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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



Let those who ride decide

November 2008

2008 Planning Session Results (photos on page 15 – More details in December issue)

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. — Changing The Way We Do Business

After being lost on a narrow curvy back road, it's looking like *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is finally turning the corner toward a straight-away where we can crack open the throttle in the direction we want to ride.

During the 2007 planning session it was suggested that state officers be elected earlier so they have time to learn their duties prior to assuming office.

That procedure has been put in place with state officer elections being completed at the October state board meeting. New officers were able to receive advice and information from out-going and previous officers that will help the new officers ease into their new duties. This will aid the organization because come January, new

officers will already be up to speed on their jobs rather than flailing for a couple of months as they try to figure things out.

Another aspect of this change is the hope that more members will be encouraged to volunteer for chapter and state officer positions, since the transition into office won't be nearly as traumatic.

Perhaps the most profound thought to come out of the 2008 planning session is to think about what is best for the organization in everything we do and say. Before launching into a story, vendetta, ego gratification, or personal agenda during a meeting, each one of us must ask ourselves if our words or actions will help or hinder the mission of *A.B.A.T.E.* We must

substitute professional for personal during meetings. There is no "I" in "We".

One major change that will be coming out of the 2008 planning session is a streamlining of our by-laws and operational rules so the organization can move quicker, especially during the upcoming legislative session. Presently our rules are incorporated with our by-laws and every time we make a change to them, major or minor, there is a delay and expense to refile the by-laws with the Oregon secretary of state. The goal is to revert to only the by-laws needed to register the organization as a 501c4, then leave them alone. Rules and operating procedures will be organized and indexed separately so they'll be easier to use and

change, as needed.

This work won't be done on Mount Olympus. The committee working on the documents will be constantly referring their progress to the chapters for suggestions and approval. Nothing will be implemented without consent of the chapters. It can't be. So chapters, make sure that you monitor the work of the organizational manual committee whenever it is forwarded to your chapter. Please ensure that you understand what is actually being said and not act on what you think you heard. And make sure your chapter representative to the state board votes in accordance with the will of your chapter.

— Rot Path, c.o.e.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Fall Swap Meet

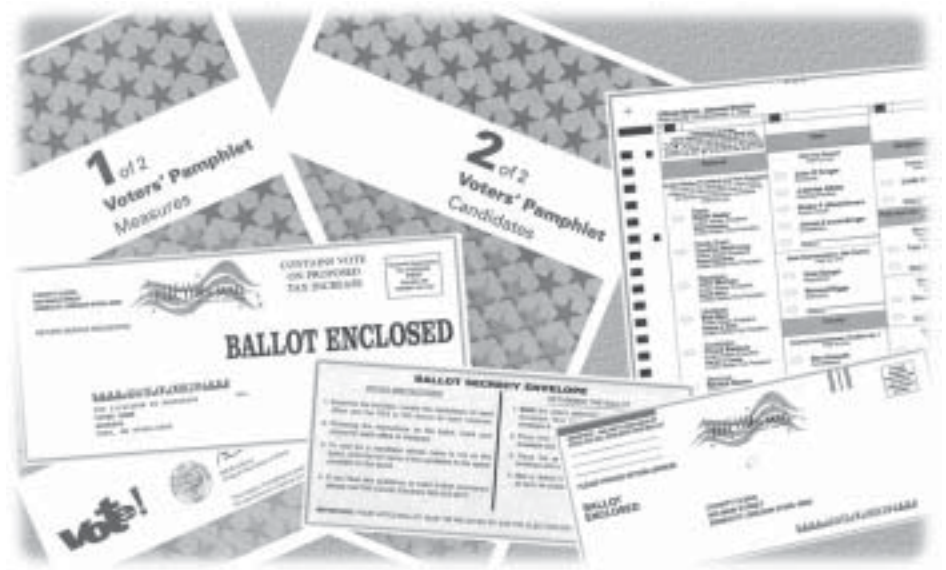
A Real Knockout



(photos furnished by Southwest Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Washington)

Did You Vote ?

Freedom, like a parked motorcycle, stops working if unused



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

What We're About

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

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

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, 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, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*,

Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A. of California* and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

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

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

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

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

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

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

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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State Coordinator's Comments

Reality Check

If it's not in the best interests of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, *fuggedaboutit!*

Entirely too much time has been wasted on personality issues and drama. Where did it get us?

Nowhere!

Hour after hour in the state board meetings when we could have been riding. Bitterness and resentment and non-productive effort.

We had best be about the business at hand: the promotion of motorcycle safety, public education, and awareness, and the application of time effort and creativity toward *positive* legislative action.

The elections are upon us and we have affirmed friends in the legislature. Once the votes are counted, send an e-mail and make a phone call to tell them how thankful you are that they prevailed in the election.

Don't know who the rider-friendly legislators are?

Ask your chapter legislative representative.

Don't have one?

Elect one.

It's *not* up to the few to carry this organization on their backs so the rest can party hearty.

It's up to every man and woman on a motorcycle carrying the fight into the public forum so that 250,000 motorcycle-endorsed citizens of this state don't lose a single inch of ground.

We could put 150 motorcycles in *Pioneer Courthouse Square* and state our position on freedom of choice through megaphones so the media can hear us.

"Loud pipes save lives", but only one at a time.

Loud voices will save many lives and protect our hard-fought freedoms for future riders.

It's time to get thoroughly involved or sell your scooter and go fishing!



Matt Price
state coordinator
*A.B.A.T.E. of
Oregon, Inc.*

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C'mon, you'll have to do better than *that*.

Chapter reports are due by the 10th of each month.

Use the opportunity to brag about what your chapter has accomplished.

Let others know what you're planning so more folks show up at your events.

Make your chapter so attractive that more and more people join. Get your members so fired up that you have to find a larger gathering place.

(Besides, we all know that goblins prefer nice tender children.)

There is snow on the mountains, oh boy! Well since the first snow has fallen, that means that it will be colder longer and the rides will be shorter. That's central Oregon for you.

The *11th Annual Teddy Bear Run* is in the memories of those who choose to ride. The ride was well attended — 35 bikes on the run, about 50 people total. I hope everyone had a good time?

The first stop of five.

The first stop was the Bend hospital, and as in the past years, they had coffee and hot cocoa for us and greeted us with open doors. The Bend police did the stopping of traffic on Neff and 27th again. Makes for a safe turn on to 27th and gets us on our way safely.

I would like to thank the Prineville police department for the escort to their hospital. The P.P.D. did another great job escorting us through town and to the hospital. Heck, I guess you could have called it a parade. The town's people were waving and saying thank you over the roaring bikes leading the way for the teddy bear trailer.

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On the way out of Prineville was a different story. We didn't get the police escort out of town, which was okay because we handled that perfect (as always) when we don't get an escort. The different story is that when we left the hospital everyone could see the rain was coming. With hope that we might get past it, we headed for Madras. No such luck! I would like to say that it was rain or even a shower, but I would be lying. It was like driving through a waterfall. The nice part (if there could be a nice part) was that a few miles out of Prineville it stopped. The rest of the ride to Madras was dry, for the most part.

I would really like to thank Madras for their support of our group.

Madras police department hooked up with us outside of Madras and led us into town. When we hit highway 97 off the Madras/Prineville highway there were two more cop cars and they stopped the traffic as we headed on to highway 97 and into Madras with lights and sirens. It was impressive! They took us all the way to the hospital. You would have thought the president was in town.

When we got to the top of the hill of the Madras hospital, much to the surprise of the group they had prepared lunch for us complete with soft drinks and roll ups and chips.

Leaving Madras was another thing. When we left Madras we again had a police escort, just as impressive as the one to the hospital. Lights and sirens

all the way to the edge of town, and then we headed to Redmond.

When we got to Redmond the hospital cafeteria staff had baked cookies for the group. They were warm and delicious.

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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The rains have begun and it's a reminder that our ride season is coming to an end.

We have the various toy runs to look forward to, so there's still a little ride time on the clock.

It is my hope that even given this terrible and uncertain economy that those of us who can, will participate in the efforts to help the less fortunate this winter and through the holiday season. I heard a statistic the other night on the radio that said if you make \$37,000 a year or more, you are in the top four percent of wealth across the world's population. I know people who spend more than that for a car or truck, not to mention a custom-built. So as the holidays approach, think of the kids and the families who need our support.

It's November and there will be some Veteran's Day events around the state. We always have a great parade here in Roseburg.

Let's all join in and remember our vets. If you can, visit a veteran's hospital or a vet you may know. Many of our World War II vets are aged and alone. If you know one, take a minute

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to bring by a little treat and say, "thank you" for your service. We have lots of vets, especially from the Viet Nam era who were overlooked and even abused when they came home. To all of you, from all of us, and I will speak collectively, *thank you!* Pray for our troops and our leaders during these tumultuous times across the globe.

Finally, Thanksgiving approaches and even when the market is down, we're losing jobs, and our young men and women are spread across the world in the name of preserving our freedom, we are blessed! Take time to give thanks, to share a meal, and remember those you love. Take the time to tell those you love, that you do. We still have reason to be thankful.

Thanks to all of you across the state

for you participation in *A.B.A.T.E.*

Our national elections are this month and don't let apathy and disgust for a sometimes disgusting process keep you from voting. It's not only a right, but compared to most of the world, it's a privilege, one that our forefathers gave their lives for.

A.B.A.T.E. will be having elections soon and we need your participation in that process too. Get to your local meeting and get involved. The freedom to ride is not a given.

See you down the road,
Be blessed and safe,

Becky Garino

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Willie D's

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Roseburg,

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

Hub City



As I write this, final preparations are underway for our annual *Mall Motorcycle Show* on October 24-26. This is our last chapter-sponsored community awareness project for the year. The *Heritage Mall* in Albany allows us to put our bikes in the mall for the weekend and set up tables and a photo area where folks can get pictures taken "sitting on a motorcycle." We tend to make a modest fee in terms of the small cost that the public pays for us to produce a nicely framed picture within a few minutes of it being taken. However,

the real payoff results from them being made aware of *A.B.A.T.E.* in the area. Recruiting new membership and providing awareness to the community "at large" that would not normally come into contact with *A.B.A.T.E.* is significant and very important to our annual awareness efforts.

Officer nominations began at our October meeting and continue next month. We had an excellent crew this year who worked tirelessly once again to provide our membership and the outside community around the valley

with information and events furthering our causes and our brother/sister-hood as motorcycle riders.

I highly encourage all those reading this to consider giving back to your chapter in 2009 by stepping into officer positions and expanding your involvement. Your help is greatly needed each year to keep the heartbeat of your chapter beating and renewed.

Hub City Chapter has received excellent legislative information this election year by staying in close contact with *BikePAC* though the efforts of our legislative representative, Joe Maffei.

We are paying especially close attention to the reelection campaign of Andy Olson (house district 15) who graciously attended our monthly meeting and fielded our questions. Having a motorcycle endorsement himself, Andy was able to reassure us that he aligns with our interests as riders and that he is willing to work with us in the 2009 legislative session, not only possibly further our causes, but also to be diligent and aware of those issues that come up to take away more of our rights as riders.

This alignment effort with a state house representative is an exciting relationship for *A.B.A.T.E.* and for *Hub City*. I really want to reiterate that it never would have happened without the extraordinary efforts of our legislative representative.

As the winter approaches we hope to see you all out there at the *Veteran's Day Parade* and the toy runs.

Be safe, be aware,

— Don
coordinator
Hub City Chapter

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 Fifth Street

Albany

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



The year is quickly winding down. We want to say thank you to everyone who has supported us this year by attending the swap meet in May, the *Coast Run*, the *S.O.S. Campout*, the *Last Chance BBQ*, and the toy run. It was fun working with *Douglas County* at the *S.O.S. Campout*. We hope we can be more help next year.

The *Last Chance BBQ* and potluck was very small. Only 23 bikes participated. With the raffle and 50/50 drawing we just barely broke even. So we took \$200 out of our treasury to donate to the *Wolf Creek Parenting Center*. Everyone who attended had fun. One person rode down from Roseburg. The restaurant knew about the poker run, but the one waitress he spoke to had no clue. I hope he

stayed and went on the ride. We never did find out who it was.

The toy run was held at the fairgrounds this year since we greatly outgrew the grange that we've held it in for the last four years. The room at the fairgrounds was so much better. We were able to have a separate area for all the raffle prizes and the silent auction. And the kitchen was big enough to handle all the food we had. The only draw back was that it cost so much more money to rent the larger building. And we didn't have the turn out that we've had the last couple years. The only explanation that we've heard is "it's the economy". So we will have to discuss the pros and cons at the next meeting to decide what direction to go next year.

The final numbers are not in yet, but it has been estimated that we had about 150 bikes and 250 people. Several classic cars came out to represent the local *Chevy* club. Unfortunately several bikes did not heed the warning about not blocking traffic and to ride with the lights, so there were a few tickets handed out which dampened the spirits just a little. But all-in-all the ride was very successful. Our donations and contributions were fruitful. We have enough money and toys to donate to both the *Siskiyou Project Baby Check* and to the *Wolf Creek Parenting Center*.

There are lots of people and groups to thank for the success of the toy run. *Leadfoot* entertained us throughout the day and they were awesome. We had a lot more volunteers this year which helped everything go much more smoothly. The ladies at *Project Baby Check* and at the *Wolf Creek Parenting Center* were wonderful. The *Red Hat* ladies

helped with the toys and the kid's table. The the local *Shriners* chapter brought out their rolling BBQ and cooked for us. And of course all the *A.B.A.T.E.* members who attended and who helped.

We will continue to collect donations and raffle prizes during October and November for the toy run projects.

