

Now As Into November's Chill We Pass



Memories Of Runs Through Winter Last

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

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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.

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 with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path

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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Coordinator's Comments



by Joe Laurance

Hello everyone:

As we change focus from summer runs to toy runs and from dehydration to hypothermia, I hope you will look back on this summer as one of the best ever. Beyond a doubt, it was one of my best riding years, as well as being a great year for *A.B.A.T.E.* with passage of *T.E.A.-21*. Both the ride and the fight continue.

My thanks to the many of you who attended and contributed to our fall planning session in Cottage Grove this past month. Look for a new and more effective *A.B.A.T.E.* in the future. Those who missed the session also missed the best opportunity for personally influencing the future and character of this powerful voice for bikers' rights.

November begins the election cycle for *A.B.A.T.E.* with nominations for officer positions at local and state level.

As always, you are encouraged to run for office.

You will never know your capabilities of leadership until you "step up to the plate". It's more important to me than ever that our best and brightest become its leaders as I'd like to leave *A.B.A. T.E.* in good hands as I step down. I know you'll make me proud.

I'm often asked what I think of the *Deuce* now that I've had it for five months and 8,000 miles or so, and how it compares to the *Hayabusa*. With a fork brace and good shocks under it, the *Deuce* is amazingly capable for a cruiser. Probably more so than the *Hayabusa*, the *Deuce*

rewards good riding techniques making the rider a much more important part of the equation.

I love the torque and sound of the Harley as well as the fact that Ricci is enjoying riding with me again. And the looks of the thing! I'm a little embarrassed to admit how much time I spend down in the garage just looking at it. I'm probably riding it three times as much as the 'Busa. However, the other day when I had to make a flying trip over to Klamath Falls to visit a sick friend, the 'Busa was the choice. It's a little astonishing how quickly and capably it gets from point A to B. As Cycle World magazine writes in its November issue, "Do yourself a big favor. Rent, beg, borrow or steal a ride on a Suzuki Hayabusa before the eco/safety brownshirts sweep down and have us all in hydrogen-fueled romper rooms on wheels. There is nothing else streetlegal powered by an internalcombustion engine that compares." No, not mine.

It needs a back tire. (Again.)

Remember our mission and make it happen.

Lord bless us a guide us,

Joseph Laurance

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Greetings from sunny central Oregon,

The nights are getting chilly but the days are warming up making for some very nice fall riding.

Our meeting yesterday afternoon was a little on the slim side compared to the normal amount of attendance. I guess some folks took a little break after the *Teddy Bear Run* last weekend. It was a very good to see "Bird Dog" at the meeting. He seems to be healing fine after going down this summer. Goes to show you "ya can't keep a good man down".

We had two more of our members go down last month. Rebecca and Jason were riding out by Ochoco reservoir when Jason had a deer literally jump in his lap taking him down. Rebecca was riding in front of him, hit the skids and went to turn around to help him out and dropped her bike also. The paramedics loaded Rebecca up because she totally blew her knee out and Jason thought he was okay. So he rode her bike to Prineville hospital. While there he thought maybe he should get checked out and it turned out he had internal bleeding and a ruptured spleen which got him a helicopter ride to St. Charles via air life. The two of them will be laid-up for awhile, unable to work.

We as a chapter need to help them

out as much as we can. If you want to get in touch I have their phone number. With winter coming on they were in need of firewood so yesterday the chapter decided to get them three cords and split and stack it for them. It's good to see the chapter helping members when they need help.

On a lighter note our *Teddy Bear Run* was very well attended despite the cold, wet, and dreary weather. We had 74 people show up at the *Black Horse Saloon* that morning for our group ride to the area hospitals. The ride came off without a hitch. We delivered approximately 1,300 stuffed animals, sold 135 poker hands, and sold 101 t-shirts which turned out very nice.

Once the pack made it back to the *Black Horse* it was time to grab some grub and hold our door prize raffle, announce the high low hand winners and draw the 50/50 ticket.

High dice roll went to member Colleen Fields who went home with \$200 and low dice roll went to Kari Sheehan who went home with \$100. The winner of the 50/50 drawing went home \$153 richer.

The door prize raffle lasted over an hour and a half, due to the over 100 raffle items of all shapes and sizes. These raffle items were donated by the many generous business in the central Oregon area.

All in all it was a very good day for the hearty riders, despite the weather. Good cause, good people, and good fun! This event could not have turned out so well if it wasn't for the very hard work of our members. From rounding up tshirt sponsors, door prize items, and stuffed animals to having t-shirts made, selling 50/50 tickets, selling poker hands, selling t-shirts separating stuffed animals, and traffic control.

I would have to say that our chapter did an excellent job and thanks to all who helped make it happen.

We still have the task of (continued on page 19)

<u>CENTRAL OREGON MEET-</u> ING TIME and PLACE

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

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Shag, vice coordinator, called the meeting to order. He welcomed those who were guests of the meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were waived.

Rhonda, membership secretary, reported the chapter has 143 active members and she would be calling those who needed to be renewed.

Mary, treasurer reported that the yard sale netted \$106.15 for the chapter. Also, she reported that she had a check for \$376.92 from the Summer Run. The chapter lost \$189.75 from the run. She had the income/expense sheet for those who wished to look it over.

Joan, legislative/state representative, was out sick and Bill gave the report for her. He reported the only thing of importance is nominations for the election of state officers need to be in by the November meeting. Elections will be held in December.

Rob reported that money from tickets or remaining tickets unsold needed to be turned in by the next meeting in November. Mike Friend reported that the wheelchair presentation will be on Saturday, October 15.

Neil, historian reported that all was going well.

New business - reported that the new E.P.A. regulation to take effect in 2006 would allow a person to have only one custom bike in a lifetime. New bikes you would not be able to make any changes to.

Rob, reported that member Bird had gone down and made the motion to have the chapter give him \$150 for assistance. The motion was passed unanimously. Also, the helmet was passed and the chapter raised another

\$75 for assistance to help with medical bills. There will also be a benefit to raise additional money.

Matt Hobbs' sister was hurt when a car hit the bike she was riding. There was a function on Saturday to help raise money to assist with medical bills. The result of this crash was that the cop let the driver of the car go without a ticket and the cop did not call for medical assistance. The A.B.A.T.E of Washington Southwest Chapter is planning a protest run against the officer. Time and date is not known at this time.

Shag made the reminder that nominations for new officers need to be made in November, as elections are in December. The positions of treasurer coordinator, and membership secretary are available. Larry Brown, Mary Rusk, and Rhonda Sweitzer will be giving up their positions.

The 50/50 membership drawing went to Mike Friend and he donated the money to Bird.

The meeting ended with the ways and means drawing and good prizes going to the lucky winners.

Miss Mary

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm) The Spare Room 4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Douglas County Chapter

A wise old farmer once taught me "You can plan your work, but you can't always work your plan."

As has been the case, this month's update is again getting submitted at the last minute. It doesn't seem to matter what gets put on the list and which gets scheduled as urgent, everything seems to go at its own pace. I'm only starting to write this thing now because I'm having to wait to get a tattoo done. Schedule all you like, but it'll get done when it gets done.

For the past several months, a small group of chapter members have been working on parts of our *Casino Night*. Measurements of success are relative to one's perspective. Although we probably doubled what we made last year, we fell far short of what I had anticipated. No matter how tightly we tried to schedule against conflicts, they still occurred. Ironically, at our last meeting, Rex reported that state sanctioning now wants a schedule for all of next year's events, some of which are more than a year away. Who knows what conflicts we might face?

I've been trying to figure out just what contributed to our poor turnout at this last event. Could it have been that other local rider events were scheduled after our date was set? Perhaps too many people were feeling a financial crunch to find the event attractive. Could our efforts to expand attendance by inviting the public have pushed away our own members? Or maybe our local profile as a legitimate organization is just too far below people's R.A.D.A.R. that a fund-raiser just didn't strike a chord. Could it be that I just over-planned my work and wasn't able to work my plan? You can



build it, but they may not always come.

Just as there may not be a single cause, there probably isn't a single answer. Certainly our monthly meeting attendance has been less than two dozen members for a couple months now. And it's not difficult to feel the sense of frustration a lot of regular attendees are experiencing. It's the giant, pink elephant sitting in the room that no one wants to acknowledge. Locally, A.B.A.T.E. is not a publicly known entity, even among a lot of new riders. If we are to continue with any sense of success as an organization, all of that has to change.

However, one thought that I've settled on is that it's all behind me now. I have moved on to planning (or perhaps over-planning) my next activity.

Tomorrow, I hit the road for a tenday ride to Texas to visit my daughter. And while my daughter is very important to me, an awful lot of attention has gone into the other eight days that I'll be riding. Things like: what scenic route to take, printing detailed maps, how far to ride in any given day, where are my best gas stops across thinly-populated places.

I'm just about to the point of realizing that, "Oops, I've done it again." I can hear the sound of my son's voice when helping him with construction projects: "We don't need to over-engineer this thing. Let's just get it done."

So maybe tomorrow I throw away all the lists, the maps, and schedules and just get on my bike and ride for several thousand miles and air out my head and enjoy the new scenery.

Happy trails to you, Bill Korpa secretary, *Douglas County Chapter*

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE 3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm) *Round Table Pizza* Roseburg **POINT of CONTACT** Abe Zaffarano (541)-677-7366 <u>CHAPTER ADDRESS:</u> P.O. Box 501 Roseburg, OR 97470

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Hub City Chapter





Wow, it is good to see that a little thing like a thunderstorm was not enough to keep a bunch of riders from having a great time at our camp out. The One Night Stand took place September 10th and 11th . The National Guard unit, Bravo Company, 162nd Battalion was to do a flag raising for the event. However they were called to help in New Orleans and were not able to attend. Fortunately, Hub City has many veterans in our group who stepped up and did the flag raising. It was a moment filled with pride and gratitude to the men and women who protect our freedoms and serve our county in times of need.

There was a variety of vendors providing food and other merchandise including leather products and mini bike booths just to name a few. It was good to see that these vendors also did not let a little liquid sunshine deter their enthusiasm. There were activities for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

Bike show winners were: Jesse Milholland (foreign), Al Sims (antique), April Simons (stock), and Ken Simons won both custom and people's choice.

Game winners included: Carolyn Freeman (female keg toss), Jesse Milholland (male keg toss), Danni Crow (slow race), Lauren Schwartz and Danni Crow (pole in the hole), and Serrina Harris and Shawn Harwood (weenie bite).

One of our favorite vendors, Barney, won the tattoo contest. And Kim and Damien ... well, you know what you won.

Congratulations to all the winners. And what is a camp out without a fire?

Thanks, Fred, for providing a nice fire for us to cozy up to which also provided a nice place for people to gather and chat.

