinois:** This columnist from the the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Neil Steinberg, has decided motorcyclists should all be organ donors. He thinks this is a good joke to tell his friends. He goes on to comment on the "dumpy middle

aged guys racing around." He thinks we are prime candidates to be organ donors because we ride, not just old guys who he thinks "race around." In the same breath he says *he* would *like to ride*, but it's too dangerous. This clown is a fool. What worries me is that people will believe his crap and we will have another issue to deal with. His e-mail address is: [nsteinberg@suntimes.com](mailto:nsteinberg@suntimes.com). You can bet he heard from me. You might want to first noodle around the web site for his paper to read the original column.

**Cell Phones In Helmets:** Ya had to see it comin' around the bend, folks. Cops have long had the ability to use their radios.

*Gold-Wingers* have had helmet communications as long as I can remember. It just seems logical to me that sooner or later bikers would turn into the "bluetooth folks" with cell phones included in the ear equipment.

Gypsy Rose, an online biker-columnist and news-disseminator, says this about it: "Here's what's on the horizon! A helmet with a cell phone set up in it! I shudder to think! We have enough distractions~ this one is not good! Maybe it will just be another way to thin the herd! Pfffft! Cell phones and driving/riding are my pet peeve! Just my two cents, Gypsy "

The Gunny is uncommitted on this one. I don't like cell phones to begin with, but they have become almost a necessity, at least in the business world. I also talk occasionally on the CB radio when I'm riding.

*Motorola* and helmet maker *Momodesign* will release this new gadget very soon to the public and we'll just find out if the idea is a good one. Apparently all the workings are hands off, so maybe it will be okay!

These pearls of wisdom are sponsored by our Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney Sam Hochberg, one of about sixty *A.I.M.* attorneys around the country whose

mission in life is to take care of those of us who find ourselves in a legal jam, whether we are on our bikes or not. These folks are all bikers and they live in our world and experience the same crap we do. They also network so they know how to beat the insurance companies down and make them cough up the money we need to recoup our losses when we are hurt in accidents. There is also a criminal attorney available if we need one. With the patriot act and other stuff going on any one of us could find ourselves in that nasty spot. Get with the *A.I.M.* attorney in your neighborhood by calling 1-(800)-531-2424, or the new one, 1-(800)-On-A-Bike, or go play on the internet with us, at <http://www.On-A-Bike.com> , or reach the very same place at <http://www.AIMNCOM.COM> All easy to remember!

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# Salem Chapter Member Featured In Local Paper

## Building a better crab trap

### Dallas resident catches profits

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DALLAS -- In the fishing zone, it's called a crab trap. In the business world, it's called a trap. In the home, it's called a trap. In the world of Michelle FitzHenry, it's called a trap. She's a Dallas resident who recently moved from Salem to Dallas, and she's been building her business from home. She's a Dallas resident who recently moved from Salem to Dallas, and she's been building her business from home.

"This sort of life is crab. You get an it just like when you're fishing. You pull up on the pole and the snare around the bait has snared their little claws."

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Salem Chapter member Michelle FitzHenry was recently featured in the business section of the Itemizer Observer in Polk county. For several years she has been making and selling crab snares from home and on the internet. It's always good to see our folks get press outside of this rag. (Unfortunately she wasn't able to sneak any mention of A.B.A.T.E. or motorcycles into the interview.)

# Motorcycle Riders Foundation Board Report

by Ken Ray

The *M.R.F.* board convened at 9:30 on Wednesday the 22nd.

After comments and routine business the election of several positions was handled. Karen Bolin was reelected to the presidency and made it clear that she will not serve any beyond this two-year term. Chuc Coulter was reelected treasurer. JD De Paolantonio, who had been the interim communications person, was elected. Miles France was elected to membership. Jay Jackson was reelected to rider education. Carol Downs was reelected to events and Lynn Oldenburg was reelected to products.

Hardtail reported on meetings with the after market community about the *E.P.A.* and talked about a meeting just completed with the *E.P.A.* Progress is being made, although it is slow. Hardtail said that we actually have a dialogue established and good faith efforts are being made by the *E.P.A.* to address concerns.

There was much discussion about the state of rider education training and some of the states that are struggling. The *M.S.F.*'s role in state training programs was discussed.

Events are being planned well in the future and *Meeting of the Minds* is being planned as far out as 2006.

The treasurer's report by Chuc was the shortest I have ever seen on the *M.R.F.* board. Chuc has done a great job of getting a handle on not just the budgeting, but also the accounting of money. Financial categories are set up so money can be tracked in each area and this allows a

better handle on expenses. Office expenses have been reduced due to cost reductions in phones and other items. Although revenue has not grown, the fiscal discipline has reversed a net loss that had happened for several years.

Marketing is continuing well with the new member benefits receiving good support. The roadside assistance in particular has been an early success.

We discussed the *M.R.F.* state rep programs and discussed several incentive programs to grow membership. The reps handbook is completed and will be handed out at *M.O.T.M.*

After some other minor reports we adjourned.

Thursday convened at 9:00 am with a comprehensive legislative report by Jeff Hennie. All areas of legislative activity were discussed and strategy considered. All discussions were also reported at *M.O.T.M.* so enough on that here.

*M.R.F.P.A.C.* is more successful than ever. The *B.O.T.W.* raised almost \$2,500 for the *P.A.C.* and *M.O.T.M.* *P.A.C.* fundraiser was discussed.

Membership was discussed and the new changes to the membership policies were presented. Renewals are being handled far more professionally with their renewal notices and a three-month grace period to renew. Expired members are purged more quickly so newsletters and such will not get sent to them by accident.

Communications under JD have improved substantially. There are quicker mailings with a more

dynamic web site and useful data being integrated in to the web site in officer only areas so that multiple databases are not kept. Teresa mentioned that she is looking to retire as the *M.R.F. Reports* editor and is beginning the search for a replacement.

Office activity was discussed mainly as in how it relates to D.C. visits by S.M.R.O.s.

Planning was discussed and then committee assignments were handed out. After review the *M.R.F.* board meeting was adjourned.

Board report submitted by Ken Ray to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon board members.

state representative, Oregon  
state rep member to the *M.R.F.*  
board

## North Coast

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Follow-up on *Pacific County's* (Washington A.B.A.T.E.) *Fall Run* in October. While the weather wasn't the greatest, everyone had a good time. About 50 bikes (11 from our chapter) made the run. This is a great 250 mile run that starts in Naselle, Washington, runs along the Columbia River to Castle Rock and proceeds north/northwest and ends at *Tim's Chester Tavern* in South Bend. Look for information on this run next year. It's a great opportunity to see the beautiful scenery in southwest Washington. Many thanks to our friends from *Pacific County A.B.A.T.E.* for putting on the fun run. Look for you next year.

Don't forget about the upcoming *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* swap meet at the armory in Portland this month on the 21st. The event always provides an opportunity to visit with friends, shop for those items that have been on your wish list or not for some time, and maybe do a little Xmas shopping. See ya there

Don't forget to exercise your voting rights. Make your vote count.

**Get out the vote November 2nd !!!**

Just heard from chapter members Tony White and Rachel Wynne they just returned from the *Lighthouse Run* down in the Coos Bay area. They said the run was great, lots people and good times on the run and at the *Mill Casino and Hotel* where the event was based. *Highway 101 Harley-Davidson* and local *H.O.G.* chapter also sponsored this run.

Last but not least, the membership of the

*North Coast Chapter* wishes to extend to everyone our warmest

wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe out there when traveling for the holidays.

That's about it until next month. All the best from the *North Coast*.

Don't lose sight of the fight for the freedom of the road.

Every one of us has the power.

Seize it.

Make a difference.

Get involved.

Exercise your rights.

Keep the rubber side down !!!

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## crusty ol' editor

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On the very first day of October, one of my coworkers, John Strauch, was severely injured in a motorcycle crash while riding with a longtime friend on highway 34. He was taken to Corvallis, then *Life-Flighted* up to a Portland hospital intensive care unit in serious condition.

From the description of his injuries it was surprising that he survived the crash long enough to be hospitalized. He must have been in an incredible amount of pain until the initial ambulance arrived. I realized that he must have a tremendous force of will to have hung onto life under those circumstances. I have a new sense of admiration for him.

John continues to improve and it looks like he will make a complete recovery, though it's going to be a two or three month road back. (Which is

a real shame because he was etting really good at flying his sidecar in right *and* left turns.) His family, friends, and coworkers have been through an emotional wringer that has brought us all closer to him. Nothing throws priorities into sharp perspective like almost losing someone close to you.

Having someone known to me injured on a bike made the first few rides after John's crash difficult. There was an increased awareness of the risk involved in riding that is normally suppressed. It took a bit of courage to get on the bike at times. (It will take John even more, if his wife and daughter let him.) The upside is that it made me an even more careful, aware rider.

I look forward to John's return because we understand each other's humor. He and I were the only ones at work who know what "main-stem-step-walv" means.

Yer crusty ol' editor has been to a fair number of memorial or funeral services during the course of his journeys around our sun. There is always a sense at such times of things left unsaid to the person while they were alive, wonderful things unknown about them that only seem to come out at such services.

