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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



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Star Roads — episode 2009: *Another New Beginning* (a.k.a. Annual A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session)



photo by Roi Path, c.o.e.

The photo to the left shows the brain strain during *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*'s annual planning session at the Cottage Grove V.F.W. hall.

Although attendance was down this year, the two dozen or so who did attend will be noted for their creativity and great strides forward in helping our organization.

Some of the key topics discussed and action taken were:

- A revised operation manual that lets *A.B.A.T.E.* respond quicker to the needs of its members and mission statement. The focus is on action, less on hidebound rules and punishments.
- Gearing up now to promote legislative information services and aid *BikePAC* for the 2011 legislative



session. Now is the time help elected officials see motorcycle issues in a different light and get them on our side.

- Outreaching to active duty and veteran military members who take up riding motorcycles. We want to help prevent injury and death to those who have protected liberty and survived wars.

Let's get the momentum going. Get involved in *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*.

Each one of us is important.
Each one of us makes a difference.
Together we can change our world for the betterment of all.

>>> MISSION STATEMENT <<<

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

What Is A Veteran?

Someone who survived boot camp, R.O.T.C., or officer candidate school.
Someone who sees the world through the lens of past military experience.

Someone who defended constitutional liberties while many of their own rights were suspended.

Someone who has a greater appreciation for liberty than the average citizen who confuses rights with entitlements, security with giving up freedom.

Someone who should be thanked for their service to country and public whenever encountered.

-- c.o.e



photo by Dave Norton (Josephine County Chapter)

Future Of Biking?

This yellow-skinned two-seater beauty showed up at the Josephine County Chapter toy run on 04 October in Grants Pass and helped haul toys and cheer to local young people. More toy run photos on page 4. (Check out the rear view mirror photo showing the bikes strung out behind it during the run.)

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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 Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron

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

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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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.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

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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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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Central Oregon



Hello *Central Oregon*,

Wow!

What can I say about our *Teddy Bear Run*?

It was awesome.

We had over 125 bikes for this run. It was just great.

Can't say thanks enough for all the help and volunteers that made this run one of the best ones we had. Went like clockwork with the help of the road guards for traffic, the help from all of you who were counting all the teddy bears.

We passed out well over 250 teddy bears per hospital: Bend, Pringleville, Madras, Redmond.

Thank you all for the great support for this run and thank you to the hospitals for the great food, drinks, cookies, and warm support.

Also want to say a big thanks to the *V.F.W.* in Redmond for the use of their hall. It made it easy to have our run end there and to raffle all of our great donations that we

collected for this run. Thank you again and to your staff.

Also want to say a thank you to the *North Side Bar and Grill* and their staff for the great breakfast and a place to start the the run.

It was a cool morning but the sun was out for us all day. People are saying that the line of bikes was at least a mile long. It sure looked like it in my rear view mirror in front of the pack, just a awesome sight.

I could go on and on about the *12th Teddy Bear Run* and all of you who made it happen I need to end and send this off and go to the meeting.

A great run, guys and girls

Thank you,

Animal
coordinator

Central Oregon Chapter

P.S Just want to say a thank you to Kelly Ramos for a job well done at secretary. We will miss her at this job. Thank you again.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Northside Bar & Grill
62860 Boyd Acres road
Bend, Oregon

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

Hi Douglas County,

I will fill in for Becky this month.

We had our biker night at *Wincher Deli*. We had our meeting there instead of our regular night on Thursday.

That Sunday there was a new event we put together: *Hearts For Heroes*. I didn't go but I did drive by and it looked like we had a good turnout.

16 October we will have had our last biker night. We want to thank everyone who supported our biker nights and our poker runs this year. Also to those who made it possible to have our biker nights as well.

Nominations are soon so think about who wants to step up for our cause.

-- Tonia Judd



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
Willie D's
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City



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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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



JoCo Toy Run

04 October 2009



photos by Dave Norton



Yep, winter is on it's way.
Colder, damp mornings.
Nighttime coming earlier.
Soon the clocks get turned back.
Yep, winter is right around the corner.

The 2009 Grants Pass Toy Run is over, but the donations are still coming in. Our toy run committee is still selling tee-shirts and collecting toys and money for the kids in the Siskiyou Community Health Center's Project Baby Check and Ready-Set-Go programs as well as the Wolf Creek Parenting Center. Even with the hard economic times, most of our sponsors came through for us. Attendance was down and bids on the auction items were a little lower than in previous years, but overall we did okay.

This time of the year is colder and darker when it comes to meeting time, but we are hoping that all the members

still come out to the meetings. October and November is time to review what we have accomplished this year and to start making plans for the next year. Nominations are open and new blood is always good for open officers' jobs.

December will be our Christmas meeting and potluck.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. They usually only last about an hour. All members are invited to come and share their ideas.

See you down the road,

Karen

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 pm)

Fruitdale Grange
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Grants Pass

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Greetings,

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Lincoln County**

I would like to begin by saying thank you to all involved with putting on *End of Summer Run*, including a big thanx to Rusty for being responsible for trophies. (Our's is *still* leaking oil.)

November is the month where daylight savings ends and we salute all veterans on Veterans Day. It's also elections time both state and nation wide. And don't forget property taxes and yummy Thanksgiving.

Whew!

Here at *Lincoln County* we will host our *Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* at the senior citizen center on November 22nd, with preparation night being on November 21st.

The holiday season is upon us so please volunteer, help out, and give wherever and whenever possible. (As we should year 'round.)

Talk to you in December.

Ride safe,

-- Shirley



LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-->ING

TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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The air is getting a little cool along the lower Columbia, leaves are starting to change color, and it's a beautiful time for a ride.

I notice a lot of scoots on the road right now doing just that.

We took a group of about 25 (13 bikes) to the *Oyster Run* in Anacortes, by way of the ferry from Port Townsend. If you have never taken this trip, the scenery deems it a must do. By the way, most of our riders were sporting legal helmets. Although not too happy about it, we figured it would be better than a ticket and all the hassle that goes with it.

Ten of our members went out at high noon on October 4 to pick up litter for the first time as an *Adopt-A-Highway* participant. The laborers showed up at our meeting later. They had gathered up about 43 bags. I think they thought it was going to be fun and it wound up being work. You might notice the next time you ride west of Clatskanie on Highway 30 how clean the road is. They did an outstanding job.

In our last meeting, we have just nominated officers for 2010, to

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be voted on at the November 1st meeting.

We're doing about the same as everyone else, I suspect: getting ready for the holidays. We will be launching our *Second Annual Food and Toy Drive* soon.

I guess it's time to get to that sanctioning for next year's runs and events also.

Have a safe ride.

Hope to see you at the swap meet on the 11th,

Dave Bridge
coordinator

Lower Columbia Chapter



LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

Hello from the *North Coast*,

Well, the rain didn't take long in getting here but there was a long enough break for us *North Coasters* to enjoy the fading summer.

A bunch of us crossed the river and enjoyed a great run put on by *Washington A.B.A.T.E. Pacific County Chapter*. The *Fall Run* they put on is always super and biker's on both sides of the river consider it one of the last runs of the summer.

The Astoria *Rotary* had a poker run that honored our past sergeant at arms, Jim Parker.

We are working hard on our next fund raising event, the spaghetti dinner and auction for the *Wishing Tree* charity, on November 21st at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria.

Also in the works is the *21st Annual Toy Run* in December.

Our experiment by having a chapter meeting in Seaside didn't seem to create much excitement on two levels. No old faces attended, only the faithful few. We also had officer nominations and there was

not much enthusiasm here either. Most of our officers have held their positions for two or more years. It seems like people like to complain but do not want to step up to create change.

November kicks off the holiday season and *North Coasters* wish you all a happy Thanksgiving!

Ride safe,

Rick



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd 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 15, 2009

It was a lovely night and a rowdy meeting. I couldn't see to do the minutes because I had my eyes dilated today, so Teresa took minutes for me. Thanks, Teresa.

Richard Misener is 80 years young tomorrow and he was the rowdiest one in the meeting -- not that others weren't trying. They just couldn't keep up!

We discussed the board meeting, the upcoming planning session, and about chapter members becoming officers at the state level. The chapter responded to the nomination of Lee Austin for sanctioning officer with a reminder that when he met with the board to request that he be allowed to continue being a member, he promised he wasn't seeking any office and just wanted to be a member of his chapter. Brian was directed to remind the board about this at the next meeting.

Debra is working on a Faces of Motorcycling poster project that

needs photos of real motorcyclists in A.B.A.T.E. — young, old, cruiser, scooter, or sport bike riders. If you have a photo you'd like to submit, please contact Debra Lutje. Include a signed statement that you give A.B.A.T.E. permission to publish the photo, and state your occupation. Put your phone number on it too, in case she has any questions.

Joe and Jan won the 50/50 drawing.

Mitzi Davis would have won the membership drawing of \$10 if she had been present.

-- Brian



October 6, 2009

Upcoming meetings

November 03, 2009

November 17, 2009

Tonight's meeting was very small, just seven members, and was mostly taken up by Tom Peachey, candidate for circuit court judge. It proved to be an interesting half-hour discussion.

We finished up regular business and left, as the restaurant was closing.

We held no drawings.

Thanks again to Teresa for filling in with my secretarial duties, as my eyes had been dilated again.

-- Brian

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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There were five motorcycle fatalities in Oregon in a recent ten day period.

That is pretty brutal considering in that same time frame there were no auto fatalities.

There has been an increase in motorcycle fatalities this year here and across the nation and you may as well prepare for more legislation in an attempt to restrain the tide.

Motorcycle-only safety checkpoints have been established with your federal tax dollars in New York state and now in Louisiana. They are checking for motorcycle endorsement, insurance, a compliant helmet, safety check of your bike, and a compliant exhaust system.

This is the response to the increase in fatalities in these states.

A lawsuit has been filed against these police tactics.

The *United States Marine Corps* had more motorcycle fatalities than combat deaths last year.

