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2012 Planning Session Attendees Can be Proud



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Every year in October, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon holds a weekend meeting open to all members where we sit down to brainstorm ideas to help our organization be more effective and to solve problems that have come up during the year.

It's one of the few times when members from all over the state can get together, free of outside distractions,

to help A.B.A.T.E. to be the best it can be.

This year the format was changed from break-out groups assigned specific topics to a town hall-style of discussion that moved from topic to topic. Surprisingly, the group format on Saturday seemed to be more productive because more people and ideas were involved.

Discussions began in a broad circular pattern that spiraled down to a consensus for action at the mini-state board meeting on Sunday.

Look for topics to be discussed at your next chapter meeting, such as a new group membership category, changes to S.T.E.A.M., BikePAC funding, additional *May Motorcycle Awareness* activities, and more.

November State Board Location Change

Due to Albany's Veteran's Day parade being held a day early, the November state board meeting has been moved to an Albany location only slightly easier to get to.

We will be meeting at *Pop's Branding Iron* at 901 Pacific boulevard (99-E) which folks drive past when using I-5 exits 233 or 234. It's on the right side.

Folks coming from the west will have a more challenging time of it, having to navigate through the downtown core. It may be easier going through town at 10:30 a.m. or earlier, since the parade doesn't begin until 11 a.m.

Parking may be a problem, since *Pop's* is close to the parade assembly area.

901 Pacific Blvd. SE
Albany, Oregon



- Pacific Blvd = 99-E
- parade begins 1100
- arrive early to park

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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 newspaper. 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!"

*Easyrider*s 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.)*

*Easyrider*s 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 HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

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

Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong from *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 requirement 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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Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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.

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.

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 regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS FREEDOM	

officers at work**State Coordinator**

It's November and the holidays will be here before we know it.

By the time you read this our state officer elections for *A.B.A.T.E.* will have already taken place as will our planning session. Hopefully some of you were able to make it to Cottage Grove to take part in this get together. If not, it isn't too late. This is only the beginning.

We have to keep working all year long to make our organization strong. It takes every one of us to do our part, no matter how little it is to make sure we remain united and focused on keeping our rights and freedoms that make us Americans.

Every idea starts with an individual. It is up to us to not only make sure to voice these ideas, but also to listen to new ideas with an open mind. Our future depends on how well we can adapt to new technologies, and to new ways that encroach on our freedoms and rights.

Our government will always try to find a way to get into what we do and regulate it. If we are not prepared, we will fall.

So encourage new ideas to form, encourage new people to take an

office or get on a committee. This is how we gain confidence in ourselves and others, this is how we remain strong and united.

This month starts the beginning of the holiday season where a lot of us will be involved in toy runs and other charitable events. This is the time to spread as much cheer and goodwill as we can to those less fortunate than ourselves.

But we must never lose sight of what and who we are. Always remember that we belong to an organization that fights for motorcycle rights and looks out for the safety and welfare of all riders throughout the state. It is up to us to not only become involved in our community, but also educate our communities about who we are and why we are here. The more we make them aware of our purpose, the more they will see us as part of their community and not a bunch of "helmet hating *Harley* riders". We should enjoy taking part in these events and do as much as we can. Who knows, maybe we can make a friend or two along the way.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, see you on the road!

Ride safe, ride free, ride with respect!

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator
- A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*
- Oregon representative
- Motorcycle Riders Foundation*

The political machine triumphs because it is united minority acting against a divided majority."

--Will Durant



Allan Nichols

state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**Central Oregon**

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

Our *15th Annual Teddy Bear Run* was a great success.

We had about 125 bikes and delivered approximately 1,800 teddy bears to the four area hospitals. All the hospitals had snacks for us with Madras hospital supplying lunch. We raffled off around \$1,000 dollars of prizes and our 50/50 winner won \$375 of which he donated half back to buy teddy bears for next year's run.

Thank you all who attended from near and far.

Also a big thank you to all who went to local businesses and solicited donations for the raffle and those who helped out on the run to make it happen.

With the change of seasons come all new riding hazards. We have

slicker roads, more debris on the roads (leaves, sand, gravel), pot holes filled with water so as to hide how deep they are, less daylight, etc. For those of us who chose to ride this time of year, more caution is needed. Take your time, be aware of the hazards, keep alert, and stay safe.

Riding season is coming to a close, but before you put the bike away for the winter, remember there are some toy runs still to come. Support these charity rides and while the ride may be chilly, it will put a warm feeling in your heart.

Part of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission statement is community involvement. Get involved and help your community while promoting a positive image of bikers.



Bob Terrill
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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Prineville, Or 97754

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

Douglas County



Hey everybody!

The last bike night of the year was graciously held by *Oakland Tavern* on October 12th.

Officer elections for the chapter are under way as we quickly roll through another month.

The year has flown by and winding up quickly, so make your voice heard. Volunteer to be an officer or nominate the individual who you feel best fits the role of any position within your local chapter. Remember, it's easy to sit on the side lines complaining about how someone isn't doing a good job or doing the job right. If you want to see change, then **you** need to get off the sidelines and into the game by participating. We count on you. You are valuable, not only to the local chapter but to all those who ride.

Reminder: The monthly chapter meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at *The Zen*, 1969

SE Stephens street in Roseburg, Oregon. This is also the location of the annual Christmas party which is being planned by vice coordinator Willie Shull. The chapter approved Saturday, December 15th at 8 p.m. (The chapter hopes that holding the event on a Saturday evening means that more members will come enjoy a little holiday cheer.) Look to have a wonderful time dancing to live music supplied by *Mile Post 8*. Instead of a sit-down dinner, enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvre's provided by *The Zen*.

In addition, plan on making lots of wonderful memories with friends and other fellow riders. Look for details at the next monthly meeting.

Until then, look out for others as they sure aren't looking out for you.

Enjoy the journey,
Enjoy the ride,
Be safe,

Chris Shull
secretary
Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Zen
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Roseburg
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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- Indian Creek
(members at large)



Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in reports.

Indian Creek
MEETING TIME and PLACE
(when and wherever)

POINT of CONTACT
(state newspaper)

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Anywhere in Oregon
(and beyond)

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

If you receive this before election day, Vote, Vote, Vote!

As a reminder, do not be party-specific but support the best candidate who supports your position. Check out the list of legislators who have indicated they are supportive of our causes:

<http://www.hubcityabate.com/legislative.htm>

Hub City once again had a very successful motorcycle awareness show at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon. In keeping with our mission statement, this show serves to educate the public on motorcycle awareness. (“A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.”) This show serves to educate the public on motorcycle awareness. Other organizations (*Team Oregon*, etc.) participated by presenting their programs.

Next up is biker night at *Pineway Golf Course*, 30949 Pineway road

near Lebanon, Oregon on November 3rd. Starting time is 6 p.m. This is a good opportunity for our brothers and sisters in the riding community to come together and have a great time plus raise funds for a good cause. There will be a band and lots of prizes.

The biggest Veteran Day parade west of the Mississippi is happening on November 10th in Albany, Oregon. Once again *Hub City* will proudly be providing staging assistance. Motorcyclists will be at the front of the parade. It is a great way to honor our veterans that have and are protecting our freedom. If you are interested in riding in the parade check out his web site:

<http://oregon.salem-news.com/2011/09/albany-veterans-day-parade/>

Now that cooler wet weather is here, please take care and be safe when riding.

There have been way too many losses in the riding community this



year.

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Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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

Fall is here in southern Oregon. Warm days, cool nights.

Mikey is under the weather so I'm sending you news from down south.

A lot has been happening this past month.

Jackson County A.B.A.T.E. presented a donation to *Hearts With A Mission*, supported by our local chapter of *Old Guard Riders*. *Hearts With A Mission* provide a home for homeless teens from the Rogue river valley.

We also participated in the *Josephine County Chapter* toy run in Grants Pass. There was a great turnout with lots of toys, prizes, and good food. A big thank-you to all.

Many members from several different bike groups attended the last meeting of the year for *United Bikers Of Southern Oregon (U.B.S.O.)* This web site will still be active and will continue to keep us all informed of events. Thank you Karen and Lance.

The *Brittney Ride for St. Jude* will be over by the time this is published. I hope all who attended had a wonderful time,. This is a great

charity that always needs our help.

Hope everyone enjoys the holidays that are fast approaching.

Get out and enjoy the last days of summer.

Ride safe.

Watch for the ones who are not watching for us,

-- Judi
membership secretary
Jackson County Chapter



Jackson County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
American Legion (downtown)
Jackson & Front streets
Medford, Oregon
(541)–

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

Josephine County

There isn't much to report from *Josephine County* except for the annual toy run we had on October 6.

Our chapter was joined and helped out by the local *Volkswagen* club. Dozens of riders took part in the run from the *Fruitdale Grange*, up through Grants Pass and back down to the grange. There was a barbecue/potluck, live music, raffle, silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and lots of fun.

Everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all of the people who helped make the toy run a big success, as this is for the kids of northern Josephine county.

Just a reminder to ride carefully. There have been two women killed within the last month, in this area. One was a passenger and the other one was riding alone. She drifted



into the on-coming lane on a curve, and slammed head-on into a U.P.S. truck.

That's all for now.

Please ride safe,

Karen Headley
secretary
Josephine County Chapter



Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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

Lower Columbia

We just had our October meeting. It was short but sweet.

Our most worthy state coordinator and treasurer, Alan Nichols and Kay Sipple, stopped by to pass the time with us as well.

We will be voting in our new officers in December, so we started our nominations at the October meeting.

We are gearing up for our crab dinner in January. It may be the best one ever Donnie V., our trusty crabber, tells me that there are plenty of crab. (You wouldn't believe the crab cleaning process that we have developed over the years.)

We have a nonstop non-perishable food donation at our meetings that helps fill the adopted families' food baskets for Christmas. The rest of the funding for that was raised cooking burgers this year during our *Heritage Days* celebration. We were able to raise what looks like more than enough to fund it.

Lastly, but very importantly I

would like to introduce you all to Justin. Justin is a charter member of *Lower Columbia Chapter*. He has missed fewer meetings than any other member.

He is in grade school, and now that I think of it, he probably has more money than any of us because he is continually winning the 50/50 pot.

Justin knows that when it comes to *A.B.A.T.E* wings, you have to earn them. He will now be our greeter. When you come to a meeting at *Colvin's Pub and Grill*, he is the young man who will politely meet you at the door, pass around the sign-up sheet, and carry out other miscellaneous duties.

He will be pinned with *A.B.A.T.E* wings next month (upside down) and when he has earned them, they will be turned right side up.

Keep up the good work Justin. You are a contributor. We could use more young men like you. (You're not a bad fisherman either.)


One other thing, Alan Nichols



had something to say in the October newspaper. I say *ditto*.

Dave Bridges
coordinator


Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



Annual Crab Dinner
Fund Raiser

January 26th 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall

\$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door
Call Eric at 503-308-0101 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24th, 2013
A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well



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 -- *Lincoln County*

We in *Lincoln County Chapter* are still alive and well.

We are all trying to get as much riding in as we can before the rainy season starts. It has been really cool here at night though. We are dipping into to 30s and that is not normal.

We are busy trying to get everything planned out for our senior thanksgiving dinner that we do on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. So many of the seniors have no family near and they will spend the holiday alone. This is free to them and they do so enjoy it. So do our members as many of us no longer have our parents with us anymore.

Many of us also belong to the *American Legion*, post #116 and we hold a dinner again on Thanksgiving for anyone who would not have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving day. It is really heart warming to see the families, the elderly, and the homeless come to join us. We try to find warm clothes for those who need them and maybe

a snack for later or the next day.

We are beginning the season of giving to others rather than just looking out for ourselves.

The toy runs for children in need of that caring touch that can only be given from the heart with no strings other than we want to make it special for them as it has been special to us.

Bob and I are looking forward to the planning session in Cottage Grove and we hope we see a lot of you then. This happens a week before I have to go in for my next chemo treatment, so it will be wonderful to still feel good during this time.

We in *Lincoln County Chapter* wish you a blessed holiday season.

Stay warm and be sure to always thank those that do something special for you. (Special means a call comes in to say “hi”, a cute e-mail, or just a hug. They are all special.)

Until we see you again, stay well, stay warm, and always share with others.



Keep the rubber side down,
Wrap the bike in love and caring,

Millie
secretary
Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

Lincoln County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
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Newport

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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

The chapter has been busy with supporting, planning, and attending events with more work ahead of us in the weeks as we approach the holiday season.

The *Suzanne Elise Assisted Living Center Ride, Chill Feed, and Cook-Off* was held on Saturday, October 6th. It's another event where the chapter hosts rides for the residents. While I missed it due to work, I understand 24 bikes took part and a great time was had by all.

Eleven *North Coast Chapter* members rode across the mighty Columbia river to attend *Pacific County Chapter's* of *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington Fall Run* held on September 22nd. We were blessed with great weather and good times, as always. I always pump up this premier 200+ mile run in terms of the beautiful scenery in southwest Washington. Hope to see you on this run next year.

Our *Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* will be held on November 17th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria. Look for the flyer in the month's state newspaper. For those who have attended this event in the past, they know they will enjoy our chapter's world (well, maybe not the world, but its damn good stuff) famous spaghetti and good times. Always lots and lots of great raffle and auction items. Don't miss it. Hope to see you there.

Our annual toy run will be held on December 8th. This year we will be starting at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside and finishing at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria with another great chili feed. (Chaplain Bob's world famous.)

Nominations for 2013 chapter officers were held at our regular October meeting. Follow-up on the outcome of the nominations in next month's chapter report.



All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

Happy holidays to all.
And above all, be safe out there,

Al Jaques
chapter coordinator

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ABATE OF OREGON INC.
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&
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AT THE ASTORIA MOOSE LODGE
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North Coast

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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

September 18, 2012

We had a dozen people and lots of great discussion about proposed motions at state.

We also had a report from Joe about his representing us at *Ride for the Paws*, a fund raiser for the *Oregon Humane Society*.

Joe and Rick are going on a 1,000+ mile weekend ride in memory of Jim Middleton. (*Iron Butt* event.)

We ran late, so held no games tonight.

October 2, 2012

We had a lively meeting.

Allan Nichols, the state coordinator attended.

We had several good discussions about our upcoming candy sale and the *BikePAC* funding proposal.

We also heard tales of lots of riding, including Joe and Rick doing a thousand mile *Iron Butt* event in memory of Jim Middleton: 1,020 miles in 17 hours 58 minutes, all in Oregon.

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



Upcoming meetings

November 06, 2012

November 20, 2012

River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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

Burnout

For summer getting over, September was a busy month.

At our first chapter meeting of the month we had a great turnout. It was great to see the faces who don't normally show.

The main topic was about our toy run. The concerns were about Portland's city mayor dragging his feet and not issuing us our parade permit.

Thanks to our chaplain Mike Friend. He has been working diligently to keep this ball rolling. Mike has enlisted the help of local media. Lars Larson has been a big advocate for our cause. If anybody ever listens to Lars, you know he likes to call Sam Adams out on most any issue. One way or another, the parade will happen!

If you want regular updates regarding the toy run, ask Mike Friend to be your friend on *Face Book*. Thank you, Mike, for all you do.

Other issues that should have been handled were tabled due to some time constraints.

The next weekend our chapter held their family picnic. It was a great turn out. We had beautiful weather and food was in abundance. The *Freedom Fellowship MM* was there and performed two baptisms in the frigid creek, leathers and all. I felt very blessed



that they shared that with us.

The weekend after was a real thin *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting. The same day there was a swap meet at *The Horseshoe Bar and Grill* in Mulino. A lot of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* membership was there to show their support.

Leon, Ken, and Matt from *Road Hawk* did a great job of putting on this event. It was so well organized. Great job to all who helped.

Yours truly even had a booth set up to get a feel of the crowd to see if there is a need for a *Molalla River A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. I received information from about thirty individuals who would like to be part of *A.B.A.T.E.*, but feel that they are not represented yet. Country folk, when they get out of the city like to stay out of the city, and not do the sixty mile round trip to Gresham. Nor do they want to do the same by going

to Salem.

A.B.A.T.E. is a brotherhood, and all chapters should support and encourage our ideas to be more known and understood. Its not a contest between chapters, it's encouragement to all chapters to be the best they can be.

So from the title, "Burnout", don't spread yourself too thin. You can not do it all on your own, nor make every event or planning session. As a brotherhood, do what you can to get others involved and encourage them to help out.

-- Derwood

P.S. After the last couple reports that I wrote, individuals try correcting me on how my reports come out in the rag. I show them the original as I wrote it. It's up to the editor on what he wants to put in or take out or feels the need to correct. The last article I listed a groups name as a "gang". This is what the group calls themselves.

Southeast Portland

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Our meeting began at the regular time of 7 p.m. We were pleased to have Kay Sipple, our state treasurer, with us. She has been great in helping Dano, our chapter treasurer, set up our computer. (It's been a struggle.) Now it so happens that Dano has to step down from his position due to illness and a pending operation. We all wish him well.

Mike suggested a way to get more members to attend meetings is by having a drawing, so we did. The winner was Bob Sickels, our legislative officer, who happened to be absent due to work schedule. But he won *Torco* oil donated by *White Trash Choppers*. The next drawing will be for a complete oil change, including filter.

I was not present, so Doug Ault filled in for me. That reinforced the need for volunteers to fill our vacant officer positions. Doug and I met this Tuesday and discussed not only what occurred at the meeting, but the potential of having a membership drive for the next five months, with

great prizes. Real prizes. This will be talked about at the November meeting.

We also discussed having the person running against our current state senator coming to our November 6th. Short notice, but worth a try.

All members on our membership list will be contacted, and asked to start attending the meetings and become active once more, prior to the next meeting.

We will fill all our officer vacancies!

We discussed beginning bike night once more with two to three stops and finishing with chili at the Jefferson fire department. Of course *Hub City Chapter* is always invited to join and assist in figuring out the details.

And finally, we are going to attempt to arrange a type of swap meet here locally in Salem We will check into using the old bingo building as the place. Not only bike parts, but food with the proceeds or vendors' fees going to A.B.A.T.E. Whatever you may have to donate, bring it. It doesn't have to be bike parts only.



That's it for this time,

Lynn B. DeSpain
coordinator
Salem Chapter
A.B.A.T.E.

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Hitching Post
8046 River road NE, Salem

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

On November 17 we will be presenting our annual *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*, with the proceeds benefitting the Hillsboro fire department's *Toy and Joy* program.

Recently, a couple of people have asked me who Stan Johnston was and why is our toy run named in his honor, so I decided that I would share a little bit about him. The following is from stories I heard him share, and memories from his wife, Dorothy, who is still active in our chapter and will be riding in the lead fire truck in this year's toy run.

Stan was born in 1923 in Bakersfield, California. His family moved to Portland when he was 11 years old. When WWII broke out, he joined what was known at that time as the Army Air Corps. He became a pilot, and was trained to fly B-17 bombers. After completing his training, he was assigned to the 8th Air Force stationed in England. In February, 1944, on the inbound leg of his second mission, his plane was shot down over Holland. He managed to bail out and land safely, and with the help of the Dutch resistance fighters, was able to evade the Germans for six months.

After British forces invaded Holland on their way to Germany, he was able to get back to allied lines. He was returned to England, and then sailed back to the U.S. aboard the *Queen Mary*, with the first shipload of British "war brides" going to meet their new in-laws in the states. Stan continued to serve in the Army Air Corps, which became the U.S. Air Force in 1947, through the wars in Korea and Viet Nam. He retired from the Air Force after 27 years of service.

Stan loved riding motorcycles, and rode his entire adult life. Although I couldn't confirm it, I believe he was one of the original members of the *Washington County Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E. He organized our first toy run in the mid 1980s and continued to work to put it on for many years. He had a big heart and was always willing to help others in need.

In the fall of 2003, he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. As was his way, he kept the news to himself, because he didn't want folks to make a big fuss over him. Our 2003 Toy Run was his last ride, although none of us knew it at the time. He quietly stepped from this life,



to the next, in February 2004. He was a great guy, and an unsung hero. May we never forget him!

We will be accepting nominations for chapter officers for 2013 at our November meetings, then holding elections at our December 10th meeting. There are a number of positions that will need to be filled, so please consider volunteering to help out.

If you need to contact us, or need more information about chapter events, check us out on the web at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info/>

Ride safe,

Roger Yarnell,
chapter coordinator

Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)
Grape Vine Restaurant
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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

13 October 2012

Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:04 p.m. with twelve of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence: For downed brothers, sisters and service men, women.

Guests and first time attendees: (None.)

Reading / approval of minutes: Motion made by Linda Henderson (*Washington County Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland Chapter*). **Motion passed.**

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols reported on his attendance to *M.R.F.* He had a good time and there was a lot of good information. He was involved in one of the best conferences ever. Awards ceremony recognized *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *BikePAC of Oregon* for federal legislative work in support of representative Peter DeFazio. It seemed like there was more information available than usual.

Secretary report and correspondence: Nic Oliver had nothing to report. Have some newspapers from other state *A.B.A.T.E.* organizations, if anyone wants to see them.