That experience has taught yer c.o.e. to take a step back when peeved or angry with someone and imagine what he would say in eulogy to the person. That perspective often turns the situation on its head, minimizing imagined slights and giving pause to appreciate a person's better points.

We need to appreciate each other all we can while we can.

From yer . . .

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Statistics.

They are percentages used to support positions or drive home the point of how bad something is. There are two main problems with statistics:

1. They are often used without any context to explain their significance.
2. They are normally used in a negative context.

In the first case, lazy writers and speakers often attempt to bury readers/listeners in a barrage of eye-glazing numbers, either to confuse people into agreeing with them or because the presenter just plain doesn't take the time to fully explain the significance of all those numbers and why people should be concerned into action. There is nothing more mind-numbing than be exposed to a stream of numbers that soon run together into insignificance. In order for people to appreciate *why* the numbers are important the presenter must take the time to use only the minimum required statistics to make the desired point and then explain why those numbers should be important to people.

We in the motorcycling community are allowing statistics to portray us in a negative light. For every percentage indicating how many of us are hurt, killed, hit by cars, wear helmets, scratch ourselves while riding, etcetera there is an inverse number – how many of us *weren't* hurt, *weren't* killed, *weren't* hit by cars, *don't* wear helmets, *don't* scratch ourselves while riding, etcetera.

This is not a case of wearing rose-

tinted goggles and telling ourselves that everything is all right. It isn't. But we need to take charge of how we use statistics, especially on ourselves. We don't have to accept reports and studies as written or reported. Their results are normally presented in a manner that directs people toward a desired action – where motorcyclists are concerned it is usually restrictive legislation. We can turn negative statistics on their head and use them to show why such meddling is undesirable and unnecessary.

*How can oneness with the world  
around us be quantified?*

And statistics don't tell the whole story. They are coldly calculated numbers that totally leave out the human element, reasoned or emotional. Reading numbers that indicate the percentage and number of the population hurt or killed while motorcycling should cause the casual reader/listener/non-rider to question why *anyone* would want to ride a motorcycle. (If you've been riding for any amount of time, you can answer that one for yourself.) We continue to ride because we get something out of the riding experience that is important to us, something that mere numbers cannot convey.

### Too Close To Home

Riding a motorcycle can take a person away from their mundane daily worries into a world where it's just them and the road. No other cares but them and the bike. Each time we complete a

successful trip safely we take a little bit of warm pride with us that carries over into our daily lives, whether we realize it or not.

Sometimes things can go a little too well for a little too long. Every day somewhere on this planet people are getting hurt or killed while riding bikes or trikes or hacks. But if they are unknown to us then they are nothing more than faceless numbers or statistics. We empathize for them, their families and friends.

But when you or someone you know is involved in a crash, it jolts you back to reality. The experience puts names and personalities with all those numbers.

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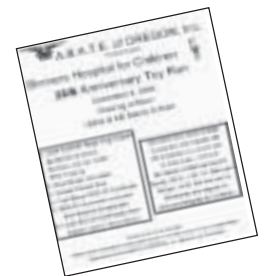
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20 November	North Coast Spaghetti Feed and Auction	Astoria	(503)-325-2823
21 November	<b>ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(503)-285-4329</b>
21 November	South Coast Salvation Army Food Drive	Coos Bay	(541)-759-2388
04 December	Portland Chapter's Shriners' Toy Run	Portland	(503)-771-0188
05 December	Willamette Valley Mission Benefit	Eugene	(503)-351-8193
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12 December	Toy Run–Salem	Salem	(503)-371-7550
08 January 2005	Ice Cycle Run–WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)-646-2060
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# November 2004

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)  <b>Election Day</b> (You <i>did</i> remember to vote, didn't you?)	<b>3</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>4</b> Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>5</b>  fourth quarter moon	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>10</b> Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	<b>11</b> Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>12</b>  new moon	<b>13</b> <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b> Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
<b>14</b> Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>17</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)  solar eclipse 2000/8 pm	<b>18</b> Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>19</b>  first quarter moon	<b>20</b> WaCo <b>Toy Run</b> Hillsboro ----- North Coast <b>Spaghetti Feed</b> Astoria
<b>21</b> <b>Oregon ABATE Swap Meet</b> Portland ----- <b>South Coast Blood Drive</b> Coos Bay ----- South Coast--1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland--noon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)  <b>Thanksgiving</b> (You <i>did</i> remember to eat too much, didn't you?)	<b>26</b> (mourning moon)  full moon	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



EVERYONE IS INVITED!! Please Join us!!

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toy Run Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004 1:00 pm

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkedale Drive  
(Corner of RR Hwy. & Parkedale Dr.)  
Grants Pass

**POTLUCK  
50-50 & PRIZE  
RAFFLE**

Bring a New Toy & side dish

**MUSIC  
PERFORMED BY  
LEAD FOOT BAND**

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Siskiyou Community Health Center,  
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*Dedicated to Freedom of the Hoof,*



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## TOY RUN



**November 20th, 2004**

Bring a new, unwrapped toy 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 in need.



**Starting Point:**

Stocker's House of Power  
214 SW Walnut St.  
Hillsboro, OR

**Departing at 12 Noon**

Arrive early for Hot Coffee and Refreshments provided by the Christian Motorcycle Association

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**Ending Point:**

Hillsboro Fire Station  
205 SE 2nd St.  
Hillsboro, OR

**Gathering afterwards**

At the Copperstone in Hillsboro  
For raffle and door prizes.

**Copperstone: 264 E Main St**

(Around the corner from the Fire Station)

**For More Info Call Ted (503) 640-5766**

Bring two cans of food to benefit "Monika's House" women's shelter and get a Door Prize Ticket !!

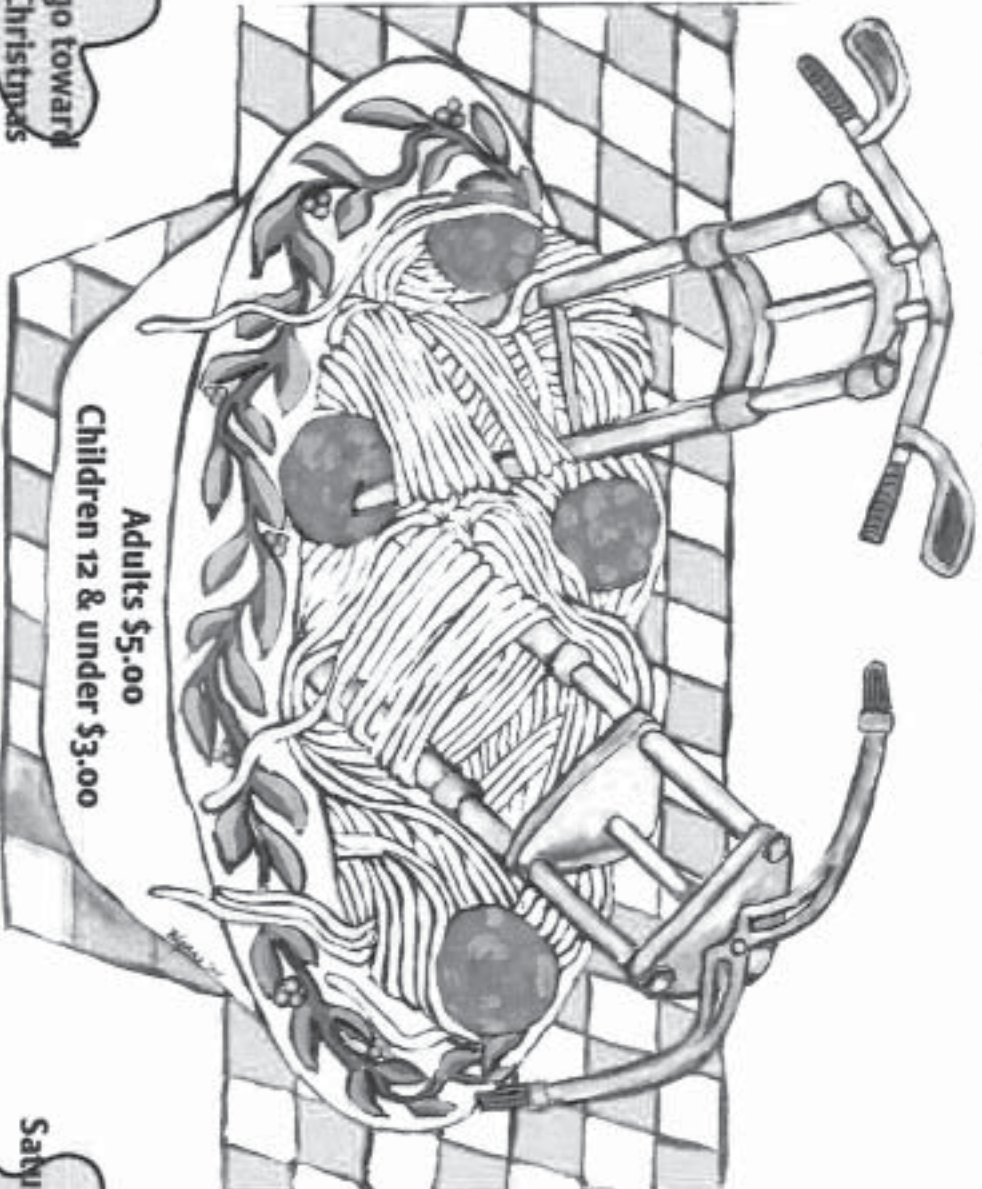
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*ABATE of Oregon, Inc. North Coast Chapter's*  
**16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction**