At the December meeting / Christmas potluck we will have our regular chapter raffle drawings, but we will also have a separate toy run raffle drawing. We already have a \$50 savings bond and a \$200 gift

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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Lincoln County is now receiving the rains we have not had this year. It didn't stop a group from taking a ride to the Salem area and returning home. They had a great time and enjoyed the company of all.

Our chapter, by members participating, was part of the escort for the memorial wall. It was a solemn time for those riding and also returning the next day to help assemble the wall. Some of us were able to give of our time to work as locators of names and guards to prevent vandalism to the wall. It's a weekend that we shall not forget. Part of our membership also belongs to the *American Legion Riders* and we were honored to have our coordinator participate as one of the lead riders in the man missing formation.

We are discussing and preparing for the *Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner*. This is a time that all of us enjoy and look forward to. There is nothing like sharing the Thanksgiving holiday meal with some who would otherwise not have people who care about them.

It is also time to look to our

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Christmas program that we do locally for several families. Nothing compares to the joy of small children during the Christmas holidays.

It's time to put the scooters in the garage and make sure that they are checked over and any minor winter projects are listed so that they can be ready when spring arrives. We do ride them during our Christmas project and then the real work on them starts.

We are discussing the chapter elections that are coming up. The nomination process will start next month. We shall see what happens and whose shiny new faces will be on the board.

Discussion was held on officers nominated for the state board and hoping that, if elected, they know what needs to be done to keep the state organization running smoothly. It is a time of changes for all and learning what has worked and what is not working and keep the positive side of the coin up. [*Coins have polarity? (This proves that c.o.e. pays at least nominal attention in class.)*]

It's time to get this sent to the crusty ol' editor so that he doesn't dream of sending this poor soul off the end of the plank.

Always ride safe and watch for the other guy/gal since they don't seem

to always watch for us.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900
(7 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
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Newport

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Our first meeting as an organized A.B.A.T.E chapter was held at 1 p.m. on September 20 at *Big Guy Restaurant and Sports Bar*.

Three new members joined, which gives us the total membership of 23!!! Not bad for three weeks.

There was discussion about getting the word out into the community about the new A.B.A.T.E chapter in the town of Clatskanie. It was decided that two members of the chapter will attend the city council meeting in Clatskanie to let them know that we are here and what we stand for. We are also contacting the local papers.

We have formed a committee to look into *Turning Point* (the local nonprofit organization to help families in need) about doing a food drive and a toy run in the next couple of months.

We are looking into fund raisers to build up our funds for the chapter.

Our executive board is setting up banking and we now have a post office box.

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



Our address is:

Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E
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Clatskanie, OR 97016

Our next meeting is October 18th at *Big Guy Restaurant and Sports Bar* at 1 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Witmer
chapter secretary

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Saturdays at 1300 (1 pm)
Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge
address

Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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



Okay, I went hunting and my report is late, so this will be short.

The chapter is concentrating on our spaghetti feed and toy run. Things are going well, but auction and raffle items are in dire need!

Al Jaques has been working with Astoria high school in doing motorcycle awareness program (M.A.P.) classes. Two teachers have shown strong interest.

Next meeting , officers will be elected. I will report next month on the results.

Howie

NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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



September 16, 2008

Tonight's meeting was small in numbers and large in talk and feelings. The state board of directors report generated a large discussion of great concern for our organization and its well-being. Treasury and leadership were the chief areas of concern.

Several members just returned from long vacation rides:

- Pat went to Canada and got hassled at the border for his concealed permit: no gun, just the permit.
- Larry put in 5,237.6 miles to Milwaukee and back for a national *Harley-Davidson* event. He said the local events were better.

We held no drawings tonight due to the lateness of our discussions and no member list.

— Brian

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October 7, 2008

This meeting was odd.

We had a guest speaker, John Huffman, candidate for district 59 house seat. We had quite a discussion and he stayed until 8:30 p.m., at which time we stopped the presentation so we could get some important business done. It was a very good discussion of broad topics.

We had to put off most business until the next meeting and just dealt

with the officer candidate list. We held no drawings. The meeting lasted until after 9 p.m. and the restaurant was closing up around us.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

- 04 November 2008
- 18 November 2008

RIVER CITY MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
Roadstop Restaurant
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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



Brian Clem (D), state representative from district 21, attended our meeting and took questions from the members. He is running unopposed and not seeking help with his campaign. As a motorcyclist, representative Clem is familiar with the problems we face. Other issues were brought up and he answered them as well. He is pro-hunter and constitutionally friendly. Took up all the time for the meeting, so we decided to adjourn with no official meeting held.

The *Biker Night* at Alumsville will have come and gone by the time this is published.

The next *Biker Night* is Saturday, November 22nd at *Tommy's Welcome Inn*, 142 S. Main street; Jefferson, Oregon. It starts at 6 p.m. Donation at the door is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. There is a special dinner available and karaoke begins at 9 p.m. Bring a toy and a can of food. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and you will get a free raffle ticket with your donation. There will also be a 50-50 raffle.

Our annual toy run is Sunday, December 14th. We'll be leaving the *Big K-Mart* on 25th and Mission streets in Salem at noon.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING
TIME and PLACE
4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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Salem, OR 97309

It's hard to believe that November is here already. Please make sure your rides are ready for winter and watch the cages. We don't need any more crashes!

I'm sorry I missed the state newspaper last month. My oldest son went to basic training at Ft. Sills, Oklahoma and I was late getting the report done.

This being an election year and my son in the military makes we wonder about the national events. I may not be able to do a lot about that but I can do something with *A.B.A.T.E.* at both the state and chapter levels. There has been much more turmoil than needed this year at both levels.

If you don't like the way *A.B.A.T.E.* is moving, then step up and volunteer for a position.

If you want things to change, get to the meetings and vote.

A.B.A.T.E. is a volunteer organization and will not go on without the volunteers. If you feel that you cannot be an officer, then volunteer to help at the events.

Let's make next year the best that our organization can be.

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



Until December, ride safe,

Deb "Honey Buns" Ross

There are many events coming up that need volunteers. The *Shriner Toy Run* is December 6th. I know with the economy the way it is it might be hard to think about others. This is an important event as it benefits *Shriner's Children's Hospital*. The holidays are about the children. Let's see to it that the kids and their families have a great time! Contact Lauren Schwartz and get tickets to sell. Buy your friends a *Harley* ticket and buy another one or two for you.

The *Musicians Toy Run Benefit* is Saturday November 8th at 3 p.m. - 7 a.m. at *Trails End Saloon*. Please donate to this cause and do what you can to help the families and children.

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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



Report Abducted By Aliens

TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

Keaton Club

2025 N. Kilpatrick -- Portland
(503)-285-3718

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



Well, even though I have e-mailed this to Rot, it still didn't get into the state newspaper! I'm beginning to think certain e-mails aren't getting to where they are suppose to. Regardless I am just going to send last month's submission anyways and just add a few items to update everyone.

We've had our *End of the Summer Run* which went great and even the weather held up somewhat. It was still fun, great people, great vendors, games, food, a warm fire, good music, and lots of laughs! We are now

working on the *Shriner Toy Run*, so start marking your calendars for a great cause!!

On another note, we lost one of our chapter members, Mike Pierce, the Friday of our *End of Summer Run*. We know he was present, watching down on us because he wouldn't have missed this run! We held an 11th hour meeting Friday night as Mike was a long standing *Elk* member of Hillsboro, holding hands and toasting our friend as he's in a better place now, with no pain. Mike will be dearly

missed as well as his humor and laughter! Please help his wife, Thunder, remember all those good times.

[September 2008 report]

Hello all!

Are we having great weather or what?

Hope you are all getting in some good riding while we can! Our chapter has been busy working on our *End of Summer Run* so we hope to see lots of you on the third weekend of this month (September 19-21) in beautiful Birkenfeld! It sounds like

we will have lots of vendors(new and old), bike games, adult entertainment, a warm fire or two, good friends, and maybe a few new ones. We even have a pirate contest on Friday night, so dress and play the part to be the best pirate or wench! Avast ya scurvy scum, ahoy matey! Argh!* Aye, aye, captain! And please pray for great weather. (But if it's not, well, we'll still have a great time rain or shine as ya know we are true Oregonians!)

This will be a short report as I am reminded of our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us, but are looking after all of you in their thoughts and spirits to keep us safe as riders. We also need to remember

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
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Cornelius, OR 97113

[c.o.e. note: There is absolutely no need to be paranoid about your e-mail — they really are out to get you.]

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

Well it looks like summer has finally come and gone. Snow in the mountains, rain and cold weather everywhere. What the heck happened? It's like it blew in just overnight and now it won't go away.

We've had great summer of riding. Gas prices and the economy are changing motorcycling forever with new riders popping up in numbers never imagined. With that, we need to grab the opportunity and move forward in getting these new motorcyclists enlisted in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for the future of safer motorcycling for all motorcyclists.

We just had our *Fall Casino Night*. Wasn't as great as some in the past (attendance down a little) but we still did okay and had a great time making around \$1,100 for the night. Had a fair number of players, even a few from down south and the Albany area as well.

Thanks to all who attended.

We ran four black jack tables.

Hal Fletcher again did a great job as the auctioneer. They even had a mic for him this time so he didn't have to yell. Wendy Taylor again did a great job of showing the auction items while Sue Burnes and Michael Taylor collected for the sold auction items.

The evening ended with live music supplied by *Yukon Jack's*. It was great.

Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.



Thanks to them it came off without any hitches.

Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. is struggling to maintain itself as a chapter, as are other chapters, I'm sure. Membership is down, participation isn't all that great, and our current officers are burnt out and won't be volunteering for another term. We need to be looking to the younger members to step forward and keep us alive. These are serious times for *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* We are calling on our chapter members to come forward and get us out of this dilemma and help get us back on our feet for a new year and our chapter's future.

We will be seeking new chapter officers for the coming year at our October and November chapter meetings. Some of the officer positions that will be vacated by the current officers:

Coordinator
Vice-coordinator
Treasurer
Membership secretary

Newsletter editor
Legislative director

The *Willamette Valley Chapter Christmas Dinner* is coming up fast. The dinner will again be at the *Eugene Vets Club* on Willamette street and served by *Mac's Restaurant*, same as past years. Cost is still \$15 per person (that's \$30 per couple) with the chapter again picking up the rest.

Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by a very short meeting. Then we will have a gift exchange with a suggested \$10 to \$15 maximum.

Advance dinner reservations required. (We need to know the number of attendees prior to the dinner.)

Please let us know if you plan to attend and reserve your place in advance at the November meeting. Come join us for our end-of-the-year celebration.

Contacts:
Jeff (541)-517-2933

Rick (541)-521-6451
or any of our other officers.

We are doing the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for two needy families again this year. Bob Lowell is pulling the information together for us. So bring food items for the families to our November and December meetings.

Rick Maish
secretary
Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way; Springfield
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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***11 October 2008 – Albany Eagles*

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, coordinator, at 12:15 p.m. with 11 of 13 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Virginia Holt, Bruce Holt, David Bridges, Eva Bridges (*Lower Columbia Chapter*); Justin Handke (*Southeast Portland*).

Minutes correction from September: Nic pointed out a needed correction — that the *Twin Rivers Chapter* meeting place is the *Kenton Club* not the *Kitten Club*. Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) to accept minutes from August state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper; Jordan Kelley (*Washington County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Nic stated that there were newsletters from other states available for anyone who wants to see them.

Also there is a mailing from the state of Oregon for our legislative director to be reviewed.

Nic read a letter from a Wheeler county judge regarding the very late payment to *Vista Sanitation* for the porta-potties for *Fossil Campout* and how this does not reflect well for the county. Gene Mortimore pointed out that after 32 years *A.B.A.T.E.* is now in the toilet with the county due to the perception that we cannot pay our bills on time.

Brian Stovall took this opportunity to talk about an almost crash in which he was involved in the Dalles. He was able to follow the vehicle to *BiMart* and talked to the lady who was driving and was told that she did not see him. After the talk, in which he was very well received by the driver, good relations were formed and more understanding on the part of the driver. Brian also stated that later he found an envelope on his bike with a card in it thanking him for stopping her and letting her know about her almost hitting him. The card was a very pleasant surprise. Brian pointed out that this is a good way to foster

better attention by drivers, to hopefully get their cooperation in watching for motorcycles.

Coordinator comments: (Matt Price) We have a strong mix of applications of our members and that this is an election year. There is a lot of mud slinging and back biting political activism and that this is the time to make our voices heard and to thank those that support our agenda and for us to vote. Tuesday, October 14th is the latest that voter registration cards can be turned in.

Matt pointed out that the bicycle helmet law proponents got over 10,000 e-mails and enough surface mail in just about a week to clog their mailboxes. This is the way to do things — make your voices heard and understood by getting involved, not by expecting others to do it for you or by just placidly going along with discriminatory legislation. To vote for those who vote for motorcyclists and to support them in getting elected.

Motorcycle sales are way up and that they get great gas mileage, especially when compared to cars and trucks. When you get the chance, shake a new motorcyclist's hand and get them to understand that we appreciate their enjoying the great outdoors on a motorcycle. This may also get new members in our ranks.

Bill Foster brought up that there is a license plate cover that says "Share the Road". There was some discussion on this as other states have copyrighted similar slogans. Willie Sanders and Brian Stovall talked about the signage of "Share the Road" being copyrighted by Washington state while we have no such signage.

Oregon motorcyclist's biggest enemy is *O.D.O.T.* (*Oregon Department of Transportation*). They have not spent any excess funding on motorcycle safety.

Vice coordinator-north: (Heidi Disrud) Reported that she has been working on Vic Gilliam's campaign and hopes to see everyone at the planning session next weekend and at the swap meet tomorrow.