All in all a great time was had by all and big thank you for all who attended and all the chapter members for volunteering time and whatever else was needed to the event. And a special thanks goes to Serrina Harris for coordinating the event.

A contingent of *Hub City* riders attended *Street Vibrations* in Reno this past month. A good time was had by all until a group of adventurers went to take in the surrounding area in the middle of a terrible windstorm. After leaving Genoa, Nevada, a cottonwood tree blew down from the rear and took out *Hub City* officer Al Sims. Thank goodness, there was a *Volkswagen* bug sitting next to the road, which took the brunt of the force. Luckily "Only Al" escaped with cuts and bruises and a split open helmet and a bike that needed to be trailered home.

Now for the rest of the story. Little did Al know he was following the tree jinx, Bill Foss, who earlier in the month had a tree come down right

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) *Ciddici's Pizza* 133 Fifth Street Albany **POINT of CONTACT** Garry Hastie (541)-967-7802 **CHAPTER ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 2503

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Josephine County Chapter



Here it comes another winter.

In September we had the *Last Chance Campout* and it was a great time. I hope next year more of you people come. You missed a good time.

Now for some business. I've been told by *Abby's Pizza* that after November we won't be able to meet there anymore because they're putting in video poker machines. We're now trying to find a new meeting place.

In November we're nominating people for officer positions and in December we will vote on them, so try to be there.

Now for a sad note. One of our good members was killed at the end of September. He was a good *A.B.A.T.E.* member and past officer. His name is Richard Goodwin, known by us as Rick. We will miss him. He was a great guy. I got into a bike crash with my other half, Sue, on the back October 9th, but we're doing okay and healing. My bike took a good hit but was fixed within a few days by *Full Throttle Custom Cycles*.

I didn't realize how much it hurts to be thrown twenty feet.

There's not a lot to say this time so ride safe and take care.

Also thanks to our vice coordinator, Jim, for all your hard work on the *Last Chance Run*.

Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Thursdays at 1900 (7 pm) *Abby's Pizza* 205 Beacon Drive Grants Pass

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North Coast Chapter

Right off the bat I want to apologize to the good people of the North Coast Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon for last month's newsmagazine that wasn't. Somehow the newsmagazine attachment did not make it to our c.o.e. the way it should have done and he printed the Talk Like a Pirate Day letter I wrote to him instead. I'm not sure if it was meant as a joke or what, but I wasn't laughing. I become less and less enamored with modern technology as time goes by and so from now on I will rely on good oldfashioned snail mail to get the "right stuff" to our editor. [c.o.e.'s note – By the time yer crusty ol' editor noticed the lack of a chapter report attachment, he was too tired and under too much printing deadline pressure to research what happened to the attachment so no one in North Coast Chapter should take themselves or others to task for the omission.]

Because of the boo-boo in last month's newsletter, I will reiterate and tell everyone about the upcoming 17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, to be held on November 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Astoria. Last year we raised over \$8,500 to buy toys for the children of over 300 low-income families in Clatsop county and over 60 families in Pacific county, Washington from this one event. We had a great time spending every last dime of it in Clatsop county businesses, many of who are major supporters of this event. We had to keep going back into the stores to spend more money because we wanted it all to go to these children. The auction that is held after our sumptuous spaghetti dinner is a humdinger, with local businesses donations and *North Coast* member's handmade items bringing in the big bucks. So join us please, we have a great time and spread Christmas joy to boot. Look for the poster in this issue for more information.

To follow up on the second installment of our toy drive we will be having our 17th Annual Toy and Poker Run on the 3rd of December. Sometimes the weather is blowing sideways rain, but the past few years have been down right balmy. Of course, we can't say with any certainty that will be the case this year, but I'm a goin' anyway.

I strapped a set of elk antlers on to the bike and put battery operated Christmas lights on them. Dressing up as one of Santa's elves and riding around on a holiday bedecked scoot was just tooo much fun and I plan on having a bit more of it. Shoot, if I get wet, I get wet.

Last year's toy run raised an additional \$2,000+ to bring our total to over \$10,500. All the hard work is so worth it, folks, and what I wouldn't give to be a fly on the wall when those kids wake up Christmas morning and find what they had asked for under the tree. Check out the poster in this issue for further details.

Now, I know I don't have to tell you all to ride a bit more carefully this time of year. The weather is getting colder. I've seen frost already some mornings. We are headed into the throes of winter in the northwest and we all know how unpredictable that can be. So have some fun and watch your six.

Rachel

<u>NORTH COAST MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

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

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River City Chapter



September 20, 2005

Well, we moved to a new meeting place and also decided to keep on meeting at this place. So, anyone wishing to find us on meeting night please go to the *Roadstop Restaurant*, 302 west 2nd Street, The Dalles. Meeting is the same time, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. (Even Bob.) Seriously, Bob, we are pleased and privileged to have you with us.

We had a pretty good discussion about the executive board of directors actions (regarding Kornfed) and the board of directors responsibilities to see that members are treated fairly. Our chapter members felt strongly that the discipline seems too strong for the problem. Lots of folks have attended conferences on our dime and not delivered any report. In this case, the report is in the newsmagazine for all to see (August issue). The chapter says, if you don't like what she does, then elect someone else.

We also noted a need to do a road cleanup on our little stretch of highway 30 this fall. We also talked about doing an open house-type membership get together. We will let you know more as it develops and how well it works for us.

Brian won the 50/50 and kept all

the money for a change. (Broke.)

Dan Devers would have won \$20 in our membership drawing if he had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.

Several members came back from *End of Summer Run* with trophies or prizes and said they had a great time and the music was good!

October 4, 2005

Tonight's meeting was well attended with sixteen people. We talked about our present difficulty getting a new bank account started and having delays due to needing a paper copy of the I.R.S. tax identification number. Nancy doesn't have it. If any of you do, could you send me a copy, please.

We read an obituary of a previous member, Alan Blackford, from Condon. Many of you have met him as the owner/operator of the *Round Up Room* in Condon. He died on his motorcycle near Roseburg on September 10. The family will hold a memorial next Memorial Day at the *Round Up*.

We also have several chapter members and friends ailing. Jeff Hathorne is improving slowly, but still does not speak. Mike Farmer had a heart attack and has had some subsequent procedures and is now home. Fran Melero/Dodd is ill but working on it.

We are due to start planning our next poker run and will have a committee meeting before the next regular meeting, October 18.

Lynne won the 50/50 at \$8/\$8 and donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Lynne.

Bob won the raffle for the motorcycle treasure which he says is now a pen holder. We had no member drawing tonight.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings November 1, 2005 November 15, 2005

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

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

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Salem Chapter



If Carolyn West would have been at the meeting she would have won the membership drawing which goes up another \$5 to be ready for our next monthly meeting. The coordinator's drawing was for a tin with playing cards in it. Ric Ault was the worthy winner.

As a reminder, we still meet every forth Sunday at *Papa's Pizza*, 4550 Commercial Street, Salem. Be there at 2:00 p.m. or a bit earlier so you can eat. The beverages are cold and fresh, pizza is excellent. This month the date is November 27, 2005.

Speaking of Ric, who is the flier buddy for our chapter, reports that *Mike's Cycle Parts* is reopened with new owners. There is a new store called *Cycle Gear* on Lancaster across (sort of) from *G.I. Joe's* and there is a motorcycle shop in Dallas who's name we have yet to determine. Should have that figured out by next minutes.

So you ask what is a flier buddy? That is a person, or persons, who gets those fliers out to the local and outlying shops. This way you are sure that they are distributed when they need to be.

While I am thinking of it, a big hats off to *Washington County* for putting on *End of Summer Run*. This was my first year of attending and it was a blast. Good job, *WaCo*!

Salem Chapter is proud to announce that the biker night at Macleay Inn was a winner in all respects. Good people (thank you to Hub City, H.O.G. and Salem members for attending), good music, and lots of door prizes. People were very generous in their donations and with buying tickets for the 50/50 and door prizes.

This month, on November 5, 2005, we are at the *Bottle Factory*. Please view the flier within this newsmagazine. Or call (503)-787-4618 and I would be glad to send you some. December 11, 2005 is our annual toy run. The flier for that is in this same newsmagazine. Pretty cool, huh? Don't have to go far to get the info.

The meeting this month is the last chance to buy a \$2 ticket for the biker

toy chest with over \$250 worth of prizes. Come on out and try your luck.

Kindest regards, Michelle J. FitzHenry a.k.a. chapter goddess salemchapterabate@earthlink.net (503)-787-4618

<u>SALEM MEETING TIME</u> and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1400 (2pm) *Papa's Pizza* 4550 Commercial Street, Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Southeast Portland Chapter



Hi all from Southeast Portland,

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season and safe riding.

Vicki

S.E. Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Washington County Chapter



So, I hope you got as much riding in over the summer as you could. It looks like it is going to be a long, wet winter.

By the time this comes to print, some of the *WaCo's* will have returned from the *Bikers on the Caribbean* cruise. At this writing, we are still preparing to go, so there is nothing but anticipation to report. And there is a lot of that going around.

School is back in session, but we are not able to get our message to the kids because driver's education is not part of the school curriculum in our area. Private driving schools do not seem interested in our presentation because it cuts into their time. How can we get our message out to teenage kids? We need to find a place where they congregate and are willing to listen to our message. I am open to suggestions, as are many of the motorcycle awareness instructors who miss giving the classes.

As gas prices continue to climb, more and more people are turning to motorcycles for basic transportation. There have been an increasing number of reports of motorcycle crashes. We need to get the message out to *all* drivers that we are on the road.

I hate listening to the traffic reports in the morning and hearing about a motorcycle crash. My mind immediately tries to remember who is riding in the area where the crash was reported.

Was it due to road conditions?

Other driver error?

Rider error?

Please be safe out there.

It is now fully toy run season and *WaCo* is no exception. Our toy run will be November 19 and will start at *Paradise Harley-Davidson* in Tigard. Please join us before noon for the parade from *Paradise* to the *Hillsboro Fire Department*.

This year's route has given both Ted Tracy and Rich Virchow more than their fair share of headaches, but we hope it will be a worthwhile event. It will include Beaverton, Aloha, and Hillsboro and will end at the fire station on First Street. There will be destinations to chose from including the party at the Hillsboro *Elks* after the event.

We have also laid down our run dates for 2006, but they have not yet been sanctioned, so I will report on those later.

We will be electing officers in December, so please plan on attending the traditional dinner meeting on December 13. This is also the meeting where we draw for the membership pot until someone is present to win. The pot is at almost \$400 at the end of September thanks to members such as Len Punzel and Jason Frenette who were not present in September when their names were drawn. Thanks, guys!

As always, I wish you happy travels, wonderful destinations and dry, clear roads with windswept vistas.

As you ride, watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson *WaCo* secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th 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

When I said in my last report that I was off to see the wizard I had no idea just how right I was. We saw a whole lot more of that sucker than we needed to for sure starting right on the second day of our journey.

If any of you would like to read about our trip to North Carolina, drop me a line and I'll e-mail it to you. We had a great time and had some fantastic adventures on the back roads of this fine country of ours.

Two things really stand out on this trip. One was a visit to the Wheels Through Time museum at Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Dale Walksler has done such a good job on this museum it's hard to describe. He has over 200 fully restored antique bikes on display there. Each one is gassed up and ready to roll. He will start any you want to hear and even takes off on one around the lot sometimes. He has created service stations and depots, etc. Even a mini hill climb. All inside his huge warehouse. We spent half a day enjoying his bikes and his company. A couple three days would have been better.

The second highlight was riding the *Tail Of The Dragon* at Deals Gap, North Carolina. 318 switchback curves in 11 miles. We rode to the head of the dragon, bought us each a t-shirt and then rode right back down as we were just ahead of that bitch Katrina by then and things were looking pretty black and unfriendly. No time for messing around. We made it to Nashville the day she passed through Tennessee. No



tenting that day!

Our chapter casino night at Yukon Jack's was another success. The folks at Yukon Jack's always make us feel right at home. We thank them for welcoming us so warmly. We had a good turn out and really appreciate the support from other chapters such as the Hub City fellows and Douglas County. We love you too, Whiskey Bob! Thanks guys for helping make this such a fun event.

Jim Singhose had a surprise waiting for him when it was time to head for home. He'd ridden his 1942 WLA 45 to the event. When he started it up, he found he had no headlight. Oh well, he did have a tail light and my headlight was working, so what the heck. We made it home just fine by staying on the back roads through Lorane and on to Cottage Grove. It's only 40 miles and not too much traffic. I have more appreciation for the guy leading this kind of parade though. It's kind of stressful when you don't know if the guy you are supposed to be leading is behind you or not. The only time I could tell was if a yard light shone far enough out to light him up.

I've been the one who had to keep close to Jim on a few occasions and would get kind of hard to live with when I thought he took me down that dark alley a bit too fast. (I was going to write "bitchy" but nobody would believe

I could ever get bitchy.) Anyhow, here you are Jim. A public apology for past griping. Grab it and run with it. It may never happen again.

'Til next time. Ride right, ride safe and have fun!

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE 2rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene POINTS of CONTACT Hal Fletcher (541)-688-4268 Rick Maish (541)-746-7837 Ruth Johnston (541)-935-6261

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

15 October 2005

Cottage Grove, Oregon



A.B.A.T.E. *members who attended the planning session held at the* V.F.W. *hall in Cottage Grove . (Rot Path was only half there . . . er, there half the time.)* (photo mostly by Mel Yeager)

Salem Biker Night AT MacCleay

photos and text by Marlene Schroeder

As usual it was another wet nasty night. There were only two or three brave souls that rode bikes. The rest of us wimps drove our four wheel vehicles.

There were about 35-40 bikers who showed up. There probably would have been a lot more had we known that there was going to be a band. The *Triple Creek Band* played up a storm and were very good.

Lots of door prizes and they drew a number every 5-10 minutes.

The winner of the 50/50 was a gal that I don't know. She sure was happy.

Thanks to *Salem A.B.A.T.E.* and *Salem H.O.G.* for showing up. Also all of the other bikers and non-bikers for their donations, which will go to the children during the *Salem A.B.A.T.E. Toy Run.*

A big thanks to Michelle, Murge, and Rick for all of their work setting it up.









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

10 Octobet 2005

Sal Viking Senior Center Junction City Oregon

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 12:10 with 12 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote. Chapters not in attendance were *Josephine County* and *Southeast Portland*.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and first time attendees: Highway Ron from *North Coast* and Rock On, *Douglas County*.

Reading of the minutes from September 10, 2005. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Kurt Speas to adopt the minutes as published in the newsmagazine. Motion carried.

Coordinators comments: Joe welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to Junction City.

Joe reminded everyone that we will be accepting nominations for state board officers at our next state board meeting. State representatives need to take this information back to the chapters to see if anyone is interested in one of these positions as fresh ideas are welcome.

Our planning session is next Saturday and it is a very important meeting. We need at least three members from each chapter represented.

One of the saddest things is to hear of is a members death on a motorcycle. We offer *Team Oregon* training in which half the cost is reimbursed by the state and some chapters reimburse the other half. Encourage everyone to take the course and to change bad habits, especially in older riders. For example laying down your bike: You can learn how to avoid a crash without laying down your bike by learning how to properly control it. You are never to old to learn new techniques.

Correspondence: None.

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Legislative director: Rick Maish submitted his report in the packets. Rick reported we need to get people to attend the planning session. *Willamette Valley* is providing a continental breakfast and lunch. We will also be going through Brian's political cycle as well as opinion matrix to get biker buddies back on board with us and we will be doing a short review of last year's legislative session.

October 22 is the west coast *N.C.O.M.* conference.

A.M.A. is promoting a ride straight program.

New requirements you should know about is to show your passports for coming back into the U.S. from Mexico and Canada.

Harley's 2,000cc and 2,450cc Vtwin motorcycles *E.P.A.* documents show design basics and performance info on the V-twin, but they also raise a few questions.

Rick also included in the packets the street legal chopper, circa 1973.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Rick Maish [said] BikePAC has been working on the legislative activities that is in draft form.



by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

BikePAC is still in need of a couple of officers as the positions have not been voted on yet. Those positions are membership and director. The vote may be November 5 or in February. They are also are looking for a developmental director. Brian has been working on the political cycle.

BikePAC will be very busy politically this year. We need to choose one item, focus on it, and push it all the way through.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Michael Schneider not present. Joe said it has been difficult for Michael to attend the meetings due to deaths in family. If you know anyone who would like this position, please have them contact us.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: (Position available.)

Education director: Geoff White. – Not here, excused.

Education director II: (Position available.)

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy could not be here today but Ted reported we have 2,307 members. If all chapters held a membership drive we could increase these numbers.

Jill is home trying to get *A.I.M.* packets out.

American Income Life has doubled our benefit and you will be receiving a packet about that in the mail. Jill doesn't give out our membership list but is using a clearing house to send the American Income Life packet out. JIll has a signed agreement with the clearing house that they will destroy

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the hard drive information and mailing list once the mailing has been completed.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path – Not present, excused.

Products: Murge Gunter reported she has ordered long sleeve shirts in all sizes. *Free America* patches are in and look very nice. The cost is \$6 to chapters and \$8 retail. Murge has only filled one chapter order.

Public relations: Richard Androes apologized for not being able to attend the last meeting as he started a new state job and was required elsewhere.

He had planned for the flyers to be taken to the last meeting but there was a mix up. However, he did get some passed out up north.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Ted Tracy reported they are going to meet with Wheeler County and are looking at Bear Hollow which has trees. Otherwise the run will be at Homer Ranch again. They are bringing back the games, they have an master of ceremonies and they are burning a CD with the announcements on it to be played to save the MC's voice. They will be increasing security and bringing the fun back to *Fossil*. Ted has a good feeling about the run.

Ted said they are looking for *Fossil* t-shirt designs and would like them turned in by February or March at the latest. The committee wants to get an early start on it this year. Roy Donaghy will be printing the shirts this year and will keep the screens for additional orders and special orders. Roy is a member of *South Coast Chapter* and has been a big supporter of our events.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton – Not here, excused. Ted reported Stephan was in a motorcycle crash.

Flyers are available for the swap meet and need to be put up in shops. They are giving away a \$300 leather jacket donated by *Love Leathers* (*Love Leathers* have donated three leather jackets to *A.B.A. T.E.* this year), potties are ordered, and everything else is ready. *WaCo* chapter will not be doing the parking this year as they have in the past because their toy run is the day before the swap meet. Therefore, we need another chapter to step up and do this. It's a great way to meet and greet people.

State run coordinator II: (Position available.)

Treasurer: Nancy Curran was excused as she had to work. She will submit her report to be e-mailed out with the minutes. (Sorry she was unable to do this as she is currently working on the taxes)

State auditor: Nancy Curran. (")

Historian: Iris Yeager gave her O.D.O.T. conference report to the chapters in the packets.

Iris said it was sad that know no one came forward saying they knew Ron Swanson of *Northeast Portland* chapter. He was a member in 1985/ 1986.

Iris needs pictures of events for the history books. Iris said she will be bringing all the photo albums to the December meeting and will not be taking them home.

Iris' report is on the web site.

Joe thanked Mel and Iris for all the hard work and the goodies that she brings.

Iris is taking the *Team Oregon* class and the *Governors Advisory Board* will be paying for it. Iris said there needs to be more ladies to do the program. She was in a class with a bunch of young men.

Ted said Iris is doing a great job on the motorcycle advisory board and we are well represented.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman reported the *A.B.A.T.E.* missions are worthy. We need everyone active in promoting our mission. The best way is through communications. We need to write up about *Team Oregon* and that chapters pay the other half of the course. Ted said he would write up information about *Team Oregon* to put on the web.

Marty said we also need information about the toy runs.

Marty has put a *Map Quest* program link on the web site and there is a bulletin board forum too. People from all over the world look at the web site so write what you would like them to know about us.

Vice coordinator-north: Ed Vaughn was not here as he was on call for work. Excused.

Vice coordinator–east: Ed Miller reported last weekend was their *Teddy Bear Poker Run* and delivered bears to four hospitals.

They lost another rider the other day who was a new rider. They also had another rider go down at the *Desert Dash*.

Vice coordinator-south: Hal Fletcher was not present, excused.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps reported he attended the run committee meeting. Let Randy know if your chapter would like to do the parking for the swap meet.

Sergeant at arms-south: Al Sims reminded all we would be back in

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State Board

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Albany next month.

Sergeant at arms-east: James Brummond. Not present.

Sanctioning officer: Al Sims reported he needs all the chapters lists of their functions, runs, events, etc for next year by next Saturday at the planning session. So any event or function you plan to do that uses the name *A.B.A. T.E.* must be listed. He is trying to get a quote from our insurance agent and wants to change the renewal date.

Quartermaster: (Stephan Baton) Ted reported the new state generator is tucked away in his barn as well as the stage cover. Everything has been put away out of the rain except for the stainless steel tubes.

Unfinished Business

• O.D.O.T. safety conference was September 19-21. Randy said he will e-mail his report to the representatives and officers. He also reported that Europe has a four light system: green, flashing yellow, yellow, and red. We can see this happening here within two years. They already have it in some areas of Woodburn, Medford, Beaverton, and Bend. Randy said yellow means stop and if you don't you will get a ticket.

Mel said he was going to bring information about it to the meeting but left it at home. He will bring it to the next meeting. *Team Oregon* changed their key fobs to the shape of Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E.* was well represented. Mel, Iris, and Randy thanked the board for allowing them to attend. Mel said they put on the first M.A.P. class at the conference and at the conclusion a drivers education teacher requested four classes and a gentleman from Bend wants it taught to his employees. They also met a teacher who has great teaching techniques that she will share with us, possibly at S.T.E.A.M.

• October 15, 2005 *A.B.A.T.E.* planning session. Cottage Grove *V.F.W.* This will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday. If you want to come and spend the night Friday night you may do so. Bring some wood for a fire if you have a truck.

• Karen Colvin's appeal or motion to accept the executive board of directors decision: Karen did not attend the meeting. Randy read a resolution from his chapter signed by 16 people. They felt the board was not following the grievance procedure. Joe read from our by-laws and explained some of the information we had received and that other information was not necessary to be aired like dirty laundry. These are not issues we take lightly.

Motion made by Kurt Speas, seconded by Al Sims to accept the executive board's decision to revoke the membership of Kornfed a.k.a.: Karen Colvin. Eight were in favor, motion passed.

• Oregon democratic summit: October 7. This is going on right now and being attended by Brian Stovall, his wife, Nick Oliver and his wife.

• Run coordinator II: Last month Rich Virchow and Michelle FitzHenry were nominated. Michelle has withdrawn, therefore Rich has been placed in the position.

• Education director II: Patricia Carner and Nick Oliver were nominated last month. Due to not much going on at this late date, we will hold off filling the position as regular nominations will begin next month.

• Ted Tracy said he was contacted by *Outrageous Video* who said they loaned *Godzilla* at *Fossil* and would like it returned.

New Business

• Annual dinner: December 10, 2005. Ted reported that Jill Tracy would like to do the deli trays at the *Eagles* if they will let us. Al Sims said he would make arrangements with the *Eagles*.

• Executive board meeting to follow this meeting.

• Mel Yeager presented to Joe Laurance a plaque for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc., being the first life member of A.C.T.S. program. (Alliance Community Traffic Safety)

Announcements

• *WaCo* has two more *Team Oregon* instructors: Jill Tracy and her sister.

• *Hub City: Heritage Mall Show* October 22–23.

• *Willamette Valley Casino Night*: October 8 at 3 p.m.

• November 19–20 expo center show

• *Salem Chapter* toy run and biker night coming up. Also drawing for gift baske. For more info see Murge.

• Next state board meeting: November 12, 2005 at *Eagles Lodge*; Albany, Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill

state recording secretary

Historian

by Iris Yeager



Well, I guess I will need to call Jason and tell him that we do not have anyone from the past that remembers his dad, Ronald Edward Swanson. Ronald was a member of *A.B.A.T.E.* in 1986-88. He passed away in 1990. Jason was 10 then. He would like some information about his dad's life. If any of you have any info please let me know.

Again, I will not be doing this much longer. My life is just not so I can get to many fun events. Please send a few pictures with info of your events so I can put them into our books here.

Please find someone else willing to keep these books and keep them current. Also, please forgive me for not getting any real history ready for this report.

Please know that I sincerely appreciate and care about each of you. I really have enjoyed visiting with and hugging many of you and look forward to continuing do so.

Sincerely, love,

Iris E. Yeager

Central Oregon Chapter

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distributing certificates of appreciation to all the individuals and businesses who have donated and supported our 8th annual *Teddy Bear Run.*

At the meeting yesterday we set the dates for our runs next season because the state wanted them by October.

Our M.R.F. Rocks Bridges Lakes Run supporting the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be held on June 17th and our 9th Annual Teddy Bear Run will be held September 30th.

We also started to discuss our Christmas party for year. If you want to put your two cents in make it to November's meeting.

That's about it for this month other than we hope "Bird Dog", Rebecca, and Jason heal up all right and soon!

"United we stand" and you know the rest!

Later,

John

Hub City Chapter

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behind him on the trip home form the *Lazy Lizard Run*. On that occasion, it was a sunny calm day and the tree was just old and decided to give at that time.

Moral of the story is to be aware of the total environment, not just other vehicles. Danger can come out of nowhere without a moment's notice. Always be alert and scanning your surroundings for any danger while on two wheels.

By the time you read this, *Hub City* will have held its *Third Annual Motorcycle Awareness Show* at *Heritage Mall.* This is a great venue to promote education and safety to the general public. Thanks to Mike Friend for bringing the *Shriners*' bike and to *Team Oregon* for the informational display. And a special thanks to education director, Carolyn Freeman, for organizing the event.

There were some big winners at the September meeting. The membership drawing was finally won by someone in attendance, Kim Kohler! Three door prizes were given away. Don Mason won a \$25 gift certificate to *Murphy's Tavern* and Melisa Hastie and Betty Babcock won \$10 *Warrior Pride* cards donated by Rich Wohlers. Thanks Rick.

Be safe until next time,

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American Motorcyclist Association

The 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 at their own local councils.

The seminar, to be held February 25-28 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, D.C., allows participants to meet and learn from the *A.M.A.*'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. Besides learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and on lobbying elected officials.

The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegations. But the seminar isn't all work. There will be a welcome reception as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the training.

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

A.M.A. membership is required.

For more information, contact Sharon Smolinka at 1-(614) 856-1900 ext. 1252 or by e-mail at ssmolinka@ama-cycle.org. You can register by printing the form on http:/ /www.amadirectlink.com/ (PDF format) and mailing it to the *A.M.A.*, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147.

For those of us who like to ride our motorcycles either north or south of

the border the Bush administration announced that it is sticking with the controversial plan to require Americans to show their passports when entering the United States from neighboring Canada and Mexico.

The passport requirement is designed to protect against terrorist infiltrators. Currently, American citizens must only show drivers' licenses, birth certificates or other documents. The department of homeland security and the state department explicitly ruled out the use of those documents when the passport rule takes effect. The government is inviting public comment on the new requirements by October 31 at http:// www.regulations.gov/

A first-time U.S. passport costs \$97, in addition to the costs of two passport photographs and an original copy of a birth certificate or other documentation proving U.S. citizenship.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennD.O.T.) is distributing 13 million motorcyclists' awareness cards to keystone state drivers.

2.5 million of the *Drive Aware*, *We're Out There* and *Sharing the Road* – *Motorcycles and Automobiles* cards are being placed in drivers license renewals and over 10 million vehicle registration renewals next year. Additionally, the cards will be included in the Pennsylvania driver's manual, starting on the first page. The Thurston county, Washington off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) park formerly know as the *Thurston County ORV Sports Park* will be run by Gray's Harbor county, which has obtained funding to reopen and run the park for the 2006 and 2007 season. The *Northwest Outdoor Coalition* and *A.M.A.* district 27 expended three years of hard work, including a rally at the capitol, to get the park re-opened. The facility is located 15 miles south of Olympia on highway 8 and will be re-named the *Staddaline O.R.V. Sports Park.---*

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina city council's newfound determination to eliminate the motorcycle rallies by cracking down on motorcycle noise is meeting with little opposition from rally sponsors or participants. The council held a first reading on a tough new noise ordinance. The measure caps legal noise at 99 decibels and allows officers to arrest motorists for missing mufflers, jack-rabbit starts, loud engine revving and burnouts.

In pushing for the measure, despite the problems it could pose for the police department, council members are doing what they feel city residents want. City residents are aware that their desire for less noise during the motorcycle rallies could come at a price – a tax increase large enough to put more officers on the street while the riders are in town.

A.M.A.'s *Ride Straight* campaign, which educates motorcyclists on the dangers of drinking and riding, has



American Motorcyclist Association

Settle R. Settle

received two awards for "extraordinary achievement in media relations," recognizing their success for two public service announcements in reaching the public through nearly 1,000 radio stations.

Media placements of the radio spots were more than double the level typically achieved by the most successful campaigns, according to the *North American Precis Syndicate, Inc.*, which distributed the public service announcements and recognized the *A.M.A.*'s success with the campaign.

Learn more about the *Ride Straight* campaign at http:// www.ridestraight.com/ and hear the award-winning public service announcements, *Hero to Zero* and *Enjoy the Curves*, at http:// www.ridestraight.com/support/ psa.asp

The A.M.A. launched the Ride Straight campaign in 2002 in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) to address the problem of fatal motorcycle crashes involving alcohol.

The Price Field office of the *Bureau* of Land Management (B.L.M.) has hired Bill Allinson of Salt Lake City as O.H.V. volunteer coordinator. Allinson is the father of A.M.A. racers Jason and Wade Allinson of the Sage Riders Club. He has been active in O.H.V. recreation most of his life and recently retired from his position at the Utah state prison. He has O.H.V. leadership experience and currently owns many off-highway motorcycles and is an accomplished rider.

This new position will be to solicit and utilize volunteers to help the *B.L.M.* accomplish O.H.V. related projects on public lands. If you would like to volunteer or need more information contact the Price *B.L.M.* office at 1-(435)-636-3460.

A recent federal court ruling has forced the cancellation of some offhighway rides nationwide. The ruling was issued July 2, and clarified on September 16, in a case in the U.S. district court for the eastern district of California and affects permits issued since July 7 for some events in national forests. The court ruled that certain special permits for activities in national forests must go through a public comment and appeal process.

The U.S. Forest Service, meanwhile, says it is exploring options, yet all regional foresters were told to suspend all permits covered by the court ruling.

The district court ruling stated that any event that uses a "categorical exclusion" must have a formal public notice, allow public comment, and any decision should have an appeal process. A categorical exclusion is normally used by the Forest Service to grant a special permit for something that doesn't have a significant impact on the environment and therefore doesn't require an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, like a dual-sport ride. The requirement for a public notice,

public comment and possible appeals could mean that the permit process for an event could take up to four months or more. The *A.M.A.* and *A.T.V.A* are monitoring the situation closely to see what action the *Forest Service* takes.

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

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

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

"That's the night the lights went out in Georgia" or was it Little Rock?

Let me just say maybe it was the fact it was my second *Meeting of the Minds* or maybe it was because the air conditioning wasn't working at the auction or maybe it was because Hairy George gave me a dress. Whatever it was, this year Little Rock did exactly that – it rocked.

This year the *M.R.F.* turned 21 years old and had a party with lots of things to celebrate. I know I am not the only one that way; you could see it on almost every face. Thanks to everyone from *A.B.A.T.E. of Arkansas* for your hard work and thank you to those who came out to make this year a great one.

Mark your calendars for the next *M.O.T.M.* in Indianapolis, Indiana September 21st through September 24th, 2006. What did you do for your twenty-second birthday?

Speaking Of N.H.T.S.A.

N.H.T.S.A. held its second motorcycle safety network meeting a few weeks back. The meetings are organized by N.H.T.S.A. and generally attended by a host of government folks as well as A.M.A., M.R.F., S.M.S.A., M.S.F., Harley-Davidson, Honda and The meetings are Kawasaki. conducted quarterly at N.H.T.S.A. headquarters. This most recent meeting started off on the issue of impaired riding and how to address the motorcyclists who are continuing to drink and ride. The fact is alcohol continues to be a major factor in the rise of motorcycle crash fatalities and the government is paying close attention. The discussion largely focused on education and awareness campaigns to instill fear in motorcyclists should they get caught and lose their motorcycle or be subject to some other punishment. This must become a priority for motorcyclists everywhere. If as a community we do nothing, the government will do it for us and I can tell you one thing, you will not like it.

The meeting continued discussing the Florida and Louisiana helmet studies. At this point *N.H.T.S.A.* indicated after the Louisiana study is completed, they would not be doing helmet studies for a while.

Then *N.H.T.S.A.* presented a study they had done on traditional braking versus antilock braking systems (A.B.S.) They concluded the more technically advanced A.B.S. is more reliable and perform better than traditional brakes over a wider range of weather, load and handling conditions. Thank the good folks at *N.H.T.S.A.* for figuring that one out for us.

Overall, I am encouraged by *N.H.T.S.A.*'s efforts to address the growing problem of motorcycle fatalities and their engagement with the motorcycle community directly. Next meeting is in January. Stay tuned.

Dealership Service Only?

A bill (HR 2048) has been introduced in the U.S. house of representatives that would penalize any motor vehicle manufacturers who forces owners of their motor vehicle products to rely on the dealership for



maintenance and upkeep.

In order to generate greater revenue, some motor vehicle manufacturers are intentionally designing vehicles to prohibit maintenance providers outside of the dealership network. No matter if you are in your driveway or at the corner wrench's shop, to be able perform certain aspects of maintenance in any manner at all was questionable. HR-2048, otherwise known as the Right to Repair Act of 2005, puts penalties in place for any motor vehicle manufacturer who fails to provide proper training, diagnostic tools and any other special advice or tools to the owner of the motor vehicle or to a motor vehicle owner's approved mechanic. The legislation clearly states "the ability to diagnose, service and repair a motor vehicle in a timely, reliable and affordable manner is essential to the safety and well-being of motor vehicle consumers in the United States".

HR–2048 was introduced by representative Joe Barton (R-Texas) on May 3, 2005 and already has over 50 bi-partisan co-sponsors. No senate counterpart has been introduced yet. The *M.R.F.* will keep you informed on the movement of this legislation.

Spring Is On The Way

Soon the holidays will be on us and after a three month self-induced turkey- triptophane binge, it will be time to come to Washington D.C. to lobby your congressional delegation.

Don't wait until you are getting the bike ready for the summer to start

planning. The time to organize is now.

Some states have already begun to book their trips. I know it may seem early but spring will be here before you know it and that's when it is the best time to let your elected officials what you want from them. Take a look at your calendar for February, March, April and May 2006.

Please call the *M.R.F.* D.C. office once you have several potential dates so we can look at the congressional calendar for the second session of the 109th congress and figure out the most effective dates to visit D.C. Please direct any travel or logistic questions to me in the D.C. office as well.

Of course it would be ideal if every state could send a group to the capitol. Hopefully someday that will be the case. This year the M.R.F. is doing things a little differently, asking the home states of the ten members of the house and senate who won the M.R.F. champion award for 2005 to consider sending a group for the explicit purpose of hand delivering the award to their member of congress. The list of the 2005 M.R.F. champions states includes: Alaska, Ohio. Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oregon, Texas, and Oklahoma. If your S.M.R.O. is represented by one of those states,

please consider coming to D.C. if you aren't already.

Also, the other forty-two states should seriously consider a trip to Washington in 2006. It will be a great year to come, thank our supporters for everything they did in 2005 and question the folks who tried to stand in our way and lost.

Keep riding,

Jeff Hennie

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The *M.R.F.* is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The *M.R.F.* 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 M.R.F. Reports.* Motorcycle Riders Foundation 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510 Washington, DC 20002-4980

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Florida Stats Show Helmetless Riders Less Likely To Die

Not only do recently released injury and fatality statistics for 2004 in the state of Florida dispel predictions of a blood bath following repeal of that state's helmet requirement, but reveal that motorcyclists wearing helmets were more likely to sustain an injury or suffer a fatality than their nonhelmeted counterparts.

According to the recently released, Florida *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles* annual *Traffic Crash Statistics Report* for 2004, of the 388 motorcycle riders killed in crashes on Florida roads last year, over 51% were wearing helmets. The crash facts also demonstrate that riders wearing helmets were more likely to sustain injuries than non-helmeted riders.

In each of the statistical focus topics presented in the study, the percentage numbers were very close between helmeted and non- helmeted riders, except for non-injury crashes. The study stated that non- helmeted riders were 20% more likely to walk away from a crash without injuries than riders who were wearing helmets.

The huge increase in death and injury to non-helmeted motorcycle riders, predicted by N.H.T.S.A. (National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration) in a report released this summer, has not been substantiated, and in fact was disproved.

"The numbers are going to disappoint the proponents of helmet laws while simultaneously confirming the facts presented to the public by A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc.," stated James "Doc" Reichenbach, president of A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc., who's group lobbied strongly for motorcycle helmet reform in 2000. "A.B.A.T.E. of Florida has spent years focusing on motorcycle related safety issues, including crash prevention and stiffer penalties for negligent vehicle operators who kill and injure motorcycle riders."

A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc. is spreading the word about motorcycle safety and awareness through high school drivers education programs, posters, flyers, the presentation of a free motorcycle safety and awareness program, along with a series of annual safety seminars for the motorcycle riding and non-riding public.

In conjunction with the Florida legislature, *A.B.A.T.E.* is putting billboards throughout the state to encourage drivers to be aware of motorcycles and to drive alertly.

Reichenbach, who also serves as chairman of the board for the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (*N.C.O.M.*), added that "The numbers from the crash report for 2004 may favor our point of view, but even one death is too many."

Mandatory Retraining For All Riders?

In an address to the *Fifth* International Motorcycle Conference,



the president of the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* (*M.S.F.*) Tim Buche called for a "safety renewal" program, which essentially would involve ongoing rider training for all motorcycle riders.

During his presentation to the conference, held in Munich, Germany in conjunction with the *Intermot Show*, Buche addressed the fact that most research has shown little benefit from the current U.S. rider-training formula, which essentially calls for a single, basic training course.

Although such training, which is mandatory in some states for younger riders, appears to have an initial benefit lasting perhaps six months for new riders, it doesn't have any measurable benefits in longer terms. Buche announced new research that looks at more parameters and will focus in particular on repetitive training, where a rider would follow up his initial training with additional courses tailored for those with more experience and skills. The M.S.F. news release about the presentation notes that a possible federal motorcycle-safety study might also shed light on the topic.

http://msf-usa.org/downloads/ MSF_The_Effects_of_Safety_Renewal.pdf

Some Useful Motorcycle Statistics

Of the over 6.5 million motorcycles registered in the United States, 282,389 were used for primary transportation.

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Of the 129 million U.S. commuters, 147,703 rode motorcycles to work regularly.

More than 20 million Americans surveyed in 2003 said they had ridden within the previous year. (Off-road riding accounted for a third of that figure.)

Three to five motorcycles fit in one automobile parking space.

Motorcycles get 50.1 m.p.g. on average; passenger cars 22.3 m.p.g.; light trucks/S.U.V.s 17.7 m.p.g.

Sources: Ridetowork.com, Motorcycle Industry Council

Doctors:

(A) There are 700,000 physicians in the U.S.

(B) Accidental deaths caused by physicians total 120,000 per year.

(C) Accidental death percentage per physician is 0.171.

Motorcycles:

(A) There are over six million motorcycles registered in the U.S.

(B) There were 4,008 motorcyclist fatalities in 2004.

(C) The percentage of accidental deaths per motorcycle is 0.000668.

Statistically, then, doctors are 256 times more dangerous to the public health than motorcycles.

Fact: Less than two percent of the population owns a motorcycle, but almost everyone has at least one doctor.

China Leading The Way In Motorcycle Sales

When most Americans think of motorcycle imports, they think of the Japanese brands *Honda*, *Yamaha*, *Suzuki*, and *Kawasaki* – the "big four". But in fact, according to *Business Wire*, China has dominated the world's production of motorcycles since 1994, churning out 14 million motorcycles in 2003. Exports surged from more than 3.4 million units (US\$650 million) in 2002 to almost 9 million motorcycles (US\$1.45 billion) last year – a phenomenal increase of 123 percent in value, and representing 48% of the global output. This is astounding growth even for an industry that has shown consistent strength.

Chinese motorcycles and associated products are now exported to some 200 countries, many of them in the developing regions of southeast Asia, south Asia, and Africa, and developed countries in the middle east. Sales to the favored U.S. and European markets are also increasing.

Weird News Helmet Saves Rider From Lightening Strike

A Texas man is recovering from an accident in Colorado after being hit in the head by lightening.

Jason Crawford, 31, and his brother John, 36, from Houston, Texas, were riding dirt bikes in Taylor Park recently when the bolt came out of the blue. Jason said they were on Italian Creek Pass when it started sprinkling and the bolt came without warning. John told the *Grand Junction Sentinel* that the lightning strike caused Jason to do a back flip off his motorbike and twist in the air before he landed on the ground, unable to move.

The bolt melted part of his helmet, fractured his skull and left burn scars

on his chest and left arm. A gold chain and crucifix melted around his neck and burned a rope pattern in his skin when a lightning bolt struck Jason Crawford in the head while he and his brother were riding dirt bikes in Gunnison County, Colorado.

Doctors told him if he hadn't had his helmet on, he would have died. Even with the helmet, it took 30 stitches to close a wound in his head caused by the freak lighting strike.

His brother, John, said it was a fluke that the lightning hit. "What are the chances of being struck by lightning on a moving bike," John told the *Sentinel*. "You can't prepare for that."

Quotable Quote

"Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important."

> Eugene McCarthy (1916 –) U.S. politician, teacher

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From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

Hoo Boy!

September is ended with a bang. Fall will soon be upon us and it's *raining* where I live, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest is known, of course, for its wet climate, but it's also a wake-up call for all of us who ride. In most of this state we can ride pretty much year round, but we need to watch for what every season brings to us. And wet pavement with a few wet leaves can dump ya quicker than scat.

Be careful out there folks. Get out the winter riding gear and remember too, with the wet weather the temperatures drop and the shirt-sleeve riding ends. Your body can lose temperature all too quickly.

Some folks in colder climes will get caught on occasion in the snow stuff and riding becomes a real challenge. Remember, easy does it. Some riders go year-round and know how to ride in it. If you're not one of them, I wouldn't try it.

Now Sam Hochberg, the Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer who gets a little ink here in the *Sack* now and then (he *is* my boss) tells me he spent a winter or two riding, back in his taxi-driving days in the Bronx, New York, back in '71 or so. It's cold back there, so Sam dialed in his poor-man's winter riding gear: Newspapers, crumpled and stuffed under his leather jacket up near the collar, and into the helmet openings. For riding technique, he'd stop the bike, spin the back tire until the bike was pointed to go where he wanted, and then roll!

Sam's advice: Don't do it! But we agree that this time of year, we have

to start paying real close attention to all the stuff we didn't see on the road in the summer. Might be a good time to go over the bike and either get it ready for the winter riding or lay-up as some parts of the country dictate.

It's time also to think about the kids in school and the dangers around those areas. Kids don't tend to look before they cross streets. Keep a close eye peeled because you can abruptly find a house-ape suddenly in your path. What'er ya gonna do then? Whoops! That can squeeze yur pucker string real tight in a hurry. I've had it happen and it's a real wake-up.

Again, I can't stress it enough, brothers and sisters just being able to ride a bike isn't enough. Please take a riding course this fall or sometime in the next few months. It could save your life. We are losing too many of our people, some of them awfully close to home. Don't let this kind of anguish come to your home. It will hurt too much.

Newsbits –N–Pieces

Crossing Bikers: The Sack's own media reporter, Oregon A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg, has a new story for us: A positive portrayal of bikers on TV, for a change! It was on the October 2, 2005 broadcast of the TV show Crossing Jordan. Jordan is a Boston coroner and in this episode she gets a biker on her autopsy slab. His club brothers show up and take the biker's body back to their clubhouse, prop him up dead on his bike, and have a party! So a coroner guy heads out to the clubhouse to get his body back, but he's so impressed by their



straight talk that he allows the club to keep him there, and let the bikers bring the body back later for autopsy, which they do. Then, they steal his body back, because his will said he wanted to be buried in his clubhouse, and on his bike — and the coroner guys sided with the bikers.

Now i know why Sam wanted to report this one: Turned out that this biker in the storyline had been a lawyer who'd chucked his practice to ride and hang out, until he died from a slow cancer. His rich parents show up and want their son buried on the family plot, but the coroner honors the will that their biker son wrote on a roll of toilet paper and a lot of tequila! Sam thinks the writers on the show did try to portray the bikers in a generally positive way. Anyone else who saw this episode, if you thought it was really cool or just B.S., go ahead and e-mail Sam and he can let me know and report back next Sack! Edirectly mail to Sam at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Honda Motorcycle Company: Many of you have already heard the "good news" that there will actually be air-bags available on the newest Honda bikes coming out next year. They have been working on this for some years now, and I guess they have it in the bag so to speak. I must say I have some serious concerns about this idea. I'll hold my thoughts till I see if they really work.

Aprilia, U.S.A. – Aprilia, the Italian motorcycle conglomerate that also owns *Moto Guzzi* and *Laverda*, is looking for additional financing to carry on business. They are feeling the pinch caused by a slump in scooter sales and partially by the law recently passed that helmets are now required in Italy! So whuddaya know: helmet laws do stop enough folks from riding that it's put a dent in bike sales there. Haven't we all been saying that for a few decades now?

Santa Ana, California – The family of a biker who died in a hit-and-run collision on the Riverside freeway have offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who hit him. The C.H.P. hasn't been able to identify the driver of a Ford Expedition that swerved onto the shoulder of the freeway just after midnight on August 31 killing Dave Ghiloni, 36 of Moreno Valley, California. To my way of thinking it's a sad day when people have to offer rewards for information when someone has lost their life.

Florida - This state wants all motorcycle drivers to take a special safety course. It isn't just for youngsters anymore. The boom in bike sales caused by the sudden increase in gas prices has brought a lot more of us folks somewhat past puberty back to the motorcycle world. Many of these new riders wouldn't have gone near a bike a year ago because they were so dangerous. Yet they don't bother to learn even the basics of rider survival. How many times do I beg people to take a riding course? Doesn't matter who you are or how long you've been riding, you will learn something that just might save your bacon.

Massachusetts – Hey! If ya live in Massachusetts near Somerville there are unheated garage spaces available for \$100 a month for the winter months. Hells bells! What's wrong with the living room in your home? It's heated and ya don't haffta spend any more money fur rent.

South Dakota – The state supreme court here will hear arguments in former congressman Bill Janklow's request to regain his license to practice law. The state bar's disciplinary board has recommended Janklow regain his law license on February 15th. If the supreme court agrees, it would mean Janklow's license would be reinstated about a year before his probation ends for second-degree manslaughter and other convictions in an August, 2003 crash that killed a motorcycle rider.

My feeling is he should never see that licence again, nor should he ever legally sit behind the wheel of anything motorized. He killed a man because he was grossly negligent.

Florida – Here's a blurb that will surprise ya. According to the Florida department of highway safety and motor vehicles annual traffic crash statistics report for 2004, motorcycle riders wearing helmets were more likely to sustain an injury or suffer a fatality than their non-helmeted counterparts! 20% more nonhelmeted riders are likely to walk away from crashes with fewer injuries than those wearing lids.

Of the 388 people killed on bikes there, over 51% were wearing lids. According to my read of the article about the study, riders without helmets are more able to react to adverse conditions than those who are covered.

Staying sober is still the best way to avoid a crash to begin with. I gotta get ahold of that study and show it around a little!

Gunny Again

Our Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorneys are more than a bunch of folks who deal with crashes. These folks really care for the welfare of us and are dedicated to our rights. They provide their presence at all Confederations of Clubs meetings to help safeguard us from the long arms of the law that would see us all behind bars because we ride motorcycles. They handle some rights cases free. They ride with us and know our lifestyle. Most people wouldn't talk to a lawyer if they had the chance because they have such low regard for the profession. But we can depend on these folks because they are part of us. If you find yourself in a bind, call your nearest A.I.M. attorney, and he will at least give you advice.

Call the nationwide number 1-(800) 0n-A-Bike, also 1-(800)-531-2424, or on the web at http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com

You can reach Sam Hochberg here in Oregon at 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free. He's also available online at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

You can reach the Gunny anytime at AIMGUNNY@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom, Gunny chief of staff Oregon's *A.I.M.*

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Run Reports End Of Summer Run (WaCo)



Another great A.B.A.T.E. run!

This year it's on a VW trike and I'm pulling Gunny's old/new to us Aspen Classic tent trailer. It's quite a pull for the ol' VW but we get the job done.

Randy, Bob, Millie, Gary and I rode up to *End of Summer Run* (my first trip to Birkenfeld) on Friday morning, leaving Newport about 10:00 a.m. We rode in the rain a bit and got a kick outta the times we peeled off rain great and then put it back on along the way. Anyway, it was a good ride even though it was a bit wet.

After we got to Birkenfeld we pitched camp and waited for the rest of our *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.* crew. About 20 in all attended this year.

Randy and I got a kick out of *WaCo*'s run flyer actually. And I'll quote "Voted Best Run for Bike Games".

I've been asking around *Lincoln County*. Nobody in our chapter voted for *Washington County*'s, *End of Summer Run* as we have some of the slowest riders in the state. *Lincoln County* has hosted bike games at *Fossil* for tons of years. I don't think there is a chapter anywhere in this state that can come up with as many trophies at one event as we can. And did in Birkenfeld!

Randy got first place in slow race and third for his bike in the bike show (foreign category). Gary first place for rat bike, second place in slow race. I got first place in the gutter ball and weenie bite.

So, four first place trophies.

Pretty good for very little effort on our part.

These trophies, by the way, were fantastic.

Created like original artwork they were.

The weather was fantastic and so was the music. Great time had by all.

One really nice thing we discovered was how great *Washington County* is with the kid games and activities. I've never seen better when it comes to a family event for *A.B.A.T.E.* (My membership number is 5013, so I've been around awhile.) Kudos to *Washington County A.B.A. T.E.* for reminding many of us.

A.B.A.T.E. runs/campouts are for families too! Gosh I loved the huge air filled dinosaur and I bought one of the marshmallow guns. (Once a kid, always a kid.)

Thanks to all who worked their butts off. We had a wonderful time and look forward to next year. We'll be there and you might muster up some competition for the bike games!

Sincerely,

deb:-) becker

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Memories Of *Fossils* Past



I know *Fossil* is still a long way off. But take a moment to reflect . . . Remembering the ride.

Heading out on your gear loaded bike. (Normally in the rain.)

For me, the ride took me east from Portland, battling through the gorge winds on I-84, 105 miles to Biggs Junction, then south to Wasson and over the hills to Condon, then on to *Fossil*.

Every year it has always been a tradition for me and a lot of other riders to stop in Condon on the way to the *Fossil Run*. We'd pull up to the *Roundup Room* to rest our weary butts and get a little food and drink.

When you enter the bar, you gaze at all the bricks on the wall, looking for your name written in chalk from year's past. There are hundreds of names up there. I have two bricks up at the top about ten feet from the front of the bar. Mine started in 1982 and continue to 2005 with 1983 and 1984 missing. It's time to add another year to my brick.

"Hey Al, where's the chalk?" (Al's the owner and bartender.)

After he fumbles through all the drawers he finds some chalk and hands it to me with his big signature smile. This has been Al's place for a long time and he's always happy to see all the riders who came in on the way to the *Fossil Run*.



The last few years he hadn't been able to run the bar, but I would always stop in anyway, just to say "Hi". He couldn't sell alcohol, but he would open the doors during the *Fossil Run* and for a small donation you could get a cold beer. If he wasn't at the bar, you'd find him on his balcony waving to all who rode by.

This year the doors will be closed and the balcony will be empty.

Alan Blackford, age 74, died in a motorcycle crash on Saturday, September 10th.

I'll miss stopping in to say "Hi" to Al, but I'll still be thinking of him as I'm riding through Condon on my way to the *Fossil Run*.

Al's family is considering a memorial service or some type of remembrance for all who knew him, (possibly at the *Roundup*) sometime during the *Fossil* weekend.

— Brent

BikePAC of Oregon Crash Report

www.BikePAC.com 503-347-0524

The purpose of this form is to allow *BikePAC* to track your motorcycle crash and to follow what legal action may be taken, if any, by the police or district attorney, against the party at fault. We would also like to follow the case with you, and let us know what the outcome was, either as to any criminal charge against the other party, or whether you settled any civil claim or had to go to trial or arbitration to get it handled. Ultimately, *BikePAC* may use this information, anonymously of course, to show the legislature the actual problems Oregon motorcyclists face every day in our legal system, and which laws may need changing. We are specifically interested in tracking what criminal punishment is meted out to drivers who are hurting and killing Oregon motorcyclists.

Please submit this form *even if you do not have all the information*. We will use this form to track the event anyway. Please submit as soon as possible. If you need additional paper to finish this, please feel free to do so. Please print carefully. Thank you.

R.M. "Randy" Phipps legislative director—*BikePAC of Oregon*

 Your name, address, phone and e-mail:

 Date of motorcycle crash:

 Location (mile marker, intersection, city or nearest town or street address):

 What happened? Left turned, rear ended, broadsided, etc, and the nature and extent of any "*injury* to rider(s).

 Was anyone *cited or arrested*? If anyone was, please provide the name of the person cited, the nature of the criminal or traffic charge, the name and location of the court, the name of the district attorney handling the prosecution, and any other pertinent details or case numbers:

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 Other driver(s) info (name, address, license number, state issued by, etc.):

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From yer ...



Yer crusty ol' editor has just returned from attending the first half of the annual Oregon A.B.A.T.E. planning conference on 15 October 2005. This was the first such planning session that c.o.e. has attended, but he certainly intends that it won't be the last.

If anyone wants to have a direct impact on the direction of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*, this is the place to do it.

Representatives from individual chapters, state board members, and

BikePAC all meet to set goals to guide the organization for the coming year. Topics are set in a general meeting, then folks break up into groups to discuss them and arrive at actions that can be taken to achieve desired goals.

Crusty ol' editor sat in with the public relations group discussing the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement and other topics. The statement is important because it guides us in all our activities.

The complete Oregon A.B.A.T.E. mission statement may be found on the second page of every state newsmagazine and in abbreviated form on the cover above the A.B.A.T.E. eagle.

How many chapters read the mission statement out loud at each meeting or sanctioned event?

If your's doesn't, consider doing so. It helps focus your chapter's energies and efforts in a productive direction. It also helps potential members understand what we are about and what we are doing. Also consider printing out the statement on a banner or poster and displaying it prominently at chapter events.

Use a variety of media to get information out to the public and potential chapter members. Bookmarks $(1-1/2^{\circ} \times 5^{\circ})$ coloured card stock) with

Planning Our Future, Finding Our Past

We are not on a fixed path c.o.e.– 46

the term "A.B.A. T.E." defined, the mission statement, contact information, chapter meeting times, locations, and upcoming events are small enough to fit easily into a pocket, unlike full-size run fliers. Eyecatching colours makes them easier to find later.

Use the mass media to make your *A.B.A.T.E.* functions dynamic and raise public awareness.

Politics is the means by which we achieve our legislative goals. -- Rot Path

In another life under another name yer crusty ol' editor went to public grade school where the Plymouth myth was enacted annually at this time of year. We had our colored paper pilgrim hats and "Indian" feathers and under the direction of our teachers we played out the little drama of the nation's founding as presented in secondary education history books.

Except that they have it all wrong.

There is considerable debate among historians about the *Mayflower*'s proposed destination. But the controversy is ignored in texbooks.

Sailors of that era were well acquainted with the technique to determine latitude, so if storms blew them off course, they had the ability and stores to regain their intended route.

The pilgrims numbered 35 out of 102 on board and there is a possibility that they intended to hijack the ship to an unsettled part of New England. The fabled *Mayflower Compact* was an attempt to avoid mutiny by the majority. (And later



by Rot Path

framers of the U.S. constitution largely ignored it.)

And ship's company did not arrive at a Cape Cod wilderness in 1620. They landed at a prime agricultural area cleared and farmed by Wampanoage tribal people for generations until a plague of European diseases killed 90-95% of their population. (By contrast, the European "black plague" killed 30% of Europe's population.)

And yes, it was rough for the *Mayflower* voyagers settling in to a new country. But if so many of them hadn't run around digging holes looking for gold instead of farming, they wouldn't have found themselves starving and resorting to theft, ransacking native grain stores, and cannibalizing native corpses.

Sometimes real history isn't as pretty as textbook myths.

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November 2005

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	2 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	3 Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	4 Guy Fawkes Night (For all the Brit riders)	5 Salem Biker Night Stayton	
6 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	7	8 2nd quarter moon Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm) geneeral election day	9	10 Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	Veteran's Day Thank veterans for protecting the free- doms you enjoy.	12 North Coast Auction Astoria STATE BOARD MEETING Eagles-Albany 1200 (12:00 pm) Run committee 1100 (11:00 am)	
13 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	14	15 full moon (mourning moon) Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	16 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	17 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	18	WaCo Toy Run _{Tigard}	
20 A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet Portland South Coast 1300 (1 pm) Souteast Portland noon	21	22 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	23 4th quarter moon	24 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm) Thanksgiving (For all but the turkeys and plague-stickened tribal people.)	25	26	
27 Salem 1400 (2:00 pm)	28	29	30				

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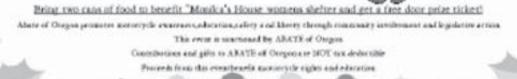




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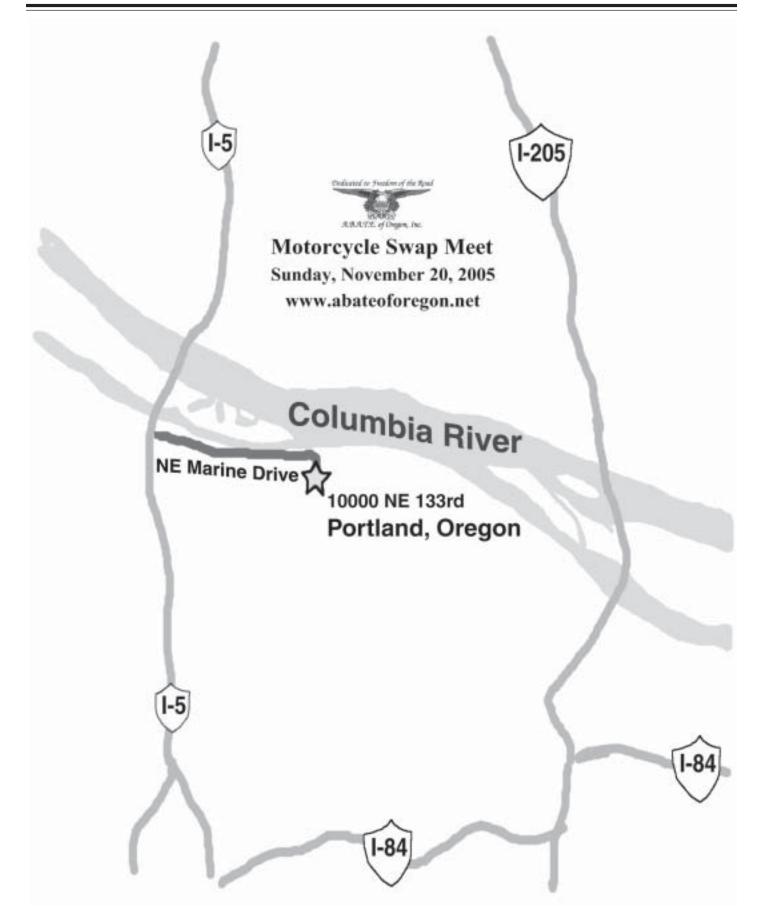
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O.D.O.T. CONFERENCE REPORT

Mel Yeager

(cool dude and all around nice guy)

Monday, September 19

From 9:00 a.m. to noon on the first day, I attended the session dealing with traffic control devices. There are many proposals for changes in the existing policies. Studies are being made concerning replacing the manual push buttons at crosswalks with automatic devices and to incorporate audible devices for blind people. The concern here is that many cell phones have the capability of making the same sounds as the audible devices. A very unique sound will have to be used for this purpose.

Fire signals for fire station access to state roads are being studied and standardized with the appropriate and approved signs and lights spaced the proper distance from the fire station, and depending on the frequency of use (2+ per weeks). Must incorporate proper backup warning capability in case of power outage.

Traffic controls at intersections with railroads and intersections before drawbridges must be standardized and operate on a priority system that lets one device override the other when necessary.

The next matter of concern was how to prioritize the lights at an intersection when approached by two emergency vehicles from right angles. (Fire truck/ambulance or police car).

The last topic dealt with roadway markings for bicyclists when there are no bike lanes. The consensus of opinion was to widen the parking strip sufficient to allow a bicycle to ride between the travel lane and the



cars parked in the parking lane. This would be painted with special markings to show that is for special use.

At 3:30 p.m. I attended the session on solving disputes. Since the courts are so overburdened with cases, there are several unique ways to refer the disputes to other ways to resolve them. We are talking about neighbor to neighbor, over the fence problems where one person sues the other, for example. Instead of tying up the time in a courtroom, this may be referred to a city or neighborhood mediation team. Everyone has the right to sue, but it may take years to reach a settlement. If mediation can not be reached, the matter could be referred to arbitration.

Tuesday, September 20

The 10:15 a.m. session was the second half of a topic dealing with proactive road safety. Concerns about road surface materials, better signs with reflective qualities, different types of traffic lights and new uses of the yellow left-turn arrows were explained. It is important that we are aware of the new lights. Medford, Beaverton and a few other small cities are now using them on a test basis.

If a community is having a problem with a particular area having crashes, a team will help determine:

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- 2) What is the crash experience.
- 3) What are the field conditions.

4) What time of the day or night (or year).

A study of this nature will take at least a year to determine if weather conditions are a factor. It may take as long as four years. Then a study is made to determine the appropriate solution(s) to solve the problem. Obtaining the money to buy the necessary fix is the next priority. After that is done a contract is offered to contractors to make the changes. We're not done yet. Now a study is made to determine if the problem has indeed been solved. This could take from one to four years. The class was designed for O.D.O.T. engineers but was fascinating to see the process they go through.

The next session was the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* put on by Mel and Iris Yeager with assistance from Randy Phipps. The program went well and we got many good comments about how it was presented and the message being given to the students. Now that the program has been seen by *A.C.T.S.* leaders, they completely understand that we have a serious message to impart. We have already asked for consideration to present it again next year.

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O.D.O.T. CONFERENCE REPORT (continued)

Out of the contacts made in the class we have picked up two requests to present our class at *Santiam Center* of *Chemeketa Ccommunity College* in the Sublimity area, and for the staff and personnel who work for the city of Bend. This request came from the city manager. The information was forwarded to Geoff White, education director.

At the noon luncheon several awards were given to those people and organizations who support A.C.T.S. and participate in public safety projects in their communities. A.B.A.T.E. received a plaque for being the first lifetime member of A.C.T.S.

New Car Technology was the next session I attended. This dealt with people who are the first to respond to a crash. Many people have been injured by airbags deploying as they struggle to get someone out of a wrecked car. This class was intended to show the dangers of just climbing into a car just after a wreck. Some new cars have as many as sixteen airbags in various locations throughout the car. Smart systems can deploy a second charge if needed. Some will not go off if the seat is unoccupied. It is triggered by the crash and needs only the weight of someone on the seat to set it off.

The best thing to do is to remove the negative battery cable as soon as you get to the car and then wait a couple of minutes for the control capacitors to drain down before attempting to enter a car. Jaws of life can also rupture the compressed air cylinders that activate the airbags, so extreme care is needed there also.

Information about how to approach a hybrid gas/electric car was then given. The motor of the hybrid car runs on very high voltage from the battery pack in the rear of the car to the motor in the front. This voltage can be 460 volts and even higher in some models. The cables run underneath the car and should be colored orange. Do not touch these wires. Removing the negative cable from the 12 volt battery is okay. (If you can find it.) The motor could be running although there is no indication of movement, so first thing to do is to reach in and remove the electronic key from the dash module and place it on the dash. This indicates to emergency personnel approaching the car that the main power is off to the motor.

New glass and crumple zones are being built into cars and help make drivers and passengers safer. One caution if you see glass" that is bent or deformed from the crash, stay away from it. It is probably a plastic called polycarbonate. It is virtually unbreakable and could snap back to its original shape with enough power to hurt or kill an unsuspecting person.

Wednesday, September 21

I went to a class called *Technicians* As Educators And Our Impact In Oregon. This session was primarily about the child safety seat program through A.C.T.S. and how it is implemented throughout the state. After showing statistics of the need for child safety seats versus the poverty rate in Oregon it became apparent that there is a glaring need. The number of people available in each county to check and instruct people about how to install the child seat properly is very low in every county. More certified instructors are needed in each county. Typically the fire station personnel in the past have done this. Due to cutbacks and other reasons the instructor numbers have been declining.

The last session I attended was Aggressive Driving Enforcement Programs. A patrolman from Portland showed several police car videos of reckless drivers swerving from lane to lane, improper passing, speeding, etc. A highway patrolman from the state police who works primarily from Salem to Portland in a souped-up unmarked car showed several highspeed chases down I-5. He concentrates primarily on drivers following too close and using aggressive tactics to get down the road. He also showed videos of tired drivers drifting off the highway. He showed a chase that involved a brand new Mazeratti and another car going well over 100 mph, zigging and zagging through traffic. It took this officer about five miles to stop that car. A Marion county deputy was already chasing the two and stopped the other one soon after.

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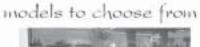
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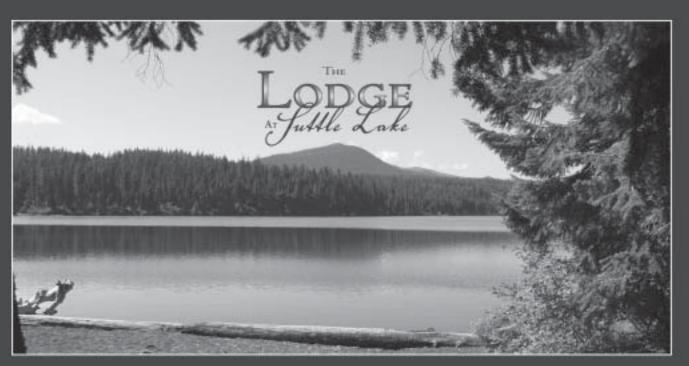


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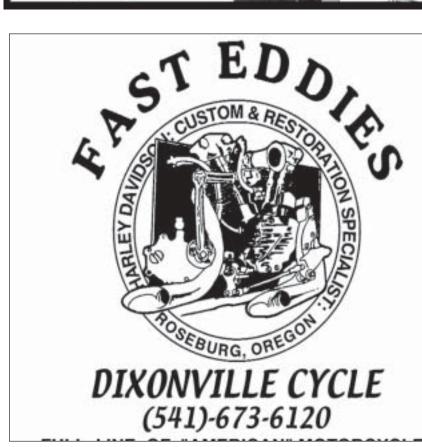


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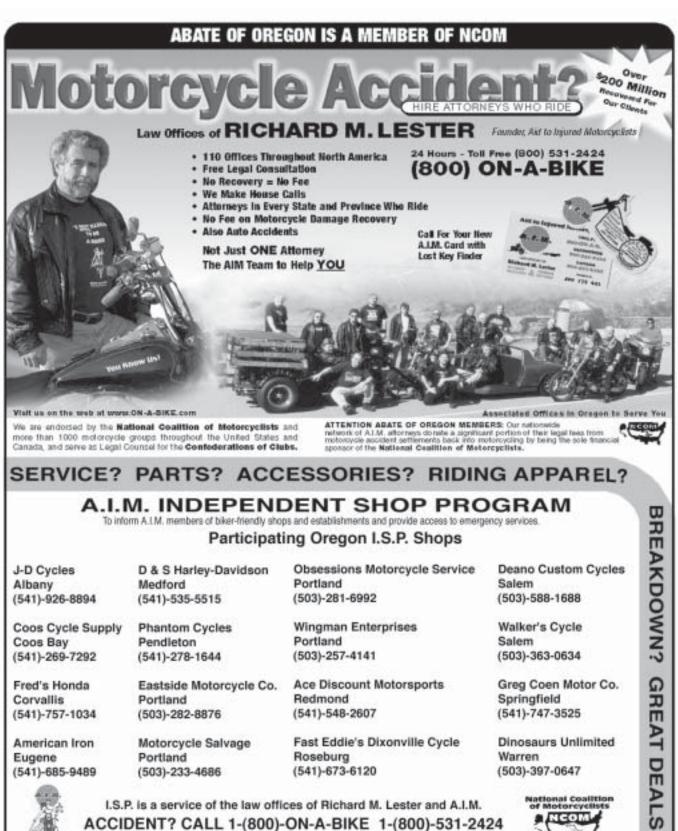
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Debbie and Brian Done	(503)-357-5620		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
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Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)	inty area (continued)	X	Х	х	Х	Х	хΣ
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	XX
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	XX
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	XX
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 tol	l-free	X	X	X	X	X	XX
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	Х	Х	ХУ
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	Х	X	ХУ
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X		X	ХУ
	Willamette Valley	 v area						
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				Х	Х
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		x	х		X	XX
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X				21 23
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		Х	Х	Σ
Michelle FitzHenry	(541)-787-4209	Falls City	X	X	х	X	X	X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	XX
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X		Х	Х	ХХ
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X	1		X	Х	X
Ted & Sandy Hudgins	(541)-513-6216(c)			Х	Х		Х	ХХ
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	Х				Х	Х
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
Michael & Peggy Schneider		Eugene	Х	Х	Х		Х	ХХ
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	Х			Х		Х
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	Х	Х		Х		Х
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				Х	Х
Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	Albany	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	ХХ
	0	ther areas						
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	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black .				
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	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black			a second s	
		Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue .				
		Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow				
	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white	/blue 3.00	<u> </u>	-	
	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/bla	ack 3.00		YEAR PIN	
	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red.	3.00			
	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/bla	ack 3.00		the second se	
	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00			1
	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/blac	k 3.00	·····	ABATE	
	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/blac	k 3.00		- Martin	4
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	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue	/gold 3.00		Oregon	P
	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gc	old 3.00		New!	
	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white			Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.L	<i>E</i> . logo \$40
	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00		-	
	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00			
	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00		ABATE PINS	
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	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver			THE PATE	
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	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00		FOR	
	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00		E/20)	
	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00			
	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00			
	AFP	Fossil Pin	5.00			
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	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00			
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		Polo shirts	20.00		100	E
		Ladies V-neck shirts	20.00			
		Ladies crew neck shirts				

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00		
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	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00		DECIDE
	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00		
	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00		STICKERS
	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00		
	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE,	2.50		
		Don't Mess With It"			LOUD
	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	3.00		PUPES
	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers			LIVES
	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch			
	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year 1982 thru 1993 available			SPECIAL
	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives			ORDER
	-	-			
	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin			ITEMS
	EAP	Eagle Pin			
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		Vice-Coordinator			P.R. OFFICER
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	Chapter	Educational Director	5.00		(special
	Chapter	Ways & Means Director	5.00	<u> </u>	order
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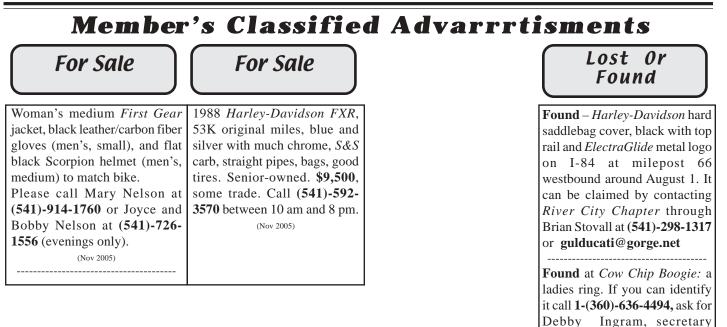
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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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:

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NAME:			
ADDRESS:	CI	TY:	
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MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR L	EGISLATIVE PURPOSES?	(YES) (NO)	
	AT HAPPENED WHEN YOU		
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CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO F	OR: HELMET / OTHER (spe		
CITE # 1st appea	rance date:	TIME:	am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _			
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED A	T THE SAME TIME? LIST:		
IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL O	CHARGES (not infractions),		
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Briefly describe the evidence you p	resented at your trial (or inclu	ude a copy)	
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When you bought the helmet did it h	nave a DOT sticker on the ou	utside? YES	NO
Label permanently fastened inside?			
Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)		
If modified describe:			



Answer to Spooktober CRYPTOGRAM

Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear, To dig the dust enclosed here; Blest be the man who spares these stones, And curst be he who moves my bones. — Shakespeare's epitaph

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING: Saturday, 12 November 2005 at noon *Eagles;* Albany, Oregon

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RUN COMMITTEE MEETING at 11:00 a.m.

CHAPTER MEETINGS							
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.							
Chapter:	Date/Time:		Location:				
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend				
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland				
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm}))	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg				
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany				
Josephine County	1 st Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Abby's Pizza; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass				
Lincoln County	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Tues	1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport				
North Coast	4 th Thusday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria				
Northeast Portland	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Wed	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland				
River City	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles				
Salem	4 th Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Papa's Pizza, 4550 Commercial Street, Salem				
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend				
Southeast Portland	1^{st} & 3^{rd} Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham				
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bar; 4202 Pacific Ave;				
			Forest Grove				
Willamette Valley	2 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building				
			1626 Willamette Street; Eugene				