All proceeds go toward  
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gifts for Clatsop and  
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Adults \$5.00  
Children 12 & under \$3.00

at the MOOSE LODGE  
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Questions? Call Betty-325-1073 or Amelia- 325-6686

Saturday, November  
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5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

# Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

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

## Sunday, November 21, 2004

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

### Admission:

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

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize  
given away at 4 PM • worth \$675! • other prizes at other times*

Swap Meet parking available on site  
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

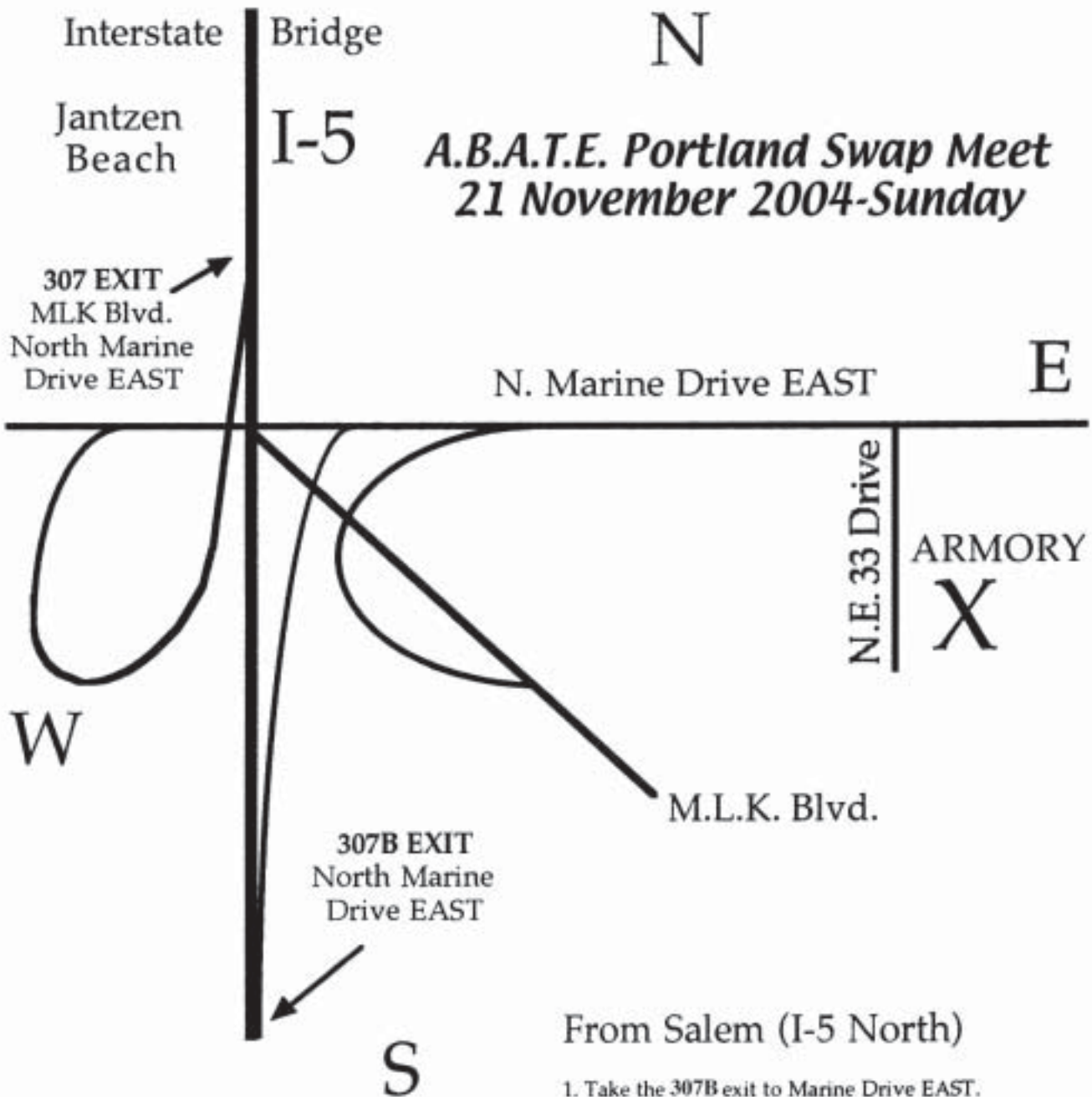
Vendor Info: Cindy Henderson at (503)-357-3411  
Swap Meet Info: Stephan Baton at (503)-761-3362

ABATE of Oregon proceeds go to funding motorcycle awareness, education,  
safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

**Thanks to all of the people who help make this function a success. It is the cooperation  
and generosity of individuals that contribute to motorcycling and our community.**

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**A.B.A.T.E. Portland Swap Meet  
21 November 2004-Sunday**

- From Seattle (I-5 South)**
1. Take the 307 exit to Marine Drive EAST.  
(After going over the I-5 overpass, Marine Drive EAST goes under M. L. King Blvd. and follow the signs.)
  2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
  3. First building on the left.

- From Salem (I-5 North)**
1. Take the 307B exit to Marine Drive EAST.
  2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
  - 3 First building on the left.
- From I-84**
1. Take Marine Drive exit and go until you come to N.E. 33rd Drive and make a left turn.
  2. First building on the left.



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

Portland Chapters

Shriners Hospital for Children

**25th** Anniversary Toy Run

December 4, 2004

Drawing at Noon

122nd & NE Sandy K-Mart



1. 2004 FLHRSI' Road King Custom  
\$2,565.00 of extra,s  
Kendon, one rail, trailer  
ERC Training
2. Bike Rental, one week
3. Smokin Pocket Bike
4. Fred Meyer \$500.00 Certificate
5. \$200.00 of powder coat paint  
from Brooker Enterprises
- 6,7,8,&9 \$50.00 Certificates from  
Captain Jacks Tattoo Studio

One time only route change  
to connect old Hospital site  
(82 & Sandy) to current site.  
14 mile route - 122nd &  
NE Sandy K-Mart parking lot,  
Sandy, 82nd, I- 84, I-5, Marquam  
Bridge, I-405, 6th Ave exit to  
Broadway and regular to  
Shriners Hospital for Children.

Donations are not tax deductible

Need further information contact Edd at 503 771 0188 or any of the 3 Chapter Reps.

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**ABATE OF OREGON, INC  
NORTH COAST CHAPTER  
PRESENTS THEIR**

# **16TH ANNUAL TOY & POKER RUN**

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES**

**FOOD &  
FUN**

**TROPHIES  
FOR BEST &  
WORST POKER  
HANDS**



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Depart at 11 am:  
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# **SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 2004**

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## Balls Not Bombs

This is from one of our [*Democratic Motorcycle*] *Caucus* members serving in Iraq. He is doing a great job. Check this out and see if we can help.

—Dave Ganslein

Hey, I am right in the middle of a project,

I had a meeting with a city council member who is also a [sports] coach at a city south of my base. They are trying to get the kids and adults to play basketball and volleyball. The hope is they get another perception of Americans. And [with them] changing perceptions of Americans instead of Al Jezerra, they get to see what we are. (Basically, kicking balls instead of making bombs!)

They want to create a field of players on a national level to compete at the Olympics in the future. I am trying to outfit them with sports equipment, so any help is a small part of that.

During my meeting with Achmed, a local sports club coach, he listed things they need:

- Balls – basketball, volleyballs and soccer balls.
- Volleyball nets.
- Used shoes, cleats, any size.
- Cameras to take pictures of the teams and the games.
- Anything you can help with.

For \$100 we can buy enough balls for one team.

For \$100, we can get shirts for one team.

So far, the *Seattle Sounders* donated jerseys and jackets. A tee-shirt company donated 48 shirts. Several [*A.B.A.T.E.*] chapters have donated money.

If anyone has stuff lying around or can donate money we could use it.

Thanks for whatever you can help with,

Rich

[richard.l.bright@us.army.mil](mailto:richard.l.bright@us.army.mil)

## Lori's Letter

We would like to thank all of those who have offered such wonderful support following Lori's crash on August 5, 2004.

For those who are not aware, Lori was riding her 2001 *Sportster* when a young man pulled across traffic in front of her in his *Ford Explorer* — *the Explorer* won!! I have been recuperating at home following six days in the hospital for a broken pelvis along with numerous bumps and bruises. This situation was compounded by a fall at home a month later while trying to maneuver the stairs with my crutches.

First of all, let me say that we have been overwhelmed by the support of the *A.B.A.T.E.* members and all of our contacts throughout the biking community. The cards, the phone calls, e-mails, home visits, prepared meals, financial and emotional support through this process have made us even more aware of how fortunate we are to be among such caring and giving people. David has visitors almost daily at the shop from

concerned and caring individuals offering their support in a variety of ways and this is all so very much appreciated.

Second of all, we learned first hand about the value of wearing a good helmet and leathers. Mine took quite a beating from the crash. The helmet has quite a gash in it, and my jacket proved to save me from any major road rash in spite of the bike being totaled.