Vice coordinator-south: (Annette Murray) Absent.

Vice coordinator-east: (Gene



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

Mortimore) Reported that the pledges for the public restroom in Fossil can now be sent to Fossil. They got the grant!

Hub City, River City, and the state are the only ones that he could remember making pledges of \$100 each.

Storage in the area is going fast but he is looking into a 12 foot by 16 foot building in the area to see if it is for sale or if we could use it. He also mentioned a trailer he found for \$100.

Gene also checked into the trailer issues raised at the last meeting and stated that the *A.B.A.T.E.* trailers were built by him and the Taylor brothers. The one that Nic's mother-in-law donated was turned into the flatbed trailer for hauling the golf carts and another was built into the stage trailer. He also reported that when he spoke with Rotten Roger about an audit being done, he got a number for an outside agency to do it.

Gene also asked that his name be removed from consideration for run coordinator II and suggested that someone from the southern part of the state would be a good choice.

Treasurer: (Joye "Grace" Howell) Excused due to getting money for the swap meet and helping to set things up. Nic read a report from Grace in which we have \$17,423.17 in checking, \$15,270.17 in savings for a total of \$32,693.34. Savings earned \$9.07 in interest and we had checks written and payments of \$3,632.40 and deposits/other credits of \$4,389.00 through 11 October 2008.

Nic also read a note from Grace on the

Fossil Run: "Please understand that I believe this to be an incomplete report as I have been told there are still outstanding credits and debits. I hate to keep dragging this on but I am at the mercy of those who should have been doing this to start with. I still have not been given an answer to what happens with all the left over tickets. Anyway, bottom line for now:

Taken in (vendors/gate/products) = \$9,646.00

Total paid out = \$11,892.00

Total loss of = (-)\$2,246.00

Nic also mentioned that another form was sent to him but he does not have the programming to open ".xls" e-mail. When asked about the new computer he was issued, he stated that he has not had the time to do more than open it and look at it as he has been very busy getting things done for the planning session and other commitments and that he has a life besides *A.B.A.T.E.*

Willie Sanders requested a receipt for the \$7.02 that he turned in at the hearing a couple of months ago.

A motion was at this time submitted by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) and seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*). Motion read: "To pass a vote of 'no confidence' in Joye Howell as state treasurer. To remove Joye Howell from the position of state treasurer immediately. To appoint Gene Mortimore and Patricia Carner to handle the duties of state treasurer until a replacement is arranged."

Gene Mortimore said that he cannot do this so an amendment was made "to change Gene to Nic Oliver" as he has past training in accounting. Nic pointed out that his training is very old, from a 1981 degree in business administration.

This sparked a very heated discussion.

Randy Phipps spoke on behalf of *Twin Rivers Chapter* as their representative in support of this motion of *Southeast Portland Chapter* to remove Joye as state treasurer as files and reports have been incomplete and not provided to the board as requested on more than one occasion. Randy also stated that this was done at the direction of his chapter and has nothing to do with his personal thoughts in this matter.

Gene Mortimore has informed Patricia of this possibility coming before the state board.

Josephine County and Gene Mortimore spoke on this as not being the right way to do this as Joye is not present to defend herself and her position.

Brian Stovall spoke on behalf of *River City Chapter*. They do not want Joye in charge of any moneys any longer as there are too many problems and she should not have access to the books any longer.

This sparked more heated

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discussion as she has \$5,000 in cash for the swap meet and it has been reported that she will not give it up without any accountability for the money. Bill Foster spoke regarding the security of the money and that no one person has access to the money without at least one other person in attendance and that the accounting of the money has already been done.

River City Chapter feels that Joye is incompetent and not purposely doing anything wrong.

Voting on the motion then took place. Yes – 7; No – 0; abstentions – 4. Motion passed.

Membership secretary: (Linda Henderson) Reported that we currently have 1,679 members with some renewals being due. There are new boxes of packets for the chapters ready and they will be distributed as soon as possible. Some were at the meeting and others will be at the planning session and others will be mailed to the chapters as needed.

Linda spoke on the mailbox and that Marg Verchow is picking up the mail for her and giving it to her and she is distributing it from there. Nic spoke on this as it is supposed to be his responsibility and that he would like the mail sent to him on a weekly basis, after Linda has removed and logged what she has taken out. The periodicals could be retained with her until the next state board meeting, as these are not important to the operations of A.B.A.T.E. Nic will be starting a log book of all incoming and outgoing mail for future record keeping, per his job.

Sanctioning officer: (Matt Price and committee) Reported that all runs through November and two in December have been done, so far.

Stated that all runs/events need to have accurate head counts, as much as possible, for the insurance needs. The insurance cost is based upon the number of people attending our events.

When asked about the insurance policy expiration dates, Matt reported that we are now on a calendar year accounting so the current policy expires on 31 December 2008. Also stated that we need the attendance count as soon as possible to get next year's insurance coverage.

State auditor: (B.J. Speck) Absent. Nic read report from B.J. as follows: "Hello, This is B.J. Speck.

I am writing in regards to the fact that I will be unable to make the state board meeting this coming weekend because I am back on the road trucking again.

Also giving you a heads up about the tattoo incident at Fossil this year. I have submitted a letter to Lee Austin describing the events that lead up to me getting the tattoo.

Also I was just notified at this past Southeast Portland Chapter meeting that Grace took it upon herself this past state board meeting and told everyone that I had stepped down from the state auditor position. That was incorrect information. I did not step down. It's just that the reason I have not been doing my job is the fact that I have received no paperwork in regards to the past few years. I have already discussed this with the last state auditor. She and I are supposed to get together so I can get the paperwork from her.

If there are any more questions or concerns, feel free to call my cell at [Number withheld from the minutes for personal security, will be in the records if needed - Nic]

Thank you, B.J. Speck."

Randy spoke and stated that it was not Grace who made the statement regarding stepping down from the position.

Loren spoke on e-mails that were sent to B.J. and were not answered and that she has not returned telephone calls either.

Matt reported that we are in arrears with the state of Oregon on taxes and that we will need to get an outside auditor to go over the books and get things straightened out.

Newspaper editor: (Rot Path) Thanked everyone for being here. He said that he has chapter reports for only five (5) chapters. The ones still needing to send in reports are *Hub City, Josephine County, North Coast, Salem, Southeast Portland, Twin Rivers, Washington County, and Willamette Valley*. If they get in now he can still get them into the state newspaper.

Rot was asked about the *WaCo* November 15th toy run flyer. It was not in the newsmagazine. Rot will check into this.

Legislative director: (Quiet Mike) Excused due to work.

Heidi reported that he has been working on the election campaigns for different people. Reported that Quiet Mike wants all legislative officers to report to the next *BikePAC* meeting on December 6th in Salem.

Sergeant at arms–north: (Randy Phipps) Reported that only two people have volunteered to work the swap meet at this time, not counting officers which included Bill Foster and his son, and Gene Mortimore. There is help needed and if volunteers could report between 8:30 a.m. and about 8:45 a.m., he will schedule short shifts throughout the day until about 4 p.m. The cleanup will take place from about 4 p.m. till about 5:30 p.m.

Sergeant at arms–south: (Bill Foster) Stated that his first swap meet was the *Spring Swap Meet*. He has learned the strong and weak points of the job. All volunteers will get A.B.A.T.E. bucks for working at the swap meet.

Sergeant at arms–east: <VACANT>

Products director: (Dave Meeker) Dave apologized for missing the last three meetings. Every vehicle he has died and he just got a van so he can get around again.

Reported that there are no unpaid bills.

He stated that we need to get some new bumper stickers and wanted to know if we can come up with our own logo or statement for them. Heidi mentioned that she would like to see some of the old ones redone. That met with a lot of agreement.

Dave showed the banners that *River City Chapter* has for sale and they look very good. He spoke on how one guy had it on his windshield at *Sturgis* and that is how he found his bike amongst all the bikes there.

Brian Stovall suggested that we get smaller bumper stickers for putting on motorcycles and asked about the possibility of magnetic ones. It was discussed and it will be looked into but the cost factor for magnetic ones would be very high.

Education director: (Patricia Carner) Excused, working the swap meet. Report read by Nic.

"Wow. I wish I had known about

all the great resources available that I heard about at the M.R.F. conference.

Here's the plan folks: I would like to have a discussion at the planning session on developing an aggressive sign campaign on the Motorcycle Awareness Program.

Also setting a budget for education for 2009.

I think the education program can support a membership drive and we should brainstorm at the planning meeting.

I have a number of samples of products, signs and information on programs used in other states.

I look forward to talking to everyone next weekend at the planning session."

Education director II: (Geoff White) Absent.

Public relations director: (Debra Lutje) Reported that she has done some research regarding billboards and did some on web sites and newspapers. She found a couple of web sites that will put in ads for free.

Reported that the *O.P.N.A.* ad hits have risen to 115.

She also reported that to do a statewide billboard campaign would cost us \$40,000 per year and that this is not cost effective for us.

Kay has a radio station that does free advertisements.

Matt suggested that Debra investigate federal and/or state funding for possible use and also look into the motorcycle funds.

State run coordinator (Fossil): (Howie Long) Absent. Gene Mortimore asked that everyone attend the planning session with suggestions for the breakout group on *Fossil*.

Asked about the possibility of an all-bike run to *Fossil*.

State run coordinator II: (Jeff Schuaer) Absent.

State swap meet coordinator: (Patricia Carner) Excused, setting up the swap meet. Nic read report.

"Many thanks to everyone who has been supporting this effort and distributing flyers, forwarding e-mails, and talking it up.

Thanks especially to Randy, Gene, Joye, Linda Henderson, and Howie for heading up each of the respective areas of responsibility and finding volunteers.

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And thanks to Rotten Roger for his guidance. Also, thanks to the big guy upstairs for providing a terrific weather forecast and answering my prayers for sun!

We have many vendors returning who have sent funds. Also several vendors who have called and requested space. We need the sun to come through as I overbooked the inside, mostly double-booked the perimeter with folks asking to go outside if the weather holds.

Here's the accounting to date:

Expenses = \$2,007.90

Income deposited = \$966.00. (I have another \$840 so far to deposit on Saturday)

Expenses:

Sanctioning: = \$75

Printing = \$156.50

Postage = \$302.40

Deposit on site = \$100 paid. (Balance of \$1,375 due at end of event.)

Cindy Henderson will be working with me on Saturday organizing vendors and collecting money. The goal is to close the books on Sunday evening and have full accounting which I will e-mail to Nic to distribute appropriately.

Please come join us on Sunday. Lend a hand if you have the time and energy.

I appreciate all the teamwork that has been put into this event and have enjoyed working with everyone involved.

I'm confident that on Monday morning, I'll be saying the same thing!

Keep spreading the word. Bring friends with you on Sunday."

Historian: (Linda Marteney) Absent.

Web Page Editor: (Trace Ceccacci) Present but said "No report".

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) Absent.

Discussion ensued regarding the inventory and Nic reported that Robert had turned in an inventory list but the storage container inventory is not yet complete.

Willie Sanders reported that all the trailers and equipment have receipts that Rotten Roger is looking for now.

Also reported that equipment upgrades and trailer maintenance was done by Willie and Rotten Roger with all the tires and brakes done in 2006, including greasing bearings and other stuff.

Discussion included remarks that maintenance for a lot of things, such

as bearings being greased, is a yearly need and not just a periodic needs as it is noticed. This includes tires, brakes and electrical needs.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Randy Phipps) Reported that there has been one person come forward with a letter of interest and that is Joe Maffei.

Briefly spoke on the moneys that were distributed to candidates and that there may be more money given out after the elections to help cover the costs of those who support us.

The need for more workers was mentioned and stated that, at most, there is one in ten who works and more than that is needed.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat Williams) Reported that there was no meeting due to the N.C.O.M. convention.

The next meeting of the C.o.C is November 2nd at the Northwest Vets clubhouse at 2455 19th SE in Salem.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: (Ray DeMelo) Ray stepped up and stated that there have been many questions regarding his trip to Texas. He stated that if there are any questions that need to be answered to ask them now and he will answer them. It is time to put an end to all the supposition and rumors. He stated that he submitted his expenses and that is all there is to that.

Randy said that all things have been accounted for by the treasurer and all documents needed to come to the state board of directors for review.

Much discussion ensued but it was decided that things need to end and accepted as they are.

Unfinished Business

Tabled Motions

From 09 August 2008: Motion by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Heidi Disrud (*Salem Chapter*):

"All out-of-state travel will be by specific arrangement with and approval by the state board of directors. No money will be advanced for any travel. Receipts are required before reimbursement."

Discussion ensued and it was pointed out that most of this issue was already addressed in the current policies and procedures. The issue of getting the guidelines and the policies and procedures looked at and

updated at the upcoming planning session was discussed.

The motion was tabled. Motion to remain tabled until after the planning session.

New Business

- The *Meeting of the Minds (M.o.t.M.)* conference in Denver was brought up and reported by Nic that two reports have been received: One from Ken Ray and one from Patricia Carner. Ted Tracy stated that his will be in shortly and that he has to hand write it and have his wife type it up for him. He said that he is a terrible typist, at best. The fourth person authorized to go was Howie Long, who was unable to attend.

- Nominations continued at this time for state officer positions. Accepted nominations, including new nominations:

Nominations

Coordinator – Jordan Kelley
Vice coordinator–north – Heidi Disrud
Vice coordinator–south – Annette Murray
Vice coordinator–east – Gene Mortimore
Recording secretary – Nic Oliver
Membership secretary – Linda Henderson
Treasurer – Richard Misener, Kay Sipple
State auditor – None. (But it was suggested by Nic that whoever lost the election for treasurer would accept the position of auditor, as both are needed. Kay agreed to this and Brian called Richard and he also agreed.)
Newspaper editor – Rot Path
Legislative director – Justin Handke
Sgt-at-arms – north – Randy Phipps
Sgt-at-arms – south – Bill Foster
Sgt-at-arms – east – Jim Middleton
Products director – Dave Meeker
Education director I – Patricia Carner
Public relations director – Debra Lutje, Kathy Kaczmarek
State run coordinator (Fossil) – Howie Long
State run coordinator II – [None]
Swap meet coordinator – Willie Sanders, Patricia Carner
Historian – Linda Marteney, Joye (Grace) Howell
Sanctioning officer – Matt Price
Web page editor – Trace Ceccacci
Quartermaster – Robert Hale
A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Randy Phipps
C.o.C. representative I – Patricia Williams

C.o.C. representative II – Ray DeMelo, Janie Wagner, Kay Sipple

Break taken at this time and votes tabulated.

Returned from break and the voting presented to the state board.

State Officers For 2009

Coordinator – Jordan Kelley
Vice coordinator–north – Heidi Disrud
Vice coordinator–south – Annette Murray
Vice coordinator–east – Gene Mortimore
Recording secretary – Nic Oliver
Membership secretary – Linda Henderson
Treasurer – Kay Sipple
State auditor – Richard Misener
Newspaper editor – Rot Path
Legislative director – Justin Handke
Sgt-at-arms – north – Randy Phipps
Sgt-at-arms – south – Bill Foster
Sgt-at-arms – east – Jim Middleton
Products director – Dave Meeker
Education director I – Patricia Carner
Education director II – [VACANT]
Public relations director – Debra Lutje
State run coordinator (Fossil) – Howie Long
State run coordinator II – [VACANT]
Swap meet coordinator – Patricia Carner
Historian – Linda Marteney
Sanctioning officer – Matt Price
Web page editor – Trace Ceccacci
Quartermaster – Robert Hale [VACANT]
A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Randy Phipps
C.o.C. representative I – Patricia Williams
C.o.C. representative II – Kay Sipple
 Congratulations to each and every new officer for 2009!
 [Note from state secretary outside of the minutes. Due to an incident at the swap meet, Robert Hale has resigned as quartermaster and that position is now vacant.]
New Motions (as turned in)

- 1. Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*); seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes (continued)

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“Budget not less than \$3,000 and not more than \$5,000 for public relations projects over and above advertising for state events.”

After discussion this motion was tabled to be discussed at the planning session.

• 2. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*); seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*):

“To pass a vote of no confidence in Joye Howell as [state] treasurer. To remove Joye Howell from the position of [state] treasurer, immediately. To appoint Gene Mortimore and Patricia Carner to handle the duties of [state] treasurer until a replacement is arranged.”

Motion amended to remove Gene Mortimore and replace with Nic Oliver. (Motion is discussed in the state treasurer report.)

Vote was: Yes = 7; no = 0; abstentions = 4.

Motion passed.

• 3. Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*); seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*):

“That a committee be created to investigate the actions of Matt Price, coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. as to his actions or lack of same, such as the Spring Swap Meet (late), Fossil (not present), etc.”

This produced a very heated discussion.

Nic read from the officer job descriptions regarding the coordinator. It was noted that in no place was it stated that the coordinator must attend these functions. It was decided that further discussion was unneeded.

Vote took place: Yes = 2, no = 8, abstentions = 1.

Motion failed.

• The October planning session was discussed and Nic stated that he had included an agenda in every packet for the meeting.

He also stated that back in February 2008 it was told to the board that Matt wanted a committee to head the planning session this year but that no one had stepped up to fill the need. Nic stated that he had to do the best he could with next to nothing to work with but a couple of suggestions. He

also said that if there were any problems with his agenda that he would welcome someone else taking the lead on this as his job was as secretary and not coordinator. No one decided that they wanted to head this up and the agenda will stand until the planning session starts and changes may be made as needed.

Matt Price (state coordinator) took this opportunity to stand and introduce the members from our newest chapter,

Lower Columbia. (Jokingly nicknamed *LoCo*, which was enthusiastically received with lots of good-natured laughing and applause.) The members and officers were introduced to the attendees of the state board of directors meeting. They were: David Bridges (coordinator), Jeannie Holt (state board representative), Bruce Holt (treasurer), and Eva Bridges.

Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting: November 8, 2008 at the *Eagles Lodge*; Albany, Oregon, at noon.

• Every Thursday – *Hog Wild Nights* at the *Bavarian House Restaurant & Lounge* in Mt. Angel, Oregon from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

• 25 October 2008 — Biker night at the *Squeeze Inn* at 505 Main St. in Aumsville. 6 p.m. Bring a toy and a can of food. For information, call Quiet Mike at: (503)–678–6302

• 08 November 2008 — *Musician’s Toy Run Benefit* for *Shriners’ Hospital* at the *Trails End Saloon*; 1320 Main street in Oregon City from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information, call Art or Francine at: (503)–351–5054

• 15 November 2008 — *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*, *Washington County Chapter*. Sign in at the Hillsboro fire station #3 at 11 a.m. at 4455 NW 229th. For information, call Len at: (503)–747–6725 or go to: <http://www.wacoabate.info>

• 22 November 2008 — Biker night at *Tommy’s Welcome Inn*; 142 Main street in Jefferson. Bring a toy and a can of food. For information, call Quiet Mike at: (503)–678–6302

• 29 November 2008 — *True Apostles 25th Annual Toy Run* for the *Salvation Army*. Sign in 9:30–11 a.m. at *Columbia Harley Davidson*; NE 99 & NE 102nd in Vancouver. For information, call Roger Yarnell at: (503)–643–4725

• 14 December 2008, Sunday — *Salem Chapter* toy run. Meet at 10 a.m. at the *K-Mart* at Mission and 25th in Salem. Leave at 11 a.m. and delivering in Jefferson about 1 p.m. For information, call Quiet Mike at: (503)–678–6302

• *Shriners’ Children’s Hospital Toy Run*. Win–A–Bike raffle. Win a 2008 *Fat Bob*. For information, go to <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org>

Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.

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(Note: This list will have changed as a result of elections held on 04 November.)

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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

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

M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds Report

First of all I want to thank *A.B.A.T.E.* for covering the plane and hotel for me at *Meeting of the Minds Motorcycle Rider's Foundation* conference.

I have attended every one of them since 1996 with the exception of last year. Every one is so rewarding and I appreciate also that *A.B.A.T.E.* tries to get new people to this conference. It does pay back the organization in the long run with the knowledge and ideas and networking from this conference.

Thursday night is an informal "meet and greet" with the *M.R.F.* board. My plane got in late enough that I missed most of this, but made up for it by catching up with old friends and meeting new ones at the hospitality room. *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado* were great hosts and made everyone feel welcome.

Friday started the main conference. First was a very moving presentation of the flag and colors by the Adams city high school R.O.T.C. Once the ceremonies were over, we heard from *M.R.F.* president Hardtail, vice-president Boz Kerr, and vice-president of legislative Jeff Hennie. The second part of the morning session was a discussion on the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* and their statistics methodology. This was conducted by *M.R.F.* board member Thomas Wasileski, PhD. (Also known as "Doc Ski".) This presentation really showed how distorted and misleading statistics used against us are. This presentation will be available on the *M.R.F.* web site soon.

Lunch was provided by the *A.M.A.* and Rob Dingman, *A.M.A.* president, spoke at length about the issues at *A.M.A.* and what he is doing to resolve them. I have to say I came into this with a lot of skepticism about the *A.M.A.*'s current direction and what Dingman was doing. I have to give him credit: he came in with a big target on his back and was brutally honest about screw-ups that *A.M.A.* made and how they were being fixed. I came away feeling much better about continuing to be an *A.M.A.* member and willing to cut some slack to them.

After lunch was a very interesting presentation of what is happening around the world in political action. I particularly enjoyed the presentation by the *Federation of European Motorcycle Associations* lobbyist, Ailene Delhay. We have consistently seen that regulations and rules that are in Europe are soon to be brought into the U.S. Finding out what is happening in Europe and the United Nations helps us be prepared for the bureaucratic onslaught here.

Late afternoon was the first breakout session with topics like leadership, a legislative planning session, and a quick forum of various topics called "Speed Dating". I attended the leadership one and it was given by Ron Hall, *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado*.

Friday at 5 p.m. was the P.A.C. fundraiser benefiting *M.R.F.-P.A.C.* It is the world-infamous tug of war of the Kilts vs. the Bibs. I am proud to say that the kilt-wearing side (including yours truly) was the victor three out of three. The Bibs did try to claim that the first one didn't count, but we all know the truth: Kilts rule! The tug of war raised over \$3,000 for *M.R.F.-P.A.C.* After this fun I watched the presidential debate and then visited with some more attendees.

Saturday started with a panel discussion of how the motorcycling community can better work together. The panel included Hardtail from the *M.R.F.*, Keith Ball (Bikernet.com), Jerry Steffy and Mike Richards (*Harley-Davidson*), Ed Moreland (*A.M.A.*), and Duane Taylor (*Motorcycle Industry Council*).

The late morning panel was with the young activist award winners. To be considered for the young activist awards you have to be under 30 and apply and write an essay about why you should be an award winner. I have to say; I found this to be one of the highlights of the weekend. Every state's motorcyclist rights organization talks about how they have to attract young people and how to get them involved. There were lots of good ideas and it was very good to hear a young person's perspective. It made me think. I used to have a

young person's perspective when I joined *A.B.A.T.E.* because I was 24 years old. Now it is a different world and we have to remain relevant to survive.

Lunch Saturday was sponsored by *Harley-Davidson* and served up by *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado*. We could choose from elk or bison burgers and lots of good camaraderie.

Saturday afternoon was the final two breakout sessions. I sat in on John Pierce's seminar on building membership and then it was time for me to present a seminar on conflict resolution. This was a highly charged, dynamic group I had in this session and it was a lot of fun.

Saturday night was the big banquet and auction. It is lots of fun and at the end over \$80,000 was raised to keep the *M.R.F.* going a little longer.

What I will say in closing is a few key things we need to keep in mind that were extensively discussed at *M.O.T.M.*

First, the big transportation / highway bill is coming up for reauthorization next year. The states rights groups, coordinated by the *M.R.F.*, had tremendous success the last two times this has come up. We cannot relax our vigilance this time either. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) will almost certainly try to push his nationwide helmet law in the bill because he will likely be transportation chair if the democrats retain the senate. We must be prepared to send people to Washington D.C. next spring to work our Oregon delegation in congress.

Second, the *M.R.F.* is not bringing in the money they need to maintain this battle. Right now it is crucial for everyone to become an *M.R.F.* member and send the \$30 for an individual membership. Also, everyone needs to sign up at least one additional member. If the *M.R.F.* would double the individual members, the money problem will be alleviated.

Remember, the *M.R.F.* takes no money from motorcycle companies, lawyers, or anyone who doesn't put the rider first. The *M.R.F.* is only answerable to the street motorcycle rider and the S.M.R.O.s around the

nation. You can count on the *M.R.F.* to be on the rider's side, each and every time.

Help out.

Respectfully,

— Ken Ray

Another Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Fall Swap Meet photo

from Southwest Washington Chapter (Thank you)





Legislative group

*Large Joe makes a point.
Or perhaps dispatches a pesky fly.)*



Education group

Patricia Carner brings the group to order with Randy Phipps looking on while little Joe whispers in Jeff White's ear.

2008
A.B.A.T.E. / BikePAC
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17 – 19 October 2008
V.F.W. hall — Cottage Grove, Oregon



By-laws / Organizational manual group

A committee is going to streamline and index our publications so we can move through meetings quicker and spend more time acting for Oregon motorcyclists.



Fossil group

Tweaking Fossil to make it an even better run.

No Holiday Brainwashing, Please. I like My Mind The Way It Is — Rot Path, c.o.e

It should not be only from our government that we seek to maintain or restore our freedom and liberties, but from large corporations as well.

Unlike government, corporations do not generally answer to “we, the people”, but to their board of directors and major shareholders. Yet they are still subject to a form of voting that we the people wield: what we buy.

To that end, many large corporations seek to use or control the nation’s mass media to condition and, yes, brainwash us into believing that our lives won’t be as good as they could be until we shell out our hard earned cash for their products which we don’t actually need. (So we rent storage units with more of our money because buying feels so good and affirming.)

Many people have become unwitting

salary slaves, turning over most of their earnings to large corporations who no longer give people what they want or need, but sells them what corporations convince them they want.

How do we break the power of large corporations over our lives?

First, by sitting down and realizing what we need as opposed to what we want.

Second, by buying what we need from smaller, more local business that give value, and friendly service for a fair price and who will keep most of our money circulating in our local communities.

If most of us do that, it will drive large “people-as-consumer”-oriented corporations nutz.

They’ll scream and holler, launch massive ad campaigns to woo us back, then beseech our government to bail

them out with more of our money so their executives won’t be reduced to mere millionaire status.

Want to practice getting control of your economic life?

Then try participating in *Buy Nothing Day* this year.

“What is that?”

Buy Nothing Day is a growing national tradition that, oddly enough, doesn’t get much publicity in the nation’s corporate-controlled newspapers, radio and television stations.

Basically what happens is that the Friday after Thanksgiving, people avoid going out holiday shopping.

“Is that all?”

It’s enough.

The majority of our population has been conditioned by corporations into accepting a post-Thanksgiving shopping

frenzy that frays the nerves and empties our pockets. Why should we put up with being manipulated in order to enrich consumer corporations who’s combined profits would be enough to fund better schools and roads for every state in the union? We have better use for our time, hard-earned money, and sense of self-worth.

So this Friday after Thanksgiving, try getting together some friends or family to play games, nibble on leftovers, read a book, get out and look at the remaining fall colours. Wouldn’t that be better than fighting your way to a mall parking lot, then being in the middle of a frenzied crush of people trying to save a few cents on stuff none of you really need?

Sometimes we can have more happiness if we stop pursuing it.

From The . . .

Here in Oregon we've got the beginning of the winter weather. We've also got rain, leaves falling from trees, and roads slick with the oil accumulation from the dry summer weather. Watch yourselves out there folks. That scooter will get on top of you and ride your butt into the ground. Be especially watchful of other drivers now with the rain and poor visibility it brings with it. It's cooler too, so be sure you wear protective warm clothing. Hypothermia can set in very quickly without it being freezing cold, and ya won't be aware of it 'till it's too late. Don't be a statistic because ya didn't take care of yourself.

Newsbits—N—Pieces

New Zealand — It's really gettin' fuzzy with new laws in Kiwi-land. Motorcycle clubs/gangs are against the law in South Australia and now New Zealand is looking at the same kind of draconian laws. In this country there would be such an outcry it would be heard around the world.

South Australia launched its crackdown this month under a law that can make it illegal for members of designated clubs to even talk to one another. Breaching the ban can lead to up to five years in prison. Under the South Australian law:

- A gang can be designated illegal on the advice of police.
- Control orders can then be made against individual members making it illegal for them to associate with other members.
- Police can ban gangs from public places or events through control orders.

This kind of thing smacks of criminal activity of elected officials in my mind. God help us from that here.

Virginia — A Virginia legal firm that specializes in motorcycle law (our own *A.I.M.* lawyer Tom McGrath) has filed the first lawsuit to challenge Myrtle Beach's new ordinances targeting the spring motorcycle rallies.

The suit filed in Horry county's 15th judicial circuit on behalf of two Myrtle Beach residents and motorcyclists, William and Carol O'Day, challenges the city's new helmet and noise ordinances.

The lawsuit questions whether the city may supersede state law in both cases. Virginia state law says people 21 and older do not have to wear helmets and it doesn't spell out exact noise

GUNNY'S SACK

standards. *A.I.M.* attorney Tom McGrath is again defending the rights of bikers in this part of our country. Another example of what I've been telling folks for years: The *A.I.M.* lawyers are there for us, whether it's rights or wrecks.

Illinois — In this state be sure you're carrying an endorsement on your license and insurance on your scooter as well as other documentation showing that ride legally in your possession. Dozens of motorcycles were confiscated recently in an Illinois state police crackdown of unlicensed drivers.

Large tow trucks and special trailers hauled off 36 motorcycles in what turned out to be an expensive lesson for bikers, facing \$150 in towing fees to recover their bikes.

Portland, Oregon — A flagger hit by a motorcycle while she worked along a northwest Portland road recently said she thinks the rider hit her on purpose.

Witnesses said the motorcyclist sped down a hill westbound and hit 59-year-old Kerry Gunther while she was flagging traffic around construction.

"I stepped out into that lane, not very far, he had the option to go around me if he wanted to," she said from her hospital bed. "But he chose to turn into me and hit me and then he just drove off." Gunther suffered broken ankles, legs, wrists and ribs. At least one witness told *KGWTV* crews it looked like the rider intentionally rammed her. Flagging is dangerous enough without some fool disregarding flagger directions. If this is all true, this clown needs to be caught and prosecuted. We have enough of an image problem to deal with as it is.

Kemaman, Malaysia — Boy howdy! Don't steal a bike in this country unless you're tired of living. A group of men beat to death a suspected motorcycle thief in what appeared to be mob justice. Several men were arrested at the scene on suspicion of murder. Sure didn't help the supposed thief much.

Georgia, U.S.A. — Every state should have a similar law on it's books. This is a proposed bill against discrimination toward motorcyclists. A Georgia proposed statute provides that all persons shall be entitled to equal enjoyment of places of public accommodation. The Georgia equal opportunity commission shall receive and investigate complaints of discrimination as they relate to employment and day-to-day living. In addition, any person whose exercise or enjoyment of rights secured by the

constitution or laws of the United States has been interfered with, or attempted to be interfered with, may institute and prosecute a civil action for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief, including the award of compensatory monetary damages. The United States supreme court has ruled in the case of *Cohen V. California*, 403 U.S. 15 (1971), that individuals have the constitutional right under the first amendment to wear clothing which displays writing or designs. In addition, the right of an individual to freedom of association has long been recognized and protected by the supreme court. Thus, a person's right to wear the clothing of his choice, as well as his right to belong to any club or organization of his choice, is constitutionally protected, and persons or establishments who discriminate on the basis of clothing or club membership are subject to a lawsuit.

D.O.T. Secretary Mary E. Peters Proposes New Helmet Rules

Washington D.C. — New rules will make it harder for riders to use so-called novelty helmets in states that require D.O.T.-certified helmets, according to Mary Peters. New rules proposed today will supposedly improve motorcycle safety by making it easier for riders to identify and use effective helmets, instead of "unsafe novelty helmets."

"Novelty helmets do little to protect riders during a [crash]," secretary Peters said. She says it will keep riders safer.

I say motorcycle riders know far better what will protect them than Mary Peters. Motorcycle training, car driver awareness, and rider license endorsements go a lot farther to protect us than more rules from folks that have little knowledge of our lifestyle. Just some more intrusion into our lives from bureaucratic agencies.

To view the proposed rule, go to: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

Gunny Again

Have I told ya that in this country we have a group of attorneys who ride and are there to protect us from our selves and insurance companies when we are involved in a crash? These folks are part of the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* program sponsored by the law offices of Richard M. Lester in California.

If it happens to ya, don't mess around.



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

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Next month — A report on the *N.C.O.M. West Coast Regional Conference*.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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Letter From The Past

World In Small

c.o.e. — 082



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

How did this election turn out?
Did you participate, vote?
Who won what?
Was it fair?
Well?

Putting together this monthly rag is a bit like a science fiction adventure — we are writing in the present's past for the immediate future. We can speculate and make our best educated guesses about what is likely to happen, but we can never know for sure. The future is always determined by our present actions which are often influenced by our awareness of past events.

*"We are the world in small.
It does what we want because we
want it to."*

— Henry II,
The Lion In Winter

Increasingly individuals are becoming aware that for this organization to succeed, members need to set aside their personal egos, agendas, and stories to focus on the good of the organization so that we can achieve our goals.

A.B.A.T.E. is not a temporary group. This is an organization to be

passed down from generation to generation. We need to consider the long haul in every action we take, in every motion we pass, every thing we say and do. Those of us who are members now happen to be associated with A.B.A.T.E. while its founders are still able to advise us. We need to seek them out and listen to them.

A.B.A.T.E. organizations across the land are important to the success of our nation as well. Our form of government was created to include citizen involvement and oversight. If we allow others to assume that role, then we lose control of our government to self-serving special interests. Same goes for A.B.A.T.E. chapters and state boards.

Volunteerism should be a point of personal pride, not a crutch or shield from responsibility. There is absolutely no reason why volunteers cannot be professional in the performance of their duties. There's no such thing as "good enough for a biker". We're better and worthy of more than that.

Each one of us is a leader in our own right.

We lead by setting an example in

our conduct that others may follow.

It is the little decisions we make in day-to-day living that form the patterns of our individual lives.

"I won't do that again because it hurts."

"This is fun. I want to do it again."

"I don't want to be around them because they laugh at me."

"I like that."

"I'm not coming back here because they don't respect me."

"I like this group. They listen to me."

So too is our organization formed and reformed by the little actions every one of us.

When our actions help people feel respected and wanted, they tend remain involved with us. "I want to keep coming back here — it's fun."

But if the cumulative effect of our little actions make people feel uncomfortable, then there comes an instant when they see the pattern with clarity and make the personal decision, "I'm not going to do this any more — it hurts." Once that particular decision is made, we've lost that person to our cause. We cannot afford to bankrupt ourselves of

membership in such a manner.

We can preserve order in meetings without brutalizing member's feelings for wanting to participate and contribute to conversations.

One way is to structure our meetings before they begin so that everyone understands the purpose of getting together and what needs to be done.

Primarily we need to respectfully steer digressions back toward the focus of whatever topic is being discussed. Only then can we stop spinning our wheels and get traction for what really matters — awareness, education, safety, and liberty.

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 32)

November Cryptogram

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)
Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery.
Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

2008 Planning Session Members Plot and Plan Education Strategies Outside The Cottage Grove V.F.W. Hall



MUSICIAN'S TOY RUN BENEFIT



For

SHRINER'S HOSPITAL

SATURDAY NOV. 8, 2008

At The
TRAILS END SALOON 3P.M.-1A.M.

Hosted By
FRANCINE WEST & THE HIGH SPEED WOBBLERS



PLUS!

- ★ WENDY DEWITT ★
(From San Francisco)
- ★ MYRON LEROY ★
- ★ JON KOONCE ★
- ★ DUFFY BISHOP & CHRIS CARLSON ★
- ★ JIM MESI ★
- ★ DOVER WEINBERG ★
- ★ DOUG ROWELL ★
- ★ ALL STAR JAM SESSION ★



Bring a new toy or a minimum \$5 donation,
PLEASE! We also need door prizes!
Please donate to this very worthy cause.
DONATIONS: Call Art or Francine @ (503) 351-5054 THANKS!
THE TRAILS END 1320 MAIN STREET, OREGON CITY
Call for directions: (503) 656-3031

Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run



Presented By A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. Washington County Chapter

Nov 15th 2008

Bring a new toy in the original wrapper
Support the Hillsboro Toy & Joy Program

Sign in at 11:00 A.M at **Hillsboro Fire Station #3** depart at 12:00
4455N.W 229th just off Evergreen across the street from the Stadium.

Ending with FUN at the
Hillsboro Elks Lodge, Orenco
From 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M
Spaghetti Dinner \$ 6.00 per person
50/50 drawing, Door Prizes, \$1 Raffle tickets
to win 1st prize of \$500, 2nd prize of \$250.

Need more info? call 503-747-6725 ask for Len or go on web @www.wacoabate.info

Thanks to Paradise Harley for the \$500 cash donation for the 1st place Raffle prize.
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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
North Coast Chapter
presents their



20th ANNUAL TOY RUN

MEET AT THE RELIEF PITCHER

HWY 101 SOUTH OF SEASIDE, OR AT 10:00AM DEPART AT 11:00AM

POKER
RUN



HOLIDAY
FUN

Saturday, December 13th 2008

**50/50
RAFFLE**

Proceeds will buy Christmas Gifts for Children
In Clatsop and Pacific Counties

QUESTIONS ?
DON
503 325 3996

Many Thanks to our Supporter's !

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Twin Rivers Chapter of ABATE of Oregon invites you to:

"CABIN FEVER"

2008



RAFFLES

DOOR
PRIZES

January 17th starting @ 3PM til ????????????

World Famous Kenton Club 2025 N. Kilpatrick Portland, Oregon 97217

Live music - *The Yanks* - 4PM-8PM

\$5.00 @ the door per person

~Evening band to follow~

All you can eat CHILI FEED available for \$5.00

SANCTIONED by ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
For more information contact:
James Rhoden (503) 839 9296

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North Coast Chapter of ABATE presents the

Astoria
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, OR

Spaghetti Dinner
&
Auction

Saturday
November 22nd, 2008
5:00 to 8:00 pm



Questions
Don
503-325-3566
or
Howie
503-325-4376

Adults \$10.00
Children 12 & under \$3.00

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BIKER NIGHT

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Tommy's Welcome Inn
142 S. Main Street
Jefferson, Oregon
6:00 p.m.

Donation at door: \$3 per Person or \$5 per Couple

Special Dinner Available; Karaoke begins at 9:00 p.m.

Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle Tickets : \$1 each or 6/\$5

Free Raffle Ticket with Donation

50-50 Raffle also available

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Sanctioned by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
and Hosted by Salem Chapter
Everyone Welcome!

Want more info: Please call > Quiet Mike 503-678-6302
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Sheryl 541-327-2953

Raffle proceeds, food, & toys benefit local community!

Toy Run Sunday Dec. 14th, meet 10am, K-Mart at Mission & 25th, Salem
Leave 11:00 and Delivering in Jefferson about 1:00 p.m.

Twin Rivers Chapter of ABATE of Oregon invites you to:

Sweethearts Dance

Saturday, February 14th 2009 starting @ 7:30PM till???

World Famous Kenton Club 2025 N. Kilpatrick
Portland, Oregon 97217

Live music ~The Yanks~ 8PM-12AM

\$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple
@ the door

Gumbo Dinner available for \$8.50

DOOR PRIZES RAFFLES

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Fossil Announcement

The planning session *Fossil Campout* committee, after review and due consideration, feel that the space limitations at Bear Hollow require that only groups of ten or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length.

Fossil is, after all, a *motorcycle* event.

We want everyone to participate and enjoy *Fossil*. There are plenty of alternative recreational vehicle camping and parking sites near Bear Hollow. Any questions or comments would be greatly appreciated.

Contact *Fossil* coordinator, Howie Long, at (503)-325-4376 or hll@pacifier.com

Thank you,

— planning session *Fossil* committee



A.M.A. Urges D.O.T. To Accelerate Motorcycle Crash Study

A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman called for the U.S. Department of Transportation to accelerate a long-overdue federal study into the causes of motorcycle crashes in a meeting with the agency's head, secretary Mary Peters, on Friday, October 3. Acting administrator of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.) David Kelly and A.M.A. vice president of government relations Ed Moreland also attended the meeting.

"There are an estimated 10 million motorcyclists on the road today, more than at any time in America's history," said Dingman, who heads the nation's 300,000-member non-profit association. "As a direct result of this growth and increased usage, we are experiencing more crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Our meeting with secretary Peters (a motorcyclist herself) was cordial, yet frank. We believe she understands the sense of urgency to get this crash research underway."

According to N.H.T.S.A. statistics released by Peter's office in September, the number of motorcycle riders or passengers killed on U.S. roads in 2007 increased 6.6 percent over 2006, while the overall number of traffic fatalities fell to the lowest number since 1994.

"Some time ago, congress and the motorcycling community committed the necessary funds for this study," said Dingman. "For too long, N.H.T.S.A. has simply focused on a strategy of advocating mandatory helmet use, while doing little to prevent crashes from occurring in the first place. With a new administration set to take office on January 20, we can't afford any more delays while motorcycle crashes, injuries, and fatalities continue to mount. The time to begin the study is now."



From left to right: A.M.A. vice-president of government relations Ed Moreland, transportation secretary Mary Peters, A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman and acting administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration David Kelly.

Dingman stressed that while the A.M.A. strongly supports voluntary helmet use as one element of a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety, a higher priority must be given by N.H.T.S.A. to crash prevention, which must include greater emphasis on motorist awareness programs to educate road users about motorcycles.

The crash study is being undertaken by the *Oklahoma Transportation Center*, an independent and well-respected research facility at *Oklahoma State University* in Stillwater. The last major motorcycle crash study was completed in 1980 and it provided a wealth of data that has been used to develop training and strategies to help keep riders safer on the road. In the decades since, the traffic environment has changed enormously, prompting the A.M.A. to begin campaigning for a new study several years ago.

"The idea behind the motorcycle crash causation study is to help us understand the causes of crashes so that effective countermeasures can be developed," said Dingman. "Absent

this study, countermeasures will continue to be developed in a vacuum, with no way to know which measures will be effective."

In their meeting Friday, Dingman also urged secretary Peters to reject New York City's request to ban motorcycles from high-occupancy vehicle (H.O.V.) lanes. Federal law stipulates that H.O.V. lanes must allow motorcycles to use the lanes unless proven to pose a safety hazard.

"Secretary Peters was supportive of our desire to end New York City's illegal ticketing of motorcyclists in H.O.V. lanes," said Dingman.

Question and Answer With A Legislator

How you can affect the legislative process? Can an ordinary citizen, a motorcyclist, influence a state legislature?

The answer, according to a state legislator who has passed motorcyclist-friendly legislation, is not only "Yes," but "Maybe more than you think." — California state

senator Debra Bowen

In 2006, California state senator Debra Bowen sponsored two important pieces of legislation on behalf of motorcyclists that were signed into law. The first allowed the use of non-custom (foam style) earplugs, and the second, co-sponsored by assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, increased the penalties for drivers who violate the right of way of other road users and cause injuries. The latter bill is the type of legislation sought by the A.M.A.'s *Justice for All* campaign.



California state senator Debra Bowen

A.M.A. staffers asked senator Bowen for some insight into how motorcyclists can help get legislation passed.

A.M.A.: How can ordinary citizens — motorcyclists and others — do better at getting their ideas into the legislative process?

Bowen: First of all, don't be bashful. Go out and meet your representatives. Get to know their staffs, even if you can't meet with the elected official themselves, assuming you live in a state where that's the way it works.



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Having a staffer on your side can be enormously valuable because you'll likely get more of their time and energy. And remember: If you use only the time you need, you're likely to get your calls returned first. In my Redondo Beach office, for example, I have a staff of five to serve 850,000 people.

A.M.A.: Once constituents get their lawmakers' attention, what's the best strategy for getting their proposals through the legislative process?

Bowen: You'll be best served in the long run by building coalitions and working to solve problems. Before verbally beating lawmakers over the head because they don't agree with you or your position, do what you can to work with them, try to understand their objections, and see what you can do to help educate them or alter your position to address their concerns.

You'll never make everyone happy with the end product, but just as you want to see your concerns heard and addressed, lawmakers want to know that you've heard their concerns and have at least been open to addressing their objections, even if you can't accommodate their particular issue.

Something else that's important is to follow up and show your appreciation. After I got the earplug law passed, I got hundreds of e-mails thanking me. That let me know that people really did care about these issues and that it was worthwhile for me to invest time in them.

A.M.A.: As an example of an individual getting involved and making a difference, we understand that it was a motorcyclist who raised the issue of right-of-way violations, leading to your introduction of SB-1021.

Bowen: A good friend of mine who has ridden for years pointed out the oddity in the law that when someone commits a right-of-way violation, the penalty is the same, regardless of whether they run a stop sign in the dead of night where no one is injured or if they make an illegal left turn at the height of rush hour, injuring everyone in their path. Virtually every other traffic violation has a higher penalty in cases where someone is injured or killed, so applying that same rationale to right-of-way violations just made sense to me.

A.M.A.: The bill went through a lot of changes and back-and-forth negotiation. Can you give us an idea of how that happens?

Bowen: Having a difference of opinion isn't uncommon in the legislature, but in this case, the discussion over what the penalties should be was a bit frustrating.

To start with, it was important to ensure the penalties for bodily injury and great bodily injury were lower than the penalties for reckless driving, which is a more serious violation, but were higher than the current \$35 right-of-way penalty for making an illegal left turn or running a stop sign.

The penalties in the original senate bill met that standard. But in the assembly, I was confronted by some members who felt that all traffic fines were too high and they didn't want to support a bill that raised penalties.

The penalties were lowered substantially in the assembly transportation committee in 2005, but last fall and early this spring, some work on my part and the part of the *A.M.A.* and *A.B.A.T.E.* helped convince those assembly members to raise the penalties a bit to bring the bill back closer to where it started out.

The bill also requires the California driver's handbook and traffic school courses to emphasize the need to respect the right of way of pedestrians, bicycle riders, and motorcycle riders the next time the handbook and course content are revised, which should be sometime in 2007 or 2008. (*A.M.A. editor's note:* Both higher penalties and motorcycle-awareness instruction are key components of *Justice for All.*)

This kind of negotiation along the way to passage happens with almost all legislation, and since it's a public process, people have a chance to exercise their influence at each step along the way. It's not a one-day process.

A.M.A.: Any advice you'd like to give to *A.M.A.* members?

Bowen: Yes. You have more power than you think you have.

Central Oregon (continued from page 3)

The end of the ride.

We gave the high and low hand away, then started the raffle drawing. We got done with daylight to spare.

Sum of the event.

Well let's see . . . we delivered around 1,600 teddy bears, had a great ride (excluding the water fall), and everyone made it safely.

I would like to thank Mike of the *Black Horse Saloon* for letting us use his business and all the great food and drinks. I would like to thank the area hospitals for having us and giving us their support and kindness. I would like to thank the Bend police for their help. I would also like to thank the Prineville police department for their support, and the Madras police department for their helping us get into and out of town in grand fashion.

There are a lot of people who helped make this year's

Teddy Bear Run a huge success. I would like to list them, but then I know that I would run out of room to list them all. I would just like to say a huge *thank you*. And thanks for making my first *Teddy Bear Run* as coordinator a great success. If you will have me, I wouldn't mind trying to do it again next year. After all, elections are coming up.

Hey, that's right. It is an election year.

Everyone needs to try to be to a chapter meeting soon because we are going to have elections. And if you're not there, who knows what you might be elected for. If you are there, you can turn down the nomination.

On a closing note. I was just

informed that on the O'Neil highway they have started to lay down the snow melt stuff. With the weather changing you knew that was going to happen but who would have thought this soon? I have been told that it is just in Crook county as of 09 October 2008. Soon to be spread everywhere in the three counties, if not the state. The stuff really makes it slick and it sticks to everything, so if you do ride, wash your bike often. (Thanks, Buzzard.)

It looks like this letter made it off the main page. Image that, I wrote alot again. Well, I hope that it wasn't too long and that you could read it in one sitting. But that is how it goes sometimes.

Watch the weather report before your ride and like a good little scout

be prepared, or at least as much as you can. The weather can change at any time and the weather reporters don't get paid to get it right, they get paid to tell you what you already know. (Especially if you rode through it.)

Jay Bird
coordinator
Central Oregon
A.B.A.T.E.



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

**Fiscal Year 2008 Section 2010
Motorcyclist Safety Grants**



2010 Funds

The third round of the 2010 funds has been announced and it's another successful year for 47 states and Puerto Rico. Again three states did not apply.

The 48 grants are listed below.

This round spent \$6 million, the next and final round will spend \$7 million.

The deadline for that application is August 1st 2009, and the guide to apply is on the *M.R.F.* web site.

State, total award	Year	SAFETEA-LU Programmatic Basic Criteria *	Amount	Category
1. Alaska	3rd	Training, Impaired	\$100,000	
2. Arizona	3rd	Aware, Fees	\$102,607	
3. Arkansas	2nd	Aware, Impaired	\$100,000	
4. California	3rd	Training, Fees	\$365,542	
5. Colorado	2nd	Training, Fees	\$101,815	
6. Connecticut	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
7. Delaware	3rd	Training, Aware	\$100,000	
8. Florida	3rd	Training, Fees	\$205,733	
9. Georgia	3rd	Aware, Impaired	\$140,234	
10. Hawaii	3rd	Training, R.F.C.	\$100,000	
11. Idaho	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
12. Illinois	3rd	Training, Fees	\$180,184	
13. Indiana	3rd	Aware, Fees	\$118,289	
14. Iowa	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
15. Kansas	2nd	Aware, Impaired	\$100,000	
16. Kentucky	3rd	Aware, Fees	\$100,000	
17. Louisiana	3rd	Aware, Impaired	\$100,000	
18. Maine	3rd	Training, Aware	\$100,000	
19. Maryland	3rd	Training, Aware	\$100,000	
20. Massachusetts	3rd	Training,	\$108,810	Aware
21. Michigan	3rd	Training, Fees	\$156,129	
22. Minnesota	3rd	Training, Aware	\$116,293	
23. Missouri	3rd	Training, Fees	\$120,344	
24. Montana	3rd	Training, Impaired	\$100,000	
25. Nebraska	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
26. Nevada	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
27. New Hampshire	3rd	Training,	\$100,000	R.F.C., Fees
28. New Jersey	3rd	Training, Fees	\$126,221	
29. New Mexico	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
30. New York	3rd	Training, Fees	\$229,882	
31. North Carolina	3rd	Training, Aware	\$136,206	
32. North Dakota	3rd	Training, R.F.C.	\$100,000	
33. Ohio	3rd	Training, Fees	\$167,043	
34. Oklahoma	3rd	Impaired, Fees	\$100,090	
35. Oregon	3rd	Training, aware, fees	\$100,000	
36. Pennsylvania	3rd	R.F.C., Fees	\$175,342	
37. Puerto Rico	3rd	Aware, Impaired	\$100,000	
38. Rhode Island	3rd	Training, Fees	\$100,000	
39. South Dakota	2nd	Training, Aware	\$100,000	
40. Tennessee	3rd	Training, Fees	\$113,809	
41. Texas	3rd	Training, Fees	\$283,221	
42. Utah	2nd	Training, Aware, Fees	\$100,000	
43. Vermont	2nd	Training, R.F.C.	\$100,000	
44. Virginia	3rd	Training, Fees	\$121,987	
45. Washington	3rd	Training,		

\$114,149 Fees
 46. West Virginia 3rd Aware, \$100,000 Fees
 47. Wisconsin 3rd Training, \$116,070 Aware
 48. Wyoming 3rd Training, \$100,000 Fees
Total grants = \$ 6,000,000
 * Programmatic grants
 Training = Motorcycle rider training course
 Aware = Motorcyclists awareness program
 R.F.C. = Reduction of fatalities and crashes involving motorcyclists
 Impaired = Impaired driving program
 R.F.I.M. = Reduction of fatalities and crashes involving impaired motorcyclists
 Fees = Use of fees collected from motorcyclists for motorcycle programs

Total applied, qualified: 47 States and Puerto Rico
 States which did not apply: Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Washington D.C.

**Washington D.C. Update
N.H.T.S.A.**

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* held a quarterly *Motorcycle Safety Network* meeting in Washington D.C., the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports. The meeting, originally the brainchild of *N.H.T.S.A.*, has mushroomed into almost an entire *D.O.T.* meeting as the room had a good number of *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)* officials either reporting or just listening. It seems that as with the sales of new motorcycles, so goes this meeting's attendance. Each meeting's attendance has increased significantly and has now grown out of the current *D.O.T.* conference facilities.

The meeting was attended by all government transportation officials as well as representatives from *S.M.S.A.*, *M.I.C.*, *M.S.F.*, *A.M.A.*, *I.I.H.S.*, *Honda*, *Harley*, and *A.S.M.I.*

Tim Buche of the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* reported that the *M.S.F.* trained just over 400,000 individual riders last year and estimate now that about [a significant percentage] of the

riders on the road have now been through some form of rider education program.

F.H.W.A. had a lengthy report on the crash causation study that was legislated by congress in the last highway bill. The seemingly straightforward request from congress has found itself stuck between the *F.H.W.A.* and the executing institution, the *University of Oklahoma*. The study originally had a price tag of about \$3 million. However several issues have already doubled that to around \$6 million, and at this recent meeting it was acknowledged that it could ultimately end up costing around \$7.5 to 8 million.

Who's picking up the tab for this study, anyway?

Essentially you, the motorcyclist, are.

There's the federal share of about \$2.1 to 2.4 million, the motorcycle industry has pledged \$3.1 million, and the *A.M.A.* has kicked in \$130,000 cold hard cash to kick-start the study.

That's about 5.5 million dollars on a good day.

When you look at it, really it's the motorcyclists who are funding this. The federal share is from gasoline taxes, and the industry will ultimately pass the cost on to its customers.

Where the additional \$2.5 million comes from is uncertain but one thing should be certain: motorcyclists have paid more than enough and we deserve better.

Another certainty is every day this study is delayed it gets more expensive.

At this point, getting the study moving seems impossible at best, but government and universities have a history of moving at a glacier's pace and then pulling through at the last minute.

The *M.R.F.*'s message to the powers-that-be on this one: stop playing the blame game and wasting the money of the motorcyclists and get this study underway.

Some Positive News

The pilot study to the main study is set to begin in December. They will

also begin training investigators within the next few weeks. The pilot study will be conducted by *F.H.W.A.* to test the methodology. The full study is going to be done by the *University of Oklahoma*.

The pilot study will investigate 37 crashes or last three months, whichever comes first. The full study will investigate around 900 crashes. One senior *D.O.T.* official in the room did caution the group to not put too much hope into the outcome of the study, as these types of studies rarely produce the single panacea many hope for. Expect a laundry list of contributing factors, not a silver bullet.

Studies Coming Soon

The much anticipated conspicuity study will be released in just a few months. This is the study that tried to determine if universal daytime running lights (D.R.L.) on cars reduces the conspicuity of motorcycles on the road.

One segment of the study put an individual in a parked car on the side of the road and used eyeball tracking equipment to see what they looked at.

Braking Study

This study, also due out soon, takes a look at antilock braking (A.B.S.), combined braking (C.B.S.), and conventional braking, and whether they stop a motorcycle differently and why.

Braking Follow-on Study

This study used a simulator to determine what brake riders used most in the last milliseconds before artificial impact. According to the 1981 Hurt report, 83% of riders don't use the front brake in the crucial 1.9 seconds prior to impact. This study is also due out soon.

Noticing a pattern here?

Some future studies under consideration by the feds include an eyeball tracking study which would utilize a tiny camera aimed at the rider's eyes to essentially see what they are looking at while riding.

Another idea in the works is a similar study in which a camera would be worn by the rider, except that volunteers would wear the camera every time they rode for an entire year to get a sense of patterns and behaviors.

Lastly, the feds are thinking of doing a study to determine if it's even possible to employ some new vehicle miles traveled (V.M.T.) recording technology on a motorcycle. This is sort of a "let's see if we think we can build it" sort of study. All of these are purely in the concept phase.

Meeting of the Minds

Presentations Now On-line

Most of the presentations given at this years *Meeting of the Minds* are now on the *M.R.F.* web site.

Visit

<http://www.mrf.org/MOTM2008.php> for more information.

U.S. House Passes Biker Insurance Fix

The U.S. house passed the *Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Act of 2008* (HR-6908). This bill, as previously reported by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*, would force insurance providers to disclose upfront, in writing, any activity they are unwilling to provide full payment for an injury sustained while participating in said activity.

Currently the insurance providers need only refer to the federal loophole

known as the "source of injury exclusion provision" to limit payment for any injury based on the source of the injury.

The bill passed with unanimous consent by the U.S. house and is now being considered by the U.S. senate committee on health, education, labor, and pensions. (H.E.L.P.) The senate has passed legislation that was farther reaching than HR-6809 in a previous congress so the outlook remains bright but time is running short. The *M.R.F.* will keep you informed on this important issue.

N.H.T.S.A. Proposes New Helmet Standards

In a notice of proposed rulemaking (N.P.R.M.) earlier this week (October 2008), the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* set forth its proposal to modify the current safety standard for helmets, *Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard-218 (F.M.V.S.S.-218)*. The proposal focuses mostly on the least important part of any helmet, the *D.O.T.* label.

The *N.P.R.M.* outlines what *N.H.T.S.A.* would like to see on the back of your helmet. A new label to replace the current football shaped sticker with the letters *D.O.T.* printed in a contrasting color to the background. *N.H.T.S.A.* claims that due to entities printing and selling "Doing Our Thing" that closely resembles the *D.O.T.* sticker the federal standard has been undermined and needs an upgrade to a bigger, better sticker.

The changes the proposal outlines will require including the word "certified", the manufacturer's name, and the model of the helmet. The



proposal also calls for the sticker to be larger and placed higher up from the bottom of the helmet.

The new sticker has one other change: it's not a sticker.

The *N.P.R.M.* calls for the new label to be a "water decal" to be applied under the helmet's final clear coat.

What about helmets that don't have a clear coat such as leather clad or the popular matte finish?

N.H.T.S.A. also called for some changes to the testing of helmets. None of the changes provide for a more real world condition, just adjusting some of the allowable ranges for helmet puncture and retention.

The *M.R.F.* encourages you to provide your own public comment to this *N.P.R.M.*

<http://tinyurl.com/4zcg7x>

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 *M.R.F.* sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The M.R.F. Reports*.

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Compiled and Edited by Bill Bush, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Depleted License Plates, Overbooked Rider Education Courses

As a sign of the times, with a record number of motorcyclists on the road and increasing numbers of motorcycle registrations, rider training courses in numerous locations across the country have been booked solid and now officials in Kansas have reported running out of motorcycle license plates.

The *Hutchinson News* reported that the problem is bad enough that counties with plentiful plates are being asked to share with other counties. "We are out of motorcycle tags, and we don't know when we'll get more," said Reno county treasurer Clark Miller. "We've begged and borrowed from other counties," he told the newspaper, "but we can't get more."

When the state made its annual tag order, gas prices hadn't reached their current levels and officials didn't anticipate the resulting demand from motorists switching to more fuel-efficient transportation.

At least one motorcycle owner complained to the newspaper of being sent away from the D.M.V. office this week and advised not to [ride] his motorcycle until it was properly tagged, with no promise of when tags might be available.

Myrtle Beach Approves Helmet Requirement And Other Ordinances To Deter Bikers

Myrtle Beach city council recently gave initial approval to more than a dozen city-wide ordinances specifically aimed to limit bike rallies and dissuade bikers from coming to town.

On Tuesday, September 9, the council unanimously approved all but one of 15 proposed new laws pertaining to two back-to-back May motorcycle rallies, though the restrictions would remain in place year round.

The proposed ordinances that were passed on first reading ranged from a ban on the operation of motor vehicles that do not have required *E.P.A.* (federal) stickers on their mufflers, to prohibiting more than one vehicle parked in a single public parking space, to implementing a mandatory helmet and eye protection requirement for anyone riding a motorcycle within city limits and authorizing authorities to impound their motorcycles. The helmet ordinance also outlaws the sale or use of any non-*D.O.T.* compliant helmet in the city.

In June the city council not only passed a property-tax increase dedicated to funding an anti-bike rally campaign, but also started the process to enact ordinances aimed at ending motorcycle-related vending within city limits.

Another vote on the approved anti-rally measures is required before they can become [regulations], which may take place before riders arrive in Myrtle Beach for the *Pilgrimage Fall Bike Rally*, giving local police agencies an opportunity to begin enforcing the new ordinances.

Former Myrtle Beach mayor Mark McBride, who once said he'd like to use his car to "nudge" a biker who wore an offensive t-shirt, said he's all for the city strictly enforcing the laws and said the city should bring in as many police officers as it needs. "If they enforce the laws," McBride told the *Sun News* "people will not want to come back if their good time is curtailed."

Can Rising Motorcyclist Fatalities Be Blamed On Lack Of Helmet Requirements?

Author Jacob Sullum begs the question in his article *Hit & Run* in *Reason* magazine's August 20th online edition and goes on to answer

those who blame the increase in rider fatalities on the repeal of helmet laws in several states.

Citing federal government data that indicate the number of fatal motorcycle crashes rose in 2007 for the 10th consecutive year (hitting 5,154, 7 percent higher than the 2006 total) Sullum writes that "the chief culprit recently seems to be higher gas prices which have encouraged people to take advantage of motorcycles' vastly superior fuel efficiency: Motorcycle ridership appears to be rising even as the total miles for all vehicles drops. The highway safety authorities say that about 75 percent more motorcycles are registered today than ten years ago. They suspect each motorcycle is ridden more miles, but the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* says it does not have a reliable measurement of use. The lack of such data makes it difficult to tell how much of an increase in fatalities following repeal of a helmet law results from less helmet wearing and how much results from more riding."

"While wearing a helmet reduces the risk of certain injuries," continues Sullum, "research suggests the overall impact on fatalities is modest. The unimpressive numbers are one reason motorcyclists have been so successful at defending their right to decide what, if anything, to wear on their heads. 'We are the only industrialized country in the world where there is an organized effort to weaken or repeal motorcycle helmet [requirements],' complains Russ Rader of the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety*. Is that a sign of backwardness or a point of pride?"

Meanwhile *Forbes Magazine* points out that a new study released recently by the U.S. *Department of Transportation* found that "despite the relaxation of several state helmet [requirements], motorcycle helmet use in fatal crashes climbed from 55% in 1997 to 57% in 2006."

In an August 25th article titled *Expensive Gas, Dangerous Roads*, *Forbes* writer William Pentland says, "Although helmets are undoubtedly decisive in some motorcycle

[crashes], the fact remains that the fatality rate for helmeted motorcyclists has risen more rapidly than it has for unhelmeted motorcyclists in the past three years. This suggests that factors other than helmet use have fueled the rise of motorcycle fatalities. Enter gas prices."

Pentland's research shows that since at least the 1970s, motorcycle registrations have tracked the rise and fall of gas prices. As prices rose in the 1970s, registrations followed. Similarly, in the 1980s, as gas prices fell, motorcycle registrations did too. During the 1990s, motorcycle registrations remained low and only began rising in 2000 and 2001.

"Last year, the number of licensed motorcyclists hit an all time high of 6,227,146," says Pentland, "While the total number of miles traveled for passenger cars fell in 2007 for the first time since 1994, the total number of miles traveled for motorcycles not only increased, but reached a new record high."

Loud Pipes Save Lives!

Silent but deadly, a California lawmaker says electric and hybrid cars and motorcycles may be good for the environment, but they're bad news for the blind.

State senator Alan Lowenthal, a Long Beach democrat, has pushed a bill through the legislature to ensure that vehicles make enough noise to be heard by the blind and visually impaired when they're about to cross a street.

The state senate approved the bill on August 20 on a 23-12 vote and sent it to governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, has not taken a position.

Fighter Dies After Running Out Of Gas

U.F.C. star Evan Tanner, whose body was found in California's Mojave Desert, appears to have died from heat exhaustion after his off-road motorcycle ran out of gas. The 37-year-old former ultimate fighting





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middleweight champion was on a “cleansing” excursion and set out on foot in the scorching heat of the [day] after his bike lost steam.

“What we were told is that (sheriff’s officials who found him) believe his motorcycle had run out of gas, so he went to walk out in, like, 115 to 118 degree heat,” said Douglas Vincitorio a member of Evan Tanner’s management team at *Driving Sports Force*. “He was miles away from his camp. That’s where the helicopter found him. Right now, they just think that he succumbed to the heat.”

Tougher In Alaska. Juneau Biker Culture Subject Of Museum

Juneau has more motorcycles per capita than most places in the United States even though there are only 91 miles of road in the city shared by over a thousand motorcyclists, and is the only capital not accessible by road.

“That’s pretty interesting,” said Sarah Asper-Smith, guest curator of a museum exhibit on local biker culture, adding there were 1,025 registered motorcycles in 2006 in Juneau. “That’s something that runs through the exhibit, is why do we have so many motorcycles in town when you can’t drive out of town? I think it’s that sense of freedom that Alaskans have in common.”

91 Miles to Ride: Juneau’s Biker Culture at the Juneau-Douglas City museum highlights Juneau biker culture with memorabilia and photographs, some of which date to the 1930s, when there were a lot fewer roads. Also on display are four classic motorcycles, including a 1924

Henderson Inline IV, a 1936 *Harley-Davidson* knucklehead, a 1946 *Indian Chief*, and a 9-foot-long 1975 customized chopper, all on loan from local bikers.

“The weather never really bothers us,” said Craig “Oz” Rasmussen, who has ridden his ’36 *Harley* from Dawson City, Yukon to Tijuana, Mexico and is a member of the *Southeast Alaska Panhandlers Motorcycle Club*, which is prominently featured in the exhibit along with the *Southeast Alaska Tongass Chapter of H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group)*, *Juneau Alaska Bikers Advocating Training and Education (A.B.A.T.E.)*, and other groups.

New Zealand Bars Biker Patches

Biker patches are not welcome in central Timaru and club members will have to remove their colors before entering some businesses.

“Businesses can now place stickers on their front doors stating that gang patches and colours are not permitted to be worn on the premises,” reports the *Timaru Herald*. Increasing gang activity prompted the joint initiative from safer communities and the south Canterbury chamber of commerce, says the newspaper.

All businesses have the right to refuse entry as long as it is not seen as discrimination and the stickers are not classed as discrimination, say officials.

The chamber of commerce designed and paid for the printing of 100 stickers and is assisting in the distribution. Chamber manager Dave Jack said more stickers will be printed, if needed.

Timaru mayor Janie Anear said the stickers were just another tool to stamp out gang activity, adding that they weren’t naive enough to think the gang problem was over and were always thinking of new initiatives. “The battle is never totally won.”

Weird News

Biker Killed For Hauling Hamburger On His Hog

Luckily, most bikers do not have to worry about being mobbed and killed over carrying some hamburger on their bike, but in India it is a different story.

An angry mob lynched a man in an Uttar Pradesh village in May on suspicion that he was transporting cow meat on his motorcycle, a police officer told *Thaindian* newspaper.

Riding a motorcycle in different countries carries different risks, but it appears that in India, surviving a bike crash is nothing compared to residents finding out that you are carrying cow meat, which is sacred. This type of incident shows that you should always research the regulations or religious practices before you go biking around in other countries.

Quotable Quote

“A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.”

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)
patriot and
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of the United States

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United Rentals. We will be selling raffle tickets for these items, along with the other things we receive between now and the December meeting.

The only events on the calendar for the rest of 2008 are the November 19th chapter meeting and the traditional Christmas meeting / potluck December 17th. Election of officers will be at the November meeting. We are especially looking for someone to run for secretary and for someone to be the chapter editor to make sure we have articles in the state newspaper every month.

On January 1, 2009 *A.B.A.T.E.* will again participate in the annual *Polar Bear Run* which will support *U.B.S.O. (United Bikers of Southern Oregon)*. The last couple years this has been an event that starts in both Grants Pass and in Medford and finishes up in Gold Hill. Depending on the weather, this will either be a ride or a poker run. If it turns out to be a poker run, there will only be three stops. Lots of fun. Everyone is invited.

Any questions or you want information about any of these events, come to the next meeting, or call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

Have fun, keep your wheels on the road. Hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Karen
JoCo Chapter

Rough Time Ridin’?



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A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session home for the weekend – Cottage Grove V.F.W. hall

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Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Hi there,

It seem like life has been so busy that we have had little time for the "fun of it".

The *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* has been primarily concentrating on the request that a mandatory training rule be put in place for all new endorsements. At this time it is required for those under 21 years old. The new regulation would include *all* riders who do not currently have a motorcycle endorsement.

Although we all agree that training is wise, the word "mandatory" bothers many as a requirement for adults.

Forums of this committee have been held around the state to give motorcyclists the opportunity to voice opinions on this and their concerns about other motorcycling safety issues.

The committee's part on this matter closes soon.

There will be a bill in the upcoming legislature next year, so we will all have to be aware and participate so they will know what the voting motorcyclists want.

We have also been talking about ways to make other vehicle operators more aware of motorcycles and their need to give motorcycles their fair share of the road.

We will be able to put more time into other safety issues soon. I have received requests to work on the hazards of slippery manhole covers and rubberized traffic markers. Please let me know in writing if you have other concerns to bring to the committee. Sometimes, when you



Iris Yeager
member
GACMS

tell me while we are on the run, I do not remember it all.

You can reach me through Mel's e-mail: mel_yeager@msn.com or at home: 912 SW 12th avenue; Albany, ORegon 97321.

The committee meetings are held at 235 Union Street NE, Salem at the O.D.O.T. safety office unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming G.A.C.M.S. Meetings

November 21, 2008 – Salem – 6:30 p.m.

December 19, 2008 – Salem – 6:30 p.m.

January 16, 2009 – Salem – 6:30 p.m.

February 20, 2009 – Salem – 6:30 p.m.

March 20, 2009 – Salem – 6:30 p.m.

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June 19, 2009 – T.B.A.

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those fighting in Iraq for our freedom. And then there is the September 11th anniversary, so wave those flags high with pride!

Word is that our friends, Mike Pierce and Big Kenny, are in the hospital fighting to get better and they all need their friends, family and our prayers to guide them whether its a visit, a bended ear, a homemade dinner dish or dessert, touch of their hand, and even a hug to let them know you are here for them.

We've been discussing our legislative representatives and need to be more active, whether it's helping put up campaign signs on residential lawns, or calling and writing your congressman to get to know them better and what they represent. So remember to get out there and vote in November. Be part of the solution, not the problem! Every one of us makes a difference!

Our toy run is coming along nicely which is November 15th, so mark your calendars because this is for a great cause. (The kids!) Many of our behind-the-scene chapter members are working hard to put this all together to run smooth, so put your Santa, Mrs. Santa, or elf suits on and let's make this the biggest and best ever. More the merrier, right?

Come on out to our *A.B.A.T.E.* meetings held every second and fourth Monday of each month if you can spare an hour or two to listen, learn, and join in the fun and laughter. (Free hugs too!) The meetings start at 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 or 9 p.m. at *Primetime Restaurant* in Forest Grove. We will also start having a clipboard on the bar for those who would like to change your mailing information or e-mail address for where you want your newsletter to go.

Remember to support your motorcycle rights by keeping informed and involved with our legislators and government! Vote!

Thanks for listening and keep the rubber side down!

Sharon
abate recording secretary
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* [*Ol' Chumbucket and Capt'n Slappy, the Albany duo responsible for founding International Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day, note in their book Well Blow Me Down that the correct word used by pirates is "Arrr!" The phrase "Arrg!" is the sound made when a pirate sits on a belaying pin. — c.o.e.]*

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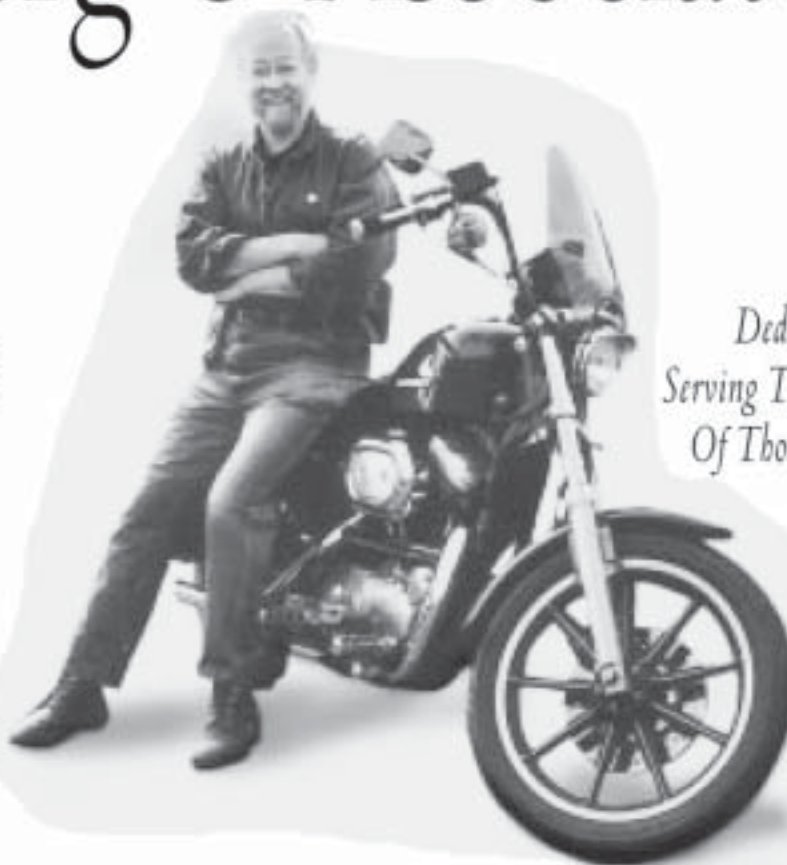
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

Please keep your information up-to-date.
Contact yer crusty ol' editor with any changes.

name:	phone number:	location:	P I C K U P	T O L S	G A L A S E	P H O T O	I N F O	M E L S	G A S I N'	L A S D G I N'	notes
Central Oregon area											
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X					
Bigfoot Powerlift	(541)-617-1691	Bend	X	X	X	X					
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X				
Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X				
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X				
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond		X	X	X	X		X		
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X					
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)											
Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X				
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hilda	(541)-265-9376	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X							X	
Dan the Wizard (?)	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	X	
Randy and Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X	X	X	
North Coast area											
Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Salem area											
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X						
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X						
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X						
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X				
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					X				
South Coast area											
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					X				
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X				
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X				
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X			
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X			
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X				
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X			
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Portland area											
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X	X		
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X		
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X	X	X		
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X		
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X		
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X		
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X		
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	X		

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For considerably less than the price of topping off yer cage's fuel tank you can join A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and get this fine rag mailed directly to you. A membership form is available in every issue inside the back cover.

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available.
This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcyclists, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.)
If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

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P E N' notes:

Southern Oregon area

Ray Adams (541)-679-5097
Eric Grout (541)-673-4371
Ron & Pat Wine (541)-832-2219
Rock On (541)-459-3541

Winston X X X X X X X
Roseburg X X X X X X X
JoCo X X X X X X X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker (503)-341-2568(c)
Rich and Margo Virchow (503)-502-4941(c)
Gunny Hutcheson (503)-816-9832(c)
Roger Yarnell (503)-810-0625
Trace Ceccacci (503)-639-4768
Greg GoatboyVaughn (503)-502-4229(c)
Mark Pratt (503)-357-1727
Ted and Jill Tracy 1-(503)-819-8113
Kent and Pat Gore (503)-848-7653
Troy Davis (503)-260-6451
Chuck Jeffcoat (503) 649-7344

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Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery (541)-998-8318
T. Brown (541)-607-8500
Ron Budde (541)-343-6447
Jim Drew (541)-782-1136
Michelle FitzHenry (503)-787-4618
Gary&Carolyn Freeman (541)-760-1827(c)
Bryan Freitas (503)-793-9641
Rod Hatter (541)-744-2494
Ted Hudgins (541)-338-8380(c)
Mike & Ruth Johnson (541)-935-6261
Rich (Snake) Kaestner (541)-929-4589
Rick & Lyn Maish (541)-746-7837
Nic Oliver (541)-487-5570
Fred Reyes (541)-896-3348
Michael & Peggy Schneider (541)-349-9864
Roy Smith (541)-689-2407
Warren Tegge (541)-344-0344

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other areas

Mike Farmer (541)-386-8744
Rick (541)-673-4371
Joseph Laurance (541)-679-3775
Rod "Reckless" Runyon (541)-993-6413

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Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
Please call
(503)-838-6893
if your information changes.



Answer to November CRYPTOGRAM

All of our people all over the country –
except the pure-blooded Indians –
are immigrants or descendants
of immigrants.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Oregon Road Maintenance

Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Oregon Department of Transportation (O.D.O.T.)

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

Road and weather information:

1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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Wanted

2005 custom built softail, flat black paint with special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked 21 inch front wheel with bright red ring on outer edge. Custom 18 inch stainless steel rear wheel with stainless steel diamond style spokes with 170 series Avon tire. Powder-coated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34 degree rake and 2-inch stretch. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powder-coated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powder-coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. **\$11,250** or best offer. Pictures available on *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site in classified ads. Call **(503)-257-7390** (Jan 2008)

1970 *Chevy* pick-up all steel tilt front end - complete. \$125 or best offer. Call Don at (503)-706-7158 (Jan 2009)

Harleys For Sale

1968 *FLH* 33,000 miles on a stroker motor. I've owned this bike for the past 38 years and it's a strong runner. **\$12,000**

1989 *FXR* Ex-police bike with a low mileage 1993 motor and custom paint. **\$8,000**

1991 *Fat Boy* with lots of custom work and 25,000 original miles for **\$12,000**

Also, seats, tank, and other misc. *Harley* parts. Call Paul in Grants Pass at **(541)-474-2577** (Nov 2008)

Harley-Davidson Road King Classic, *Screamin Eagle* 110 cubic inch engine, 6-speed. This bike is one-of-kind, custom built by *Latus Harley-Davidson*. Practically a clone to factory C.V.O. 105th anniversary Road King. Bike has less than 500 miles. Loaded with *Harley-Davidson* accessories including 105th anniversary cover, detachable passenger backrest with luggage rack, factory securtiy, and *Lo-Jac*. \$28,500.

For information, call John **(503)-630-7812** or **(503)-784-3691**. I can send photos, if interested. (Jan 2009)

Your *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* membership lets you reach hundreds potential buyers for three months all for the measely price of ... free. That's right, member classified ads are one more perk of belonging with *A.B.A.T.E.* Phone/FAX your ad to **(503)-838-6893** E-mail to: **statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net**

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Faster-than-light drive coupler for blockade-running cargo ship. Conatact Han or the big hairy dude with a crossbow. (They used to be happybows until he began using them.)

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. PLEASE SEND TO: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 ATTN: Gunny

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: _____

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NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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(V A C A N T)			
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(Return address)

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Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Annual Rates:	
_____ Individual membership	\$25
_____ Couple membership	\$30
_____ Family membership	\$35
_____ Lifetime membership	\$250

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

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

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How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments:

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events

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2 Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	3	4 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm) election day (be sure to vote at least once) Guy Fawkes night	5  2nd quarter moon	6	7	8 STATE BOARD Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Musician's Toy Run Benefit Oregon City</div>																																																																					
9 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers – 1300 (1 pm)	10 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	11 veterans' day (thank those who have served)	12	13  mourning moon	14	15 Lower Columbia 1300 (1 pm)																																																																					
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2008
RUN LISTINGS
(boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
08 Nov	Musicians' Toy Run Benefit	Oregon City	(503)-656-3031
15 Nov	Stan Johnson Run – WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)-747-6725
22 Nov	Spaghetti Dinner–North Coast	Astoria	(503)-325-3566
22 Nov	Biker Night – Salem Chapter	Jefferson	(503)-678-6302
06 Dec	Shriner Toy Run – PDX chapters	Portland	(503)-771-0188
13 Dec	Toy Run – North Coast	Seaside	(503)-325-3566
17 Jan 2009	Cabin Fever–Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)-839-9295
14 Feb 2009	Sweethear Dance–Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)-839-9295

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:
Saturday, 08 November 2008 at noon
Eagle Lodges – Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting at 1100

On the eleventh hour, month, day,
In silence, a war ended that way,
Our weary troops did see,
That our future was free,
Living and dead leave a debt we pay.
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-7586
Lower Columbia	3 rd Saturday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Keaton Club; 2025 N. Kilpatrick.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-643-4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)-688-4268