Nic also reported that this will be his last year serving as state secretary for *A.B.A.T.E.* He is retiring due to health and family needs. Anyone interested should step up for training as soon as possible.

***** Officer's Reports *****

Vice-coordinator (north): Al Simms (Excused, attending *N.C.O.M.* conference.)

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that their toy run was a success. Currently there are 415 members in *Josephine County Chapter*.

The *United Bikers of Southern Oregon (U.B.S.O.)* and the local clubs are getting the *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* out to schools. They are buying a flat screen television and DVD player for this.

Also reported that there are far too many deaths this year. Has noticed that engine guards seem to save lives and legs in the unfortunate circumstance of a crash.

Vice-coordinator (east): Robert Terrill reported that their *Teddy Bear Run* had 125 bikes and they gave out 1,800 teddy bears.

Also reported that the *Run to the Cascades* has a lot of lawsuits filed due to the forced shutdown of the event.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple (Excused, attending *N.C.O.M.* conference.)

Linda reported \$3,295.48 income and \$5,223.10 expenditure for the past month.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson's report turned in.

The current membership is at 1,995.

She also stated that she will not be at the planning session.

Linda stated that this is the

last year she will be serving in this position.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price (Excused)

Allan reported that *North Coast Chapter* should receive their permit any day now. *Washington County* and *Southeast Portland's* toy runs are good to go.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci (Excused.)

Linda reported that all chapters are eligible to vote.

Central Oregon, Douglas County, Hub City, Josephine County, Lincoln County, North Coast, and Washington County are in the green.

Southeast Portland and *River City* are yellow.

Salem, Jackson County, and Lower Columbia are blue.

Please turn in stick drives to Linda as she will see Connie on Sunday.

Good news time: *I.R.S.* filing is completed.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

Very dangerous time for riders with the oil, wet leaves on the roadways due to the recent rain. Also stated that we need to watch for mud from the farmers.

There are still monthly reports due from *Josephine County, North Coast, and Southeast Portland.*

Suggested that every meeting should have action items based on mission statement.

There were good *M.R.F.* conference reports from Allan and Ted.

All reports need to be in as soon as possible.

There will be no *M.R.F.* report this month as nothing was received.

When writing a state's name, do not use the post office abbreviation. Spell out the state name.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported that the voters guide is on the state, *BikePAC*, and *Hub City's* web sites. It is available for every chapter to put on their own web site, if they have one. It is current as of today. (13 October.)

A lot of unknowns who need to be checked out to see where the candidates stand on liberty items. This information helps us to make recommendations if we know where the candidates stand on the issues that are important to us.

Southeast Portland Chapter has a particular election problem as house

**Nic Oliver**

acting state recording secretary

district 51 has one candidate who rides but is against helmet reform and another candidate who is on the transportation committee but we do not know where they stand on the helmet reform issue.

As of today, there are no motorcycle related issues known, other than LC-194, the helmet reform bill written by Andy Olson.

Our mission statement has four major action items and one of them is directly tied to legislative action. We need to be sure that everything we do is tied to one of the action items in our mission statement or reevaluate why we are doing that action.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps (Nothing to report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south): "One-Eyed Bob" Nichols (Nothing to report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (east): (Vacant)

Products director: Dave Meeker (Unexcused)

Education director: Geoff White stated that it is a new school year and instructors need to check with schools and others who may benefit from the *Motorcycle Awareness Program.*

If any group wants an instructor's class, contact Geoff and he will arrange one, even at an event.

He also stated that he has a problem with *S.T.E.A.M.* (Seminar To Educate And Motivate) as there doesn't seem to be much interest any more. So maybe we need to evaluate having this event and if we do, then how do we make it successful?

Public relations director: Robert "One-eyed Bob" Nichols is currently working on getting the display set up problem worked out.

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long (Unexcused)

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 13 October 2012 (continued)

Fall/spring swap meet coordinator: John “Wheel” Betts (Absent)

Report given by Allan that he will not be able to make meetings.

Historian: Jennifer Sterba (Unexcused)

Web page editor: (Vacant)

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba (Unexcused)

BikePAC representative: Nic Oliver. (Report given by Don Mason.)

Read letter from *Hub City Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E. who donated 1/5th of their treasury in the amount of \$500 to *BikePAC* and challenged every chapter to do the same. Don then presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Nic Oliver, *BikePAC*'s executive director.

Nic added that *Hub City* passed the can at their recent chapter meeting and with only 37 in attendance, raised \$104.25.

Report continued and it showed that three chapters are current members of *BikePAC*: *Lincoln County*, *North Coast*, and *Josephine County*. *Southeast Portland*, *Washington County*, and *Hub City* are expiring.

The next *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* meeting is on Friday, 19 October 2012 in the new location at 4040 Fairview Industrial drive SE in Salem.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reported that he forgot his notes and can only report that there are three bills in congress being worked on: HR-904 regarding checkpoints, HR-1449(?) on the right to repair, and a house resolution about ethanol.

Confederation of Clubs representative: David Hickerson (Absent)

*** Unfinished Business ***

• Nominations for 2013 state officers were opened and voting took place. The following is the results of the voting.

Please consider stepping up and serving in vacant state or chapter officer positions.



2013 State Board Officers

Coordinator – Allan Nichols
Vice-coordinator (north) – Al Simms
Vice-coordinator (south) – Spanky
Vice-coordinator (east) – Robert Terrill
Recording secretary – (Vacant)
Membership secretary – Bridget Hamrick
Sanctioning officer – Robert Terrill
Treasurer – Kay Sipple
State auditor – (Vacant)
Newspaper editor – Rot Path
Legislative director – Don Mason
Sergeant at arms (north) – Randy Phipps
Sergeant at arms (south) – “One-Eyed Bob” Nichols
Sergeant at arms (east) – (Vacant)
Products director – Dave Meeker
Education director – (Vacant)
Public relations director – “One Eyed Bob” Nichols
State run (Fossil) coordinator – Howie Long
State swap meet coordinator – Randy Phipps
Historian – Jennifer Sterba
Web page editor – (Vacant)
Quartermaster – Dwayne Sterba
BikePAC representative – Don Mason
M.R.F. representative – Allan Nichols
Confederation of Clubs representative – Spanky

Congratulations to our new officers for 2013 and thanks to those remaining in officer positions for another year.

Critical positions still need to be filled.

• **Motion #1** – Motion made by Matt Price (*Indian Creek*), seconded by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem Chapter*):

“A.B.A.T.E. shall cease tuition reimbursement because classroom training (*Team Oregon*) is now mandated by state law.”

Amended to include: “to be for the basic rider’s training (*B.R.T.*) only.”

A lot of discussion ensued about the reason for this and why A.B.A.T.E. started this program.

It was pointed out that the cost to A.B.A.T.E. was very small and recovery time of A.B.A.T.E.’s membership fee was three years for each class.

This motion was tabled to be taken to

the chapters for discussion.

Point of order on this motion was made that this motion was submitted improperly and is therefore **voided**.

• **Motion #2** – Motion made by Don Mason (*Hub City*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

“A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon provide a check to *BikePAC* in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 legislative session. Check to be provided on or before the December state board meeting.”

It was discussed as to the needs for this money to do the job that A.B.A.T.E. wants done. These funds go directly to work to provide for a lobbyist and for candidate support.

Nic Oliver (*BikePAC* executive director) reported that they have already given support checks to candidates in the amount of \$600 and there will be another \$600 going out very soon.

Motion was tabled with the possibility of chapter involvement and the moneys to be deducted from the original amount asked for.

It was asked that this motion be tabled to the planning session for discussion.

Motion tabled.

*** New Business ***

Motion #1 – Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*), seconded by Linda Henderson (*Washington County*):

“To give \$50 to N.C.O.M. to help cover expenses for sandwiches and hoer d’ouvers in the hospitality suite at the regional convention in Portland.”

Motion passed unanimously.

*** Announcements ***

• Next state board of directors meeting: Sunday, October 21, 2012 at noon in the V.F.W. hall in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

• November state board of directors meeting on November 10, 2012 will be at *Pop’s Branding Iron* located at 901 Pacific boulevard in Albany, Oregon. The change is due to the Veteran’s Day parade in Albany. The board meeting will take place right after the bikes go through the parade. (Bikes lead the parade.) Come ride in the parade, then come to the meeting.

• Linda Henderson read an e-mail

explaining the cost of the *Team Oregon* reimbursements for future reference.

2009: Twenty-eight members took advantage of the reimbursement program for a total expense of \$2,009.50. Of those members, I know of two who were transferred overseas and are no longer part of our organization. Two others did not renew because of job and family conflicts. Five of those members are not only current but hold positions either in their chapter and/or at the state level. Two others I see at *Washington County* events. The other seventeen members may be active in their chapters. I have not taken the time to find out if any of their memberships have expired.

2010: Eight members took advantage of the program for a total expense of \$600. At least three of those members were the children of active members who had reached an age where:

1. They were old enough to take the class.
2. They were interested in furthering their riding experience.

Once again, I have not taken the time to find out who’s membership has expired.

2011: Twelve members took advantage of the program for a total expense of \$695. Of these members, eight were from the *Hub City Chapter* and participated in a rider skills practice. Of the other four, one is a current state officer, another has not renewed. A third attends chapter functions, but not meetings.

2012: To date, eight members have taken advantage of the program for a total expense of \$599. Of these, four are children of members who have decided to pursue motorcycling regardless of age. I know of two personally who have completed the course at the behest of their parents. Another is an officer in his chapter and has been a member for several years.

*** Upcoming Events ***

• 20-21 October 2012 – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon planning session. V.F.W. hall south of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

• 27-28 October 2012 – *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* is holding their *Annual Mall Bike Show* at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon. For more information contact *Hub City Chapter*.

• 17 November 2012 – Toy run by *Washington County Chapter*. More information available at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

• 01 December 2012 – Toy run by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. Noon at the *Fred Meyer*; 3800 SE 22nd; Portland, Oregon.

Adjourned at 1448 (2:48 p.m.)

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Over these last nearly twenty years working with Sam Hochberg (our Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney) so many changes have taken place all over this country and indeed the entire world in the motorcycle community that frankly I'm somewhat overwhelmed.

One of the most important is forming the *Confederations of Clubs (C.o.C.)* in so many states. The reduction of conflict between clubs in my mind is the most significant thing.

I remember the very first national *N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)* convention I attended in Tulsa, just after Sam decided I might work out for the job he had in mind. I was returning to the conference room after a break and in the front door of the hotel walked a leader, at that time, of the *Hells Angels Motorcycle Club* and his entourage. In the lobby were several members of different clubs. I remind you this was in 1993. Clubs didn't always get along as well as they do now. Having been a biker since the late forties, I was well aware there could be a problem. Imagine my surprise when these good people started hugging each other and taking pictures displaying their colors for the cameras!

I don't think Richard Lester's feet touched the ground for the rest of that conference. (Mr. Lester is of course the founder of *N.C.O.M.*, and of *A.I.M.*, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists.*)

Back then, fledgling *C.o.C.* meetings were closed if you weren't a patch-holder.

Since that memorable day in Tulsa, things have changed for the good for all motorcyclists.

Now, at all the *N.C.O.M.* gatherings, the *C.o.C.* meetings are open to all attendees of the conference.

And by the way, next year's *N.C.O.M.* will be in Reno on Mother's Day weekend. Watch here for more.

The idea was to create a forum where clubs could sit down and discuss matters of interest to

all, to advance the interests of motorcyclists rights, and to do it without conflict. (What a concept.) The clubs were there at the start of motorcyclists rights, so it only seems right that they're back, watching all our backs.

I remember when meetings of rival clubs were real "interesting" at times.

We have made so much progress. As you all know by now, I will retire as of December 31. I have the best memories of the last twenty years that a man could ask for. I am eternally grateful I had a part in our revolution.

European Motorcyclists' Forum II A Success

Organized by the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.)*, the event is a platform for discussion on safety, mobility, and the future of two-wheel transport in Europe. This provided a forum for folks all over the world to make some decisions as to motorcycling problems from many countries. Held in October this year, it will be a useful tool for all of us concerned about the future of the motorcycle on public roads. Discussions included motorcycle safety, road barriers, vehicle inspections, and many other topics.

Oregon: Motorcycle crashes in this state have made motorcycle safety a paramount priority of our state government. Our present governor is adamant that helmets are a deterrent to head injuries in crashes. He says the cost of caring for these injured folks costs our state too much money. Says we don't carry enough insurance and the public is stuck with the enormous costs these people incur.

The truth is that we bikers carry more insurance than most cage drivers. The cost of medical care more often than not is the responsibility of the clown than ran us down to start with.

Safety is everyone's responsibility, but bikers need to be especially aware they are invisible to many drivers. Remember here in Oregon, *Team Oregon* offers classes for beginner

to advanced. As riders, we need to take advantage of those programs. Similar programs are available in many other states as well.

I know ya'll know how to ride motorcycles. The trick is to do it safely.

These riding courses stress those thoughts and it shouldn't embarrass anyone to improve riding skills. Besides, it's cheap.

F.E.M.A. again: Guidelines for motorcyclist-friendly guardrails and barriers got published. The *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations* launched a dedicated web site to promote motorcyclist-friendly road barriers, featuring a database of existing barriers, a list of manufacturers, and guidelines detailing current standards and best practices.

Most road barriers I've seen are unfriendly to motorcycles because they are cables strung from post to post. This is a formula for decapitation if a bike runs through one of these cheese cutters.

N.H.T.S.A. Recalls:

- 2012 *Hondas* with chain drive are subject to chain failure.
- 2012-2013 *Victory* bikes may have throttle cable retention nuts that fail.
- 2006-2009 *Triumphs* having problems with their regulator/rectifiers.
- 2012 *ZERO* bikes (electric). The motor encoder position signal has a possible stall problem.

Get these scooters to your dealers and get them fixed **free**. Might save ya a nasty surprise on the road.

Again with the Europe: Thousands of powered two-wheeler (P.T.W.) users in Europe will gather in multiple locations to protest the *European Commission's* proposal to "harmonize" periodic inspections of bikes.

We must remember that the regulations Europe deals with somehow manage to invade these precious shores. Sooner or later, we find ourselves dealing with the problems they cause. In the U.S.A., we don't have widespread bike inspections, except for the roadside



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

stops that are being fought in the courts.

The next step is emission inspections and all the grief that goes with that program. I'm talking about catalytic converters and the additional stuff that would be required on bikes. Hopefully these problems will be resolved in our favor.

The point is folks, we must never let our guard down or become complacent in our vigilance. Once a freedom is lost it is nearly impossible to get it back.

Gunny again: Speaking of biker roadblocks, our New York *A.I.M.* attorney, Mitch Proner, is fighting tooth and nail to make them illegal, with the support of many *C.o.C.* groups around the country. If he can win, we can do similar work in other states. This is one example of the work our *A.I.M.* attorneys do.

If you find yourself compromised with the legal system or in a wreck, get in touch with the *A.I.M.* attorney in your state for legal help. These folks talk to each other and compare strategies to make your life better than it is when you suffer problems with either insurance companies or other legal problems.

Get in touch by calling the national line 24/7, at: **1-(800)-531-2424**, 1-(800)-On-A-Bike, or take a tour of *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* on-line at:

<http://www.AIMNCOM.com>

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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November is upon us once again and with it is our duty, privilege, and opportunity to vote for the leaders of our nation, states, communities.

But what would ballots look like on election day if all elected offices were stripped of salaries and benefits?

What would be the character of those still running for office?

Chances are, we'd be a better country for it because those seeking office would be mostly those who wanted to serve the needs of the nation rather than themselves.

Or would we have candidates fronting for special interest groups who desired favorable legislation? (More so than now.)

As it is, we never seem to be able to pay some elected officials enough to offset the lure of undue outside influence. (Bribes or kickbacks. If a person's public actions suddenly run contrary to their publically or personally-stated beliefs, you can be sure that the fix is in.)

Remember, it is *not* the responsibility of newspapers or television to tell readers and viewers what to think or how to vote, but rather to provide balanced news gathering that allows citizens to arrive at their own conclusions.

That is the fundamental upon which our republic's freedom of speech depends.

Unpaid volunteer officers are an advantage and disadvantage to A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC.

On the plus side, we get genuinely committed people who not only believe in the cause of the organizations, but are

willing to contribute their own time and effort to help the organizations succeed.

If officers were a paid position, then we would be more likely to have some office holders who were mainly in it for the money.

Why Veterans Matter

Many members of A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC are veterans, reservists, or even active duty members of the nation's military. They, more than most citizens, directly understand the importance of the work we do using the political process to help ensure that motorcycling remains free and safe for riders. Every military person you meet, no matter what rank or length of service, has taken an oath "to defend the United States constitution against all enemies, foreign or domestic."

Veterans occupy a unique place in our society. They are bonded by similar experiences, yet apart from the people they protected.

Writing about world war two combat veterans in *Up Front*, Bill Mauldin notes that they need "friends and families who stay by them until they are the same guys who left years ago."

"One of the foremost objections to a steady portrayal of the troubles and lives of combat infantrymen and those who work with them – medical aid men, combat engineers, artillery observers, and others – has been that these guys are going to feel that the nation owes them a living, and that they will become 'social burdens.'"

"The vast majority of combat men are going to be . . . so damned sick and tired of having their noses rubbed in a stinking

war that their only ambition will be to forget it."

"They need people telling about them so that they will be taken back into their civilian lives and given a chance to be themselves again."

Bill's comments were written in 1944 when military women were not allowed to be directly involved in combat. (Though you can bet that some were somewhere.) His observations apply to today's combat women and men as well as other military veterans.

Oregon is not what one would call a "military state". There are no huge bases, no masses of uniforms mixing with the civilian population. Most military people are veterans or retirees who quietly go about getting on with their lives. So on the rare occasion when you meet active duty military people in uniform, it will mean a lot to them if you thank them for their service. (Doing so may bring a lump to your own throat as well.) And thanking veterans helps repay them for countless hours spent overseas, apart from family, home, and holidays.

One cannot but help admire today's youth who voluntarily go into military service. For whatever reasons, they give up the comforts of their civilian lives for a highly regimented military environment that often leads to combat in hot, hostile parts of the world. They chose to serve.

When they return to us, on leave or after service, the contrast of being back in civilian society may have a jolt of unreality for them after where they've



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been and what they've had to do.

We must let them know that their efforts on our behalf are recognized and appreciated.

They may harbor personal demons from what they've witnessed. Sometimes they just need people to listen to them as they give voice to the burden they've carried inside.

They are not "damaged" or "social burdens", they are friends, family members, folks who did more than citizenship requires. It is very important know them, understand them, help them ease back into the civilian world that they protected.

Gratitude

Throughout the upper northern hemisphere, late autumn is a time when traditionally crops have been harvested and stored to get folks through the winter months ahead. When the major work is done, many communities and nations set aside time to come together in gratitude for bounty and fellowship.

Canada held their thanksgiving last month. Our own occurs three weeks after this month begins.

Though not every family or group may be a model for a Norman Rockwell painting, that doesn't prevent individuals from finding a quiet moment to reflect on who or what they they have, to realize the value of those in their lives, to be thankful and grateful.

NOVEMBER Cryptogram

JIT ZQHJ NQDUFVJX UY AUNWQJ NTP

QFT OUVPO JU WT PU SFUWBTN QJ QBB.

JITX QFT HU HVAM QPC JVFTC UY IQZVPO

JITVF PUHTH FRWWTC VP Q HJVPMVPO KQF

JIQJ JITVF UPBX QNWWJVUP KVBB WT JU YUFOTJ VJ.

— WVBB NQRBCVP

"RS YFUPJ"

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

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

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like sideways on page 19)

Count ahead three months to see why November birthdays are special.

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AUCTION**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 2012
AT THE ASTORIA MOOSE LODGE
420 17TH ST. ASTORIA, OR
5:00 to 8:00PM**



**ADULTS \$10.00
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$3.00**

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT AS IN ALL NORTH COAST ABATE
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NOVEMBER 17TH, 2012**

Proceeds benefit the Hillsboro Fire Department's
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BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY

Begins @ Hillsboro Fire Dept. - Station #3, 4455 NW 229th
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<p>Central Oregon 2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.</p> <p>Douglas County 3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hub City 3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Jackson County 3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Josephine County 3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Lincoln County 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Lower Columbia 1st Sunday – 7 p.m.</p> <p>North Coast 3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>River City 1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Salem 1st Tuesday – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Southeast Portland 1st and 3rd Sunday – noon</p> <p>Washington County 2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Izzy's Pizza</p> <p>The Zen</p> <p>Ciddici's Pizza I</p> <p>American Legion</p> <p>Fruitdale grange</p> <p>American Legion</p> <p>Colvin's Pub</p> <p>Moose lodge</p> <p>Shiloh Inn</p> <p>Hitching Post</p> <p>M&M Restaurant</p> <p>Grape Vine</p>	<p>Redmond</p> <p>Roseburg</p> <p>Albany</p> <p>Medford</p> <p>Grant's Pass</p> <p>Newport</p> <p>Clatskanie</p> <p>Astoria</p> <p>The Dalles</p> <p>Salem</p> <p>Gresham</p> <p>Portland</p>
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33rd Annual Toy Run

A benefit for the
Shriners Hospital for Children

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10:00AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st
Fred Meyer 3800 SE 22nd, Portland

12:00 Drawing for new Harley
12:15 Parade leaves Fred Meyer
1:00 Santa Party with the kids
2:00 Equipment Presentation

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Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

January 26th 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall

\$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door

Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24th, 2013

A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, coleslaw or green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee.
Menu may have substitutions due to availability.

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• What's Going On •

- Kinzua Reunion – Father's Day, June 17th
- River City Chapter Meeting – July 7th
- Fossil Cruz-In Car Show – July 7th
- Bluegrass Fest – July 7th & 8th
- Wheeler Co. Fair & Rodeo – Aug 7th
- Betty's Quilt Show – Sept 22nd to Oct 13th
- Knight's Tip-Off Tournament – Dec 1st & 2nd

• Kinzua Golf Schedule •

- Fund Raiser 2011 June 9th
- Father's Day Scramble June 17th
- Ladies Tourney June 23rd & 24th
- Couples Tourney June 30th & July 1st
- High Ideals July 14th
- Redmond Door/Mlwrk Tourney July 21st
- Robert Misener Tourney Aug 4th
- Men's Tourney Aug 25th & 26th
- Over-The-Hill Tourney Sept 8th

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Fossil Mercantile (541)-763-4617
Fossil Museum
Glover Memorial Center (541)-763-2372
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Hunt's Auto Refinishing & Racing (541)-763-2323
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The Rusty Kettle (541)-589-4048
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Wilson Ranch Retreat (541)-763-2227
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BikePAC Voter's Guide

— Key —

{^} = Highly contested district.
 * = Defends Oregon motorcyclists rights.
 S = Supports motorcycle rider rights.
 - O - = Opposes motorcycle rider rights and freedoms.
 U = Unknown or unreported stand on motorcycle issues.

Parties

(C) = Constitution party
 (D) = Democratic party
 (G) = Pacific Green party
 (I) = Independent party
 (L) = Libertarian party
 (M) = Motorcycle party
 (P) = Progressive party
 (R) = Republican party

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Oregon State Senate 2012 Races

District 1 (Roseburg)		
<i>* Jeff Kruse (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Eldon Rollins (D)	U	
District 2 (Salem)		
Jim Diefenderfer (D)	U	
<i>Herman Baertschiger (R)</i>	S	
{^} District 5 {^}		
(Coos Bay)		
<i>Arnie Roblan (D)</i>	S	
Scott Roberts (R)	U	
District 9 (Stayton)		
<i>Fred Girod (R)</i>	S	
Steve Frank (D)	U	
District 12 (Marion county)		
<i>Brian Boquist (R)</i>	S	
Annette Frank (D)	U	
Glen Ewert (L)	U	
District 14 (Polk, Benton counties)		
Mark Hass (D)	- O -	
Gary Coe (R)	U	
Mark Vetanen (L)	U	
District 17 (Multnomah, Washington counties)		
Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D)	U	
John Verbeek (R)	U	
District 18 (Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington counties)		
Ginny Burdick (D)	- O -	
Suzanne Gallagher (R)	U	
District 21 (Portland)		
Diane Rosenbaum (D)	- O -	
Cliff Hutchison (R)	U	
District 22 (Multnomah county)		
Chip Shields (D)	- O -	
Herbert Booth	U	

District 23 (Portland)		
Jackie Dingfelder (D)	- O -	
Tracy Olsen (I)	U	
District 25 (Gresham)		
Laurie Monnes Anderson (D)	U	
<i>Scott Hansen (R)</i>	S	
Eugene Newell Jr. (L)	U	
District 27 (Bend - Redmond)		
Chris Telfer (R)	U	
<i>Tim Knopp (R)</i>	S	
District 28 (Klamath Falls, Lake, Crook Cty)		
<i>Doug Winsett (R)</i>	S	
District 29 (Pendleton, La Grande)		
Bill Hansell (R)	U	
Antone Minthorn (D)	U	
District 30 (The Dalles)		
<i>Ted Ferrioli (R)</i>	S	

Oregon State House 2012 Races

District 1 (Coos, Curry, Douglas counties)		
<i>Wayne Krieger (R)</i>	S	
Jim Klahr	U	
District 2 (Douglas, Jackson, Josephine counties)		
<i>* Tim Freeman (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Jeff Adams (L)	U	
District 3 (Josephine county)		
<i>Wally Hicks (R)</i>	S	
Barbara Gonzalez (C)	U	
Johnnie Wayne Scott (L)	U	
District 4 (Jackson, Josephine counties)		
<i>Dennis Richardson (R)</i>	S	
Rick Hake (C)	U	
District 5 (Jackson county)		
Peter Buckley (D)	- O -	
Sandra Abercrombie (R)	U	
District 6 (Jackson county)		
<i>Sal Esquivel (R)</i>	S	
District 7 (Douglas, Lane counties)		
<i>Bruce Hanna (R)</i>	S	
Fergus Mclean (D)	U	
District 8 (Lane county)		
Paul R. Holvey (D)	- O -	
Aaron Baker (R)	U	
Lucian Blansett (C)	U	
{^} District 9 {^}		
(Coos, Douglas, Lane counties)		
Caddy McKeown (D)	U	
<i>Nancy Brouhard (R)</i>	S	
Guy Rosinbaum (L)	U	

District 10 (Lane, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Yarnell counties)		
David Gromberg (D)	U	
Jerome Grant (R)	U	
{^} District 11 {^}		
(Lane, Linn counties)		
Phil Barnhart (D)	- O -	
Kelly Lovelace (R)	U	
District 12 (Lane county)		
John Lively (D)	U	
Joe Pishioneri (R)	U	
District 13 (Lane county)		
Nancy Nathanson (D)	- O -	
Mark Callahan (R)	U	
District 14 (Lane county)		
Val Hoyle (D)	U	
Dwight Coon (R)	U	
Sharon Mahler (L)	U	
District 15 (Benton, Linn counties)		
<i>* Andy Olson (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Ron Green (D)	U	
District 16 (Benton, Linn counties)		
Sara Gelser (D)	U	
<i>Andrew Decker (R)</i>	S	
Rachel Feigner (L)	U	
District 17 (Linn, Marion counties)		
<i>Sherrie Sprenger (R)</i>	S	
Richard Harisay (D)	U	
District 18 (Clackamas, Marion counties)		
<i>* Vic Gilliam (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
District 19 (Marion county)		
Kevin Cameron (R)	U	
Claudia Kyle (D)	U	
District 20 (Marion, Polk counties)		
<i>Vicki Berger (R)</i>	S	
Jackie Pierce (D)	U	
District 21 (Marion county)		
<i>Brian Clem (D)</i>	S	
Dan Farrington (R)	U	
Marvin Sannes (I)	U	
{^} District 22 {^}		
(Marion county)		
Betty Komp (D)	- O -	
<i>Kathy LeCompte (R)</i>	S	
District 23 (Benton, Linn, Polk, Marion, Yamhill counties)		
<i>* Jim Thompson (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Ross Swartzendruber (D)	U	
Alex Polikoff (G)	U	

{^} District 24 {^}		
(Polk, Yamhill counties)		
<i>* Jim Weidner (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Kathy Campbell (D)	U	
Kohler Johnson (L)	U	
District 25 (Marion, Yamhill counties)		
<i>* Kim Thatcher (R) *</i>	<i>* S *</i>	
Paul Holman (D)	U	
Ryan Haffner (L)	U	
{^} District 26 {^}		
(Clackamas, Washington counties)		
John Davis (R)	U	
Wynne Wakkila (D)	U	
District 27 (Multnomah, Washington counties)		
Tobias Read (D)	- O -	
Burton Keeble (R)	U	
District 28 (Washington county)		
Jeff Barker (D)	U	
Manuel Casteneda (R)	U	
District 29 (Washington county)		
<i>Katie Eyre Brewer (R)</i>	S	
Ben Unger (D)	- O -	
{^} District 30 {^}		
(Washington county)		
<i>Shawn Lindsay (R)</i>	S	
Joe Gallegos (D)	U	
Kyle Markley (L)	U	
District 31 (Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah counties)		
Brad Witt (D)	- O -	
Lew Barnes (R)	U	
Robert Miller (L)	U	
Ray Biggs (C)	U	
District 32 (Clatsop, Washington, Columbia, Tillamook counties)		
Deborah Boone (D)	- O -	
Jim Welsh (R)	U	
Perry Roll (L)	U	
District 33 (Multnomah, Washington counties)		
Mitch Greenlick (D)	- O -	
Stevan Kirkpatrick (R)	U	
District 34 (Washington county)		
Chris Harker (D)	U	
Dan Mason (R)	U	
District 35 (Multnomah county)		
Margaret Doherty (D)	- O -	
John Goodhouse (R)	U	
District 36 (Multnomah county)		
Jennifer Williamson (D)	U	
Bruce Neil (R)	U	
# District 37 # (Clackamas, Washington counties)		
<i>Julie Parrish (R)</i>	S	
Carl Hosticka (D)	U	
Meredith Love Taggart (L)	U	

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District 38 (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington counties) Chris Garrett (D) U Tom Maginnis (R) U	District 44 (Multnomah county) Tina Kotek (D) - O - Michael Harrington (R) U	District 50 (Multnomah county) Greg Matthews (D) S Logan (Boettcher (R) U	District 56 (Klamath county) Gail Whitsett (R) U
District 39 (Clackamas county) Bill Kennemer (R) U Christopher Cameron Bangs (D) U Blake Holmes (L) U	District 45 (Multnomah county) Michael Dembrow (D) - O - Anne Marie Gurney (R) U	{^} District 51 {^} (Clackamas, Multnomah counties) Patrick Sheehan (R) U Shemia Fagan (D) U	District 57 (Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa counties) Greg Smith (R) U
District 40 (Clackamas county) Brent Barton (D) U Steve Newgard (R) U	District 46 (Multnomah county) Alissa Kenny-Guyer (D) U	{^} District 52 {^} (Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah counties) Mark Johnson (R) U	District 58 (Umatilla, Union counties) Bob Jenson (R) - O - Heidi Van Schoonhoven (D) U
District 41 (Clackamas, Multnomah counties) Carolyn Tomei (D) - O - Timothy McMenamin (R) U	District 47 (Multnomah county) Jessica Vega Pederson (D) S Maggie Nelson (R) U	District 53 (Deschutes county) Gene Whisnant (R) S	District 59 (Clackamas, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Marion, Jefferson, Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler counties) John Huffman (R) S Gary Ollerenshaw (D) U
District 42 (Multnomah county) Jules Kopel Bailey (D) S	District 48 (Clackamas, Multnomah counties) Jeff Reardon (D) U George Yellott (R) U	District 54 (Deschutes county) Jason Conger (R) U Nathan Hovecamp (D) U	District 60 (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur counties) Cliff Bentz (R) U
District 43 (Multnomah county) Lew Frederick (D) - O -	District 49 (Multnomah county) Matthew Wand (R) S Chris Gorsek (D) U	District 55 (Crook, Deschutes, Jackson, Klamath Lake counties) Mike McLane (R) U John Huddle (D) U	

Our Officers at Work

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

21 October 2012

V.F.W. hall— Cottage Grove, Oregon



Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 09:50 a.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Absent chapters: *Salem, Lower Columbia.*

Guest or first time attendee: Ken Ward from *Douglas County Chapter.*

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols stated that since we just had officer reports last week, if everyone agreed, we will dispense with standard officer reporting for this meeting. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Old Business

Previously tabled motion.

Motion made by Don Mason* (*Hub City*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

"A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon provide a

check to BikePAC in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 legislative session. Check to be provided on or before the December state board meeting."

It was discussed as to the needs for this money to do the job that A.B.A.T.E. wants done. These funds go directly to work to provide for a lobbyist and for candidate support.

Nic Oliver (*BikePAC* executive director) reported that they have already given support checks to candidates in the amount of \$600. There will be another \$600 going out very soon.

Motion was tabled due to the possibility of chapter contributions being deducted from the original amount asked for.

Previously it was asked that this motion be tabled until the planning session for discussion.

Motion tabled again.

This motion was discussed during the planning session but is tabled until the December state board meeting. (For more information, see 2012 planning session minutes.)

New Business

- First item addressed was the report that the thumb drives were not being returned to the chapters for reuse. Allan state he would look into this issue.

Motion #1. Motion made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

"Prohibit groups or organizations from joining A.B.A.T.E. under a family membership. Current member groups under family memberships would remain valid until their renewal. They will not be allowed to renew as a family membership."

Motion tabled after discussion until taken to chapters for their input.

Motion #2. Motion made by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

"Establish new higher rates for groups or organizations commensurate with our cost of twelve newspapers per month. To create a new group membership that allows a discounted membership rate to said group's members."

Discussion showed that this motion was in conjunction with motion #1.

Motion tabled until taken to chapters for discussion.

Motion #3. Motion made by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*), seconded by Bridget Hamrick (*Southeast Portland Chapter*):

"That A.B.A.T.E. provide a computer for public relations to use in the job."

Amended to include:

"up to \$700 and for position use only."

Discussion ensued.

Don Mason offered a new laptop computer to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon with appropriate basic programming at a reduced cost of \$200 through his business, *Diesel Boss*.

Voting took place immediately after Don Mason's offer.

Yes = 7, no = 1, abstention = 2.

Motion passed.

Motion #4. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Robert Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

"All electronic equipment belonging to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon be cataloged and that info be given to the quartermaster."

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Federal Highway Safety Grants In Jeopardy

Despite a spike in traffic fatalities, states could lose as much as \$120 million in highway safety grants if congress doesn't change a planned bill to fund the government's operations for six months.

Congress passed a new highway bill this year that streamlines the federal grant process that provides state funds for alcohol-impaired and distracted driving prevention, increased occupant protection, motorcycle safety, teen driving safety, and data collection. Under the typical rules for a continuing resolution, new programs such as those authorized under the highway bill cannot be funded.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* recently reported that its estimate of all traffic deaths for the first quarter of 2012 show a 13.5% increase to the highest number since 2008. The substantial increase is the second-largest quarterly jump in traffic deaths since *N.H.T.S.A.* began tracking deaths on a quarterly basis in 1975, and the biggest since 1979.

N.H.T.S.A. reported the rate of traffic deaths per 100 million miles of vehicle travel increased significantly to 1.1 fatalities per 100 million miles traveled during the first three months, up from 0.98 in the same period last year, with 7,630 fatalities compared to 6,720 in the first quarter of 2011. The increase would end a steady decline in U.S. road deaths over the last seven years, falling last year to their lowest number since 1949.

Head Of Motorcycle Crash Study Resigns Over Concerns

Dr. Samir Ahmed, the *Oklahoma State University* researcher who has been heading up the latest motorcycle crash causation study, announced that he was leaving the program in a September 11 e-mail stating,

"I am writing to let you know that I am no longer working on the

motorcycle crash causation study. I have serious reservations about the value of study with the existing F.H.W.A. (Federal Highway Administration) involvement. My expectations of the study are very low."

Dr. Samir did not offer any further explanation as to the reservations he has regarding the *F.H.W.A.* involvement. The study was originally planned to examine 900 crashes but due to funding difficulties that was cut back to approximately 300, though the case counter on the *F.H.W.A.* web site currently reads 100.

The *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* had raised commitments from its members to provide \$3 million to the study but decided not to make the money available for a study with fewer than the 900. It was decided then that the study would use only one location instead of the three that had been envisioned, and the reduced study got underway last year.

In the meantime, the *M.S.F.* has announced the conclusion of an unprecedented year-long motorcycle naturalistic study in conjunction with the *Virginia Tech Transportation Institute* designed to track comprehensive, real-time routine riding that likely included near crash, pre-crash, and actual crash data that had heretofore been unavailable. The study is yielding preliminary results that will be released at a later date.

Hell's Angels Sue Feds Over Ban On Members Entering The U.S.

N.C.O.M. Brothers Behind Bars newsletter editor Mike Davis *S.O.S. Motorcycle Club* retired recently reported that the *Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club* is going to court to protest a U.S. government policy barring the club's foreign members from visiting the United States and is also fighting its federal designation as a "known criminal organization."

In a complaint filed in federal

court in Washington, D.C. the *Hell's Angels Motorcycle Corporation* names Janet Napolitano, the secretary of the department of homeland security, secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Alejandro Mayorkas who is the director of U.S. citizenship and immigration services, and claims its designation as a "known criminal organization" by the departments of homeland security and state violates immigration regulation and the group's constitutional rights by systematically denying entry to its members in 26 countries on six continents.

HAMC v. Napolitano et al. (1:12-cv-1357) disputes the Obama administration's foreign policy that declares "the *Hell's Angels*, the *Outlaws*, *Bandidos*, and the *Mongols*" to be organized crime groups and is seeking an injunction allowing foreign members to be granted visas to travel to the U.S.

In its lawsuit, the group claims the government routinely denies visas "to all aliens based solely on their membership in a *Hell's Angels* charter without further analysis into whether or not that individual seeks to enter the United States to engage solely, principally, or incidentally in unlawful activity."

Lawyers for the club describe its membership as composed of loosely associated charters, "made up of motorcycle enthusiasts who have joined to ride motorcycles together, organize social events, fundraisers, parties and motorcycle rallies" and the group says any crimes committed by its members have been done as individual acts, and are not representative of the club as a whole.

Deputy Suspended For Seizing Biker's Camera

The Dallas county sheriff's office issued a 30-day suspension without pay to a deputy after footage showed him seizing a helmet-mounted camera from a motorcyclist as potential evidence of alleged crimes committed by other unidentified riders.

A video viewed nearly 500,000

times on *YouTube* shows the Texas deputy on camera issuing this comment to the biker: "The reason you're being pulled over is because I'm gonna take your camera and we're gonna use it as evidence of in the crimes that have been committed by other bikers."

Our legal experts at *A.I.M./N.C.O.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists/National Coalition of Motorcyclists)* agree that the officer's rationale does not constitute probable cause to make a traffic stop and does not justify seizing the camera, nor is it illegal to wear a camera on a helmet.

The sheriff's deputy eventually arrested the motorcycle rider and according to the *Examiner* newspaper he then tried to slam the door of the patrol car on the biker's leg before hauling him off to jail. The biker was finally released and issued a ticket for only an obstructed license plate.

The officer was also disciplined for leaving a drunk driver at the jail without booking him before going out on the call relating to motorcyclists riding on I-35.

Lone Star Court Rules On Cellphone Searches

Suds, Texas commander of the *U.S. Defenders/C.O.I.R.* division, issued the following notice regarding Texas court of appeals opinion on cellphone searches:

Our *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* attorney Bill Smith shared an important decision made by the Texas court of appeals about evidence retrieved from a cellphone without a search warrant.

The court rules in favor of the people. The opinion cited a case where an individual was arrested on one charge, and based on hearsay, an investigating detective went to the property room of the jail and retrieved the individual's cellphone and scrolled through the photos he had stored on it. Originally arrested for disorderly conduct, the defendant now had to face an indictment of improper photography or visual recording.

Prosecutors argued that a jailed individual had no rights to expectation of privacy. The Texas

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court of appeals disagreed and stated that while an inmate has no reasonable expectation of privacy in his cell, his/her stored property does fall under reasonable expectation of privacy. It is not as though the officer saw the pictures scrolling on the display screen, rather the phone had to be turned on and the photos accessed and scrolled through. While this may not stop a rogue officer from scrolling through your cellphone, anything found will not be admissible in court without a search warrant first.

Speed Cameras Could Be Anywhere

As drivers become more savvy about spotting speed cameras along roads and highways, police are making it tougher by disguising their revenue-generating equipment. Authorities in and around Washington D.C. are expanding their speed camera programs, reports the *Washington Examiner*, and now they're purchasing cameras that look like mailboxes and trash containers to unsuspecting motorists. They're also more mobile, so police can reposition them so drivers cannot get used to seeing them in one particular area.

Nearby Prince George's county in Maryland purchased nearly 60 mobile cameras last year, and expects to generate \$28 million in annual revenue, reports the news outlet. A similar speed-camera program in D.C. generated \$55 million in fiscal year 2011.

Meanwhile, the traffic-camera debate has ignited state and local governments across the country. Some embrace camera-based technology as a cost-efficient enforcement and safety tool. Others cast it

off as an overly intrusive money grab.

In all, thirteen states utilize speed-reading cameras, while twelve states have passed regulations banning them.

Twenty-four states are currently operating at least one red-light camera within their borders, while another nine prohibit their use.

Despite the conflicting regulations, overall use of cameras has gone up rapidly in recent years. Red-light cameras were in 25 communities in 2000, compared with more than 500 today. Speed cameras went from 20 jurisdictions in 2005 to 113 today.

New Bike Insurance Suspended Over Law And Order Concerns

Insurance companies have stopped offering insurance policies to purchasers of new motorcycles in Karachi, Pakistan due to increase in snatching and theft incidents of two wheelers in the city.

Enforcement agencies, facing targeted killings and a skyrocketing crime rate, are apparently not interested in curbing such criminal activity, leaving poverty-stricken citizens at the mercy of thieves who are snatching dozens of motorcycles daily.

Motorcyclists who recently purchased brand-new bikes are being fleeced by illegal insurance agents to get their bikes insured, as all listed insurance companies in the city have suspended bike insurance policies due to the prevailing law and order situation.

Australia May Require Riders To Wear Florescent Clothing

Australia's 1.3 million motorcycle riders would be forced by regulation to wear florescent jackets under proposals splitting the biker and scooter community. A national battle over the possibility of compulsory hi-visibility clothing began when the luminescent idea was pushed by senior sergeant Bill Gore of the Wangaratta highway patrol as part of a safety bid to reduce motorcycle crashes.

A Victorian government road safety inquiry will consider the high-visibility option and, if adopted, other states could be expected to follow suit.

Damien Codognotto, Melbourne-based spokesman for the *Independent Riders' Group*, is fighting mandatory day-glo because it could affect the liability of a bike or scooter rider after a crash. "Gore's law is likely to change the legal standing of motorcycle and scooter riders and their liability after a crash regardless of who was at fault," he told news.com.au.

"Compulsory third party insurers are looking to reduce pay outs for victims of road trauma who were on two wheels (who are) seen as easy targets for reduced compensation," explained Codognotto. "That is not only unjust considering the premiums and taxes we pay, it is disastrous for riders' families." He said there had not been much research into the issue and the collection of crash-site data had been patchy.

Lawsuits Filed Over Bad Gas

Two Indiana residents have filed separate class-action lawsuits against *British Petroleum (B.P.)* after they were told it would cost thousands of dollars to fix their vehicles, which were damaged by a bad batch of gasoline from the company's Whiting refinery.

B.P. has issued a recall for about 2.1 million gallons of off-specification gasoline that was shipped to stations in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin

in early August. The company has reported that more than 7,000 people have already reported problems to *B.P.*

Lake county resident Mark Gonzalez says in his suit, filed in the federal court in Hammond, Indiana that he filled up both his 2002 *G.M.C. Yukon* and his 2007 *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle with the bad gasoline, leading to repairs costing more than \$1,000.

The attorney representing one complainant said they decided to file for class-action status, which must still be granted by a federal judge, because so many people like his client have been hurt by the bad gasoline but would likely spend more on legal fees than any money they would receive from *B.P.*

Quotable Quote

"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."

-- Denis Waitley
(born 1933)
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Up Front

2012 A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session Minutes

20 – 21 October 2012

V.F.W. hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon

Day One

Saturday, 20 October 2012

Planning session called to order at 9 a.m. on the 20th of October, 2012 by Allan Nichols. (state coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon)

Planning session opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Allan spoke on how this meeting shapes the organization for the upcoming year. He also stated that this is helps us to see where we are going as a whole and to make it easier for us to work together. This is a team effort and not just one person or chapter, but all of us working together to reach our goals for the organization.

(Note: This year’s planning session was held in a town hall format rather than break-out groups. Each topic was discussed by the entire group of attendees until a consensus for action was agreed on.)

Group or organizational memberships

Discussion regarding large number of persons in groups joining *A.B.A.T.E.* under the family membership designation.

How does this affect doing our job and the organization?

In home family versus spread out groups receiving the same benefits.

Organizational memberships.

Offer reduced rates for group or club individual memberships

Consensus reached that membership guidelines need to be revamped to allow club or group memberships, but with changes to how this is handled by

A.B.A.T.E. Ideas of one vote per group with number of newspapers, patches being discussed. Groups all in one area receiving a dozen newspapers for public relations benefits was discussed versus only one newspaper per family currently authorized.

Legislative

Don Mason (A.B.A.T.E. legislative director) led discussion.

- Voters guide is out for membership. Currently is displayed on *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC*, chapter, and *Facebook* web sites. There have been many revisions already and possibly more before elections.

After the elections, a new guide will be produced that reflects voting and people elected.

- Elections are not not a party issue to *A.B.A.T.E.*

A.B.A.T.E. only stresses points that reflect our issues and not the full range of issues of the candidate. If you have no preference between candidates, please consider the one who reflects favorably with our issues.

As always, vote your heart but vote responsibly for the best candidate who will work for you and your concerns. Study the candidates’ records and not just their words. This is where the voter’s guide can help. Green is favorable to us, black is unknown, red is opposed to our issues.

Strategy is how we work to get information to you and to get things done in Salem. There are tools we use and tools others use that we need to be aware of.

- “Hate machine” is where a group of people who monitor bills react when a bill they disagree with appears in the

mass media. They send e-mails berating the legislator who wrote an undesired bill and attack the bill.

We need to be ready for this and counter with support e-mails immediately upon the bill being made public. The legislators keep count on supporters and non-supporters.

- Call to Action (C.T.A.) system is to let our membership know about issues that are coming up in Salem that need their support or action. This could be e-mails, phone calls, or other actions that will be outlined in the call to action plan.

- Capital Committee Agendas. Everyone can get alerts from the capital regarding what specific items are on which committees at what times. You can do this on-line by going to the state web sites and selecting which committees you want to be notified about. You can also search bills that may affect us by selecting key words, such as “motorcycle”.

- Ethanol will again be addressed in Salem. Representative Tim Freeman from the Douglas county area will again be putting an ethanol bill on the docket. He is trying to help us get non-ethanol pumps more readily available to us and others.

- Lane sharing is an issue that has traction at the *Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)* and they are studying it.

- Crash and injury issue is in regards to the issuance of citations. Also reflects accountability issues.

— Lunch —

Education,

S.T.E.A.M., M.A.P.

Discussion led by Geoff White. (education director)

- Is S.T.E.A.M. (Seminars To Educate And Motivate) still important? Vote showed it is.

- What is S.T.E.A.M.? Discussion followed. Offer one day program with optional social settings discussed, such as dinner or award ceremony.

- Team building and working together.

- Should we work with another state such as *Washington A.B.A.T.E.*?

- What about a silent auction?

- What about specific themes for S.T.E.A.M.?

- Do we need a committee to work on this?

- Should we attempt to hold multiple S.T.E.A.M. presentations around the state?

- Should we have a smaller 2013 S.T.E.A.M. in order to prepare for a large 2014 S.T.E.A.M.? Vote supported this idea.

- Speakers: local versus nationally know people or speakers.

- Should the date be changed? Vote supported this idea.

BikePAC funding motion discussion

- How does *A.B.A.T.E.* fulfill this motion, yet stay within I.R.S. guidelines? It would have to be divided with \$5,000 given during December 2012 and \$5,000 in early 2013.

- *Douglas County Chapter* announced that they have sent \$550 to *BikePAC* but this amount is not to be taken off of

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IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

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the state's obligation.

- Should *BikePAC* provide a short article to the newspaper on a monthly basis, mainly during legislative sessions. Nic (*BikePAC* executive director) and Paula (*BikePAC* legislative director) will discuss this issue, agreeing that this is a good idea.

- Transparency of money use was discussed and shown that there are two accounts in *BikePAC*.

One is the legislative fund that can only be used to support candidates in the election process.

The other one is the general fund that goes towards paying for *BikePAC*'s lobbying efforts and operational costs. Reports are available to the membership.

- Why isn't *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* a group member?

- Budget? *BikePAC* does not operate on a strict budget as it does not know from year to year how long each session will last. Contracts with paid lobbying efforts make it much easier to keep costs down.

- Should there be smaller rallies to accommodate areas that are far away from Salem? (Main rally in Salem with local county seat rallies in central and southern Oregon?) This was discussed at length and the consensus was that we should only have the one event in Salem, but that *BikePAC* will support a rally for outlying areas that copy the main rally, to help reach out to people.

- More safety presentations? It was pointed out that the purpose of the rally is to open the riding season, in conjunction with the federally recognition that May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month*. Also, the state of Oregon, issues their proclamation in support of *Motorcycle Awareness Month*. This is also a time for speeches from various groups and individuals,

including speakers that *BikePAC* arranges. Only *BikePAC* speakers have a theme to speak about. There is also Mel's bike show and some booths. The main rally is also a time to reconnect with friends who have been separated during winter months while showing our solidarity to the legislators inside the capital building.

- *A.B.A.T.E.* sanctioning guidelines were discussed that forbid sanctioning other events on the rally date each year. Should this be revisited to accommodate the smaller rallies that are supported by *BikePAC*?

- The consensus of the attendees was that the funding motion remain tabled until closer to the end of the year so that chapters have time to respond. The funding is to be paid in two installments of approximately \$5,000 in order to follow I.R.S. rules. (Amounts to be determined at time of payment.)

The amount supplied by the state can be adjusted to subtract amounts contributed by chapters, unless otherwise stated. (*Douglas County Chapter* donated \$550, but the amount was not to be counted against the amount delivered by the state. It is in addition to that amount.)

Final tabulation for 2012 will probably be at the December board meeting for the first payment and the March board meeting for 2013 for the second.

Fossil

Gene Mortimore suggested that we look to new avenues for increasing interest and funding coming into *A.B.A.T.E.* from the *Fossil Run*. Suggested a "scramble" event. He pointed out an offer from Fossil for some land to be used for this event.

Issues of insurance and liabilities were discussed. Our current insurance forbids any speed events. We could insure the event, but not the participants.

It was decided that this type of event could be good for *A.B.A.T.E.* and a good draw for people, but a lot more information is needed and a lot more research before a definite decision could be reached. We need information on sponsor support (*A.M.O.* and others), insurance problems, legal issues, land use issues, and possibly other concerns.

Adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Day Two

Sunday, 21 October 2012

Called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Allan Nichols. (*A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator)

Stressed that one of the items on the proposed agenda was the web page. In order to address this issue, a web page editor is needed. Please get the word out that we need someone with the skill set and desire to be our web page editor to step up. The codes and passwords have been checked out and are available.

Conferences

Discussion included the following topics:

- Who do we send? Officer(s) relating to nature of conference first, then other people as volunteers and budget allows.

- What is the need for attending conferences? Much discussion on motivation, federal legislation, and the experiences of others.

- The need to plan at least four to five months before conference takes place.

- Discussion about different conferences took place, including *Best*

of the West, *N.C.O.M.*, *A.C.T.S.*, and others.

Officer attendance at state board meetings

- Do we need to make a change to hold state officers accountable for attending state board meetings?

Current protocol requires state officers to call state coordinator if unable to attend state board meeting.

Chapter representatives have to contact their respective chapter coordinator and the state coordinator if not attending a state board meeting so that the chapter coordinator can send an alternate.

- What should be done if two or three meetings are consecutively missed? What should be expected? What actions and to what degree should be taken?

Answers to the previous questions may require a change in the operations manual and will need to be discussed at the chapter meetings.

Planning Session Conclusion

- Geoff White proposed at date for next *S.T.E.A.M.* only to find out that it was easter weekend. Will keep working on a date for 2013 *S.T.E.A.M.*

- Allan Nichols reviewed items that were completed and those that were missed, for everyone's benefit. He asked if there were any further items that needed attention at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Adjourned at 09:30 a.m.

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Discussion showed laptops, radios, and other equipment that should be on the list but are not currently there.

Voting took place.

Yes = 7, no = 0, abstention = 3.

Motion passed.

Announcements

- November state board of directors meeting will be November 10, 2012. Location will be at *Pop's Branding Iron*, located at 901 Pacific boulevard in Albany, Oregon. The change is due to Albany's Veteran's Day parade.

The board meeting will take place right after the bikes go through the parade. (They lead the parade.) Come ride in the parade, then come to the meeting.

- Robert Terrill informed the attendees of another death in the Redmond area. This year is a very bad one for motorcycling.

Upcoming Events

- 27-28 October 2012 – *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* is holding their *Annual Mall Bike Show* at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon. For more

information, contact *Hub City Chapter*.

- 17 November 2012 – Stan Johnson toy run by *Washington County Chapter*.

- 01 December 2012 – Toy Run by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. Noon at the *Fred Meyer*, at 3800 SE 22nd in Portland, Oregon.

Adjourned at 10:20 a.m. (1020)

submitted by **Nic Oliver**

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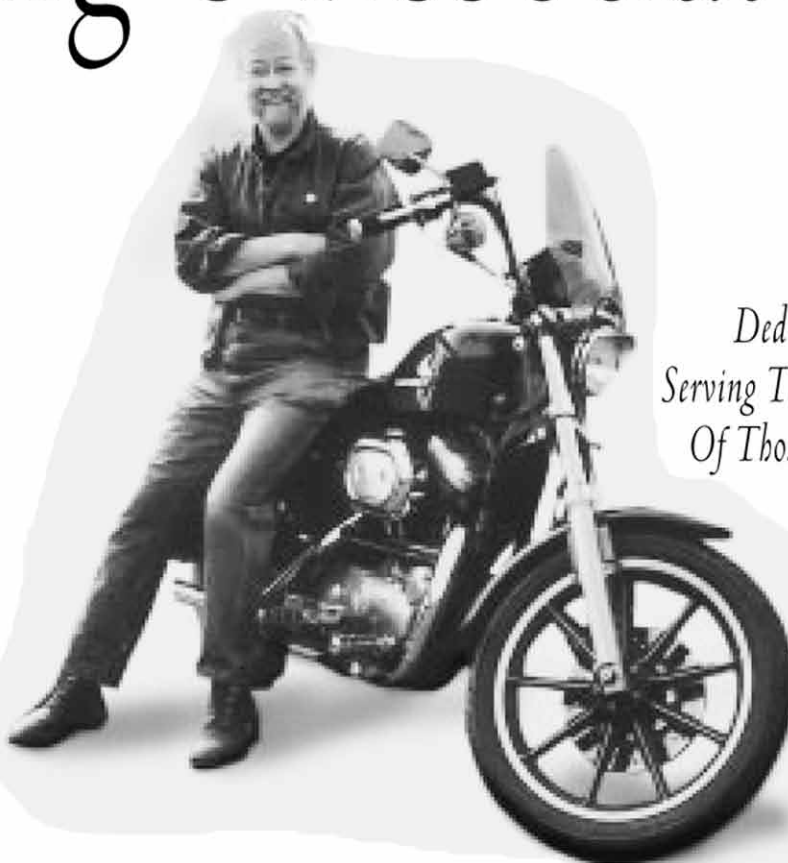
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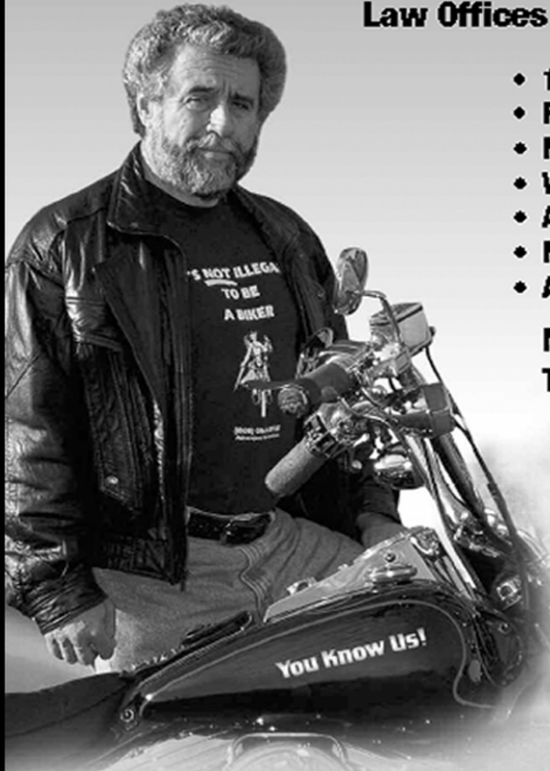
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J-D Cycles Albany (541)-926-8894	D & S Harley-Davidson Medford (541)-535-5515	Obsessions Motorcycle Service Portland (503)-281-6992	Deano Custom Cycles Salem (503)-588-1688
Coos Cycle Supply Coos Bay (541)-269-7292	Phantom Cycles Pendleton (541)-278-1644	Wingman Enterprises Portland (503)-257-4141	Walker's Cycle Salem (503)-363-0634
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BREAKDOWN? GREAT DEALS!



I.S.P. is a service of the law offices of Richard M. Lester and A.I.M.
ACCIDENT? CALL 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE 1-(800)-531-2424

24 hours Toll free Nationwide



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

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

Table with columns for name, phone number, location, and grid letters P, T, G, P, I, M, G, L. Includes sections for North Coast area, Central Coast area, South Coast area, Washington County area, and Portland area.

Chapters
Please ensure your area
listings are up-to-date

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Table with 3 columns: Region (1-5), Location (e.g., Portland and metro area), and Phone Number (e.g., (503)-731-8200).

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

Table with columns for name, phone number, location, and grid letters P, T, G, P, I, M, G, L. Includes sections for Salem area, Willamette Valley area, Southern Oregon area, Central Oregon area, and other areas.

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

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

Free

Employment Wanted

1999 *Honda Valkrie Interstate*, red and black. Full bagger, fairing, radio, custom pipes, fully serviced, two new tires, new license for two years. 21,200 original miles. 1,500 cc six-cylinder shaft drive with lots of power. **\$7,500** or best offer, or possibly trade for antique car. Frank in Albany, Oregon **(541)–619–9906**.
(Jan 2013)

2006 *FXSTi* soft tail standard needs new home. Fire red pearl, windshield, factory bags, new 21" front with 200 mm back tire. Extremely well maintained and in beautiful condition, ready for summer fun. **\$9,500**. Murph **(541)–979–0952**.
(Jan 2013)

1960 *Harley* chopper. Jammer hardtail frame, S&S carburator, Morris magneto, shovel heads, *Wide Glide* with 21" tire. Nice old school ride, but my back needs a softer ride. Sell **\$7,500** or trade for a *Road King*? Bob **(541) 336-1640** (Oct 2012)

2002 *Bar Fly* 2000 bar stool racer. Powder coated frame with aluminum racing wheels and *Bridgestone* racing tires. Powered by 3–1/2 horsepower *Briggs* motor. Disc brake and lowered seat height with bar stool seat replaced with large motorcycle seat for those cross country trips. **\$800** or best offer. **(503)–257–7390**. Call to arrange viewing appointment.
(Nov 2012)

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

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs.
Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.
Arthur West
(503)-351-5054

Lost

... good riding weather.

Wanted

Steely-eyed motorcyclists who want to continue to ride free. Come to *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* meetings. Make a difference.

Found

... people and reasons to be thankful.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play. Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.
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news@abateoforegon.net

Contact: **(503)-838-6893 (V)**
or
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. Member Ads
P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 5603 SW Hood avenue; Portland, OR 97239 ATTN: Gunny

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

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

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

How would you like to receive your state newspaper?
 Print version mailed to your address.
 Download PDF version from state web site at:
<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

Membership Rates:					
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	Lifetime	\$300			

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

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







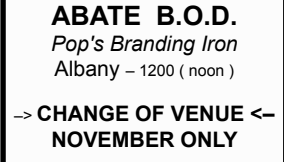


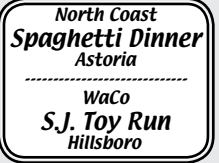


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How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments:

November 2012

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	(autumn)			1	2	3 
4 Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (noon) return to real time (standard time resumes)	5	6  4th quarter moon Lincoln County – 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City – 1900 (7 pm) ----- Salem – 1900 (7 pm) election day	7	8	9	10 
11 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)  Veterans Day	12 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	13  new moon	14	15 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	16	17 
18 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	19	20  1st quarter moon Jackson County 1830 (6:30 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	21 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	22 thanksgiving	23	24
25	26 Washington Co 1930 (7:30 pm)	27	28  mourning moon	29	30	

STATE BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, 10 Nov 2012

1200 (noon)

Pop's Branding Iron
 901 Pacific boulevard
 Albany, Oregon

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From a leather vest at a meal shared,
 An artificial red poppy stared,
 Its story was explained,
 A legacy regained,
 A nation still remembered and cared.

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Have A Smart Phone?

QR code for Oregon
 A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



(If your cell phone
 can't handle things like
 QR codes,
 reassure it that it's
 just as good as other
 phones in its own
 special way.)

2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
 BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
03 Nov 2012	Biker night / Hub City	Lebanon	(541)–926–2161
17 Nov 2012	Spaghetti Dinner & Auction / NC	Astoria	(503)–325–3566
17 Nov 2012	Stan Johnston Toy Run / WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)–459–7912
01 Dec 2012	Shriner Toy Run / SE-PDX	Portland	(503)–255–5415
08 Dec 2012	ABATE Annual Meeting	Albany	
08 Dec 2012	Toy Run / North Coast	Seaside	
— 2013 —			
26 Jan 2013	Crab Dinner / Lower Columbia	Clatskanie	
	S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE	Salem	
	Spring Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Portland	
	May Motorcycle Awareness Rallies	Salem, statewide	
09–12 May 2013	N.C.O.M. convention	Reno, Nevada	
	Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	

CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)–504–1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	The Zen; 1969 SE Stephens; Roseburg	(541)–637–5552
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)–928–2536
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	(anywhere we feel like it)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion; Jackson & Front streets; Medford	(541)–
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–474–3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–728–4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)–298–5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem	(503)–393–1404
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–665–2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)–597–0300