The third issue I'd like to address is that this crash was entirely preventable. It was due to another driver not respecting those of us on bikes. The driver of the vehicle admitted to seeing me, but had grown impatient sitting through two light changes to cross traffic. He pulled out in front of me anyway saying that he thought he had plenty of time and space to avoid hitting me.

***Please watch out for other drivers!!***

They are not watching out for you!!

Thanks again to everyone-in-particular those involved with *A.B.A.T.E.* Your friendship and support will forever be appreciated. And yes, I hope to be back on a bike again come spring of 2005!!

Dave and Lori

*Liberty Leathers*

Veneta, Oregon.

# Meeting Of The Minds

## Member Reports

### Ted Tracy

I just returned from the 20th *Meeting of the Minds* with some exciting news for *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* members.

All members are now eligible to purchase 24 hour roadside assistance packages at some great prices.

The basic package costs \$19.95 per year. This covers one person on any motorcycle, including tow-behind trailers. The basic package covers 24 hour toll-free emergency roadside assistance, 365 days per year. Towing to the nearest qualified dealership is covered, along with lock out or lost key assistance. They also provide fuel, oil, fluid and water delivery.

The plus package covers all the above, and also provides a \$500 reimbursable trip interruption coverage.

The deluxe package is the best deal of all. This provides coverage for two people, two motorcycles, including trailers, and two automobiles. Call *A.A.A.* and see if they can beat this deal!

All roadside assistance covered members are also eligible for discounts at most major car rental companies and at many motel chains.

If you aren't an *M.R.F.* member, you should be! Call me and I can help you.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is working full time to defend the rights of all motorcyclists across America and in our nation's capital. And now they are working to keep you on the road!

### Brian Stoval

East, West, North and South

Data:

- 4,290 miles (2,095 going, 2,195 returning)
- 95.3 gallons of gas at \$2.04 per gallon average and 45 mpg; total = \$198.25
- 8 nights in motels at \$41.39 average; total = \$331.12
- Total *A.B.A.T.E.* expense: \$529.37 or 12.3 cents per mile

### Riding

That's what it is all about. Riding across the country always reminds me of why there is an *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and why I became a member.

I joined *A.B.A.T.E.* in 1976. I had never ridden more than 150 miles in a day. I crossed the country to Lake Perry, Kansas in 1979, when I became state coordinator and was told, "Here's a hundred bucks. Go to the meeting in Lake Perry." I split the money with two friends from my chapter and we all went.

Since then I have crossed the land many times. Only two long trips were for personal plans. The rest have been for our political purposes. I have flown, too, but I prefer to ride just because it gets me back in touch with why I do this.

Road miles give you time to think about a lot of stuff. Some of it is mindless, some practical to the traveling. Other times I think about our *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC* or *M.R.F.* activities and try to come up with ideas to improve what I can do.

This time, I left in rain and it lasted about a hundred miles. It stayed cold to the Idaho border and then turned warm and beautiful for the rest of the day. I stayed in Burley and got a good start in the morning, only to hit strange whippy winds in Sweetser Pass. These got worse until I got onto Wyoming. There the wind became steady from behind and to the right (south). I got to speed up and get better mileage. I made it to Laramie before dark.

The next morning started nicely for about 75 miles, then the plains side wind began and gradually grew to about 25 mph directly out of the south. Every plowed field I passed was a dust storm. I turned south to get off the freeway and find the secondary I wanted, highway 36. No dust, same wind. Stayed in Norton, Kansas. The following day was windy, again, until halfway across Missouri. I intended to stay in Hannibal, but when I got there, the Mark Twain tourist hype got to me, so I kept riding on down the Mississippi River. Awesome. I stayed in Louisiana, Missouri, and crossed the river to IL for dinner. The last morning, I cruised on down the mighty Mississippi to I-70, which took me in to the conference hotel. My daily mileages were: 529; 556; 408; 523 and 80.

I was in St. Louis for five days. More about that later.

Upon checking the weather channel for the return trip, I found rain predicted for almost the entire

west. I picked a route to go north around the worst and through the corner of the rainy weather. I left about 11:00 Sunday morning and went out of town, then north to highway 36, again and back across Missouri. This is a good road through lots of beautiful farmland, so it was quite pleasant. I turned north on I-29, headed for Sioux Falls, South Dakota and stayed at Mound City, Missouri.

In the morning, I moved north and turned to the west at Sioux Falls. Soon, it clouded up and I went through that bit of weather. It was about 150 drops of rain over couple of miles. Then, I came out from under the clouds and had clear sailing the rest of the day until I stopped in Murdo, South Dakota. I thought I was near the time zone change, so I looked it up in my atlas and the line looked like it ran right through Murdo. I passed it the next morning about a mile west of town, so I gained an hour there. I had frost on the bike seat that morning and the next one in Montana. Having gained an hour, I ran hard for a long mile day and ended at dusk in Livingston, Montana, the northern gateway to Yellowstone and where the Yellowstone River emerges from the mountains. As I passed from South Dakota through Wyoming and into Montana, I counted 383 antelope. The closest was a big buck in the ditch who I had eye contact with at about 12 feet!

Montana is a beautiful place, almost as nice as Oregon (but we have nicer winters). I went over Lolo Pass into Idaho, which is one of my favorite places to ride. I can't describe it; you need to go see for yourself. I was gonna stay In Clarkston,

Washington, but I gained another hour there, and kept going. I ended up in Waitsburg, Washington. For a long time on this trip, I had been running wearing my *Shoei* half helmet because my hat wouldn't stay on and my long hair (I still have a little) gets really tangled if I don't control it. I had also had a big problem with getting (dangerously) sleepy all the time. In South Dakota I figured out that it was the helmet pinching my forehead that made me sleepy. I took it off and used the hood of my parka as a strap to hold the hat on and the sleepies went away. So, now in Washington, I had to put the infernal contraption back on. I found an open bike shop on the way through Clarkston and borrowed a hammer. After thoroughly beating the front and back of the liner, it now fits better and doesn't make me sleepy. I've had that helmet for over ten years and just now figured this out. My last day was only a short hop to home. My daily mileages were: 351; 503; 595; 545 and 200.

### The Conference

The first two days were board meeting. We got a lot of *M.R.F.* business done and caught up on things in general with each other and all of the early arrivals. I began selling coins and kept on through Saturday night. My compatriot from Alaska, Boyd McFail, sold the chocolate coins that I had produced for this year's event. That project didn't make any money, so it probably won't happen again.

The general sessions were the most significant for me. We saw a *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act discussion between representative of the *A.C.L.U.* and the *F.B.I.* This wasn't as contentious as I thought it might

be.

The rider education panel certainly was, though. The *Motorcycle Safety Foundation's* president, Tim Buche, was there and looking smooth for the public. He claimed the *M.S.F.* wouldn't enter into a state without consulting the S.M.R.O. When Ken Ray got to ask him a question, Ken mentioned this claim and then said, "We're still waiting for that call in Oregon." Anyway, the entire audience kept him dancing.

Funny thing, the *M.S.F.* called *I.N.B.* radio (the internet broadcaster that carries the

*M.O.T.M.*) and tried to buy the rights to that presentation. Do you think they might have wanted to hide something? You can view any of this for yourself by going to [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) and following the link to the

*I.N.B.* archive.

Other presentations covered updates on international politics and our own federal issues. This included an in depth report on developments with the *E.P.A.* issue. On the *T.E.A.* legislation, there is a "dear colleague" letter (the Green/Boswell letter) that we need to ask our representatives to sign on to. The letter can be seen on the *M.R.F.* web site, along with information about what to do.

We all had a great time at the banquet and auction. Our check for \$5,000 was presented and we all spent money in the auction. The "mystery meat" was pretty strange, but the dessert was great. I sold a lot of silver coins that night, along with lots of the bronze ones.

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## Meeting Of The Minds

### Member Reports

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## Rick Maish

Wow, what a trip.

My first *Meeting of the Minds* (*M.O.T.M.*) and hopefully not my last. I'm already looking forward to the next one that's in North Little Rock, Arkansas on September 22nd to the 25th, 2005.

I first want to thank *A.B.A.T.E.* for allowing me to participate in this 20th annual *M.R.F.*

*Meeting of the Minds*. The 20th was held in the same city [as the first *Meeting of the Minds*] 20 years ago. This was the first place that the future the *M.R.F.* met, Yeah they had their first *M.O.T.M.* actually before the *M.R.F.* was actually established.

Just think about where we as biker activists have come since the first efforts to pull bikers together across the country.

*A.M.A.* kicked it off back 1903. The New York motorcycle club for (*F.A.M.*) which later (1924) became *A.M.A.* Why? Because they wanted to register motorcycles as motor vehicles instead of bicycles.

*A.B.A.T.E.* got its start when states were passing helmet laws (1967) all across the country. It all started from California with Lew Kimzey of *Easyriders* magazine when they formed to protect the rights of bikers, October 1971, which later became *A.B.A.T.E.*.

At the opening of this year's

*M.O.T.M.* they had Ian King of the *W.R.R.A.* sing the national anthem and what a job he did. It brought chills up my back and a lump in my throat.