In a review of the voting records of our two senators concerning motorcycle issues, senator Wyden

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scored a big fat zero. Senator Merkley scored a 3 on a scale of 10.

On a brighter note, representative Peter Defazio sent a letter to the travel management plan of the *Umpqua National Forest* questioning their plan.

Noise ordinances are popping up in towns across the nation. The *A.M.A.* is trying to establish a plan to address these concerns.

And so it goes across this land of ours.

The upcoming special session of the Oregon legislature, which is supposed to address fiscal matters, is already starting to take an ugly turn concerning judicial matters. Keep your ears and eyes open so we don't

get blindsided by our elected officials and the bureaucrats.

State and chapter elections are coming up. Your participation in this organization is critical.

Salem Biker Nites are November 7th at the *Squeeze Inn* in Aumsville and November 21st in Jefferson at *Tommy's*. Both events start at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 13th, our toy run will leave at noon from the *K-Mart* parking lot at 25th and Mission [highway 22] in Salem.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING **TIME and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
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Hello to all you good people,

I hope this finds you all well and safe.

I am sure you all have heard at your chapter meetings that we no longer have a *BikePAC* lobbyist. None-the-less, our chapter has donated \$1,000 to *BikePAC* to help further our cause in the legislative process. Since we no longer have Mr. Schumacher at the capitol, I hope you all take up his offer of being available in an advisory capacity and make the effort on your own to attend open meetings and sessions in Salem.

Another thing I am sure you all have heard about was the horrible crash on I-5 involving the *Black and Gold*. *Southeast Portland Chapter* usually has a \$200 cap on our *Downed Rider Donations*, but our Miss Judy put in a motion to lift the cap just especially for them. We were able to donate \$800 to them to help out in any way they deemed fit. We also passed the hat at our meeting and collected an additional \$119. A group of us attended the open house at the *Black and Gold* in Portland

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the following Tuesday where Turtle presented a check. Our prayers are with them and their families, as a member did pass on due to injuries in the crash. God speed.

Love and respect,

Mammy Tami

P.S. Happy Turkey Day to you all !

S.E. Portland MEETING **TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)

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

Hello once again from *Twin Rivers*,

Our meeting on September 27th only saw eleven members in attendance. Our meeting attendance has been going up and down like a yo-yo. Our current overall membership shows we 130 members.

So we really do need more members to attend.

Otherwise just call us the little chapter that could.

If we have to build up our chapter one new member at a time, then that's the way we'll do it.

Of all you 130 members out there, those who were *Columbia River* and those who were *Northeast Portland*, come on back. We need you.

Now on a lighter note.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 21st of this month for our *Twin Rivers Chapter First Annual Anniversary Party* at the *Spare Room*. It starts at 8 p.m. and goes until midnight. Everyone



is welcome. The *Megan James Band* will be on stage to rock the house. Prices will be \$ singles and \$10 for couples. Dinner specials will be prime rib with all the trimmings as well as spaghetti with salad and garlic toast. There will also be door prizes as well as a 50-50 drawing.

So for great food and great entertainment, come on out in support of *Twin Rivers* and have a great time.

We are also going to have nominations for chapter officers this month for 2010. If there is anyone who you would like to have as a chapter officer, come to a meeting and nominate that person

or step up and become an officer yourself. We really do have fun at the meetings.

Come to a meeting!

Otherwise this chapter may dissolve at the end of the year.

Support your chapter.

Show Up.

That's it for this month.

Ride careful, ride free,

Tom Brewer

Twin Rivers Chapter



TWIN RIVERS MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1200 (noon)

Spare Room
NE 42 nd street -- Portland
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Washington County*

Wow, it's hard to believe the cold weather is upon us.

'Tis the season for warm winter riding gear, toy runs, and those maintenance projects we all put off in favor of going on a putt.

Washington County's Annual Toy Run will be November 21st.

Once again, *Paradise Harley-Davidson* has stepped up to support our efforts and the community by donating our grand prize, a \$500 gift card to their store. Second prize will be a \$250 gift card to *Paradise Harley-Davidson*.

Tickets are only \$1 and all proceeds go to *Hillsboro Toy and Joy*.

The post-ride festivities will be at the *Hillsboro Elks*, where we'll unload toys, have lunch, and draw the winning prize tickets. Tickets are available at our chapter meetings, or by sending check or money order (payable to *Washington County A.B.A.T.E.*) with your name and contact phone number to:

Washington County A.B.A.T.E.

Attn: Toy Run Tickets

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You need not be present to win, as long as we have your contact information.

It benefits a wonderful cause.

WaCo Chapter lost a family member this last month.

Matt Collins, a member for the past decade, passed away on October 3rd.

Many of you will remember Matt and his family bringing their school bus out to the *End of Summer Run* to be painted a few years ago.

Matt spent many years putting on a brave face and a smile, dealing with health challenges that most of us can't imagine. Our prayers go out to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so happy holidays to everyone. Hug your loved ones close and make sure they know how much



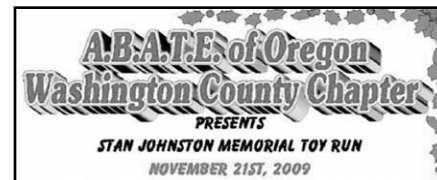
you care.

As always, get the latest happenings at our chapter meetings or on our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Well the summer has come and gone.

Wendy and I had a great ride to Los Angeles, after visiting old friends at the *S.O.S. Run*.

Still as mellow as always: good food, good music, and good folks. California was hot, hot, and more hot, but Wendy's *Lowrider* held up just fine. Yosemite had way too many tourists but lots of awesome scenery, and the ride out was nice, heading east on the northern route over the pass to Lee Vining.

Anyway, the chapter had its first *Cancer Warrior's Run* for Noelle and Anne. Had nearly 60 bikes and Rod picked a perfect route. It was amazing how well everybody stepped up to make this a tremendous success. Thanks to Steve and *Central Valley* for kicking it off and to Sonny and Rod for spearheading the whole thing.

What a great gathering!

The "roving" poker run was as easy to do as it was unique. We made enough on the t-shirts, pins, 50/50, and hands to write a check

to the *Cancer Society* for \$1,214. They were pleased, we were satisfied, and everybody came away with a sense of having made an important contribution to a worthy cause, not to mention having an "exhilarating" ride. (Thanks, Elvis.) This will definitely be an annual event ... for *A.B.A.T.E.* or otherwise!

Today is the *Fall Casino Night* and it looks like it will be another good turnout. *Yukon Jack's* is a great place to do this and we expect to have a lot of fun. The proceeds will help us to fund the fixin's at the planning meeting next weekend and do our annual Christmas meeting in December.

December is also the last meeting of the year and time for electing new officers. Nominations are open for every position and we are still waiting for folks to step up. This is an ominous year. All positions are open and it looks like we'll have no one re-uping. If you want this chapter to remain solvent, please consider filling one of the officer positions for

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



the upcoming year. The November meeting will be your important chance to do this, although we'll be taking nominations/volunteers at the Christmas meeting as well.

It's been a long, great run for *Willamette Valley*, and it is my hope that we can keep it alive. But that will be up to you, the members.

Ride safe.

Ride free.

WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Far Man Resaurant and Bar

3111 Gateway; Springfield

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Our Officers at Work

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

10 October 2009 – *Eagles Lodge*; Albany, Oregon

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley, state coordinator, at 12:25 p.m. with 13 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: Dianna from *Douglas County Chapter*.

Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) to accept minutes from September 12th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Alan Nichols (*Washington County Chapter*) seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley stated that he has noticed more brothers and sisters are going down. He gave a couple of examples and reminded everyone that there are

situations that we just can't control. He also pointed out that there are situations that we can control by getting more training. But most of all, he asked that we do not over-ride our abilities. Jordan stated: "It sucks going to a funeral."

Jordan then reminded everyone about the planning session that is scheduled for next weekend (October 17-18) and this prompted a discussion of the event that normally would have taken place under old business. The importance of the planning session was discussed as to this is the time when the business for *A.B.A.T.E.* over the next year and into the future is discussed and planned. It was also stated that the more people who attend the meeting, the better the plans can be made. More suggestions for the proposed agenda were made.

Secretary report and correspondence: Reported that there were



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

some out-of-state newsletters if anyone was interested. Nic also asked for everyone's understanding and cooperation while the elections were being handled as he has a lot of work to do during that time getting ballots finalized and counted, which he stated that he would need help counting and Jordan said he would do that part.

Vice coordinator — north: Ted Tracy – Excused, working the swap meet and will have the new trailer there.

Vice coordinator — south: Annette Murray – Absent.

Vice coordinator — east: Gene Mortimore – No report but he stated that he will not be at the planning session and there is nothing major about next year's *Fossil Run* needing attention.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple stated that she has sent an e-mail to every

chapter and the e-mail has a link to the I.R.S. included in it (<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article10,,ID=102760,00.html>) so that every chapter can get their own tax identification number from the I.R.S., if they don't already have one. They will still fall under the reporting umbrella of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, but they will have their own tax ID number. If a chapter already has their ID number, they are to send this to Kay as soon as possible.

It should also be noted that Kay stated she made a mistake in that the chapters only need a F.I.N. and not a F.E.I.N. (federal employer identification number) as she had written in her e-mail to the chapters. It is very important that no one files a F.E.I.N. as it will cause accounting problems for everyone as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* does not have any employees.

There were some problems that have arisen with some chapter reports. The current things needed are:

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• *Hub City* – Kay could not open the attachments on the thumb drive. Please contact her as soon as possible.

• *Douglas County, Lower Columbia, Salem, Twin Rivers, Willamette Valley* – All need to send a thumb drive with *Quicken* files and bank statements showing disbursements and receipts.

She also reported that, after taking out \$2,000 for seed money for the swap meet and paying the rent for the swap meet, we currently have a total of \$25,779,91 in checking and savings. (\$20,274 in savings and \$5,500 in checking) She also reported that she has received a check from *Lincoln County* for \$542 from the *Beaver Creek Run*.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – Report handed in. Current membership is 1,798. Nic read report:

“Jordan and Nic:

Attached is the membership report I usually stick in chapter packets.

Nic, could you please include this when you print out your copies.

I am scheduled to have surgery 05 October 2009 to put together my broken left wrist. Although I have been driving around town for a week, I am pretty sure that a trip down to Albany would do me in. Especially since the swap meet is the following day! It is my intention to work the swap meet as much as I can.

If you cannot open the attachment, please call the toll-free number (1-877-552-2283) and I will try to get it to you some other way. I also will not be present at the planning session due to other commitments (my husband, our anniversary). Linda Henderson”

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price reported that everything turned in, not counting the things turned in today, are sanctioned and done.

There was a problem with *WaCo's Stan Johnston Memorial Run* due to the city of Hillsboro that took four days to get straightened out. The city manager wanted things that needed to be clarified.

Matt also reported that *North Coast* has turned in the perfect packet, with great flyers and everything else except they forgot the check.

He stated that if every chapter were to turn in packets in such great

shape, things would go a lot faster and smoother.

Matt thanked everyone for doing such great things this last year.

State auditor: Richard Misener – Excused.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. He showed off his new plastic green visor and stated that he now really felt like an editor.

Rot Path pointed out an “oops” on the front page of the October newspaper. It had a misspelling of the word “spirit”. (It came out “spitit”.)

He stated that he only had three reports in so far and today was the tenth. The only monthly reports so far were from *River City, North Coast*, and *Twin Rivers* chapters.

Rot Path suggested that we start an outreach to returning military. Many returning military are looking for way to integrate back into civilian life and still retain the thrills that they had in the military. A lot of returning military personnel start riding motorcycles as a way to do that. We could be a lot of help in this area.

Legislative director: Justin Handke – Absent.

Sergeant at arms—north: Randy Phipps stated that he would be working the swap meet and that he has not received any answer to his e-mail to the chapters for help at the swap meet. He said that there would be a sign-in sheet at the *A.B.A.T.E.* information booth so people could log their hours worked for payment in *A.B.A.T.E.* bucks. This is also how he knows who worked and could publicly thank them.

Sergeant at arms—south: Bill Foster – Excused. Stopped by on his way to help set up for the swap meet. Report handed in. Nic read report (*paraphrased for brevity*) :

“Members of the state board and state representatives:

I feel that it is my duty as a member of A.B.A.T.E. (and the silent majority that cannot be here for elections of state officers), that I express my feelings with the drama that . . . a member has brought to the state board meetings. Since [two years ago], he has been disrespectful and disruptive towards members at the state board meetings. .

. Because of this behavior, I ask that as chapter representatives, you vote with the word “no” next to [this member’s name] on the ballot to any office he may volunteer for or be nominated for at the state level. Simply put, I am asking for a vote of “no confidence.”

Respectfully,

Bill Foster

State sgt at arms south”

It was decided that anyone that wanted to vote this way was to put a “No” next to the name of any person nominated for any office that had a single person nominated who they had no confidence in. They could circle the name of the person they wanted or do nothing, which meant they did not want to vote, or to write “No”. If the majority voted with a “No”, then the office would remain vacant.

Sergeant at arms—east: Jim Middleton reported that he would be working at the swap meet. He also stated that he would like to get the golf carts. Randy stated that he had a report on that issue and would give it during the quartermaster report for Ted.

Products director: Dave Meeker – Absent. Nic reported that Dave had received the memorial patches for Pat Williams. Nic’s wife walked around with his “cuts” to show the patch to everyone. Nic also reported that the color was as close to Pat’s favorite color of turquoise that Dave could get for the lettering on the patch.

Education director: Patricia Carner – Excused. Report handed in. Nic read report:

“Nic, greetings. I will not be attending the October board of directors meeting as I will be at the set up for the swap meet. I have not asked for any help from anyone running for any office as I feel it is more important for people to be at the elections. Bill E, Jim M., Gene M., and Randy are all coming up after the meeting to help me as the vendors will start coming in about 4 p.m. I asked Ted to drop the trailer off at the armory either Friday or Saturday morning so that I can unload everything and set up on Saturday. Please remind all the state board representatives and officers that this is one of our major fundraisers for the state, so all help is appreciated. To

reiterate from last meeting, I will be happy to assist the person who takes this office next year, but will not run for re-election. Thank you, Patricia”

Education director II: Geoff White – Excused. (working) Jordan reported that Geoff has some very uncooperative work schedules right now as his place of employment has had to rearrange things to prevent people from losing their jobs.

Public relations director: Debra Lutje reported that she will be working on the new poster project over the winter and is going to try and visit every chapter to discuss this project with them and answer their questions. She stated that she would like “family friendly” pictures for the project and a release from the people submitting the pictures for their use in perpetuity.

She also discussed flyers for *Life Flight* that she had on the front table and pointed out that *A.B.A.T.E.* members get a \$20 discount on the cost. This is one agency that has reciprocal use in other states and is not just in Oregon. This is in addition to any *FireMed* membership that some people already have. It was noted that *FireMed* is not reciprocal in all areas and Gene pointed out that in his area *Life Flight* is always the one called and not an ambulance service for emergency response.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long reported that the *Fossil* committee will start meeting in December and not in October, as was stated in the September state board minutes. Nic will correct the mistake in the report.

Howie stated that he wanted to get the flyers and web site information out as soon as possible for next year’s run.

State run coordinator II:

VACANT

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner – Excused. (working the swap meet) Report read by Nic during education director report time.

Kay reported that the spring swap meet is scheduled for April 25, 2010, the day after the state board of directors meeting.

Historian: Tonia Judd brought in a folder of coverage over the last year. She included information

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on *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and the chapters. She also had some *Fossil* pictures and other items. If anyone has information or pictures for inclusion, please send them to her.

Randy reported that he had witnessed the resurrection of the dead. When questioned, he reported that he had finally heard from Linda Martini. He also stated that Linda is going to give all the information she has to Randy and he will turn it over to Tonia.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci — No report.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy — Excused. (working the swap meet)

Randy reported that Ted could not find the radios in the trailer after *Run 21* as yet. (Six of the eight radios showed up at the swap meet.)

The issue of the golf carts now has Rotten Roger involved and Sam Hochberg, the *A.B.A.T.E.* attorney. It seems that Robert Hale is claiming that *A.B.A.T.E.* owes him money and he will not turn over the golf carts until he is paid. Roger has the bill of sales and titles for the golf carts.

This issue of the new trailer was brought up by Gene because Ted had requested an executive board decision to spend an additional \$350 for a trailer. It seems the one he spoke about at the last state board of directors meeting was not in good shape and not worth the money. Ted had found another trailer that was in excellent shape and wanted to get it instead. Jordan and Nic looked up the motion for clarification as to the wording of the motion and Jordan reported that the money Ted spent on the new trailer was what had been approved. The motion stated “approximately \$3,000” and that is what Kay reported that Ted had spent. The new trailer will be at the swap meet and the board asked for pictures of it to see what we got for the money spent.

A.B.A.T.E.’s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps reported that he missed the last *BikePAC* meeting in Salem on October 3rd.

Nic Oliver (executive director of *BikePAC*) reported that the focus of this off-session year would be the upcoming elections. The new legislative director, Heidi Disrud, is

looking into the past voting records of the candidates and is preparing a questionnaire for them. Nic stressed the need to look at the voting records and not just listen to their words or promises. He also stressed the need for people to help get out of office those who are against us and help get elected those candidates that are for us. This is what *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* are all about.

Lee Austin presented a check to *BikePAC* for \$1,000 at this time. It is greatly appreciated and will go to good use. Thank you *Southeast Portland Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.*

Confederation of Clubs representative: Gunny — Absent.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Kay Sipple reported that the next meeting would be at the *N.C.O.M.* convention the weekend of October 17-18, the same weekend as our planning session. She requested that anyone who isn’t attending the planning session try to attend the *N.C.O.M.* convention at the *Holiday Inn* at the Portland airport.

Unfinished Business

- Nominations for 2010 officers. Nominations were reopened and the only changes were: Tonia Judd was nominated for historian and accepted the nomination. It was noted that Jill Tracy had declined the nomination for recording secretary. Brian stated that he had a nominee but it was pointed out that acceptance for that nomination had to be made by the nominee in person or in writing. It was also noted that any office not filled could be filled at a later time. It was noted that the nominee for vice coordinator—south, Pat “Spanky” Allen, had turned in a written acceptance of his nomination. It was also stated that any officer nominee, unless accepting the position in person or in writing was not included in the ballot. Nic also stated that he would not leave *A.B.A.T.E.* in a lurch and will serve temporarily until someone comes forward to fill the office of recording secretary.

While Nic prepared the addition to the ballots and Randy passed them out, Jordan read the announcements as printed below.

Results from voting follow:

Coordinator --- Ted Tracy

Vice coordinator—north --- VACANT

Vice coordinator—south --- Pat “Spanky” Allen

Vice coordinator—east --- Gene Mortimore

Recording secretary --- VACANT

Membership secretary --- Linda Henderson

Treasurer --- Kay Sipple

State auditor --- Connie Kintz

Newspaper editor --- Rot Path

Legislative director --- Randy Phipps

Sergeant-at-arms—north --- Randy Phipps

Sergeant-at-arms—south --- VACANT

Sergeant-at-arms—east --- Jim Middleton

Products director --- VACANT

Education director I --- VACANT

Education director II --- VACANT

Public relations director --- Debra Lutje

State run coordinator I (*Fossil*) --- Howie Long

State run coordinator II --- VACANT

State swap meet coordinator --- VACANT

Historian --- Tonia Judd

Sanctioning officer --- Matt Price

Web page editor --- Trace Ceccacci

Quartermaster --- VACANT

A.B.A.T.E.’s BikePAC representative --- Randy Phipps

Confederation of Clubs representative I --- VACANT

Confederation of Clubs representative II --- Jay Jackson

Congratulations to all the new officers for 2010!

All new officers need to fill out the officer data sheet and have them turned in by the November state board of directors meeting for the files. New officer mentoring is to begin immediately.

There are a lot of vacancies for anyone willing to step up and serve the organization.

The planning session was discussed and Rot Path informed everyone that Exit 172 no longer exists. Anyone coming from the south will now need to take Exit 174 and come through town to the *V.F.W.* hall. Rot Path also stated that he had included the G.P.S.

coordinates for the *V.F.W.* hall in the directions. Check the state newspaper for the map and directions.

It should be noted that Heidi Disrud turned in her report on the *M.R.F.* conference to the board of directors. It is available in the minutes folder of the recording secretary.

New Business

Motion 1: Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Mike Durkee (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

“That A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon donate its old trailer to *BikePAC* of Oregon. This refers to the old wooden one just replaced.”

Discussion included Howie Long (*North Coast Chapter*) who stated that *A.B.A.T.E.* needs to support *BikePAC* as they are our workers at the capital and they are part of us. The vote was called for and the vote results: yea—9, nay—0. Motion passed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: October 18th, 2009; at the *V.F.W.* hall — Cottage Grove, Oregon, at 11 a.m.

- Nic read an announcement from Iris Yeager, our representative on the *Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety*:

“The regular meeting of the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety will **not** be held on October 16th, as usual. Due to mandatory state furloughs, the meeting has been rescheduled for October 23rd 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the transportation safety office, 235 Union Street — Salem.”

- 17-18 October 2009 — *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* planning session at the *V.F.W.* hall in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This will include the annual meeting for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and a board of directors meeting. The state board of directors meeting is a must-attend event on 18 October for all chapter representatives. Every chapter should plan on attending with at least one representative for the entire planning session.

- 17-18 October 2009 — *N.C.O.M.* regional convention at the *Holiday Inn* at the Portland airport. For more information, contact Gunny at 1—(800)—531—2424.

- 21 November 2009 — *Washington County Chapter* is having their *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*. For more information, go to: <http://www.wacoabate.info>

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Planning Session Minutes

October 17-18, 2009

V.F.W. hall — Cottage Grove, Oregon

Saturday, October 17th



Planning session called to order at 8:42 a.m. on the 17th of October, 2009, by Jordan Kelley. (coordinator of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon)

Held the pledge of allegiance.

Jordan announced that there are currently nine chapters represented, so far. This will make it so much easier, as more people means more can get done. It also makes it so much better with chapter representatives here as they are then able to make sure that more points are reviewed from more angles and the better things are handled.

Jordan did a head count and said that due to the number of people being down from last year and more people being interested in more than one of the proposed groups, he would like to have just a couple of groups going at a time. This way people could work on more than one group and the group could finish their work and after lunch go to another group.

Noon – lunch time.

1 p.m. — Back to the groups.

5 p.m. — Adjourned for the day.



Sunday, October 18th

Reconvened planning session at 8:35 a.m.

Jordan again opened with the pledge of allegiance and stated that it is up to us to get it done today.

It was noted that there were now ten chapters represented. This is a good thing because we can get more finished without having to wait until the November board of directors' meeting to finish.

Breakout group reports:

(As turned in by the groups and paraphrased for length. Full turned in reports will be available in the minutes

folder.)

Operation manual group

(chair - Nic Oliver)

Nic reported that after a year of work, the new A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon operation manual is now done. Finalization of the manual will be typed up and handed out at the next board of directors' meeting in November. This will give everyone time to review the new manual and the chapters the required time to review so that a vote to implement the new manual can be taken at the January 2010 board of directors' meeting.

Nic also reported that due to the length of the manual, it is impractical to put it in the state newspaper. Instead there would be an announcement put in the newspaper that the group agreed would suffice.

It was also reported that anyone who wants a copy can have one by just e-mailing Nic at nic_oliver@peak.org and he would reply with an electronic copy of the new operations manual, which includes a copy of the ratified bylaws. The group has removed all the redundancy that they could and made it reader friendly.

Officer training group

(chair - Debra Lutje)

It was reported that many officers needed skills updating and the upcoming motions at the board of directors' meeting today would explain some of the plans put into motion.

It was decided that more computer training was essential to move forward and this would mean that officers would have to get training. Community college classes would be paid for by the state for officers getting training on a reimbursement plan as long as they get pre-approval from the state treasurer and have a passing grade. ("C")

It was also decided to provide a training setting one hour before each board of directors' meeting by Trace to assist anyone who wants to learn more about how to get more out of their laptops. Trace did state that this was a training issue, so don't bring in computer problems to be fixed. This is available for anyone but not a computer service center.

All chapter treasurers will have to learn *Quicken* as this will become the only acceptable format for reporting. Membership secretaries will need to learn to use the database and all officers will need to learn how to use e-mail.

The more officers trained in the use of the internet spreadsheets and publishing programs such as *Word*, means that

more information can be passed out quickly to everyone. This will include each chapter site having links and being interconnected, which Trace will facilitate.

We will also be getting a *PayPal* account set up on the state site for *Fossil* tickets, membership payments, and products (including shipping and handling) purchases. This will improve how we do business and reach more people.

This also means that officer reporting will need to be on a regular basis for some officers, such as legislative during the legislative sessions. This also includes getting more people on the different social networks to pass out information. (i.e. *MySpace*, *Facebook*, *Motozania*, *BikerNet*, *Cyclefish*, *Oregon Riders Forum*, to name a few.)

Legislative motivation group

(chair – Randy Phipps)

It was decided that the purpose of this was to recharge interest in getting people interested in again fighting for their rights. Not just partying. The method would be to create a "cadre" or group that would be available every day during the legislative session time and willing to sit in the offices of legislators at the capital, letting them know we are there, getting to know them, talking with legislators. This core group would move around to different offices every few hours being friendly and visiting in groups and not as an individual unit. This would take a minimum of 100 people with 20 per day being mobilized.

The need for an updated talking point manual was also discussed and agreed that the legislative manual would be a great starting point. We will need pages to leave with the legislators as talking points and help their staff do jobs, showing that we are helpful and not there to intimidate anyone.

The need to reach out to other groups was emphasized. (Groups such as sport bikers, scooter groups, trikers.) We need to see what their concerns are and find common ground that all of us can work together on, things can we help them do and not just focus on the helmet issue.

Budget committee

(chair – Karen Tolle)

A proposed budget was shown as to how much it takes to operate this organization and how much we need to bring in to do our job as an M.R.O. (motorcycle rights organization) Every expense and income stated on the sheet in the minutes manual (available at any meeting to anyone)

has a complete breakdown but is only an approximation. This shows that everyone needs to work for the good of the organization and not just for their partying. The proposed budget for 2010 assumes a starting point of \$29,700 with a projected income for the state of \$70,125 and expenses of \$59,700. This gives a growth for legislative use of \$10,425.

This is also subject to changes depending upon how well our fund raisers do and how much expenses change.

Military outreach

(chair – Rod Hatter)

[Just noting that the state secretary received no notes from this group so it will be paraphrased from the closing discussion. -- Nic]

Many areas were noted that we could help in. The number of deaths occurring due to returning military/veterans is going up because they are looking for many things, including the adrenaline rush they got from combat, the group camaraderie from serving together. This outreach could include things like facilitating *Team Oregon* training, discounts, incentives, or whatever we can come up with to help them. It was noted that most motorcycle clubs in the past were formed by returning war veterans.



Closing

Jordan closed with thanking everyone for such great work. We got a lot done and it is now time for the board of directors' meeting to put into motion some of the ideas that were brought forth and to get these things to the chapters for their work, such as the new operations manual, which Jordan stated he wants to see in operation as soon as possible.

Adjourn planning session.:
10:10 a.m.



**NOTICE TO
ALL MEMBERS OF
*A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON INC.***

Due to the length of the new operations manual, which includes the bylaws, it is impractical to publish it in the state newspaper/chapter newsletters.

Therefore a copy will be ready for every chapter representative at the November 14th board of directors' meeting to be taken back to your chapter for review.

This manual will be voted upon for ratification and implementation at the January 2010 board of directors' meeting.

This new operations manual, once ratified by the board of directors, will replace all previous manuals, rules, procedures and guidelines.

This means that *all* chapters and members will be governed by the contents of the new operations manual.

It should be noted that most of the changes made were in formatting and continuity (removing the junk and repetition) with very little change as to content.

This new operations manual and bylaws have been under scrutiny and have been worked on for the past year by a panel of representatives from many chapters and is an attempt to make the operating rules easier to understand and reader friendly.

The majority of changes made were with an emphasis on organizational cooperation and *not* to include any new rules.

In order to comply with the bylaws and provide publishing of this operations manual to every one in a timely manner, this notice is intended to fulfill that rule and not to circumvent it.

Anyone who wants a copy needs to send me an e-mail and request a copy and I will send you one electronically by return email.

My email address is: [nic_oliver @peak.org](mailto:nic_oliver@peak.org)

-- Nic Oliver
A.B.A.T.E. secretary,
OpMan committee chair

Annual A.B.A.T.E. State Board Of Directors' Meeting

October 18th, 2009

V.F.W. hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon
minutes by recording secretary, Nic Oliver

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley (state coordinator) at 10:35 a.m. with ten of thirteen chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

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

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley asked that everyone take back to their chapters the fact that this was the least attended (*in numbers*) planning session that he has seen. He said that no one has any reason to complain if they weren't here.

The pizza parlor dinner was fun on Saturday night.

Jordan also explained the reason for the planning sessions was to get the business of A.B.A.T.E. ready for the next year so that everyone has a part in its goals and direction.

He also stated that the N.C.O.M. convention set their date without realizing that this date set by A.B.A.T.E. for our planning session is in our bylaws and will not be changed. We just hope they understand and can work with that.

Jordan also explained why there are two board of directors meetings in October. It is so that issues worked on in the planning session is not put on a back burner until the November board of directors' meeting and dealt with then or, as in the past, sometimes not at all. This way, things are moving forward and issues dealt with and A.B.A.T.E. can function smoother and towards our goals.

(No officer reports at this board of directors' meeting)

Unfinished Business

Vacant officer position nominations:

Vice coordinator–north: Alan Nichols accepted and was elected. (10-0)

Secretary: Nic Oliver accepted and was elected. (9-1)

Sgt-at-arms–south: Mike Flaharty (*accepted in writing*) and was elected. (10-0)

Products director: Dave Meeker was nominated but it is pending on his acceptance.

Education director I & II:
VACANT

State run coordinator. II: Rick Prentice accepted and was elected. (10-0)

Swamp meet coordinator: Patricia Carner nominated pending acceptance.

Quartermaster: VACANT

Confederations of Clubs representative I : Spanky accepted and was elected. (10-0)

(*Quick note: if operations manual is ratified at January board of directors' meeting, some officer positions will go away by being combined with other officer positions. Reasoning — every officer has the right to have as many assistants as necessary to fulfill the job.*)

Congratulations to all the new officers for 2010 elected at this meeting.

Positions still vacant and needing people to fill them are: Education directors I and II, quartermaster.

All new officers need to fill out the officer data sheet and have them turned in by the November board of directors' meeting for the files. New officer mentoring is to begin immediately.

New Business

Motion 1: Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Duane Sterba (*Lower Columbia Chapter*):

“Form a computer group to meet one hour before board of directors' meeting starting November 2009 that will provide needs assessment, lab, question and answers, problem solving. Open to all members, no experience required. Need to purchase a power strip with surge protection and at least thirteen flash drives.”

Discussion ensued with making sure that the officers especially have the necessary skills and training to make sure that they can do their jobs efficiently and quickly. To insure the smooth flow of information and calls for help or action as needed.

Vote called and **motion passed.** (10-0)

Motion 2: Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Duane Sterba (*Lower Columbia*

Chapter):

“Upgrade state web site to include PayPal for Fossil tickets, membership, and products. Will need a separate money account. PayPal costs can be incorporated into fee structure and add shipping and handling to products.”

Discussion included the reasoning being that we need to have a better access to our organization and products and runs for more people. PayPal is secure and easy to work with. It was stated that this could very easily increase our membership and money coming in.

Vote called and **motion passed .** (10-0)

Motion 3: Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Alan Nichols (*Washington County Chapter*):

“The state will pay for computer skills education for state officers and chapter treasurers, subject to pre-approval by state treasurer. Passing grade required for reimbursement.”

Discussion included that officer especially need to be as fully trained as possible to fulfill their jobs for the state. Treasurers need to all be trained to insure that the financial end of things is done in the most efficient way possible using the required programming for electronic filing. This does not leave anyone out as the first motion covers everyone in A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Vote called and **motion passed.** (10-0)

Motion 4: Made by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded by Alan Nichols (*Washington County Chapter*):

“To accept the proposed projected budget as presented to be an estimate of on-going expenditures. Any specific project is to be presented and approved at the time.”

Discussion on this one got heated as it was noticed that funding for BikePAC was \$0. This sparked comments on BikePAC being part of A.B.A.T.E. and the original agreement being that A.B.A.T.E. provide the necessary funding that is beyond the scope of BikePAC. BikePAC being the direct legislative

arm of A.B.A.T.E. and of a different tax rank allows them to do things that A.B.A.T.E. cannot do.

Nic Oliver (executive director for BikePAC) stated that at this time he does not foresee any further funding needed for this year but that is subject to change at any time. He did not appreciate BikePAC being left out of the budget.

Amendment made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*): “A.B.A.T.E. provide funds, if needed, to cover expenses for BikePAC.”

Question was called.

Amendment first had to be voted on. **Passed** (8-2)

Vote called and **motion passed.** (10-0)

Motion 5: Withdrawn at request of initiator due to too many questions and problems with implementation. This will be worked on and resubmitted when more of the bugs are worked out.

Announcements

Next state board of directors' meeting: November 14th, 2009 at the *Eagles* lodge — Albany, Oregon at noon.

14 November 2009 — *Team Oregon* banquet celebrating 25 years of operations. Teresa Hepker will be doing a presentation regarding A.B.A.T.E.'s role in getting the *Team Oregon* mobile program started. Go to the *Team Oregon* web site for more information.

21 November 2009 — *Washington County Chapter* is having their *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*. For more information go to:

<http://wacoabate.info>

Added announcement that all chapters please submit an officer list at the November state board of directors' meeting and to please update as needed. A copy of the form will be sent to everyone on the state secretary's list.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

Stepping On Dogs

Sweet Oblivion

c.o.e. — 094

c.o.e.'s web site: (such as it is) <http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/>

If you've been around dogs then you've undoubtedly had the experience of accidentally stepping on a dog's foot or tail. After a pitious yelp, they accept your profuse apologies. Another five minutes and they're acting like it never happened.

With rare exception, dogs don't hold grudges. They live in the moment.

We humans can learn a lot from dogs.

Humans are one of the few species who are capable of remembering the past and projecting future possibilities. These abilities normally help humans cope with life and survival.

But when humans cling onto past events in spite of changing circumstances, they miss opportunities for themselves and others, bringing harm to all concerned.

The past is a nice place to visit and learn from, but it's mentally unhealthy to live there.

When people want to change, they can. When they are making a superhuman effort to better themselves or exercising new found restraint, past actions should not be the standard by which others

continue to judge them.

One of the underlying principles of democracy is respecting each other enough to allow others their opinions and actions while disagreeing with them at a fundament level.

There *are* days . . .

When sunglasses *must* be worn,
And mirrors are to be avoided.

These are days . . .

When my bike can't go fast enough,
And my spirit reaffirms life,
On the edge of oblivion.

The above lines were written a few years ago after being mentally traumatized at work. I couldn't look at anyone, not even my own reflection. I just had to get out and ride.

Fast.
Engine screaming, weaving around cars on the freeway.

Keyed up.
Reactions quick.

Not caring if I crashed.
Part of me wanting to in order to escape the betrayal.

I suspect that many of our troops returning from Iraq, Afghanistan, or places we don't hear about go through something similar. Trouble is, far too many of them without much riding experience are hopping on bikes and are roaring beyond oblivion.

We can't let this continue to happen.

Many times what they need is someone who understands what they've gone through to just listen while they unburden their spirits as they talk themselves sane.

Sometimes recently separated veterans can't or aren't ready to deal with post-military groups. We've got a lot of Viet Nam war veterans in *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* who went through similar experiences who can help their returning sisters and brothers readjust to life in an uncomprehending civilian world.

Please, whenever you encounter veterans and active duty military personnel, invite them to your chapter meetings. Help them feel welcomed. Assure them they are not apart.

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 18)

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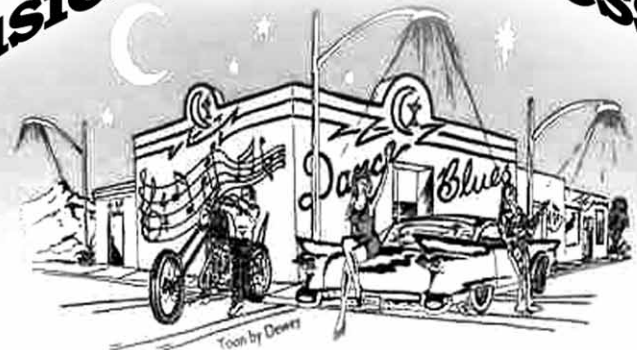
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What a blessing it was to spend much of my weekend with motorcycle rights friends. It was great to talk with you about issues concerning motorcycle rider safety and I always appreciate receiving your knowledge and experience with the situations (like road conditions, etc.) needing attention. It is also helpful to get your information on what is happening in the political arena that could be important for or against our goals for rights and safety.

Mel and I had a crash a few years ago due to road conditions with no speed or other warnings. We pulled through but the motorcycle was completely done in.

We learned from the police and tow truck operator that 16 to 20 auto and pickup crashes a year had been happening on that same spot each year. Mel made a quick and explicate report to O.D.O.T. They resurfaced the road and put up an appropriate speed sign.

We have also had fairly good results notifying Albany about need for

repainting traffic direction and lane lines. I know people were wondering what this little old lady was doing in the street rubbing her fingers on the painted lines, but I now know that Albany does now use abrasive paint. This is a city by city decision, so you will need to check with your city to see what they are doing.

Please encourage your city to use substance that helps discourage slipping on turns and stops.

The state has contact numbers for areas in the state needing help for roadside hazards and roadside emergencies. They are listed in the A.B.A.T.E. newspaper. If you do not get positive results keep trying.

You can write to:

Tim Swift
O.D.O.T.
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Salem, OR. 97310

Always remember to be definite and respectful.



Iris Yeager
G.A.C.M.S.
member

The next G.A.C.M.S. meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2010. 6:30 p.m. at transportation safety division:

O.D.O.T.,
235 Union St. NE
Salem, OR 97301-1054

I look forward to seeing you again. Sincerely,

Iris Yeager
member G.A.C.M.S.

G.A.C.M.S.

2010 Meeting Calendar

(proposed)

- January 15
 - April 9
 - July 16
 - August 13
 - September 10
 - October 15
 - November 19
 - December 17
- Meetings are generally 6:30 to 9 p.m. Unless otherwise notified, meetings are held at:

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235 Union St. NE
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Contact:
Michele O'Leary, motorcycle program manager
(503)-986-4198
michele.a.oleary@odot.state.or.us
Current chair: James Stewart (Klamath Falls)

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(May 2009)

(June 2010)

Cancer Warriors Roving Poker Run

Our September 13th, 2009, our *Cancer Warrior Roving Poker Run* went great.

Wow, we had almost 60 motorcycles, and 76 people sign in.

The 96 mile long poker run procession of motorcycles went for almost a mile long.

Willamette Valley Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. raised about \$1,000 before expenses.

After insurance, buying pins, and printing the poker hands, we raised \$714 which was given to the *American Cancer Society*. Part of this was because the chapter voted to pay for the insurance premium out of their pocket, and also having a couple of members, pitch in \$40 at the following meeting.

SunHat Motorcards invested in the *Cancer Warrior* tee shirts we sold for the event. After expenses to provide those shirts, *SunHat* raised another \$500 to donate to the *American Cancer Society*.

The end result for the *Cancer Warriors Roving Poker Run* was it raised a total of \$1,214 for the *American Cancer Society*.

Thanks to *Willamette Valley Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* for making this run possible.

Thanks to *Central Valley Cycle* for being so supportive in donations and hosting the event.

Thanks to *Red Artworks* for donating the silk screen, and to *SunHat Motorcards* for buying the *Cancer Warrior* shirts.

Thanks to the *American Cancer Society* for hosting the final stop and donating raffle items.

But mostly, thanks to all you guys and gals for being a part of it and making it happen.



BikePAC Report



Meeting opened at 12:05 p.m. by Nic Oliver, executive director. All attendees introduced themselves. There were nine attendees.

Nic opened the meeting with his comments as to what he would like to see happen with *BikePAC* in the future. He encouraged anyone from any organization to input their desires and comments about the issues. Nic stated that it takes about 100 hours of work to process an issue successfully in the legislature. By splitting those hours among several people, the job is made much easier. If a lot of motorcyclists would show up and be counted when needed, the job of convincing our legislator would be easier.

Minutes from September meeting moved for acceptance and seconded. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report explained by Mel Yeager and questions answered by Nic Oliver. Treasurer's report approved.

A question was asked as to what has *BikePAC of Oregon* accomplished? Nic and others answered that question by listing some of the issues *BikePAC* was instrumental in getting accomplished. Some items discussed were handicapped sticker and licenses, preventing helmet stops,

mandatory safety training, increased penalty for riding unendorsed, discounted insurance, fueling your bike, reciprocal endorsements for out of state riders. *BikePAC* was right in the mix when those items were discussed and heard at the capitol. Some were modified from the original language due to input from *BikePAC*.

Number one focus for the upcoming session is to pass legislation removing the helmet requirements. Second item of interest is terminology describing "motorcycle gangs or clubs".

There was much discussion about the makeup and operation of *A.B.A.T.E.* and its chapters. Some political names were mentioned as candidates for the upcoming governor's election.

The emergency session in 2010 is going to address some issues other than budget. We need to be alert to those issues. (Firearms, new tax increases, etc.)

Motorcycle Awareness Rally: We will not do the rally as happened last year. It cost *BikePAC* money that is not supposed to be used in that manner. The rally will be as we used to have them in the past. It is encouraged that *A.B.A.T.E.* have their rally the

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following weekend if they choose to do so. It is also suggested that more coordination be made with other organizations to support us in the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. (*Blue Knights*, etc.)

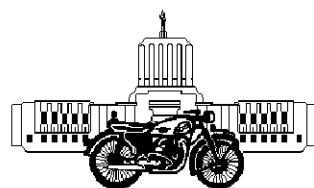
New business — Vacancy of membership director. Nic asked for response to the notice of vacancy in the position of membership director. Contact Nic at nic_oliver@live.com.

Trace Ceccacci is trying to get the web site up and running. He has had trouble coordinating his efforts with the domain name service.

Next meeting: December 5th 2009 at Salem library at noon.

Meeting adjourned 1:46 p.m.

Mel Yeager,
secretary/treasurer,
temporary membership director



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

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Salem, OR 97304
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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



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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Department of Transportation Distracted Driving Summit

The department of transportation hosted a summit in Washington, D.C., on September 30 – October 1 to address the dangers of text messaging and other distractions behind the wheel. The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* was an invited guest to participate at the summit.

To view an archived video and blog of the summit, please go to:

[http://www.rita.dot.gov/
distracted_driving_summit/](http://www.rita.dot.gov/distracted_driving_summit/)

Because distracted or inattentive driving has become a major concern to the motorcycling community, on July 27, the association's board of directors adopted an official position on the issue of distracted driving and inattentive vehicle operation. The full position statement on distracted and inattentive vehicle operation, along with position statements on other issues important to motorcyclists, can be found on the *A.M.A.* web site at:

[http://www.
AmericanMotorcyclist.com/
legisltn/issues.asp](http://www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com/legisltn/issues.asp)

A.M.A. Members Are Making A Difference On Capitol Hill

More than 100,000 people have stepped up to make their voices heard in Washington, D.C., this year by using tools provided by the *A.M.A.*

E-mails sent by riders registered for Action Alerts through the *A.M.A.* web site, as well as through the web site of the *All-Terrain Vehicle Association (A.M.A.)* -- the *A.M.A.*'s sister organization -- have let federal lawmakers and government officials know how they feel on issues ranging from an unreasonable law regulating the lead content allowed in youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s to the inappropriate designation of new "wilderness" that shuts out responsible off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) use.

"We're very proud that *A.M.A.* and *A.M.A.* members are concerned enough about the issues that affect them to take action and let decision makers know what they want," said Ed Moreland, *A.M.A.* vice president for government relations. "Their opinions count, and it's clear that lawmakers and government officials take notice."

A new law that essentially bans the sale of dirt bikes and A.T.V.s for use by children 12 and under sparked outrage and vociferous comment by riders who used the *A.M.A.* tools to ask that kids' dirt bikes and A.T.V.s be exempt from the legislation. Called the *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (C.P.S.I.A.)*, the regulation took effect in February of this year and it states that all youth products containing lead must now have less than 300 parts per million by weight or they can't be sold.

The *Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.)* has interpreted the law to apply to various components of youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s, including the engine, brakes, suspension, battery and other mechanical parts. Even though the lead levels in these parts are small, they are still above the minimum threshold.

Through the efforts of the *A.M.A.* and *A.M.A.*., their members, and the motorcycling community, the *C.P.S.C.* issued a two-year stay of enforcement for the *C.P.S.I.A.* Nevertheless, the motorcycle and A.T.V. industry has stated that many manufacturers and dealers are no longer selling youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s and, as a result, there is now limited availability of these products for consumers.

"The stakes are huge because if parents can't buy youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s for their kids, then the kids may end up riding full-size vehicles," Moreland said.

"And these full-size vehicles could be too big and too powerful for them to control safely, posing a danger to the kids. To enhance the safety of America's youth when participating in a treasured American pastime, they must have appropriately sized O.H.V.s to ride.

"Also in jeopardy is the livelihood of the thousands of small businesses and their employees who sell and service youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s throughout the country at a time when they may be struggling in the current economic climate," Moreland said.

The *A.M.A.* and *A.M.A.* continue to ask all concerned riders to contact their federal lawmakers to change the law and exempt youth-model motorcycles and A.T.V.s.

Inappropriately designated federal wilderness is another area of concern to riders. Various legislative proposals currently under congressional consideration would set aside millions of acres, and effectively ban O.H.V.s from many well-managed public lands. Some of the most far-reaching legislation under consideration in congress are H.R. 980, the *Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act*, which would designate more than 24 million acres of public land in western states as wilderness or wilderness preservation system land, and S. 799, the *America's Red Rock Wilderness Act*, and its companion measure, H. R. 1925, which would designate some 9.4 million acres of *Bureau of Land Management* land in Utah as wilderness.

"This is one of the biggest O.H.V. land grabs in our nation's history," Moreland said. "To keep O.H.V. riders from being shut out of even more public land, we have to let lawmakers know how we feel. Concerned motorcyclists, A.T.V. riders and others have let their lawmakers know that they enjoy motorized recreation, and that we

have a right to do so responsibly on America's public lands."

Riders also took the time to let their federal legislators know that they want them to reauthorize the *Recreational Trails Program*, which earmarks millions of dollars each year for motorized and non-motorized trail maintenance and construction. The *R.T.P.* is a federal highway administration-administered program that was first created in the 1991 transportation bill. The *R.T.P.* operates through state trail programs, with the active involvement of diverse trail interests represented by mandated state trail advisory councils. Funding is provided by taxes on fuel used in off-highway recreational vehicles.

Enthusiasts also used the *A.M.A.* tools to comment on issues such as health care, tax breaks for buying motorcycles, and on state issues.

"In the current legislative environment, where drastic proposals can be ushered through congress at the last minute with little or no public comment, we have to remain vigilant in the protection of motorcyclists' rights," Moreland said. "We are proud to say that, when the *A.M.A.* and *A.M.A.* issue action alerts, our members step right up and contact their lawmakers. Only by acting together in this manner can we advocate successfully for America's riders."

Motorcycles Recalled

- Year 2008 *Zap Xebra* motorcycles do not conform to federal motor vehicle safety standards for brake systems, according to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.

- *B.M.W.* recalls 2009 *K1300GT* and *K1300S*. The switches on the handlebars for both the direction indicator and the emergency engine start functions may fail.

- *Ducati* recalls 1098s for fuel pump issues. The fuel hose might become disconnected from the fuel pump on 2009-10 *Ducati* 1098s, causing a fuel leak.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



There Oughta Be A Regulation

Senator Chuck Schumer from New York and Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota both made an appearance at the event to plug some legislation they both support. Their bill, inappropriately called the *Alert Drivers Act*, would force states to pass texting bans or forfeit a whopping 25% of their road money. The feds have a long history of using this sort of "carrot and stick" approach to forcing states to enact legislation, and it's problematic for a variety of reasons.

The *M.R.F.* simply cannot support the bills (S-1536 and HR-3535) to force states to pass texting bans for the simple reason that this is the same method that is used to force states to pass helmet requirements, and blackmailing the states to enact legislation that they may or may not want should be strongly discouraged.

The two-day meeting is certainly a good start to the conversation about distracted driving, but far too much focus was given to texting instead of keeping all distractions on the table. We at the *M.R.F.* hope that discussion continues, and we look forward to working with the powers that be to put distracted driving on the decline.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.) Lead Issue Update

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* has learned that the *Consumer Product Safety Commission Improvement Act (C.P.S.C.I.A.)* received some attention in a house hearing recently. The energy

and commerce subcommittee on commerce, trade, and consumer protection held a hearing titled, *Consumer Product Safety Commission Oversight: Current Issues and a Vision for the Future*. The hearing had one invited witness, newly seated *C.P.S.C.* chair Inez Tenenbaum. Tenenbaum touched on a lot of issues with the *C.P.S.C.I.A.*, including the issue of lead in youth motorcycles and A.T.V.s. The bulk of Tenenbaum's remarks were focused on reform, the need for more resources and the commission's work on the Chinese dry wall issue.

For those not familiar, the *C.S.P.S.I.A.* set allowable maximums of the lead content in items marketed to 13 year olds and younger. This was a knee jerk reaction to the high quantity in toys manufactured in China. What happened as a result of this action was an enormous storm of problems with everything from children's books to youth off-road dirt bike boots and helmets. Because of the arbitrary nature of this regulation, many items were banned as a result of its vagueness, an inactive congress, and an understaffed *C.P.S.C.* The *C.P.S.C.* did vote to issue a two-year stay of enforcement of the ban at the request of industry, but it is still technically illegal to sell the small vehicles. Tenenbaum takes the helm of the commission at what is arguably worst time for the *C.P.S.C.*

To address the specific concerns with lead in children's toys, with particular attention to youth A.T.V.s and motorcycles, the *C.P.S.C.* is holding a summit at the end of

October in trips paid for by toy manufacturers. We hope that the summit will produce reasonable, realistic rules for the sale of these youth products. There is legislation currently in congress to overturn the ban of these sales. Denny Rehbert (R-MT) introduced HR-1587 earlier this year. Call your congressperson and ask them to co-sponsor this bill.

Other C.P.S.C. News

Former congresswoman Annie Northrup (R-KY) represented Kentucky's third district from 1997-2007 and served on the appropriations committee. She founded the house reading caucus and also drafted legislation that created the national reading panel, which helped determine which federally-funded reading programs were most effective. She was also a strong advocate for motorcyclist during her time in the house. Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell recently nominated her for the *C.P.S.C.*

Lastly, not without controversy, a recent *Washington Post* story reported that employees at the *C.P.S.C.* accepted dozens of trips paid for by toy and children's furniture manufacturers that the agency regulates.

Quote Of The Week

"I want to ride a Harley through downtown New Delhi!"

Tim Roehmer
newly seated ambassador
Republic of India

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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


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

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Oregon Enacts Mandatory Training For New Motorcyclists

Oregon has become the third state to pass legislation requiring all new motorcyclists regardless of age to pass a rigorous training course, in hopes of reducing crashes and fatalities. Current regulations requires such course completion for prospective riders under age 21.

The new regulation, senate bill 546, passed by the state legislature this year will phase in the requirement for all first-time bikers over the next six years. Legislators also voted to double the fine for riders caught without the proper license . . . to \$720 starting in January.

Soon all first-time riders will have to shell out about \$150 to take the *Team Oregon* course, which is administered by *Oregon State University*.

Motorcyclist Fatalities Plummet In Texas

While most states across the country continue to experience increases in motorcycle crashes and fatalities in the wake of increasing motorcycle usage, the state of Texas has reported a significant decrease in rider deaths due largely to safety and awareness programs initiated by motorcyclists and the Texas department of transportation.

"I would say this is a direct result of the Texas Transportation Institute put together to cut down on traffic fatalities, especially for motorcyclist," explained Sputnik, state chairman of the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.-II)*.

Sputnik gave further credit to the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* put together by *TxD.O.T.* at riders' insistence.

Noise Regulations Defeated

The *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association* has announced that a proposed noise ordinance in North Reading, Maine that would have required an *E.P.A.* stamp on motorcycle exhaust systems and stricter noise controls has been defeated.

Meanwhile, following much lobbying and testimony from local bikers, a hotly debated noise ordinance in Portland, Maine was unanimously rejected by the city council and sent back to the public safety committee for more work.

Motorcycle noise continues to be a contentious and controversial issue across the country, with places like Boston and New York contemplating stricter regulation.

U.S. Senate Passes Amendment Protecting Knife Owners

In response to a U.S. customs proposal that would outlaw one-handed assisted opening knives by redefining them as switchblades, on July 9th the U.S. senate unanimously passed an amendment to the *Federal Switchblade Act* as part of the homeland security appropriations bill to protect by regulation the 35 million Americans who own pocketknives.

The bipartisan measure would exempt assisted-opening knives that can only be opened with "exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist or arm" from a federal regulation that criminalizes commerce in switchblades.

Australian Biker Groups Angry Over Tough Regulation Proposals

Biker organizations in Australia say that introducing a zero alcohol tolerance for motorcycle riders in Queensland would be discriminatory. The state government is considering the option in an attempt to reduce the road [crash] toll.

Lindsay Granger from *Motorcycling Queensland* says riders should not be singled out. *"The only other groups that have zero alcohol content are drivers who are responsible for the safety of others or drivers who are inexperienced,"* Granger said.

Billy Lane Sentenced To Prison For Fatal Crash

On August 14th, a Florida judge sentenced celebrity bike builder Billy Lane to six years in prison in connection with the September 4, 2006 crash that killed scooter rider Gerald Morelock. Judge Robert Burger also ordered Lane's drivers license suspended for life and that he undergo random drug and alcohol testing upon his release from prison.

"I was very careless. I was a less-responsible citizen," Lane told the court. *"I'm not looking for pity on myself. I drive by the spot where I killed Jerry Morelock every day. I pray to god for his soul and for his family."*

Police said Lane's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when he crossed a double-yellow line to speed at 68 mph past three cars on state road A1A south of Melbourne Beach. He crashed his *Dodge* pickup head on into 56-year-old Morelock's small *Yamaha* motorcycle.

Lone Star Rally Discontinues Use Of R.F.I.D. Surveillance Chips

As the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* advised our *N.C.O.M.* member groups earlier this year, the *Lone Star Rally* in Galveston, Texas had issued parking passes to all rally participants that contained R.F.I.D. chip technology which allowed them to be "tracked" and filmed during the rally, then riders were offered for sale a personalized DVD showing themselves at the rally.

Each coded pass was embedded with an R.F.I.D. (radio frequency identification) chip that incorporates the use of electromagnetic or electrostatic coupling in the radio frequency (R.F.) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to uniquely identify . . . each motorcycle affixed with a pass. A link on the *Lone Star Rally* web site said, *"The chip technology will allow us to pinpoint you and produce a DVD of the entire rally event with*

personalized footage of you and your bike on the strand!" Such surveillance technology has been proposed for other bike rallies as well, such as *Sturgis* and *Daytona*.

Lone Star Rally organizers have since announced the discontinuation of the R.F.I.D. chipped parking passes.

Weird News

Beware Drunkards Crossing

A German court ruled on September 14 that a motorcyclist who collided with a drunken pedestrian during a beer fest shared blame for the crash because she should have expected the road to be full of party-goers.

The female biker, who was driving at a legal speed of 25-31 m.p.h. hit a man who was crossing the road against a red light during the Munich beer festival which attracts millions of revelers every year.

The court held her "50 percent responsible" for the crash. *"During the October (beer) festival there are, it is well known to the authorities, a large number of drunk people on the streets at night, who can not always be trusted to observe the rules of the road,"* the court said. *"The motorcyclist should have adjusted her speed to be able to avoid these people,"* added the statement.

Quotable Quote

"Be as beneficent as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are treasured on, die on the first inch of your territory."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803–1882)

American poet
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GUNNY'S SACK

Wow! What happened to summer? Seems like it just started the other day and I had to turn on the heater this morning because the house was c-co-ol-ld-d!. Guess it's time to get the rides ready for winter.

Here in Oregon it rains so it means the scoot gets a good coat of wax and a thorough cleaning to get rid of the summer accumulation of crud. Be sure and change that oil and check the tires and brakes. Taking a good look at the drive train is a good idea too. Get the winter riding gear out and make sure it's in good shape. Winter riding is a world different than summer fun. Ya need to plan yur trips more carefully and make sure you stay warm and hydrated. Hypothermia will kill ya and it sneaks up on ya fast. Be careful and mindful of the weather hazards out there and stay safe.

Maine — Kennebunkport's fire chief, Paul Moshimer, was arrested on an assault charge for hitting another man in the face with a motorcycle helmet, causing considerable facial damage. I *knew* helmets were dangerous! Moshimer is on paid administrative leave.

Kennebunkport, Maine — The noise monster raises its ugly head again This town has decided to post signs along roads that ask motorcyclists to ride quietly. Lets hope it works. Otherwise we face some nasty laws that will definitely impact us across this nation. We gotta get a handle on noise or all of us pay the fiddler.

Portland, Maine — The city council unanimously rejected a proposal recently to regulate motorcycle noise and sent the measure back to committee for more work. The testimony of some of the dozen bikers who attended the meeting changed the minds of some of the councilors. This is what can happen when we stick together on issues that concern us.

Washington state — The state department of transportation is looking for comments from bicyclists and motorcycle riders who notice when traffic detection systems at state-operated traffic signals do not "detect" them. This

is telling me that authorities are starting to listen to the ordinary people when they have something to say about what goes on.

Florida — As if bikers didn't have enough to contend with, there is a new trend out there that is having an effect on us now. In Florida, the new way of "streaking" is done by riding naked on motorcycles. Seems to me like it could be fun but we have folks who are offended with nudity. It's a shame in my mind but think about it before ya get naked with yur sweetie and take a ride. Could cause ya a little trouble with the gendarmes. And if ya go happen to go down it will be extremely painful.

Cheese Cutters Again — Cable wires now line the median strips on some highways and they are supposed to be safer, but for who? Bikers I know fear the possibility of being dissected into strips if they were to hit one. In Europe they've come up with the idea of using chain link fencing instead. I don't want to make acquaintance with one of those either but I think at least I'd have a fighting chance of staying in one piece. I don't see that they would be that much more expensive.

New Zealand — Mongrel MOB MC member fined under new patch regulation and had his insignia confiscated as well. Three members of other clubs are scheduled to appear under the same charges. New Zealand is serious about so-called motorcycle gang repression. We need to be more vigilant than ever now. As we all know what happens in other parts of the world soon appear here in this country.

Zurich Switzerland — Biker killed by driver painting nails! A distracted driver was busy painting her nails when she ran a red light and killed a Lake Zurich motorcyclist. She has been indicted on a reckless homicide charge. When are we gonna wake up and make drivers responsible for their foolish mistakes? The distracted driver only faces up to five years in prison if she's convicted. For a death?

Oregon — **Mandatory Training**



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For New Motorcyclists. A new regulation will require all new motorcyclists in the state, regardless of age, to pass a rigorous training course, in hopes of reducing deadly wrecks. Oregon will become the third state in the country to mandate this training.

The prize for passing the course is an Oregon motorcycle license. I gotta tell ya, I hate more new legislation and restrictions but almost have to agree with this idea. I'd like it expanded to cage drivers. Maybe we would really save some lives.

At a cost of about \$150, it's cheap to learn a little bit about motorcycling before ya get hurt. Hells bells! Ya spend lots more than that for shiny stuff to put on the scoot. The executive director for *BikePAC of Oregon*, Nic Oliver, says he's been riding for 35 years and he thinks the new requirement will save lives. He says: "A trained rider is a safe rider. And we're trying to cut down the deaths, especially the unnecessary deaths of people who are making stupid mistakes because they don't know what to do." Legislators also voted to double the fine for riders caught without the proper license. It jumps to \$720 starting in January. Makes taking a riding course a good idea in my mind.

Washington, D.C. — The United States house of representatives has unanimously passed an amendment giving two-wheel electric vehicles manufacturers access to department of energy funding for further development of electric vehicles.

I got to see an electric bike on the drag strip and make no mistake, these things carry awesome speed. If ya can believe it, they are dead quiet. All I heard was a swish and the thing was gone!. Might have to generate some sort of sound to know you're there. Can ya imagine the savings from the gas pump if they get these critters perfected so you can take a real trip? Not to mention the creation of jobs we need in this economy.

For the E.V. industry this will allow, for the first time, two-wheel vehicles to benefit from federal department of energy funding. *Brammo*, the Oregon maker of the plug-in electric *Enertia Powercycle*, applauds the house for including two-wheel vehicles in this amendment, and encourages the senate to follow suit. Here's some federal money doing something besides shoring up banks and bailing out the car industry. It's gratifying to see recognition of the tremendous potential of the two-wheel electric vehicle industry.

Recalls from N.H.T.S.A. — *Yamaha* 2005: Throttle position sensor. *Honda* 2002: Swing arm weld. Had the frame problem on my own 2002 *Gold Wing* but had it taken care of before I sold it. *Honda* was really good about it, and sent me a recall notice almost immediately when the problem surfaced. Check the *N.H.T.S.A.* site on-line for your own vehicles.

Gunny again — Ya had a wreck and yur scoot is broken and so are you. If ya can pick up a phone, call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney. He can help you. He can ferret out what ever money is there to take care of you and your ride.

Make sure you carry the proper amounts of insurance to cover your butt. The guy who runs over you might not carry any at all and that leaves ya in a bind.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is as close as **1-(800)-347-1106** toll free or **(503)-224-1106** locally here in the Portland area.

Out of state call *Aid To Injured Motorcyclists* at **1-(800)-531-2424**, or **1-(800)-On-A-Bike**, and they will put you in touch with the right folks to help.

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- RIVER CITY CHAPTER- Chapter Meeting- July 4th
- MULE DAYS - July 17th- 19th
- KINZUA GOLF TOURNEMENTS- Cowboy Scramble- June 20th
- Couples Tourney- July 11th&12th
- Women's Tourney- Aug 15th
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- EASTERN FRONT BIKE RALLY- July 30th
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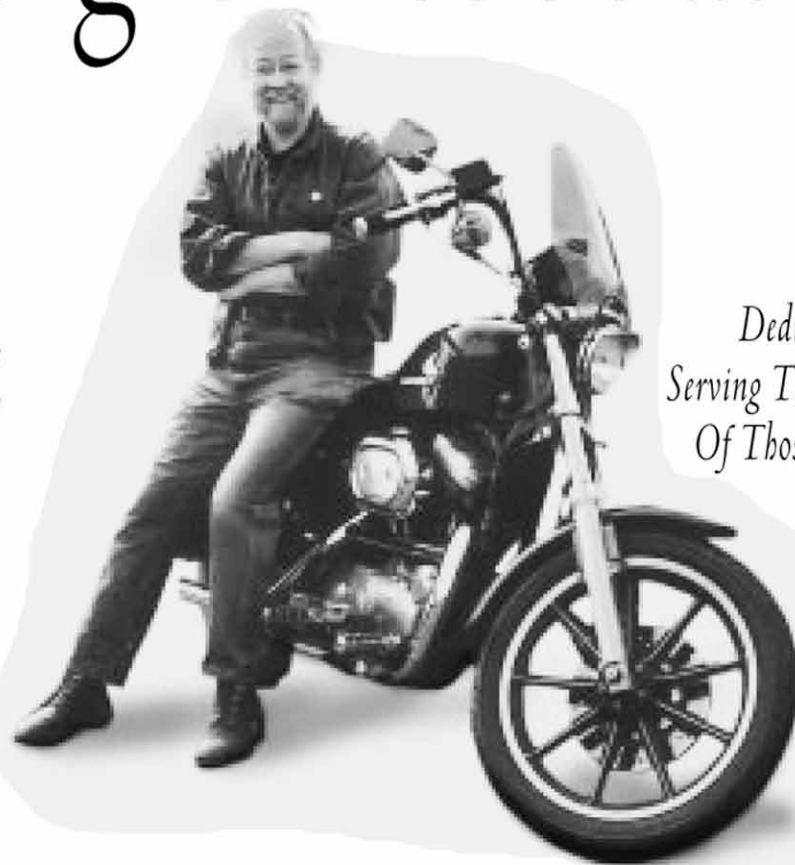
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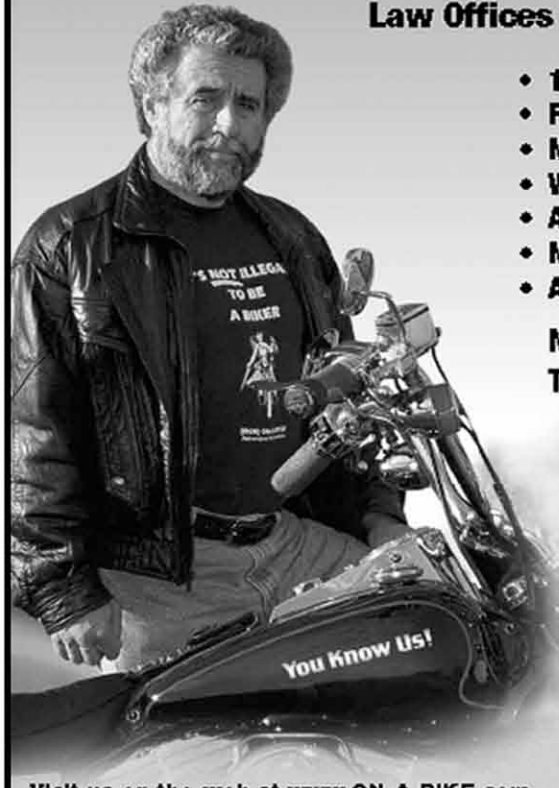
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name: phone number: location:

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Central Oregon area (updated August 2009)

John Baumann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X		X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X				
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X		X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X	
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X		X	
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X		X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X		X	X	X
Mike Reynolds	(541)-948-9435	Bend	X	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
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X		X		X		
Jodie Thompson	(541)-647-8431	Bend	X	X	X		X	X	X
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	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
Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	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
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X					X	
Randy, Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X	

North Coast area

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Salem area

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X				
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X		X	
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X				
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	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

Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X		
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X	
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X		
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/ Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X	
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	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	
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X	
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point					X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					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	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X

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Portland area (continued)

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)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X
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Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	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
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X	

Southern Oregon area

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

Washington County area

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Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X
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Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X
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Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X
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Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X
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other areas

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Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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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 \$ _____

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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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Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Annual Rates:

_____ Individual membership \$25
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 _____ Family membership \$35
 _____ Lifetime membership \$250

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

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 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

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New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
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November 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																			
1 Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (noon) - return to standard time (at last) - studded tires begin tearing up our roads again	2  mourning moon	3 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm) <i>general election day</i>	4 Guy Fawkes night (burn an effigy)	5	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Salem Biker Night Jefferson</div>																																																																																			
8 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1200 (noon)	9  4th quarter moon Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	10	11 <i>veterans' day</i>	12	13	14 STATE BOARD Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) member computer user training 1100 (11 a.m.)																																																																																			
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Albany, Oregon
Open computer training – 1100

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(**boldface** indicates
state-sanctioned
Oregon A.B.A.T.E.
events)

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
07 Nov 2009	Biker Night – Salem	Jefferson	(503)–
21 Nov 2009	Spaghetti Dinner – North Coast	Astoria	(503)–
21 Nov 2009	Biker Night – Salem	Almsville	(503)–
21 Nov 2009	Anniversary Party – Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)–760-3194
21 Nov 2009	Stan Johnson Toy Run – Washington County	Hillsboro	(503)–680-3269
Dec 2009	Toy Run – North Coast		
12 Dec 2009	Annual Holiday Party – Oregon ABATE	Albany Eagles lodge	
13 Dec 2009	Toy Run – Salem	Salem	(503)–
25 Apr 2010	Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)–

Homeward steps the military one,
With experiences shared by none,
Hopping onto a bike,
They blast out of our sight,
Oblivion sought instead of fun.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)–383–0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Roadstop Restaurant; 302 W. 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)–296–8083
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2nd & 4th Sun	1200 (noon)	Spare Room; 4830 NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Far Man Resaurant and Bar; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)–935–4632