I had the pleasure to meet or at least listen to some of the leaders of biker activism, people from all walks of life, but with one passion, *liberty*. Teresa, Ken, and Brian were all there doing their part. Ken did a couple sessions, Teresa worked with Mark on us new attendees, and Brian he was everywhere selling the *M.R.F.* coins and promoting *M.R.F.*

Yes, we even had a question and answer period on the

*U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act, What does it mean to bikers? I myself was hoping to get a little more into the nuts and bolts of it, like the pros and cons and what we needed to watch out for. However, it didn't happen for me anyway. We had an *F.B.I.* agent and a representative from the *A.C.L.U.* out of St Louis who answered the questions from the group. The *F.B.I.* agent tried very hard to convince us that he was no different than any of us, that he too wanted to be sure our rights were protected and not abused. I don't believe some of the group swallowed that, but I do understand where he was coming from.

From the *A.C.L.U.* you would think that they were totally against all of the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act's language, but not so. They are only concerned with certain parts of it.

I think *M.R.F.* present Karen Bolin kind off wrapped it all up with "The *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act may not be a motorcyclist issue. I agree. But it is an American issue. Before we are bikers, we are Americans!"

They did however give us a couple web sites where there is an ongoing debate/information on the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act from the *A.C.L.U.* and the department of

justice's points of view. Check it out for yourself. I did. Very interesting. *A.C.L.U.* web site:

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

Department of justice web site:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

*A.C.L.U.*'s document, *Seeking Truth From Justice*:

[www.aclu.org/Files/](http://www.aclu.org/Files/)

[OpenFile.cfm?id=13098](http://www.aclu.org/Files/OpenFile.cfm?id=13098)

U.S. department of justice's rebuttal to *A.C.L.U.*'s myths of the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T.* act:

[www.lifeandliberty.gov/subs/](http://www.lifeandliberty.gov/subs/)

[u\\_myths.htm](http://www.lifeandliberty.gov/subs/u_myths.htm)

*A.C.L.U.*'s second rebuttal to U.S. department of justice:

[www.aclu.org/Files/](http://www.aclu.org/Files/)

[OpenFile.cfm?id=13375](http://www.aclu.org/Files/OpenFile.cfm?id=13375)

My first session was with Mark Buchner and Teresa Hepker: *First Time Attendees*. We got a taste of biker history, activism, and how the *S.M.R.O.s*, *M.R.F.*, and the *A.M.A.* all got their starts and how they all fit together.

Saturday morning

*Harley-Davidson* took care of the breakfast while the *A.M.A.* took care of lunch. The *Sons of Liberty* boycotted the breakfast in an attempt to make a point, saying *Harley-Davidson* was in bed with the *M.S.F.* and we shouldn't be attending for that reason. But alas, most attended the breakfast anyway and it went great. Thanks *Harley-Davidson* and *A.M.A.*

We had a panel discussion on

*The Future of Rider Education*. The panel was made up of Steve Garrets of *Team Oregon*, Jay Jackson *M.R.F.* board of directors, Ron Sheperd *Idaho S.T.A.R.* director, Vince Consiglio director of *Michigan A.B.A.T.E.*, and

of course the infamous Tim Buche, *M.S.F.* president.

I do need to give him credit though. He maintained his businesslike cool in spite of a lot of pointed questions and accusations! Teresa and Ken even nailed Buche with questions. Ken hit him with the biggy: Ken actually told Tim that he appreciated some of his earlier comments and points. However, you (*M.S.F.*) have threatened *Team Oregon* and the state of Oregon with possible legal actions concerning our choice to develop our own riders education program. "My questions is: how does that serve the motorcyclists of Oregon, by diverting our attentions and funding away from motorcycle safety and training issues to dealing with legal actions?"

We had questions of all sorts: Why aren't motorcycle trainers allowed on the *M.S.F.* board, Why did *M.S.F.* lobby and stop the funding program for Georgia.[ Georgia?] Which is more important quality or access to training? Should rider education be mandatory. (No) Why is the *M.S.F.* insisting on disrupting motorcycle training programs?

Steve Garrets of *Team Oregon* was asked why Oregon developed their own curriculum. "We formed a team, studied it and found it to be inadequate for Oregon's special needs," were his comments in a nutshell.

It was asked, what we as motorcyclist can do? Be vigilant, protect your funding, watch for legislation changes that could affect rider training/funding, get more *A.B.A.T.E.* members involved in training, seek additional funding and support for your programs, and look out for the future motorcyclists to

come.

Tim Buche also made it very clear that

*M.S.F.* was going to protect what they felt was theirs and if needed, take appropriate actions against anyone using what they believe to be *M.S.F.* copy righted materials.

If you want to hear the complete

*The Future of Rider Education*, all of the questions and comments are on I.N.B.-radio. You can listen to much of the conference as well.

I.N.B.-radio at:

[http://www.inbradio.com/M.R.F./M.O.T.M.2004/—](http://www.inbradio.com/M.R.F./M.O.T.M.2004/)

Some of the data/numbers that were tossed around: Fatals are up 70%. 15% of motorcycles are unlicensed and they are about 45% of all the motorcycle fatalities. Only 38% of the nation's motorcyclists have taken any rider education. 19 states have some form of mandatory rider education. These states typically also have lower [crashes]/fatalities.

At one point, a person named Sputnik from Texas (*Texas Motorcycle Rights Association—T.M.R.A.2* [www.tmra2.org/](http://www.tmra2.org/) ) had a short presentation on *Have I Done That Which I Can Do To The Best Of My Ability For Liberty Today?* Then he told a story of a bashful type guy [who] grew into a very staunch supporter of motorcycle rights. (Puddy). He then read a poem, *Man in the Window* and presented it to Puddy with thanks for all of his efforts in the past 10 years. The simple thing that Puddy does is collect change from everyone at every opportunity to help benefit the cause. He does this with nothing more than a little bucket that he carries amongst the group and collects change. He collected close to \$500

at the *M.O.T.M.* over the weekend. People like this are who helps make it work. We had a lot of stories like that and they can cause you to get a lump in your throat and a tear in your eye. There was a lot of that going on this weekend, in celebration of the 20th *M.O.T.M.* It was great to hear about all these dedicated people.

The point I think Spud was making is that, no matter how small your effort might seem to you, the fact is you are making an effort and that is what's important.

Sputnik: "Have I done that which I can do to the best of my ability? Hell no! But I'm still trying".

We had a large number of special moments. Such as the singing of our national anthem by Ian King at the start of the Friday morning session, the Lexington honor guard's presentation of the colors at the opening of the Saturday night celebration, then Ian King led all of us in singing again at the start of the awards banquet. Then there was the awards ceremony where they recognized a number of people with the presidents award as well as the farmer award that have supported motorcyclists and the *M.R.F.* over the years and let me tell you, there was a bunch.

The trip was well worth it. I came away pumped as everyone else did. I am looking forward to the next time I can make such a trip. Again I want to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for the opportunity to attend this milestone event.

I'm looking forward to next spring too (first weekend in June?) for *Best of the West* in Boise, Idaho. Looking

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### Meeting Of The Minds

#### Member Reports

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forward to the chance to attend and hope to see a large number of Oregon A.B.A.T.E.ers in attendance. What a ride and event that will be, especially if a number of us can be there.

They have already set the *Meeting of the Minds* for next year: September 22-25 in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Also on the horizon is another N.C.O.M. conference. It's the 20th annual N.C.O.M. convention on Mother's day weekend, May 5-7, 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee.

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### News From Abroad

by Ian King

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The numbers cited in this article are in line with national statistics for the United States – but can you imagine this headline in one of our newspapers? — Ian

### Bikers Not To Blame, Say Insurers

Two-thirds of motorcycle [crashes] involving other vehicles in Victoria, Australia are not caused by the motorcyclists, new insurance figures show.

Data from insurance claims showed drivers caused 68 per cent of the multiple-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles in Victoria between 2001

and 2003, according to national motorcycle insurer

*Swann Insurance.*

The figures, reported on July 5, 2004, also showed that during the same period drivers were responsible for more than 70 per cent of the [crashes] involving motorbikes in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, and Western Australia.

*Swann Insurance* general manager Duncan Brain said: "These figures confirm what motorcycle riders have been saying for some time – that motorcyclists generally are not to blame for multiple-vehicle crashes."

*Note:* The above article quoted from Australian press in

*Biker Bits*, a national motorcycle mailing list.

### November Cryptogram

THANKSNG PU HTN HR MBN

SNMMNG KHTMBU.

PM BQU CPZTPMX, QTC Q DYQWPMX

HR UHSGPNMX QTC GNUPZTQMPHT.

— VPWWPQM UQGHXQT

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.



# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Planning Session

Cottage Grove  
Recap Minutes  
October 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 9:04 a.m. with 12 of the 14 chapters represented. The two chapters not represented were *Lincoln County* and *North Coast*.

27 people were present which included: Joseph Laurance, Duane Calkins, Charlie Hill, Sue Mills, Tony White, Rick Maish, Perry Gunter, Margy Gunter, Robert Hale, Iris Yeager, Mel Yeager, Larry Brown, Nancy Curran, Tim Rohde, Doc Squires, Hal Fletcher, Steve Baton, Ed Miller, Ron VonSild, Al Sims, Ed Vaughn, Brian Stovall, Ted Tracy, Jill Tracy, Fred Barton, Jim Ziebarth, Barbara Vandervort. (Please accept my apology for any names misspelled)

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Joe thanked all for coming as this is an important meeting, setting the agenda for next year. During this planning process, please keep in mind our mission statement.

Joe read the planning session recap from last year.

The following topics were decided by the members present and broke into four groups to discuss the issues and propose recommendations.

- Runs and events
- Group rates
- Sanctioning
- Vendors (bootleg)
- Financial protocols
- Capital improvements
- Public relations
- Public access TV:

*A.B.A.T.E* legislative information

/ interviews with legislators and motorcycle awareness.

- Public service announcements
- Advertisement (sponsor discounts)

- Disseminating flyers/state events
- P.C.P. / voter information
- Demographics
- Money matters
- Budget / Minimums
- Insurance cost
- Electronic chapter treasury reporting/job description

- Financial policies and guidelines
- Financial protocols
- Chapter contributions
- Expanded reporting
- Legislative
- Communication
- *BikePAC* support (please note <http://www.BikePAC.com> is up and running)

- *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* relationship (voter guide mailing)

- *BikePAC* lobbyist
- Sound bites / talking points
- *Biker Days – Team Oregon*
- Organization

- Hold chapter nominations in November with elections in December

- Membership fees / corporate membership fees

- *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* relations
- Recognition

- Business card (biker friendly supporters/once a year print cards free)

- Lemon Page
- S.T.E.A.M./mentoring
- Join *O.D.O.T.* safety committee

- Annual meeting
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At this point we broke into groups until 12:30 at which time we took lunch until 1:30, then resumed.

Lunch was provided by *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

*Willamette Valley*: Hal Fletcher presented to Mel Yeager for *BikePAC* a contribution check in the amount of \$2,000.

*Willamette Valley* challenges other chapters to do the same.

## Proposals And Recommendations Money Matters

- Budget / minimums
- Insurance cost
- Electronic chapter treasury reporting/job description
- Financial policies and guidelines
- Financial protocols
- Chapter contributions
- Expanded reporting

### Expanded Reporting

1. State auditor report needs to include category breakdown consistent with what is required by the chapters. State will provide monthly reporting for chapters and state at every individual state board meeting.

2. February, state auditor will provide an annual report of averages for the prior year as a tool for the state and chapters to use to make their budget for the coming year.



### Budget Minimum

1. Budgets for chapters and state can be evaluated based upon yearly audit averages reported. (Article 12 of the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc* by-laws regarding financial policies.) On an annual basis, each chapter should evaluate article 12 for distributions of funds. Each chapter must justify distributions based on said article.

Suggest revising financial policy for each chapter to present a budget showing distribution of funds under the intent of article 12 of the by laws.

### Financial Policies

1. Run coordinator, chapter coordinator, state and chapter treasurer and state auditor need to attend a summit meeting to come up with procedures and policies of handling cash at runs and events. This will promote accountability.

No other issues were covered in this group as their group ran out of time.

### Runs And Events

- Group rates
- Sanctioning
- Vendors (boot leg)
- Financial protocols
- Capital improvements (Seven people were in this group, five of whom were officers)

### Group Rates

1. Due to the rising cost of insurance (expected to raise by a minimum of 5%)

Group discount of 50 or more of \$20 each before May 1. They would not be entitled to a door prize; this would be a wristband only.

Advance member \$25

Advance non-member \$30

At the gate – member \$30

At the gate – non-member \$35

### Sanctioning

1. Comply with current sanction-

ing guidelines and have events submitted 90 days in advance.

2. All Poker Runs or money generated rides will have a \$50 Sanctioning Fee plus in addition to any insurance expenses.

### Vendors/boot leg

1. Copyright *A.B.A.T.E.* name and logo.

2. Vendor coordinator must qualify vendor products not to compete with *A.B.A.T.E.* products sold at the events.

### Swap Meets

1. Southern region swap meet, suggest moving the date of the fall swap meet ahead one week due to hunting season.

2. Revise pricing of southern region swap meet

Member \$4

Non-member \$6

Possibly change site where it is held

### Capital Improvements

1. Purchase stairs leading up to the dumpster at *Fossil* to ensure proper disposal of trash. Purchase one small awning for the sound booth at *Fossil*. This committee did not discuss financial protocols at this time.

### Legislative

- P.C.P. voter information
- Communication
- *BikePAC* support (please note [www.BikePAC.com](http://www.BikePAC.com) is up and running)

• *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* relationship (voter guide mailing)

• *BikePAC* lobbyist

• Sound bites / talking points

• *Biker Days - Team Oregon*

• *BikePAC / A.B.A.T.E.* relationship

• Brian: no difference

• Breakdown again the why/ purpose of *BikePAC* verses *A.B.A.T.E.*

• History of *A.B.A.T.E.* and

### *BikePAC*

• Any runs and/or charity activities should support the main purpose of *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePac*

### Dissemination Of Information

1. Planned method/ chronology of dissemination of information from lobbyist to *BikePAC* to *A.B.A.T.E.* and to all members and the reverse of back to lobbyist.

2. Needs to cover from the beginning: starts with P.C.P. involvement, election year process, campaigning and on into the legislative year. Takes two years for Oregon process.

3. Publish reason for why February 14th was selected as the main *Biker Day*

4. Publish Brian's *Who's Who* list in state newsletter, *M.R.F.*, *M.S.F.*, *N.C.O.M.*, *A.B.A.T.E.*, *A.M.A.*, etc. Brian will do this

5. Make chapter legislative person a required officer of the chapter with set responsibilities. Suggestion to allow doubling up with another officer position for those chapters with limited membership

6. Develop chapter legislative person's job description / responsibilities such as:

• Attend a number of *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* board meetings

• Responsible for chapter legislative communications from *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.*, etc.

7. Develop Legislative talking points already in process with lobbyist and *BikePAC*.

8. Lobbyist do short write-ups on what happening, planned, etc. Keeps the new lobbyist out in front.

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### A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session

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9. Write-up on legislative priorities verses *Team Oregon* and what needs to take place if needed to help with *Team Oregon* – moves to top priority and why.

10. Develop legislative topic section in chapter bylaw notebooks.

11. Question was raised, about the benefit of having *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter *BikePAC* representatives who could attend *BikePAC* board meeting to learn about communication, what *BikePAC* is doing, etc.

### P.C.P. / Voter Information

1. Breakdown P.C.P. Information into simple documents on following:

- How to become a P.C.P.
  - What do you do once you are a P.C.P.
  - Examples from chapters that have had good P.C.P. accomplishment, etc.
  - List of P.C.P. meeting places, times and contacts
2. Getting people to register to vote.
- Have forms available at all chapter meetings and possibly other events
  - Have people fill out forms at meeting, chapter offer to stamp and mail them.

### Organization

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### Membership Fees/ Corporate Membership Fees

(Eight people were on this committee)

1. Corporate membership fees based on current newsmagazine advertising cost, leaving out three month option. They would receive one year membership, one news magazine, *no Team Oregon* reimbursement *nor* accidental death and dismemberment policy. They would also receive advertising by purchasing based on the options below.

- Business card advertising
  - Six month \$75
  - One year \$100
- Quarter page advertising
  - 1. Six month \$125
  - 2. One year \$175
- Half page advertising
  - 1. Six month \$175
  - 2. One year \$300
- Full page advertising
  - 1. Six month \$300
  - 2. One year \$500

### Chapter Elections

1. Proposal that all chapters hold officer nominations in November and hold elections in December. The newly elected officers will begin their rein in January. This will provide all chapters to be on the same page as the state. This is due in part to S.T.E.A.M. being held in February to train new officers and to make sure all new state representatives receive a welcome and instructions from the

state coordinator in January. This will also help the state membership secretary in tracking.

### Recognition

1. Proposal of forming a recognition committee for long term state officers to reward them for service. This committee will decide on how many years of service are needed, and how those years would be rewarded.

### A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC

#### Relations

1. Proposal to change the current By Laws for Chapter Legislative Director to be a required position. They would also work with *BikePAC* and the chapter could purchase a *BikePAC* membership for that Legislative Director out of chapter funds to ensure him/her of receiving important documentation from *BikePAC*.

2. Legislative Director basic document to go into the Secretary Notebook detailing that job description and requirements.

3. On the State agenda, put bullet points to Legislative Director to note important events for that month such as Biker Days, Legislator Phone Calls/Letters etc.

4. Written documentation detailing working relationships between *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC*, *M.R.F* and all *M.R.O.s*.

### Business Card Thank you Plus Lemon Page

It was decided by this committee that these “thank yous” should be done by each chapter through their section of the state newsmagazine as the businesses would be in their area.

## **O.D.O.T. Safety Committee**

This item should be addressed directly at the state board meeting.

### **Annual Meeting**

1. State officers and state representatives recognition only.
2. Kitchen needs to be reserved.
3. Need chapters R.S.V.P. of expected attendance.
4. Awards presented by *Fossil* coordinator and swap meet coordinator to those who worked those events.

### **S.T.E.A.M.**

These are classes that the committee felt would be effective:

1. Coordinator requirements and compliance with organizational by-laws. (Joe offered to teach the class)
2. M.R.O.-working relationships
3. Membership and community involvement
4. Legislative director requirements

### **Public Relations**

- Public access television: *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative information/ interviews with legislators and motorcycle awareness.
- Public service announcements
- Advertisement (sponsor discounts)
- Disseminating flyers/state events
- P.C.P. / voter information
- Demographics

### **Public Access Television**

1. The use of public access television could be helpful in getting info about *A.B.A.T.E.* and motorcycling contributions to society and efforts to improve our selves and help new motorcyclists ride safely. [Public access television] is willing to teach how to make a [video] to be cable cast and have the equipment to use. It is thought that a 30 minute video redone every few weeks would be

good.

Areas that could be shown would be runs, swap meets, *A.M.A.* and *BikePAC* information, how our efforts at the capital are going, some history, motorcycle rider training information. We are sure other members will have ideas to add to this.

A public relations director will be needed with time and desire to do this type work

We will need funds to cover the expense and probably an assistant to work with the public relations person.

We could help the general public have a better understanding of motorcyclist. We really are good guys and gals.

### **Advertisement**

1. Flyer distribution: how can we make sure the flyers get out to the public?

How about having someone with the position of getting flyers to the businesses wanting them? The chapters can make up a list of business and maybe split the flyers into groups of businesses, like four, and have someone deliver to them and someone else deliver to four other businesses, and so on, until all are covered.

Charlie suggested during chapter elections, elect several people interested in doing the position of flyer distribution. People may want to help the chapter but not in an official officer capacity but are willing to do that type of job.

### **Demographics**

1. The questions: "How many of our bikers and friends go to particular events? How did they learn about said event?"

Steve Baton said that he did a

survey at a swap meet and got interesting results. He put a survey on the ticket receipts.

*How did you get information about this event?*

1. mailing
2. e-mail
3. post card
4. flyer
5. word of mouth
6. other

The surprising thing is that most of the people checked *other*. Hard to imagine what other there could be with a list that seems so inclusive.

We might go to businesses which motorcyclists would likely use and show an example of an ad that could be put in our newsmagazine, explaining how it could help their business. When they decide to buy a spot in our newsmagazine we take to them a nice looking "thank you" that could be hung on their wall for customers to see.

We all agree that public relations is every biker's responsibility. That how we treat others will help (or not help) determine how others, including auto, truck, etc. drivers feel about and behave around us!

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Planning session recaps taken and submitted by,

Charlie Hill  
state recording secretary

(Special thanks to Iris Yeager and Rick Maish (a.k.a. "Rick Marsh") for submitting their notes to me by e-mail.)

## Millenium Ride

### D.R.C. or Sudan from Uganda?

12 October 2004

Uganda is a crossroads. I face the choice of motorcycling north through Uganda's own civil war and into south west Sudan, or west into the D.R.C. (formerly Zaire). Both routes lead to the Central African Republic and onwards to West Africa. But first I have to negotiate a minefield of civil wars and muddy ruts big enough to swallow the bike.

My first choice was D.R.C.. But it has been a question mark at the back of my mind since 1998. Stories of diabolical roads dictate the dry season for any attempt, which starts in a few weeks. In 1999 I opted to go the other way round the world (due east) due to the D.R.C.'s civil war. It is no better now, according to the U.N.'s Monuc team. The U.N. is always optimistic, but last week's body language was more like "forget it". Road rebuilding recently restarted but the solitary road in this category goes perpendicular to my direction!

There is a 10 year old Chinese-German road leading from Burundi to Kisangani, the Walikale route. (Kisangani is a main city in D.R.C. where I could jump on a river boat for a week or two.) But it leads right through the area of the most recently reported fighting. Could a road through darkest D.R.C. last ten years? I'm planning to go to Burundi on a fact finding mission later this week.

Another route (Beni-Nia Nia) to Kisangani seems out of the question. It took a 4WD three months to go the 1,000 km earlier this year. The

northern D.R.C. option (Aru-Faradje) would skirt the unrest but a missionary told me even bicyclists who can carry their bike report great problems. Someone broke a trombone while transporting it - it must be bad then! Walking is the best option. If I did start on this route, there could be an option of an escape via Aba into Sudan. Escape to what?

It appears quite safe to skirt round the problems caused by the northern Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (L.R.A.) to the border with Sudan at Moyo. But the Sudanese embassy counselor yesterday advised against it, saying one problem is the Ugandan government forces chasing the L.R.A. in Sudan's border zone. The other is that some pockets here are controlled by Sudanese rebel faction, the Sudan People's Liberation Army (S.P.L.A.). Even though a government peace deal was recently signed, anything could happen at anytime he said. This is unrelated to the situation in Darfur.

On balance I shall probably opt for the Sudan route and my plan is being sent to Kartoum for approval before they issue a visa. The S.P.L.A. also have an office here so I'll try and get a permit from them too. The guy on the phone sounded very nice. In the meantime the French embassy is processing my C.A.R. visa and last week I had the D.R.C. visa issued. I'm opening all options.

Last Saturday I went rafting on the White Nile, the source of the Nile, flowing from the northern tip of Lake Victoria. Quite simply if you like it huge wet foamy and warm it's the best rafting in the world. Grade five rapids are the biggest and baddest that any



Simon Milward

sane rafter attempts and you get plenty here.

We are nine in the raft. "Get down" shouts the guide. We squat holding tightly onto the grab rope. The wall of water towers metres above us. The force of it rips some of us overboard. A second later the raft is tossed into the air. It flips. We fly. We sink. We float. We laugh. 25-100 metres downstream we haul ourselves back on board while paddles and helmets are retrieved by the local expert kayakers always on hand. The entertainment draws a crowd of local villagers.

Check out some of the wild pics at [www.surfthesource.com](http://www.surfthesource.com) and you'll see what I mean. Thank you *Adrift*. My only advice is don't eat too much of the delicious grub they serve for lunch! They've invited me for a bungee jump complete with river dip when I make a presentation at their full moon party at the end of the month, at the town of Jinja.

There are more motorcycles in Uganda than anywhere else in Africa! Many are 50cc and 100cc taxis. Choose one with a soft deep passenger pad preferably with rear footrests! The traffic is, how would you say, challengingly good natured. On my wide bike I get bumped a few times and of course I give as good as I get. The minibus drivers obviously don't realise that my boxes cut a deep gauge in soft bodywork. Mamert, a French teacher and *XLR250* rider, invited me

to stay at his place on the way into Kampala last week. I ended up making my presentation at his school, Rainbow, where there are children of 50, yes 50, nationalities! They became a corporate donator

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I've met so many lovely people here. There are many N.G.O. workers. I learnt from one lady that the crazy outfit L.R.A., a fanatic group run by a lunatic commander, kidnaps children to brainwash them and often forces them to kill their own parents in cold blood. Her job is to help in the psychological rehabilitation of child escapees. 10,000 children commute from the rural schools and homes of their parents to safety in the city of Gulu each night. They sleep in doorways. It is better than being snatched from their rural homes by the L.R.A.

Tomorrow I'm off to Rwanda and Burundi just for a visit and get a local report on the roads situation. Rwanda is quite safe these days and in Burundi you can travel with an army convoy. Next time you'll get a gorilla report from me because the *Uganda Wildlife Authority* paid for a visit to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park on 20th October.

"Mzungu", the word for white people, originated in Uganda but it does not feel to be a derogatory term in the same way that "gringo" can occasionally be used in Latin America. People will call, "hey mzungu" like you could call "hey black man".

Kenya was interesting. A newspaper reporter told me that their grandfathers had received university education in Europe and came home to introduce the white ways to their tribes. Now, several generations later,

he said the blacks are reclaiming their traditions for example in cooking and names. I heard a speech from a top civil servant recounting some of the worst problems in Kenya: female circumcism, tribalism (nepotism or discrimination against those of a different tribe), A.I.D.S.-H.I.V. and corruption. Nevertheless Kenyans consider themselves above their fellow east Africans in Tanzania and Uganda. Indeed they seem to be more energetic businessmen and the level of traffic congestion in Nairobi was the worst I've experienced for a long time.

But Kenya has the most delicious pineapples in the world and football size avocados!

*Planet Safari Adventures* ([www.planetkenyasafaris.com](http://www.planetkenyasafaris.com)) took me on a three day safari to *Maasai Mara National Reserve*. Here we drove right up next to all manner of wildlife, with so many lions around that I lost count!

Later, *Greensteds School* ([www.greenstedsschool.com](http://www.greenstedsschool.com)), now a corporate sponsor, had me ride into assembly and make my presentation to the students. They took me into *Lake Nakuru National Park* where I saw both black rhino and white rhino right up close. The white one kicked up dust and put his head down, getting quite annoyed at the school bus, but it decided not to charge us. Here there were great flocks of flamingoes, baboons and all manner of hoofed animals!

In Nairobi there was a little admin to do, like fitting my seventeenth rear tyre. The British high commission issued my new third passport for free, and this I put towards it and therefore got it for US\$260. (There's a 100%

import tax in Kenya.) UKenya run by the British high commission is a partnership representing all positive things over the 40 years since Kenyan independence.

Fish is still on the menu since Lake Victoria is exceedingly well stocked and you can buy a good sized fried fish on the street for 60 US cents in Kenya and Uganda.

As usual there are lots of hotels to thank:

- *Nairobi International Youth Hostel*, Kenya [www.kyha.or.ke](http://www.kyha.or.ke), one week.

- *Salaamat Hotel*, Nairobi, a night.

- *Sunset Hotel*, Kisumu, Kenya, a night.

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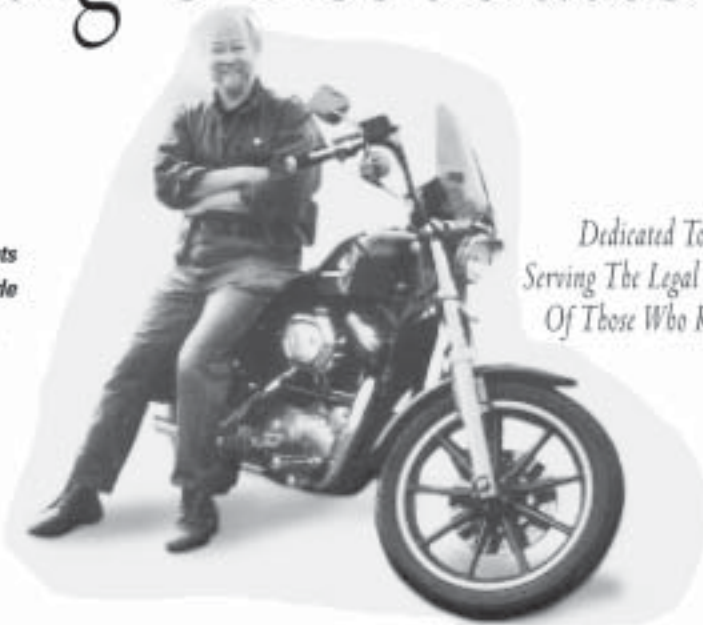
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_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver .....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver .....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - 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	_____
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats .....	10.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin .....	3.00	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts .....	15.00	_____
_____		Long sleeve T-shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____	Sm_____ Med_____ Lg_____ X-Lg_____ 2X_____			_____
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts .....	25.00	_____
_____	Sm_____ Med_____ Lg_____ X-Lg_____ 2X_____			_____
_____		Polo shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____		Ladies V-neck shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____		Ladies crew neck shirts .....	20.00	_____



### YEAR PIN



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



### ABATE PINS



### MISCELLANEOUS

### 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	_____	<b>STICKERS</b>
_____	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	_____	
_____		License Plate Frames — Cars with .....	7.00	_____	<b>SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS</b>
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"		_____	
_____		License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with .....	7.00	_____	
_____		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"		_____	
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAP	Free America Patch .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAB	Free America Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Coordinator .....	5.00	_____	<b>OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)</b>
_____		Chapter Vice-Coordinator .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Secretary .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Membership Secretary .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Treasurer .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Historian .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Legislator .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Educational Director .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter State Representative .....	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)		_____	

**Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling Charges .....

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

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping ..... **\$8.00**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**att. Products Director**

**P.O. Box 4504**

**Portland, OREGON 97208**

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (for UPS shipping) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

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# HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

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

### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)

If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

## Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

British *Royale Enfield* with sidecar and extras, low milage. Stan "Grey Ghost" Johnson's bike. **\$8,500** or best offer. (503)-324-7852

(Nov 2004)

1972 *Sportster*. Iron head. Runs good, looks good. **\$3,000** or best offer. Lightening (503)-253-0149

(Nov 2004)

1997 *XL1200C*. 7,000 miles, Python III pipes, K&N filter, rjetted carb, two seats, short sissy bar with pad. Black and chrome. **\$6,995** or best offer. "JR" at (503)-551-3951 or (503) 792-3201

(Nov 2004)

1964 *Ford* one-ton dump truck, 6-cylinder, 4-speed stick, dual read wheels. Needs tender loving care. **\$850** or best offer. Frank Harms (541)-926-0333

(Nov 2004)

For all you freelance gynecologists, I have a gynecologist's table with stirrups and drawers for the toys. **\$150** Rotten Roger (503)-285-4329

(Nov 2004)

1984 *Harley-Davidson Sportster* - Looks runs and sounds fantastic. Loaded with lots of extras and chrome. Excellent bike. Don't wait too long to call Richard at (503)-519-0727 **\$4,950** Or best offer. Must see.

(Dec 2004)

**Lawn Mower Man Returns**

4 horsepower, 21 inch cut, rear bagger lawn mower. Real nice, runs good, cuts great. Bag in excellent shape. **\$60** Or best offer. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390 Also several other models available soon. Call for information. (Dec 2004)

For Sale

Two seats to fit 1991-1995 *FXD* or *FXDWG*: *Corbin 2* wp **\$175**. *Mustang* single with passenger pillion and backrest **\$250**. Steve 1-(541)-296-6046 or 1-(541)-980-5211 (Dec 2004)

1964 *Ford* one-ton. *Dully* factory built dump truck. 6-cylinder engine, 4-speed stick. Needs restoring. Frank Harms (541)-926-0333 Albany **\$950** or best offer. (Dec 2004)

1992 *Toyota* 4-runner 4x4, V-6, 5-speed, stick, power sun roof, four-door, full power (seats, windows, door locks), alarm system, air, AM/FM/cassette/CD, custom wheels and tires, tow package. Red. Frank Harms (541)-926-0333 Albany **\$5,750** or best offer. (Dec 2004)

1983 *FLHT*. 38,000 miles, 5-speed, S&S carb, 80 ci motor. Runs and looks good. Asking **\$9,000**. (503)-873-5748, ask for Bob. (Jan 2005)

1967 *Camero* 350 4-speed. Nice. **\$10,500** or possible trade for *Harley-Davidson*. (541)-367-2237 (Jan 2005)

1978 *Kawasaki SR650* (custom *KZ650*). Disc brakes, 4-in-1 *Kerker* pipes. Absolutely immaculate. **\$600** (503)-640-5766 (Jan 2005)

For Sale

2004 *Kawasaki KLR 650* with tank bag, soft saddle bags, installed lowering kit, and extra windscreen. **\$5,000** or same bike with 2005 *Yacht Club* three-rail motorcycle trailer **\$5,700** (Note - trailer not sold separately.) Contact Gary Stewart at (800)- 848-4576 or garyastewart@earthlink.net (Jan 2005)

1970 *Dodge Polara* four-door with 383 cu.in, 2 bbl *Carter*, power steering. Runs well, good mileage. Asking **\$2,000** or best offer. May be viewed at: 528 S.W. Levens #10; Metro Gardens Apartments; Dallas, Oregon. Michelle (503)-831-0459 (Jan 2005)

20 inch *R.C.A.* color T.V. with remote. Real nice set, like new, works great, looks good, excellent color. **\$50** or best offer. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390. This won't last long so call now. You know you want to. (Jan 2005)

For Sale

1974 *Dodge Open Road* camper van. *Sport Tradesmen 300*, 1 ton chassis, pro-built 360 V-8, power steering, power brakes, A/C, towing package, icebox, oven w/ 2 burners, propane forced air furnace, sink, shower/toilet/sink. Asking **\$1,500** or part trade?

1984 *F.X.R.T. Harley-Davidson*. Extremely rare first year edition, *Evolution* motor, fixed faring, full instrumentation, tour pack, saddle bags, S&S carburetor, 5-speed transmission, *Dunlop Elite II* tires, red, 25,000 actual miles. Asking **\$17,500**

House for sale or rent-6405 N.Campbell Street, Portland, Oregon. 950 sq. ft., two-bedroom, one bathroom, basement, washer/dryer/range/refrigerator, single car garage, oil furnace, off street parking, nice yard, near *Max* light rail. A great starter home for **\$139,000** or **\$825 monthly**.

1979 *Corvette*, L-82, high-performance *Elder Brock* 350cid, black, t-tops, three speed automatic w/shift kit.100K. miles, stock rally wheels, *BF Goodrich Excentia GT* white letter tires, interior needs T.L.C. Asking **\$5,500**. Call Duane at (503)-282-6488, or e-mail duane\_calkins@email.com

(Jan 2005)

**This month's cryptogram  
may be found on page 54**

**Answer to October CRYPTOGRAM**

Samhain turn away,  
Run ye back to the light of day,  
Samhain hope and pray,  
All you meet are the gentle fae.

— Heather Alexander

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VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
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Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
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**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

(Return address on reverse side)

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 YER  
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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Rates:

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

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

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

Please send completed application to:

**Membership Secretary**  
**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**

PORTLAND, OREGON  
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL**

Thankful are biker's friends and family,  
When we arrive where we're supposed to be,  
Between critter and cage,  
And their unfounded rage,  
We gratefully ride for pleasures we see.

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(See page 21 for the complete October limerick.)

### NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 13 November 2004 at Noon  
7th and Kalmia  
Junction City, Oregon

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1400 (2:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend
Columbia River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1230(12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Jubitz Truck Stop</i> ; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> ; Portland
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ; 335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles ( I-84 & US-197 )
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Chalet Restaurant</i> , Market Street, Salem
South Coast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1300 (1 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 2550 Crater Lake Hwy; Medford
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene