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OCTOBER 2008

New A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Forming Welcome Lower Columbia



Plank owners of the newly forming Lower Columbia Chapter (LoCo) pose after their initial meeting on 30 August (8-08) in front of non-existent locomotive. (loco) ("It's only a model." – "Shh!")

The group meets on the third Saturday of each month at 1300 (1 p.m.) in Big Guy's Restaurant and Lounge located in Clatskanie, Oregon. (Near where highway 47 joins 30 west of Rainier/Longview.)

Galea, Galea, Galea, Est, Est, Est (A Helmet Is A Helmet Is A Helmet)



On September 9, 2008, Tim Taylor, a *Twin Rivers Chapter* member, visited scenic Walla Walla to challenge a helmet regulation violation. He was cited by a Washington state police patrolman who had an attitude against bikers.

After trying to cite Tim for various other violations that were completely bogus, the patrolman settled on one that was truly bizarre but familiar to us: he cited Tim for violating the state's helmet law.

Fortunately for Tim, the Washington state legislature revised its helmet regulation so that it reads like Oregon's: hard outer shell, inner lining, chin strap and *D.O.T.* sticker.

Although the cop claimed that Tim's helmet was a "novelty" helmet, Tim appeared in court and explained the situation and the legal definition to the judge. The judge agreed with Tim and dismissed the violation.

Congratulations to Tim for taking the time to challenge this ridiculous ticket. He showed guts and determination in fighting for his rights, something too few of us are willing to do.

I told him that he should go to law school.

-- Spike

**the REAL
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(last month's printing was only a test)

Elections, Elections Everywhere (and all we have to do is act)

National, Regional

You have one month to decide the course of our nation, state, and communities. This is a time of intense activity politically.

Are you involved yet?

It's still not too late.

Exhausted election staff workers will welcome any help you can give them and candidates will be grateful for your efforts on their behalf well beyond the elections.

Do your part for the greater good of motorcyclists everywhere.

You'll be proud of yourself.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

This is a year of change for our organization.

In an effort to encourage more members to become involved and to make the transition into officer positions less traumatic, state officer elections are being moved to October so that newly-elected officers have two months of job shadowing to help ease them into their new duties. Many chapters are making similar changes.

Elections will take place at this month's state board meeting on the second Saturday at the *Eagle's Lodge* in Albany. A "mini-S.T.E.A.M." will be held the following weekend at the state planning session in Cottage Grove to acquaint newly elected officers with their duties.

If you've ever considered getting involved at a higher level in *A.B.A.T.E.*, this is an ideal time to take that next step.

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What We're About

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

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

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A.T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Presents
11th Annual Teddy Bear Poker Run
October 4, 2008

Group ride beginning at the Blackhorse Saloon
26245 Arroyo Blvd.
Bend, Oregon
(503) 323-4370

Time:
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Ride begins

The Teddy Bears will be awarded by all Central Oregon area hospital emergency rooms.

\$1,000 hand with a brand new Teddy Bear
\$200 hand on Teddy Bear/Paper Prizes and \$150 Raffle

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Josephine County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
Presents
TOY RUN 2008
October 5th @ 11:00 AM
Josephine County Fair Grounds, Grants Pass

Benefiting Siskiyou Community Health Center's
-Project Baby Check & Ready Set Go-
And the Wolf Creek Parenting Center

This is our Fifth Annual Toy Run
The goal is to support the youth of Josephine County.
There are winners who need your generosity to Christmas.
Let's have fun for the most generous year!

Staging 11:00 am at the Fair Grounds
Ride through Grants Pass 12:00 NOON
Several fun Raffle Companies will be on site. We'll have a lot to be raffled

BBQ, Music, and Raffles 1:00 PM

Prize for the best decorated bike.
Prize for the best decorated car.

The Chapter will provide dogs and burgers. There is no need to ride, so please support us by bringing a new unwrapped toy and if you plan to stay and eat please bring a potluck dish.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

**All Motorcycle
Fall Swap Meet**

An Indoor/Outdoor Event
At the Astoria, 1999 102 37th Drive, Portland, OR

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Admission:
\$1 ABATE Member and \$4 Non-Member

Raffle Drawing
Sponsored by Starburst Luggage

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

Parking is designated areas only - The price of any kind allowed

Swap Meet Coordinator Patricia Carter - for vendor information
contact 503-473-8765 or e-mail patriciab@abateoforegon.net

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from the Swap Meet go to support the organization's activities.

For more information on the Swap Meet or to become a member, please contact the organization at 503-473-8765 or visit our website at www.abateoforegon.net

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Support the Meet... That's the Best! April 2008

Your Voice Is Important

Come to the
**A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC
planning session**
Help plan and guide our efforts
in safety and education

18-19 October 2008

V.F.W. Hall
3160 Hillside Drive
Cottage Grove, Oregon
(I-5 exit 170 from north)

North Coast Chapter of ABATE presents the

Astoria
**Spaghetti Dinner
& Auction** Saturday
November 22nd, 2008
Moose Lodge
421 7th Street
Astoria, OR
5:00 to 8:00 pm

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5:00-8:00 pm

Adults \$10.00
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Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. is gearing up for the 11th Annual Teddy Bear Run. We are in the final stages of getting all the bugs worked out for the run on the 4th of October 2008. We have got the shirt print ready to go to the printer and get the shirts made up with the sponsors and get them ready for sale.

Thanks to Janet . . . (no that's not right.) A really big *thank you* to Janet for the art work again. Janet has been doing the *Burly Bear* design for us for the last three years and this year is the fourth. It will be a "must-have" shirt.

It is getting darker earlier now. It is a good time to make sure that all your lights on the bike are in good working order. I believe that a good head light is of the most importance, even during the day. In fact I ride with my high beam on just to be seen. (Hopefully.)

During my travels lately I have noticed that some bikes are hard to see. It seems that either the head light is burned out or that it is not functioning properly. But it is the first line of defense in letting the cars

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and other motor vehicles see you when you are heading towards them.

Well as hard as it is to believe, I believe Forest Gump said it best: "That's all I have to say about that!"

And with that I say ride safe and hopefully you all can make the

Teddy Bear Run and if not, try for next year?

Jay Bird
coordinator

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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



Thank you to everyone who helped make *S.O.S.* a success! We are looking forward to next year, early planning and an even better run. For those of you who missed it, you missed a good time with our *A.B.A.T.E.* family and friends. The weather was beautiful and the event was better than ever. As always, a good time was had by all.

Again, thank you to everyone who jumped in and worked hard to make it happen, and for those who supported with their attendance.

Douglas County Chapter and the *S.O.S.* crew!

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

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[Ver cruxity of editor used to think writing was fun and now c.o.e. knows why there are so many embittered english teachers.]

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



“I used to think . . . and now I know . . .”

This was one of the assignments in a creative writing class I took. We were to complete this statement by writing about a life experience that brought us to an unexpected life lesson, unexpectedly taking us back to being a beginner at something. Since I am a new rider (recently rode my 3,200 nd mile) I have recently had

many of these “unexpected lessons” that I can share.

I used to think that riding was all about getting from point A to point B, and now I know that the getting there is much more fun than the arriving!

I used to think that wearing leather all over was just some fashion thing bikers did, and now I know leather is a safety necessity!

I used to not even think about paint

stripes on the road, and now I know to avoid them whenever safely possible.

I used to think that bikers were bikers, and now (thanks to A.B.A.T.E.) I know lots of people from all walks of life, who ride every kind of motorcycle, for every kind of reason. Diversity – that’s what A.B.A.T.E. is about.

When you talk to someone who is considering getting their first motorcycle or considering joining A.B.A.T.E., what do you tell them? Do you build on their enthusiasm, encourage them, show them the ropes and help them to see the fun and freedom of riding through your eyes? Do you describe the benefits that A.B.A.T.E. membership has brought to you and your friends and the benefits to Oregon riders at large? As you talk about the reasons that you ride what you ride and why you are a member of A.B.A.T.E., aren’t you getting worked up all over again? That’s when you are a beginner, remembering the newness of riding and joining A.B.A.T.E. The

conversations you have with new riders and prospective A.B.A.T.E. members can reconnect you to your joy of learning, the joy of beginning.

Feels good, right?

Being a beginner can lead you to think in new ways and see new things. As adults, we sometimes shy away from being a beginner, maybe because we think we should already know what to do all the time or fear that we might look goofy or fear that we’ll make a mistake. But think about it – as a biker you do new things a lot: ride on different roads, ride with different people, get new pipes/

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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Albany

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



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JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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We are almost finished with the final paperwork and bills from *Beaver Creek*.

It was fun, the weather was not the greatest but it's Oregon and we love it here.

I was in hopes of having the winners of the games to post for all to see but that hasn't happened

By the time this arrives in your homes the *Traveling Memorial Wall* will be history and gone from Lincoln county. I do hope a lot of the members of *A.B.A.T.E.* were able to take the time and escort the wall. We are excited to be included in this wonderful venture.

We have one road clean up scheduled and then we figure the rains will come. It's already very cool at night here so it's not far away.

We do have a couple of projects in the fire and will need to really get working on them.

This will be a short article as not much has transpired since

Beaver Creek. We have done the clean up and buttoning down the stores for the winter, so it is wind down time for us.

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



Our road captain has got one final day ride planned for us and we go rain or shine. We will then know how many bikers we have and how many fair weather riders.

Be safe, ride carefully and enjoy what good weather is left.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie
treasurer

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

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 1 p.m.

The meeting was held on the deck of *Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge*.

Began with [state] coordinator Matt Price speaking on safety and sharing some of his experiences. Also discussions on billboard ads, social event, charities, poker runs, camp outs, etc. and the fees for insurance. It was noted that 10% of proceeds go to *Team Oregon*.

Don Vittetoe asked about the fee to transfer from another chapter.

To transfer is free.

To add a chapter is \$5.

For more information call Linda Henderson.

In case of a crash, Sam Hawkford is the advocate for bikers.

It was voted unanimously to hold our chapter meetings on the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at *Big Guy's*.

The [state board] meetings in Albany are on the second Saturday of each month at 12 p.m. (The state representative will get 35 cents per mile for travel.)

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



Nominations were made and officers were voted on as follows:

Coordinator – Dave Bridges

Vice-coordinator – Willy Brown

Secretary – Laura Mohar

Treasurer – Bruce Holt

State representative – Jeannie Holt

It was suggested that we also elect a products person and a public relations representative.

There is a meeting [of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)*] on September 19th in Eugene and the *End Of Summer Run*.

Remember - the *Thunder Press*

**Welcome to
our newest
chapter !**

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Saturdays at 1300 (1 pm)

Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge
address

Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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



With summer winding down, A.B.A.T.E. doesn't.

We have runs, elections, a swap meet, R.S.P. classes, and even a senior ride.

Oh and don't forget Christmas fund raisers to plan for.

Let's start on a good note. Some of you may know Chuck Jenson. He was *North Coast Chapter's* state representative in the past. Chuck was feeling under the weather for quite a while. He went in for a five-bypass surgery and the doctors told him he would feel better than he has in 25 years. If you know Chuck, look out.

Chuck is a member of our sister chapter, *Pacific County, Washington A.B.A.T.E.*

Also on September 27th, *Pacific County* had their *8th Annual Fall Poker Run*. I've participated in this run the last two years and it's one of my favorites. Starts in Naselle, Washington at the *Hunter's Inn*. (9 to 10 a.m. sign in.) It works the Castle Rock area and ends up in South Bend, Washington. If I was a betting man I'd put money down that there was a Chuck sighting.

Another chapter on the edge of our stomping grounds is *Washington County*. September 19th, through 21st they planned another fun time at *E.O.S. (End Of Summer Run)* at Birkenfeld. I hear clowns and pirates were invited.

So what's happen' at *North Coast*?

We are joining the state by having earlier elections, so all you *North Coast* members need to show up and help fill all the positions needed to keep this chapter alive.

The senior ride at *Clatsop Retirement Village* was changed from August 17th to September 14th at 10 a.m. This was a kick last year and I don't see why this year should have been any different. I will have a rousing report next month.

Laird has been working with *Team Oregon* on R.S.P. training. On October 17th through 19th, *Team Oregon* will be in Astoria for training. Members who took the class last year said the tune-up was worth the effort. Who said old dogs can't learn new

tricks?

Contact Laird early at (503)-325-2087.

There will also be beginner classes. We can't leave the state out of our "to-do" list.

October 12th is the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* swap meet. Volunteering is a must to keep the state solvent. (And off the chapters behinds.)

I will be coordinating the cleanup crew. If this sounds like your cup of tea, please contact me at (503)-325-4376.

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

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

Children are welcome

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



August 19, 2008

We had one of our candidates speak to the group tonight – Mike Ahern, democrat for house district 59. He spoke and took questions and comments.

We reviewed the board of directors meeting and the chapter was quite dissatisfied with the financial affairs and wants to pursue a better resolution than has been presented.

We had no membership drawing due to lateness and we replaced our 50/50 with a raffle of a generously donated glass paperweight from Chris Hucke. Deb won it.

— Brian

September 2, 2008

We were pleased to have our State Chair, Matt Price, in attendance at tonight's meeting. He joined right in on our discussions and I hope he enjoyed coming out to see us. It was a small meeting. I suppose members were out enjoying the absolutely wonderful weather. We had moderate temp and no wind, and that is very rare here, indeed.

Richard Misener brought cookies and his new-to-him '92 *Gold Wing*. Wow! This bike is beautiful, well kept and loaded. Richard is obviously very pleased. At the end of the meeting (dark thirty), we got to see

the light show when he turned on the parade gear.

We heard about some fine riding that folks have been doing. We also took advantage of Matt being here to let him know our feelings about matters at the state level.

We did not do a 50/50.

Sharon Thomas would have won the membership drawing for \$50 if she had been present. It will be \$55 next meeting.

Bob Boynton won a tee shirt for correctly identifying the bike on the agenda as a 1963 *Greeves* with a 247 cc *Villiers* engine.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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Meeting called to order by Panhead Ric at 7 p.m.

We had four guests: John, Mel, Ted, and Jayme from the Jeff Merkley campaign. Jayme informed us that Jeff lacks name recognition. Salem will target this campaign with a lawn sign effort.

Heidi, our state representative reported on the state board meeting held in Newport and we voted on the upcoming issues.

Rick gave a treasury report: \$220 in checking \$70 in cash. Joye, the state treasurer, was in attendance to help bring the chapter up to speed on our reports.

Elections are coming up fast.

Have you looked at the upcoming voters guide? You can get a preview by going to the secretary of state election division and look for the military / overseas version.

Hope you made it to Eugene for the governors advisory committee on motorcycle safety.

You and your rights are under attack. Cannot stress this enough that with the increase in fatalities nationwide and also in Oregon.

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



We are in for a battle in the upcoming session of the legislature.

Team Oregon will be losing three of the training sites. They are seeking our help in locating new ones. Deteriorating conditions of the sites has forced them to give up some of the sites. Salem is also looking for a similar site to hold a *Battletrax* event. Any where in the state would get a look over and we do not need to meet the same critical standards.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

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

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



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S.E. Portland MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



Okay, I have already stated this multiple times, however nobody seems to want to actually listen to me for whatever reason. So I will repeat myself one last time.

I absolutely will not coordinate the swap meet – ever.

I will, however, assist. Period.

Okay now, since we have already had the spring swap meet, I am curious despite my bitching about it a moment ago, how you all thought it went?

I mentioned in last months issue that we as a chapter are hurting.

Well, that has not changed.

Please come to the chapter

meetings. (Second and fourth Sundays at 1300.)

We need your help – drastically!

Hope all of you enjoyed the spring/summer riding seasons despite all of the damned rain. (Typical Oregon weather, at least the western side of the state.)

Enough for now.

See you all down the road somewhere,

Wheels
recording secretary
Twin Rivers Chapter
jmbetts@hotmail.com
(503)-636-6807 - (home)
(971)-285-6523 - (mobile)

Brothers and sisters of *Twin Rivers Chapter*,

We have a problem with our chapter membership.

It's declining rapidly.

We think we know where part of the problem may be coming from, but I won't go into that right now.

We are all part of this organization to fight for a cause and still have fun at the same time.

We need members to come to the meetings and take an active part. Don't just sit back and watch your chapter go under.

We are currently experimenting in different meeting locations.

Come to the meetings and tell us if you approve or if you would rather

meet elsewhere. Whatever it takes to draw our members back, plus those who let their membership drop but would be willing to rejoin if the meeting place was changed.

We all know that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* as a whole is going through some tough times right now with membership dropping right and left. Let's build our chapter back up and not become just another failed statistic.

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TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

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

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

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<http://www.twinriversabate.org>

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
(503)-643-4725

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P.O. Box 202
Cornelius, OR 97113

CHAPTER REPORT NOT RECEIVED

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

The *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* meeting opened with another scramble for a flag prior to our pledge of allegiance. Rick's notebook was the only thing available with a flag on the cover – so guess what – I got to be the flag bearer this time instead of Anne.

Jeff then read the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement.

We had several guests at this months meeting: Joseph and Amy Sullivan II (looking at becoming new members), and Roberta Wright.

We also had a special guest speaker: Rebecca Duffy from the *American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network's Fight Back Express Bus*. She was looking for biker support to ride with the bus as it travels through our area. Our chapter made plans to get all of the different riding groups together to help her meet her goal to get the word out. The total miles the bus will travel will be around 25,000 miles. (See web site for details at <http://www.acscan.org/>) August 26 the bus came from Bend to Salem, on the 27th it was in Eugene, and

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

then headed for California. Hopefully we had a great turnout.

Jeff, our chapter coordinator, updated chapter on the Coen's ad debacle where we somehow missed having his ad in our newsletter for several issues. It is being taken care of by doing a front page apology, etc. and giving him a break on next year's ad.

Jeff also reviewed the *Beaver Creek Run* that several in our chapter attended. They really have their act together. Looks like most of the *Lincoln County Chapter* is totally involved. They did a great job, one heck of a run.

Rick had a couple fliers on some upcoming events:

National Coalition of Motorcyclists region I meeting and seminar: Saturday, October. 25 th, 2008 at Sacramento, California; *Fall Casino*

Night flier, and the *S.O.S. Run* flier.

Vice-coordinator Michael said we will discuss the *Fall Casino Night* and Wendy will review it under chapter activities.

Later Michael brought up the bicycle helmet issue (bill introduced by state senator Floyd Prozanski, a longtime bicycling advocate from Eugene) and the fact there was so much outcry against it, that it should be a "freedom of choice". He compared what the local *Register Guard* newspaper had to say versus their opinions some time ago on the motorcycle helmet issue and that it shouldn't be a "freedom of choice" matter. Just the opposite for bicyclists. After all, it is Eugene: pro bicycle and anti-motorcyclist.

Rod reviewed the high points of the state board meeting. Rod reviewed the reasons for the travel reimbursement

guidelines debacle and updating. Seems someone decided to take advantage of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s trust in individuals when traveling on *A.B.A.T.E.* business.

Nomination of state officers has started. All will be in the next state newsletter.

Rod offered the following items from the state board meeting for review by the chapter:

- *Team Oregon* classes and having

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WILAMETTE VALLEY**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way; Springfield

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Rod Hatter

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

13 September 2008 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, state coordinator, at 12:15 p.m. with 12 of 12 chapters represented. All chapters except *Twin Rivers* (due to treasurer reporting noncompliance – 120 days no report) were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Vickie O'Donnell (*Southeast Portland Chapter*), Murge (*BikePAC's* new membership secretary), Chris (*Douglas County*), Kat (*Hub City Chapter*).

Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) to accept minutes from August state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Nic stated that there were newsletters from other states available for anyone who

wanted to see them. Also there were a couple of mailings from the state of Oregon for our legislative director to be reviewed.

Nic also stated that he is supposed to have copies for every chapter and officer in his files and has repeatedly asked for information but has not received anything. This makes it impossible to do his job as secretary when he does not have things that are needed to do his job. These copies needed are to be kept on file with the state secretarial materials regarding our operations and how we conduct our business.

Coordinator comments: (Matt Price) We are faced with many assaults against our liberties in the upcoming elections. We are faced with many choices in the elections of candidates and *A.B.A.T.E.* does not endorse any candidates. Stated that we need to support those who support us by putting up lawn signs and working for these candidates who support us will make them remember



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

us and who helped them get elected.

Vice coordinator–north: (Heidi Disrud) Reported that Vic Gilliam will support and sign on to change the helmet law.

Vice coordinator–south: (Annette Murray) Reported that the *S.O.S. Run* was a great time. Said that she did not have anything else at this time.

Vice coordinator–east: (Gene Mortimore) Reported that he went to the local A.T.V. park and spoke with the Morrow county planner and assistant planner. They have a 9,000 acre A.T.V. park and that they applied for a grant from the state of Oregon for a toilet/shower facility but were turned down. They asked if we could support them by writing a letter to the state in this matter. Gene stated that this was a good way for us to get support by assisting others in issues who we can support.

A motion (see motion #1, 13

September 2008) was made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) and seconded by Vickie O'Donnell (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) that "A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon write a letter in support of facilities being built at the Morrow county four-wheel park". A copy of the flyer requesting this support was given out. Voting then took place and the motion passed unanimously (11-0). Nic, state recording secretary, was instructed to write this letter.

Gene also reported that we may have a new chapter being formed in the area.

Treasurer: (Joye "Grace" Howell) Reported that we have \$17,400.57 in checking, \$15,261.10 in savings for a total of \$32,661.67. Asked if we could change the way we use the savings by switching to a C.D. (certificate of deposit) which would earn us greater interest (4.25% versus 0.75%). It was decided that this fell under the purview of how the treasurer handles the business of the office. Also reported that we still have \$1,950 from *Southeast Portland* for *Team Oregon* container that has not

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been issued but the container has been paid for and wanted to know what to do. Patricia Carner (education director) reported that A.B.A.T.E. still owed *Team Oregon* for the set up of needed materials to go with the container and it was decided to get this money to *Team Oregon* for this purpose.

Brian Stovall stated that *River City* has voiced their dismay that all of the *Fossil* receipts aren't in yet and that this is making reporting incomplete and inaccurate. Gene Mortimore asked if the deposit of \$60 for the phone was received yet and Grace stated that she knew nothing about any deposit refund. *River City* requested that the coordinator appoint Heidi and Gene, as vice-coordinators, per our by-laws, to assist Grace in getting the books in order for the next board of directors meeting. Matt Price asked Gene and Heidi about assisting Grace and Heidi stated that she would work with Grace and Gene agreed to assist Grace in checking into the issue with the phone company deposit. Grace reported that problems have arisen that have held things up and hoped that this would take care of the problem regarding the books.

Membership secretary: (Linda Henderson) Reported that we currently have 1,684 members with about 100 about to expire. Reported that we now have a new chapter, *Lower Columbia Chapter*, which has 17 members at present. This gives us a new total of 1,701 current members.

Congratulations to our new chapter, *Lower Columbia Chapter*, and welcome.

Sanctioning Officer: (Matt Price and committee) Reported that all runs through October are done. Lee Austin reported that there will no longer be a *Summer Run*. It was reported that the *Summer Run* insurance papers were not received in time and that the papers had to be picked up directly from the insurance agent. Matt stated that this is probably due to a bad e-mail address as the paperwork was sent out in plenty of time. Also pointed out that if there is no current e-mail address that is any good then the paperwork

is sent by U.S. postal service and this may have been the reason for the delay. It was noted that the insurance papers were received but not until after the run. Matt stressed the need for all form submissions to be legible with a current address and e-mail address so that this stuff can be sent right away via e-mail. If there is not an e-mail address then things have to be sent by surface mail and this may cause delays and there is nothing that he can do.

State auditor: (B.J. Speck) Absent. No report. Robert Hale asked about her attendance and Nic looked through the records and found that her attendance has been regular, with a couple of excused absences. When Randy Phipps was asked about this, as he sponsored her appointment by the board of directors, he stated that he was not responsible for someone else's actions and everyone agreed with that statement. It came out that Deb Ross may still have the auditor stuff. The state treasurer reported that she has received nothing from the auditor and that may be due to the auditor not having the materials. Grace also reported that the *Fossil* t-shirts have been paid for. Matt Price stated that before any officer is elected it behooves us to be sure that they have the equipment and the time and attendance to be an officer in A.B.A.T.E.

Newspaper editor: (Rot Path) Rot Path thanked everyone for getting their reports in on time this last month. Reports are still needed from *Josephine County*, *Douglas County*, *Southeast Portland*, and *Washington County*. It was pointed out that the September issue had the wrong edition of the by-laws and Rot Path promised that the October issue would have the most current by-laws in it.

Rot Path reported that pirate gear is available at the renaissance faire in Kings Valley, which is actually the *Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire* event. When asked about the cost of the state newspaper, he reported that it cost \$1,547.09 for the September issue, which is a big savings over past months. Reported that we are saving between \$300-\$500 a month due to the format change. Rot Path stated

that the ones most responsible for making this change possible were Rotten Roger and Sue Mills. Their assistance made it possible for this new format to work by assisting with setup and other issues. He thanked them very much for all their great work. Rot Path was asked about an ad that Fossil merchants had put in the newspaper and he reported that it was accidentally taken out and that it would be restored in the next edition.

Legislative director: (Quiet Mike) Reported that only three chapter legislative directors were present at this meeting even after his repeated request for all legislative directors contact him and report to this board of directors meeting. This is not the way to get things done. He also reported that *BikePAC* has compiled a guide that will be in the next edition of the state newspaper. (Quiet Mike is also the legislative director for *BikePAC*.) Quiet stated that he doesn't mind working but that he will not do all the work by himself. He stated that legislative work is what this organization is all about and if we want to effect legislative change that we need to get off of our butts and do the work and do not forget it!

Stated that we have a friend in Vic Gilliam and that we need to work on his campaign and ways of doing so were discussed. Brian Stovall stated that *BikePAC* has authorized money to be given to three candidates: Ahern, Thackaberry, and Olson. (Andy, not the Dick.)

Reported on the upcoming *Governor's Advisory Council on Motorcycle Safety* meeting on September 19th at the E.W.E.B. building at 6:30 p.m. He stated that this was a great place to speak on protecting your rights. They will be looking at the Vickie Walker bill about mandatory training for all new motorcycle riders and this may also include existing endorsements needing to be retrained every eight years. It was discussed that this is another form of discrimination towards motorcyclists, as it is well known that Vickie Walker does not like motorcyclists/bikers. He also reported that his personal work has shown that nine of ten people do not like this

bill. Heidi stated that mandatory training is wrong and that *Team Oregon* cannot handle that much extra load at this time.

Matt Price stated that we have to work to make so much noise that they drop it. He also stated that we are again being singled out.

Joe Maffei (*Hub City Chapter*) thanked *BikePAC* for all their work and reported that Andy Olson (not Dick Olsen) spoke at the last *Hub City* meeting and he now supports our requested amendment to the vulnerable user bill. He reported that there will be a group ride to the G.A.C.M.S. in Eugene and you can contact him through the *Hub City* web site for more information.

Quiet Mike then stated that everyone needs to think about why they are a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. We need to make the commitment and be willing to work.

Rot Path stated that educating people is one way to get things done and not just accept things as inevitable.

Yukon made the point that he voluntarily wears a helmet but this is his choice. He doesn't like the law that forces him to do so and that is why he is a member.

Sergeant at arms-north: (Randy Phipps) Reported that he wants all the Portland area chapter sgt-at-arms to contact him regarding the upcoming swap meet. He stated that volunteers are needed to work the event and this is needed *now*. Cannot promise what the schedule will be but will try to accommodate everyone for what times they work the event.

Sergeant at arms-south: (Bill Foster) Stated that his request is the same as Randy's but it applies to the southern region. Everyone please contact him as soon as possible.

Sergeant at arms-east:
(VACANT)

Products director: (Dave Meeker) Absent.

Education director: (Patricia Carner) Reported that *Team Oregon* has been losing sites and is asking for help in finding new sites for training. A.B.A.T.E. has always supported *Team Oregon* and they really need our help, so when we are out riding we need to keep our eyes open for potential sites

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for putting on the classes. The Tillamook area really needs a new site and any area that has a 200 by 300 foot area, without islands in it, in about a 50-mile radius from Tillamook that has a less than five degree slope may work. Other areas were discussed regarding needs and problems.

Reported that at the November board of directors meeting there will be a mimi-S.T.E.A.M. for all officers elected at the October board of directors meeting. This is due to requests and changes that have been implemented. It will take place one hour before the regular meeting at 11 a.m.

Patricia asked that when she sends out an e-mail asking for help or input, please respond. Even if it is a “no” because it feels like she is in a “black hole” and that no one cares what happens. She has been working on Merkley’s campaign and stated that he is a supporter of ours. She also stated that mandatory training for under 18 kids about driving needs to be pushed by all of us to our legislators and schools and everyone else.

Patricia asked that we get better banners for our *M.A.P. (Motorcycle Awareness Program)* This is being looked into, such as a banner that can be rolled up and carried on a bike instead of the wooden ones we now have. She also reported that the kids have positive attitudes about driver’s education after our classes have been taught and that responses from schools, teachers, and others is amazingly high and good about this. The status of bicyclists and helmet use was discussed and it came out that this might be a discriminatory issue in regard to us.

Education director II: (Geoff White) Reported that we now have the opportunity to get our word out there. It is the start of the new school year. Stated that people need to be more creative and that we need to rise to the occasion and teach classes. There are two films available for use. Training for new instructors takes place at every board meeting, one hour before the start of the meeting, if wanted. There are more avenues needed to look into to get us into some schools as some do not have

driver’s education. Health classes and assemblies may be avenues to be explored.

Public relations director: (Debra Lutje) Reported that the new *O.N.P.A.* ad is out and generated 65 previously and up to 99 total hits on our state web site. Stated that this ad is not just about membership but reaching the public about the stereotyping. The new TV show, *The Sons of Anarchy*, was discussed and this discussion put out the idea that this is just a TV show and typical Hollywood stereotyping. When asked about the cost effectiveness of the *O.N.P.A.* ad a pretty heated discussion at times ensued. It was pointed out that, just going by the hits on the web site, that this comes to about \$13 per hit and no income generated by it. Debra pointed out that this ad is more than about membership or money but about people being aware of us and this part is difficult to track.

State run coordinator (Fossil): (Howie Long) Reported that Bear Hollow is too small for motor homes and bikes at the same time. Said that we need to look into the possibility of Bear Hollow being for bikes only with possibly only one support vehicle per chapter being there. Suggested that Shelton Wayside, which is just about three to four miles up the road, being used for motor homes or they can get space in town or from private landowners in the area. He would like the chapters to discuss this issue and for it to be looked at when we have our October planning session. He did point out that the last planning session was very good for him in getting information. He also stated that we now have a commitment for Bear Hollow for the next five years at \$500 a year, about half of the previous year’s cost.

Suggested that we get some signs to put at each end of the run to invite riders in and suggested that maybe the planning session could look into this. He committed to continue to look into the money issues and making things work better next year.

State run coordinator II: (Jeff Schuaer) Reported that he is new to this but the he will be working with Gene and Howie to do things different and better next year. Gene

Mortimore was praised for all that he does for the *Fossil Run* and Gene committed to helping out next year, but, only on the east side of the mountains (this got a big laugh). Jeff said that he would take care of the other side of the mountains.

State swap meet coordinator: (William Sanders) Reported that because of all the problems and interference with his work this year, he has stepped aside and allowed others to take over. Patricia Carner has stepped up and taken charge, through appointment of the executive board. She reported that she has been trying to get vendors for the swap meet and some have responded with money. She has received good responses for the swap meet. Reported that the flyers are out and have been sent to chapter representatives to help distribute to their areas and sent in for the state newspaper. The event is listed in *Thunderpress*. Thanks to all for their help in this. She pointed out that there is a new edition of the flyer out which is only part of the size of the standard flyer. These will work better in some instances as they are easier to put on refrigerators, walls, etc. without being so bulky. Postcards are going out to all previous attendees who completed a drawing form with address. Please take flyers and postcards for distribution.

Historian: (Linda Marteney) Absent.

Web page editor: (Trace Ceccacci) Reported that the new laptops are done and have been distributed. He also reported that there have been some problems with materials to be posted on the state web site not being sent/received in a timely manner, or not in a format that he can use. He also stated that if he doesn’t receive any information about an event then he is unable to put it on the web site. He said that if an event is to be put on the web site that it needs to be in electronic format and to send this information to the web master on the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* web site. Once this information is received, he will wait for confirmation from the sanctioning officer, then he will put it on the web site immediately.

Randy Phipps reported that he has received stuff that does not have a

return address on it and Trace stated that the sender has to put their address in manually or it will not be part of the forwarded message. There is a spot in the message-forwarding center just for that. He said that he would be sending out an e-mail to all officers regarding the giving out of their e-mail addresses.

Grace brought up the topic of extended warranties and should we get them. This is at a cost of \$229 per computer for two additional years, but only if purchased before 24 September 2008, when the cost will go up to \$299 per computer.

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) Robert opened with a request for people to vote for him in the upcoming elections. (This generated good natured joking and laughs.) The report included news on the state equipment used by the Portland chapters for their run and the needed work on the equipment. The stage floor needs replacing due to a couple of people getting their bikes on the stage and doing “burn-outs”. The gentlemen responsible have been contacted and have committed to pay for repairing the stage. The canopy was found on the ground and needs to be cleaned and rewaterproofed. Yukon remarked that he had caught the two men with their bikes on the stage and told them to stop and that Matt Hobbs had been the one to contact them about the issue and the necessary repairs. He also spoke on the canopy and that he was instructed to take it down and complied with the request. It was suggested that *Southeast Portland* and *Twin Rivers* pitch in to take care of the canopy. Lee Austin said that Rusty and Tim Taylor had loaned the stage trailer to the state. At this point Nic Oliver pointed out that this trailer did not belong to anyone else as his mother-in-law had donated the framework and axles from a trailer that she owned to the state and if anyone had a claim to the trailer then it was her.

Gene Mortimore said that he had been in contact with Rotten Roger and that he had asked about the camp equipment and it was reported to be in the *A.B.A.T.E.* locker and in good

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condition. When Robert was asked if he had an inventory list he stated that he did. Gene was instructed to get a copy of this list and a copy turned over to the state secretary for the files and have it available upon request. Robert said that he will take care of this.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Randy Phipps) Reported that the meeting was last Saturday (September 6th) and it was discussed as to whether or not *BikePAC* would continue as an entity due to the lack of participation. Due to twenty-two people showing up for the meeting to support *BikePAC*, which filled the small room the meeting was held in at the Salem library, it was decided that *BikePAC* will continue to exist. The support showed that there were still people interested in the work being done and it was great to see so many people, even though the room was overflowed and some people stood outside in the foyer and watched the meeting through the open door. Various candidates were discussed and their support for our causes was the issue at hand. Sam Hochberg spoke on the callousness of some of the Portland area police officers regarding their own interpretation of the helmet law and to be aware of this. *Wildish Motorcycle Club* had representatives at the meeting and one (Julie) spoke on the issues of nursing as she is a registered nurse. She says that this has helped to change the opinions of a lot of medical staff towards bikers. Julie was thanked profusely for her commitment and assistance as this helps our cause within the medical community regarding their perception of us.

Sam Hochberg spoke on the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* regional meeting in Sacramento, California. He offered to pay for the room at the convention for our representative. Quiet Mike volunteered to go and *BikePAC* authorized \$100 to help cover his expenses for the trip down there.

Brian Stovall is stepping down as executive director and a replacement is needed. Anyone interested should contact Randy or *BikePAC* with a letter of interest that should include

their qualifications.

Murge was voted in as the new membership secretary and she will get the assistance from Mel Yeager in getting settled into the job and getting the necessary help and materials from Randy Comer, who stepped down. Other offices will be coming up for elections soon, including development director and Nic Oliver said that he would not run again as he felt that he was not doing a good enough job.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat Williams) Reported that there was not a meeting in September or October and that the next meeting would be November 2nd at the *N.W. Veterans* clubhouse at 2455 19th street in Salem. Officers meeting is at noon and the regular meeting at 1 p.m. Spoke on the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* seminar on October 25th in Sacramento, California and her interest in attending. The registration deadline is September 25th and the hotel is the *La Quinta* (916)-448-8100 and there is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: (Ray DeMelo) Was at the meeting but had to leave before his report.

Unfinished Business

Tabled motions:

1. From 12 April 2008: Motion by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*) and seconded by Howie Long (*North Coast*) "To change the reimbursement for training to \$75 or 50% of the class whichever is least." Discussion was brief as Jordan said this matter has been discussed enough.

Voting took place and the motion passed: 6 yea, 3 nay, 1 abstention.

2. From 09 August 2008: Motion by Brian Stovall (*River City*), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*): "Add to article 13, B – Whenever amended by-laws are filed with the secretary of state, a hard copy will be sent by the recording secretary by first class mail to each chapter." Discussion ensued with Nic Oliver, state recording secretary stating that although he was in full agreement with the intent of this motion he was against changing the by-laws. He suggested instead to change the guidelines as they are outdated. Brian

then spoke on the history of *A.B.A.T.E.* and how things have changed regarding procedural issues.

Motion was voted on and passed: 6 yea, 3 nay, and 1 abstention.

3. From 09 August 2008: Motion by Brian Stovall (*River City*), seconded by Heidi Disrud (*Salem Chapter*): "All out-of-state travel will be by specific arrangement with and approval by the board of directors. No money will be advanced for any travel. Receipts are required before reimbursement." Discussion ensued and it was pointed out that most of this issue was already addressed in the current policies and procedures. The issue of getting the guidelines and the policies and procedures looked at and updated at the upcoming planning session was discussed.

The motion was tabled.

New Business

- The *M.O.T.M.* (*Meeting of the Minds*) conference in Denver was discussed and the people who asked to go were reviewed. This was because of some confusion as to who was going. Randy Phipps, one approved to go, asked that Ken Ray take his place as he was unable to afford to go and a letter from Ken Ray was presented expressing his desire to attend. This met with no objection. Brian Stovall had removed his name from consideration. The people now going are Howie Long, Patricia Carner, Ted Tracy, and Ken Ray.

- Nic Oliver briefly spoke on the new secretarial manuals and how they contained the most current materials he had available. These manuals were to be picked up by chapter secretaries and executive board officers at this time. Those not picked up by chapters were *Central Oregon*, *Twin Rivers*, *Douglas County*, *Hub City*, *Lincoln County*, *River City*, and *Willamette Valley*. These will be mailed to those chapter secretaries via first class mail. (With the exception of *Hub City* as Nic is the chapter representative and will take it to the chapter personally.)

- Nominations continued at this time for state officer positions. Some nominations were declined and others accepted. The ones that declined expressed that they may not accept but haven't decided yet. It was

decided that maybe they could be convinced to continue in the office they now held or be convinced to accept the nomination.

Accepted nominations

Coordinator – Jordan Kelley
Vice coordinator–north – Heidi Disrud
Vice coordinator–south – Annette Murray
Vice coordinator–east – Gene Mortimore
Treasurer – Joye (Grace) Howell
Sergeant at arms–north – Randy Phipps
Sergeant at arms–south – Bill Foster
Sergeant at arms–east – Jim Middleton
Products director – Dave Meeker (he called Nic on 14 September and accepted and will follow up with a letter or personal acceptance at the next state board)
Public relations – Debra Lutje
State run coordinator (*Fossil*) – Howie Long
State run coordinator II – Gene Mortimore
State swap meet coordinator – Willie Sanders, Patricia Carner
Historian – Linda Marteney, Joye (Grace) Howell
Sanctioning officer – Matt Price
Web page editor – Trace Ceccacci
Quartermaster – Robert Hale
A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Randy Phipps
Confederation of Clubs representative I – Patricia Williams
Confederation of Clubs representative II – Janie Wagner, Kay Simple, Ray DeMelo (by proxy and letter)
Still needing nominations (currently have no accepted nominations)
State auditor
Recording secretary
Education director I and II
Legislative director

The following nominees may need convincing:
Recording secretary – Nic Oliver (Said "no" but may be convinced to stay)
Education director I – Patricia Carner (Said "not yet")
Education director II – Geoff White (Said "not yet")

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Legislative director – Quiet Mike (Said “no” but may be convinced to stay)

All Officer positions will accept nominations up to the time for the vote at the next state board meeting.

New Motions

1. Made by Pat Williams (*Confederation of Clubs* representative), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) “To send the CoC representatives I and II to attend the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* region I seminar on Saturday, October 25, in Sacramento, California. Hotel rate is \$69, no registration fee, no banquet fee. Airfare ranges between \$69-116 each way. Approximate cost of \$338-350 per person. If someone rides their bike, I don’t know the mileage.” Much discussion ensued regarding this because of the last conference problems.

Voting took place and the motion failed: 1 yea, 5 nay, with 5 abstentions.

2. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*): “To clarify travel documented by Ray DeMelo with actual receipts and ask for any excess payment to be returned to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.” This generated a discussion on how travel expenses were supposed to be handled and the history of travel expenses.

Voting took place and the motion passed: 6 yea, 1 nay, with 4 abstentions.

3. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City*): “To remove Willie Sanders as swap meet coordinator and accept the temporary appointment of Patricia Carner through 2008.” Discussion ensued with Willie Sanders supporting this motion.

Vote taken and motion passed: 10 yea, 1 abstention

4. Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*), seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*): “Buy extended warranties on the three new computers.” Discussion included Trace telling us that the extended warranty would carry past the useful life of the laptops. The computers could last longer if taken care of.

Vote took place and motion failed: 1 yea, 7 nay, with 3 abstentions.

5. Motion made by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*): “Accept the published by-laws, policies, and procedures manual as written until the next planning session. Review the entire manual at that time.” This was in reference to the secretarial manual that Nic had produced for each chapter from the materials that he has in his possession. It was discussed that these guidelines are possibly outdated and need to be looked at carefully and ratified by the board of directors.

Vote took place and the motion passed: 9 yea, 0 nay, with 2 abstentions.

6. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*), seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*): “To send only Pat Williams to region I *N.C.O.M.* conference in Sacramento, California on October 25th.” No discussion was generated.

Vote took place and motion passed: 9 yea, 0 nay, with 2 abstentions.

• The October planning session was discussed and the site set for the *V.F.W.* hall in Cottage Grove. The planning session is scheduled for October 18-19, 2008. The usual schedule is for a get-together the night before (this year October 17) with the session starting at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and ending Sunday afternoon. *Willamette Valley Chapter* has previously provided food for this planning session and will again be

doing so this year. Thank you to *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting: October 11, 2008 at the *Eagles Lodge*, Albany, Oregon at noon.

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

• 14 September 2008: Twin Rivers meeting moved to the *Kitten Club* at 1 p.m.

• 24-29 September 2008: The *Viet Nam Memorial Wall* will be in Lincoln City. It will be erected on the 24th and taken down on the 29th.

• 26-27 September 2008: *Oregon Coast Veterans Association* presents *Run for the Wind Poker Run* in Lincoln City. Contact R.C. Collins at (541)-921-1463 for more information.

• 27 September 2008: *Southeast Portland* and *Twin Rivers* chapters are having a family picnic at Eagle Fern Park in Eagle Creek (just outside of Estacada) from noon until 3 p.m. It will be potluck so please bring a dish to share. There is no charge for this. For more information contact Melinda at (503)-231-2701 or at her e-mail at: melindam@ipns.com Burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided by the chapters.

• 05 October 2008: *Josephine County Toy Run* at the Josephine county fairgrounds. For more information contact Spanky (541)-659-8715 or Pat (541)-832-2219.

Meeting adjourned 1624 hours (4:24 p.m. to all of you civilians)

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Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

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

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

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

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

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. By-laws

(Amended 12 January, 2008)

ARTICLE I – Name

- A. The corporation hereinafter referred to as *A.B.A.T.E.*, is legally known as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* which stands for: *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments* and its duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II – Jurisdiction

- A. *A.B.A.T.E.* shall:
1. Have jurisdiction of all members, chapters and use of name and logo within the state of Oregon.
 2. Maintain equitable relations between all its members and chapters.
 3. Assure the democratic right to assemble, voice opinions and take action on matters of mutual interest to motorcyclists.

ARTICLE III – Purpose

- A. *A.B.A.T.E.* shall be organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare. Subject to the limitations stated in the articles of incorporation, the purposes of this corporation shall be to engage in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporations may be organized under chapter 65 of the Oregon revised statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and 501(c) (4) of the *Internal Revenue* code of 1954 (or its corresponding future provisions).
- B. *A.B.A.T.E.*'s primary purposes shall be:
1. Dedication to freedom of the road.
 2. Education programs to assist all motorcyclists, especially the young and/or novice riders, to reduce accidents and to improve rider skills.
 3. Public awareness programs promoting motorcycling.
 4. Fair motorcycle legislation
- C. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

ARTICLE IV – Organizational structure

- A. The structure of *A.B.A.T.E.* shall consist of the following:
1. Membership.
 2. Chapters.
 3. State board of directors.
 4. Committees.
 5. State executive board.

ARTICLE V – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

- A. There is only one qualification for membership, that being the payment of dues established by the state board of directors. No group or class is required to join. No group or class is denied membership.

Section 2 – Application

- A. Membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* shall be obtained and maintained through application to *A.B.A.T.E.*
- B. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by dues established by the state board of directors and submitted to the state membership secretary.
- C. Memberships are non-assessable, non-transferable, non-assignable, and non-refundable.
- D. Each member will decide which chapter they want to belong to, or may decide to be a member-at-large. (*Indian Creek*)
- E. *A.B.A.T.E.* membership records will remain confidential and will be used *only* for *A.B.A.T.E.* purposes.

Section 3 – Transfer

- A. The transfer of membership from any chapter to the jurisdiction of another chapter, shall be in writing to the state membership secretary.
- B. The transfer of chapter membership must be registered with the membership secretary of the chapter receiving the member and with the state membership secretary to acquire voting rights in the chapter transferred to.

Section 4 – Duties to Members

It shall be the duty of each member of *A.B.A.T.E.* to:

- A. Abide by the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* bylaws.
- B. Conduct him/her self in keeping with the traditions and principles of the organization with respect to his/her fellow members, the community, its laws, and the good name of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*
- C. Bring to the attention of the state board of directors presiding officer any activity that is not in the best interest of *A.B.A.T.E.*

Section 5 – Termination of membership

- A. Membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* will be terminated upon death, written request from the member, non-payment of dues, theft of *A.B.A.T.E.* assets or by decision of the state board of directors.

Section 6 – Annual Meeting

- A. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held at the same time as the planning session, after October board of directors meeting but before the November board of directors meeting and at the

conclusion of the planning session, with the date, time and place to be determined by the board of directors.

1. Notice of such meeting, describing the date, time and place, shall be delivered to the membership by means of the newsletter, not less than thirty (30) day prior to the annual meeting.
2. The board of directors is authorized to set an alternative date, time and place for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI – Chapters

Section 1

To receive a charter as a chapter in *A.B.A.T.E.* a group must:

- A. Have ten (10) paid-up members.
- B. Elect from those paid-up members a coordinator, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary and one (1) state representative.
- C. Make application to the state board of directors for a charter.

Section 2

To remain as a chapter in *A.B.A.T.E.* the chapter must:

- A. Abide by the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws, the state guidelines for forming a new chapter, the *A.B.A.T.E.* financial policies and procedures, the *A.B.A.T.E.* media guidelines, the *A.B.A.T.E.* event sanctioning guidelines, and any other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to chapter operations or the corresponding future provisions of the aforementioned items.
- B. Abide by the decisions rendered by the state board of directors.
- C. Send copies of chapter minutes to the state coordinator within seven (7) days of the chapter meeting.
- D. Ensure the participation of chapter state representatives at state board of directors' meetings, unless excused by the state coordinator.
- E. Submit a monthly chapter report to the state newsletter by the 10th of each month.
- F. Any chapter in noncompliance with any of the aforementioned items for over:
 1. Thirty (30) days, will be put on probationary status.
 2. Sixty (60) days, will not be allowed to vote at the State Board Meeting.
 3. Ninety (90) days, action will be taken to revoke the Chapter's Charter.
- G. The charter of any chapter may be terminated upon receipt of a written request by the chapter's coordinator, delivered by a chapter representative to the state board of directors. The

state board of directors has the final authority in this matter.

ARTICLE VII – Board of directors

- A. The state board of directors will be the governing body of *A.B.A.T.E.* and will meet at a time and place to be determined by the state executive board.
- B. The state board of directors will be composed of one state representative, elected from each chapter, which will constitute the voting membership of the state board of directors.
- C. The term of office for a director is one (1) year.
- D. Director resignations or vacancies will be filled by election by the responsible chapter.
- E. A majority of the state board of directors must be present and eligible to vote, to constitute a quorum.
- F. The state board of directors will use *Robert's Rules of Order* as a guideline to conduct meetings.
- G. Motions brought before the state board of directors which will directly affect the general membership will be referred to the chapters for discussion and voted on at the next state board of directors meeting, unless a delay in voting will cause a disruption in the transaction of business by the organization.
 1. Only a director may bring a motion before the state board of directors.
 2. Any member in good standing may draft or originate a motion.
- H. No director shall receive payment for services rendered/provided to *A.B.A.T.E.*.
- I. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- J. Special meetings of the board of directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the board of directors.
 1. Notice of such meetings, describing the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each director not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, by means of voice, mail or electronic devices.
- K. Any regular or special meeting of the board of directors may allow the usage of telecommunication devices to enable remotely located directors to participate in the meeting, so long as all parties can hear each other.

ARTICLE VIII – Committees

- A. The state board of directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and desirable.

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Such committees may exercise functions of the board of directors or may be advisory committees.

- B. Any committee that exercises any function of the board of directors shall have a minimum of one (1) director or one (1) state officer as part of the committee's composition.
- C. A quorum at a committee meeting exercising board functions shall be a majority of all committee members present before the meeting begins.
- D. No committee may authorize payment of any part of the income or profit of the corporation to its directors or officers; may approve dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge or transfer of all or substantially all of the corporation's assets; may elect, appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or any of its committees; nor may adopt, amend, or repeal the articles, bylaws, or any resolution by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX – State officers

Section 1 – State executive board (required positions)

- A. Coordinator
- B. Vice-Coordinator (1-3 positions, as required)
- C. Treasurer
- D. Membership secretary
- E. Recording secretary
- F. Sanctioning officer

Section 2 – Other officer positions

- A. Other state officer positions, not being executive board positions, may exist or be created as authorized by the state executive board and the board of directors.

Section 3 – Duties

- A. All state officers are to abide by the state officer guidelines, *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws, and any other relevant *A.B.A.T.E.* documents in the performance of their offices.
- B. No state officer shall receive payment for services rendered/provided to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Section 4 – Authority

- A. The state executive board, by simple majority, has the authority to:
 1. Issue statements on the behalf of the organization.
 2. Expend funds.
 3. Take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization.

Section 5 – Elections and vacancies

- A. The election of state officers shall be held at the October meeting of each year by the voting membership of the state board of directors.
- B. The number state officers shall be at

least, but not limited to, five (5).

- C. Vacancies of state officer positions may be filled by appointment by the state coordinator, pending ratification at the next state board meeting, by the state board of directors.

Section 6 – Rules and dates

- A. The nomination and election of state officers shall be conducted under the supervision of the state coordinator. The state coordinator shall have the authority and responsibility to see that nominations are conducted in accordance with these bylaws, with reasonable opportunity for each director to vote.
- B. All questions concerning the conduct and challenges of elections shall be determined by the executive board, subject to the right of appeal by the board of directors.
- C. The term of each elected office shall be one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
- D. The state coordinator will notify the membership prior to September 1st of the election year, that he/she will be receiving nominations for all offices, and that all members eligible to hold office are eligible to be nominated at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- E. Any member in good standing may make a nomination.
- F. The state coordinator shall advise each nominee not eligible for election of the reason he/she is not eligible for nomination. The coordinator shall also obtain assurance from each eligible nominee that he/she will accept the position for which he/she has been nominated.
- G. The nomination of an eligible absentee member can only occur when the absentee member indicates their acceptance of nomination, in writing, to the state coordinator.
- H. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote or hold office.
- I. No elected officer shall qualify to take office unless and until he/she meets the qualifications/requirements, set forth in these bylaws.
- J. All elected officers will assume office on the first meeting in January.
- K. All officers, presiding and newly elected, will work together in a mentoring program till the new officer takes office on January 1st. The mentoring program is to assist/insure the new officer has the training necessary/needed to perform the duties of the office for which they were elected.

- L. Annual planning session to be held after the October board of directors meeting but before the November board of directors meeting. Planning session will include the following:

1. Annual *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* meeting will be held the Saturday night of the two-day planning session, after conclusion of the planning session for the day.
2. An extra board of directors meeting to take place on the Sunday following the annual meeting, after conclusion of the planning session. This will require the attendance by all board of director members to process planning Session issues. These do not include changes to the bylaws that require publication prior to voting, or other matters that need to be taken back to the chapters/membership for discussion/research.

ARTICLE X – Grievances

Section 1 – Procedure

- A. Member complaints, disputes, dissatisfaction, problems and etc., with or about *A.B.A.T.E.*, shall be handled as follows:
 1. The interested parties are urged to talk to each other with a view towards agreement, resolution or compromise.
 2. If necessary, the interested parties can present the issue at hand to the chapter for discussion and possible handling.
 3. If conditions warrant it, the interested parties can request a hearing before the state board of directors.
 4. The state board of directors has the final authority in resolving grievances.

ARTICLE XI – Discipline

Section 1 – Procedure

- A. In the event that a member of *A.B.A.T.E.* acts in such a way as to cause damage to *A.B.A.T.E.*, its' chapters, its' officers, or its' members, a complaint may be lodged with a member of the state executive board.
 1. The state executive board will determine if there is merit to the complaint, and if so, will initiate disciplinary procedure.
 2. Disciplinary actions may be one or more of the following:
 - a. A verbal warning or discussion.
 - b. A written reprimand
 - c. Suspension
 3. The affected member can request a hearing before the state board of

directors.

- 4. The state board of directors has the final authority with regards to disciplinary actions (as per article V, section 5A).

ARTICLE XII – Finances

- A. The fiscal year of *A.B.A.T.E.* shall be January 1st through December 31st.
- B. All funds obtained from membership dues, donations and organizational benefits shall be used for:
 1. Rider and non-rider education.
 2. Distribution or dissemination of organizational information.
 3. Legislative action.
 4. Organizational requirements and general costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any member or officer with the exception of reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to *A.B.A.T.E.* activities authorized by the state board of directors and/or the state executive board.

ARTICLE XIII – Amendments to bylaws

- A. These bylaws may be amended by the board of directors by a majority vote of directors present, if a quorum is present.
- B. Notice of proposed changes to the bylaws must appear in the state newsletter before being voted on by the state board of directors.

Addendum

Articles of Incorporation history:
 established 22 August 1975
 amended 27 September 1984

Bylaw history: established 26 August 1975; ratified 03 January 1977
 amended 09 May 1978; ratified 13 November 1978
 amended October 1993; ratified 01 November 1993
 amended November 1995; ratified 13 January 1996
 amended 04 December 2000; ratified 10 February 2001
 amended 12 January 2008; ratified 12 April 2008

Bylaws effective 12 April 08 as approved by the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* board of directors.

From The . . .

The riding season is winding down for many of us. Of course, if you happen to live in places like Oregon, we mostly ride year 'round. We just have to ride in between the raindrops.

But if your riding season is closing, now is the time to make those all-important tire changes and the other maintenance chores we put off until the last minute.

Always pay close attention to tire wear. I saw tires at some runs this year that sent shudders down my spine. One guy I saw said "Aw, I can get through 'til winter," and I could just about see the air in the tire he was riding on.

Scary stuff!

It's your butt on that tire and maybe someone you care about riding behind ya. Maybe you don't care about what happens to you but what about the folks who care about you?

Just something to think about.

Let's get to the meat and 'taters of this month's *Sack*.

Newsbits-'N-Pieces

Viola, Wisconsin — *SeS Cycle* cut 60 workers just after the company celebrated its 50th anniversary in June. Company president Brett Smith announced the cutbacks. The whole thing is blamed on the economy as it is right now. These are the folks who make high performance engines and other goodies for your big twin scooters.

Expensive Gas And Dangerous Roads — The high cost of filling the tank may have far greater consequences than an empty wallet. With fewer miles driven, fatalities have fallen from auto crashes, but the opposite is true of motorcycles. Scooter crash fatalities have risen a whopping 120%.

Some say it's the changes of helmet laws in many states. Truth is, rising gas prices have caused more folks to go to two wheeled rigs, little scooters and such, along with big motorcycles that newbies have no idea how to navigate. Worse yet, they don't take rider courses and find themselves in trouble with traffic that doesn't see them. Educating the rider has always been the way to go. Education of the cagers isn't a bad idea either, but as the rider, you can at least control your own training.

GUNNY'S SACK

The grim fact is that when a motorcycle crashes, the rider is about 400% more likely to die than in a car wreck. The fatality rate for helmeted motorcyclists has risen more rapidly than it has for un-helmeted riders in the past three years. Maybe that's an argument to dump the helmet requirements in this country. There is a lot more to be said and has been said on that subject, but space is limited here.

Sacramento Rights — This year's west coast *N.C.O.M.* regional conference will be at the downtown *LaQuinta Hotel* on October 25th. It's a free one-day bikers rights conference from the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*. I'll be there and I'll look for ya. The big national convention will be in May, 2009, in Reno. It's always the three days before mother's day. Details in future *Sacks*.

Sturgis, South Dakota — The party in Sturgis this year felt the pinch of fuel costs and several of the businesses there took it in the shorts. Hotel reservations in particular were actually down.

There were fewer street vendors and the population did not swell up as it has in most years past. One report said there were a lot fewer gas-guzzling R.V.'s there, too. *Harley's* 105th anniversary rally might have drawn some away from Sturgis, but the economy was blamed mostly for the slump this year. Business owners said for a bigger *Sturgis Rally* next year, gas prices would have to go down and police enforcement let up, too. Apparently, there was some police harassment last year and that might have affected attendance this year as well.

United Kingdom: Not Very Sporting — The British bobby (their word for local police) is getting real sneaky. They are using unmarked sport bikes with hidden lights and cameras in the bikes and horse trailers pulled by S.U.V.'s are generating speeding tickets for unwary bikers. Riders passing S.U.V.'s pulling horse trailers result in demand notices in the mail for fines up to \$160 in US dollars.

Visordown News published reader photos of the "CopBlade," a

Honda Fireblade equipped with a front-mounted speed camera and hidden police lights. The 170 hp motorcycle can cover a quarter-mile from a stop in just 10.8 seconds on the way to a top speed of 174 mph. Observers noted that these unmarked police bikes wait at the side of the road for groups of high-performance motorcycles to pass. The officer then

joins up from the back of the pack, waiting for any of the bikes ahead to exceed the speed limit by just a few miles per hour to begin printing citations. This is really a money maker for the police generating nearly \$20,000,000 in 2006. Look out folks, the same stunt can be used here in this country.

Harley-Davidson Recall — *Harley* has recalled almost fifty-thousand 2008 bikes: the *FLHP*, *FLHE*, *FLHR*, *FLHRC*, *FLHRSE4*, *FLHT*, *FLHTC*, *FLHTCU*, *FLHTCUSE3*, *FLHTP*, *FLHX*, and *FLTR* models. These bikes may lose fuel pressure due to cracking of the fuel filter shell. This could lead to stalls and failure starting. And of course, if you stall in traffic you can end up going down real hard. *Harley* dealers will replace the fuel filter shell for free.

New Orleans: Yet Another Bag Of Wind? — A *Southern University at New Orleans (S.U.N.O.)* administrator claims to have invented the first motorcycle safety airbag system and has won the *Louisiana Business and Technology Center Phase Zero* award for his invention. William Belisle, Ph.D, received a patent for the invention in 2000. Dr. Belisle says that his invention for some reason is best suited for law enforcement agencies, security entities, emergency first responders and the U.S. department of defense. *Honda's Goldwing* bike has an airbag system available as an option, so I'm not sure how this fellow claims he has something new or different from *Honda's*. I still have huge reservations about airbags on a bike. You really want one of those to pop off on you when a rock hits the wrong spot on your bike? It happens in cars.

Gunny Again

I realize this is not an advertising piece of work but folks, ya gotta remember the people who protect us when we are in a pickle.

The crash rate has steadily risen in the last few years and especially during the fuel crunch we find ourselves in now. More and more folks are going to the two-wheeled methods of transportation and most of these "newbies" have no concept of what happens in heavy traffic. Many are first-timers on these kinds of transportation.

When you see these folks, stop and talk to them about rider courses and motorcycle endorsements. You might save a life. Let them know there are



Gunny
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Oregon A.I.M.

attorneys who ride too, and who are there to protect them if they find themselves in trouble. Take advantage of these folks yourselves. Our *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorneys will help us when the chips are down.

We are not trained and don't know all the little tricks that are needed to shake the dollar bill out of that corporate insurance pocket. If we don't do it right we can so easily get sold short. Call *A.I.M.* for your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney and bring him into the loop before you talk to any insurer. It will save you grief and losses you can do without. My boss, Sam Hochberg, here in Oregon is our *A.I.M.* guy, but for any state, call *A.I.M.* at 1-(800)-531-2424 and they will get you fixed up.

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Remember that *A.I.M.* is also the sole financial support of *N.C.O.M.*, the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*, and they're all on-line now at:

<http://www.aimncom.com/>

Sam's got biker information at:

<http://www.yourinjurylawyers.com/motorcycle-lawyer.php>

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Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny
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In the culture of our people, there is the story of a young lad being trained for a role of adult leadership. A magician changes him into a hawk and soon he soars far and wide across his feuding homeland. When he returns and is restored to his human form, the magician asks him what he saw while he was above the land.

“There are no borders,” observed the future king of England, Arthur.

The barriers we face are most often erected in our minds. We are conditioned to see borders and limitations where none actually exist.

Worse yet, because of our cultural conditioning, we often rationalize barriers so that we do not have to take action.

This harmful to us personally

and detrimental to our futures.

We must teach ourselves to not accept any self-serving control that others would exert over our lives and minds. We must stir ourselves to take action that benefits our people, that preserves and restores liberty.

Even if others attempt to control or limit our lives, our minds always have the ability to transcend such limitations. And such realization opens the way for action.

We must participate in life, not observe it.

And speaking of taking action . . .

We need to change the way we run state board meetings. (And possibly some chapter meetings as well.)

We need to change the order of our agendas to bring action

items to the front of the list rather than waiting until everyone is tired and bored out of their skulls with petty bickering and the droning of routine reports.

We seem to have become too hidebound in giving reports and allowing rambling off-topic discussions rather than ordering priorities and setting events in motion. Reporting should be by exception rather than by rote.

We’re missing the point of our reason for existence: promotion, involvement, legislative action. Everything we do, every word we utter at state board meetings must be done with those three goals in mind.

Each of us needs to take personal responsibility to streamline our meetings so that we burst out of gatherings fresh and enthused, eager to take

action.

We must look beyond any personal agendas and ego gratification to ask ourselves, “Will want I want to do or say help or hinder our organization?”

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— catholic priest

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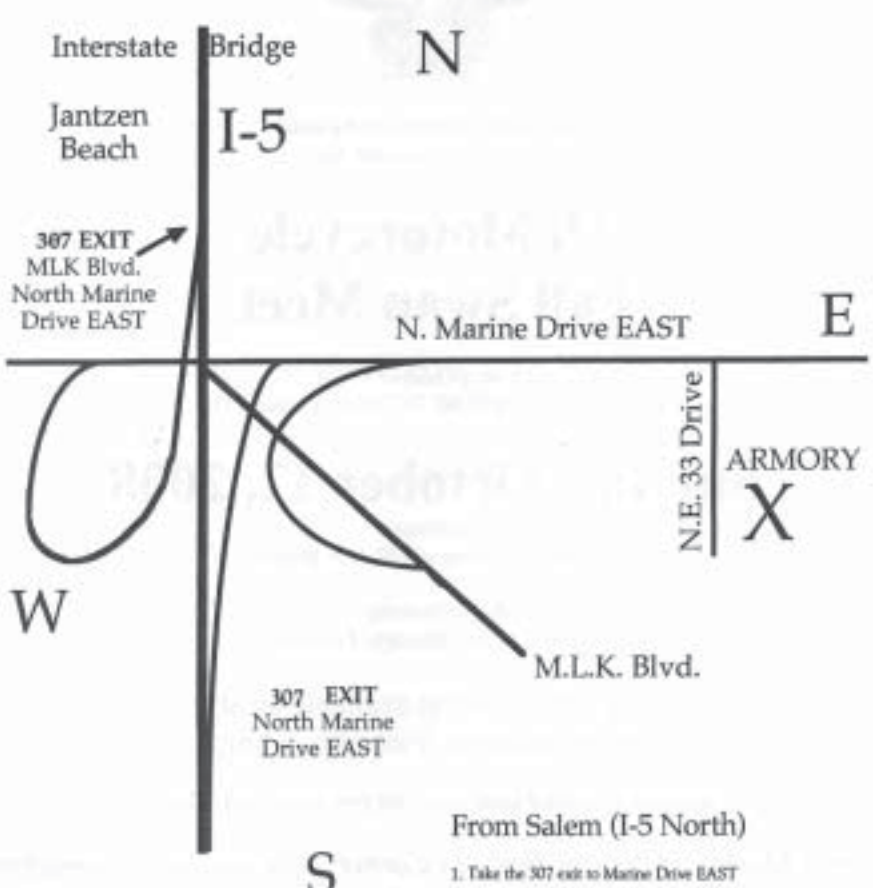
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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Femmoto 2008 Set for October 3-5 At Las Vegas Motor Speedway

The multi-day event offers two on-track demo days especially for women riders, featuring bikes from Buell, BMW, Ducati, Honda, Kawasaki, KYMCO, and Yamaha.

In addition, a track day and street demo rides will be available for both men and women.

Best of all, you don't need to bring your own motorcycle for any of the demo events.

2008 Hall of Fame Inductions and Concours d'Elegance Weekend Set For October 10-11

The A.M.A.'s Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum will induct Vaughn Beals, Rod Coates, Scot Harden, Larry Huffman, Terry Poovey, and Rolf Tibblin during a weekend of don't-miss activities that also includes the 7th annual Concours d'Elegance bike show.

The Best of A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days

It's the largest vintage motorcycle swap meet in North America. It's a full weekend of every type of vintage motorcycle racing. It's four bike shows, including one honoring café racers. It's A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days and it all went down July 25-27 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington.

Didn't make it?
Missed out on something while you were there?
Not to worry.

AmericanMotorcyclist.com will be featuring interviews, stories, and photos from V.M.D. all week long.

Long Way Down Premiered Saturday, August 2, on FOX Reality Channel

Beginning August 2 at 9 p.m. and continuing every Saturday for ten weeks, Fox Reality Channel began airing Long Way Down starring best friends Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman.

The show chronicles the pair's 15,000-mile journey from John O'Groats, Scotland, to Cape Town, South Africa, in a follow-up adventure to the duo's epic 2004

Long Way Round journey from London to New York via Russia, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia.

gold, 15 silver, and two bronze medals during the event.

Rockstar Makita Suzuki rider Nico Izzi was named 2008 A.M.A. motocross/supercross rookie of the year for his strong performance in the Supercross Lites East Championship and the Motocross Lites class of the A.M.A. Toyota Motocross Championship presented by F.M.F.

In the A.M.A. Superbike Championship presented by Parts Unlimited, Ben Spies captured the A.M.A. superbike championship, Jake Zemke won the A.M.A. formula xtreme, Aaron Yates took the A.M.A. superstock series presented by Dynojet title.

And in the A.M.A. flat track championship, Kenny Coolbeth earned his third consecutive A.M.A. grand national twins championship title after his September 7 victory at the Monticello raceway in New York.

Racing News

Team U.S.A. put on a successful showing at the International Six Days Enduro in Serres, Greece. The U.S. trophy team finished on the podium, the U.S. women's trophy team finished second in the women's division and the junior trophy team scored a hard-fought 12th. In all, members of Team U.S.A. earned 10

North Coast

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Well if this isn't enough for your platter I'm sure there's something I forgot. So get off your lazy ass and get active! Besides it's good for the heart.

Always,

Howie



M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Republican National Committee Director Meets with *M.R.F.*

On a picture perfect August day, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* believes that it elevated its lobbying efforts to a new level. For several months the *M.R.F.* had initiated letter, e-mail, and phone correspondence with the *Republican National Committee (R.N.C.)* requesting a meeting. The hope was to discuss our concerns with them over several appointees and members of president Bush's administration. We felt that going to the hierarchy of the republican party would be a unique course of action to attempt to influence this (and future) administrations.

After learning of our efforts to meet with them,

R.N.C. chairman Mike Duncan asked their director of government affairs, Will Kinzel, to arrange a meeting with us. The *M.R.F.* readily accepted Mr. Kinzel's offer to meet on August 11, 2008 at their headquarters in Washington D.C.

Representing the *M.R.F.* were Jeff Hennie (vice president of government relations), Dave Dwyer (sustaining state motorcyclists rights organization representative), Tiffany Latimer (Washington D.C. office manager/communications assistant), and Michael Kerr (vice president of the *M.R.F.*)

The meeting was candid and direct with the *M.R.F.* citing by name, the appointees and their actions that we had grievances with. Our concerns were attentively listened to, but the comment was made that little could be done in regard to appointees of the current administration. At that point it was agreed that our discussion would focus on the future rather than the past. The exact number of days until the November election was mentioned. Suggestions were made as to how the *M.R.F.* could leverage our political activism in regard to influencing future presidential appointees.

The *M.R.F.* inquired as to what the republican party's position is on federalism and the 10th amendment

to the constitution. It was answered in a straightforward manner. We were told that the republican party remains committed to smaller government and to delegating as much government as possible to the states and local units.

The *R.N.C.* expressed an interest in the *M.R.F.* and the motorcyclist rights movement. They had questions of their own. One was whether any of us were in Sturgis when senator McCain gave his speech. Others were more political in nature.

The meeting ended on a cordial note with the *M.R.F.* representatives and Mr. Kinzel having their picture taken together in a reception area of their headquarters.

After the meeting with the *R.N.C.*, the *M.R.F.* representatives walked to the headquarters of the *Democratic National Committee (D.N.C.)*. We have made repeated attempts to contact them requesting a meeting. To date, we have not received a reply. So we decided to personally deliver our candidate survey and ask to speak with someone (anyone would do) from the *D.N.C.* We were told by a security guard that no one was available, but we could leave our material for them.

We will be shifting gears, so to speak, in regard to making contact with the democratic party and their presidential candidate. After the convention we will begin to work on getting a meeting with the campaign staff of senator Obama at his election headquarters in Chicago. We are anxious to meet with them.

The *M.R.F.* believes August 11, 2008 to be an historic day in the history of the motorcyclists' rights movement. From our rather humble beginnings we have risen to where the leadership of the national political parties is taking us seriously and is willing to work with us on our issues.

H.I.P.A.A. Update

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is pleased to report that HR-1076

was to be marked up by the U.S. house committee on energy and commerce on September 17th at 10 a.m. The legislation to close the loophole that allows insurance companies to refuse payment for an injury that happens on a motorcycle is to be marked up in open session along with ten other bills in the Rayburn house office building.

HR-1076 was expected to pass favorably, however anything can happen in a markup. This committee action was the most important legislative activity since the full senate passed a version of this bill in late winter, 2005. We thank chairman Dingell, HR-1076 sponsors, co sponsors, and their staff for their attention to this very important matter.

The *M.R.F.* will keep you informed on any future developments of this legislation.

M.R.F. Remains Neutral in Presidential Race

With the national parties' conventions behind us, we no longer have "presumptive" presidential nominees. Senators McCain and Obama are now the standard bearers of their parties. As the summer begins to fade, the campaign for the highest office in the land kicks into high gear.

It's hardly a surprise that the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* should be asked our opinion of the two men seeking the presidency. It should also not come as a shock that the high-spirited men and women who form the framework of this nationwide organization may express opinions on the candidates.

The framework being referenced here is the *M.R.F.* state representatives program. It is worth noting that the *M.R.F.* "representatives" are elected by their own state motorcyclists' rights organizations. They promote the *M.R.F.* within their states as they see fit. They are free to express their opinions on motorcycling and or the issues of the day without impediment from the national leadership of the *M.R.F.* We don't believe that our volunteers should be censored.

It should also be noted that those opinions are just that – opinions – not the official policy of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*.



Any statement of policy from us will come from the Washington, D.C. office in the form of a *Leaders Report*, or a press release. Any endorsement of a candidate for federal office, or communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of such a candidate would come from our affiliated *M.R.F.P.A.C.*

While the *M.R.F.* (or to be specific, *M.R.F.P.A.C.*) has no plans on taking a position on the presidential race, we have been in contact with the national leadership of the two major parties. It is our desire to convey the feelings of our members and supporting organizations to the candidates. We are particularly interested as to who will be appointed secretary of transportation in the next administration.

The *M.R.F.* has established a good relationship with the *Republican National Committee*. We have been in contact with senator McCain's campaign staff and have begun a dialog with them.

Regrettably, despite many attempts by us, our efforts to meet and establish a relationship with the *Democratic National Committee* have not been successful. We have shifted gears and have been in touch with several influential democratic operatives. Hopefully, they can help us set-up a meeting with senator Obama's campaign staff in Chicago. We would like to meet with senior strategist David Axelrod. We will issue a statement should that take place.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is and will remain a non-partisan organization. We are committed to advancing our legislative agenda that was formulated in concert with our state motorcyclists' rights organization partners. Every day we will be working both sides of the isle in our nation's capitol to keep motorcycling on the R.A.D.A.R. screen of the 535 members of the United States congress.

Michael Kerr
M.R.F. vice president

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Gas Prices Fuel Record Scooter Sales

Rising fuel prices and recession fears have spurred nationwide interest in motorcycles and scooters, and a new survey indicates more people are considering two-wheelers due to soaring prices at the pump.

PowerSports Business reported in July that first-half scooter sales increased by 65 percent, validating a consumer trend towards more fuel efficient transportation.

Other sources published similar reports such as the *New York Times*, June 6, 2008 article *As Gas Prices Soar, Scooters Grow in Popularity* and the *Wall Street Journal*, May 21, 2008 article, *Fuel Efficient Scooter Use Takes Off*.

In an August 1, 2008 article in *PowerSports Business*, *Yamaha Motor Company* reported that its U.S. retail motorcycle new unit sales grew 12.4 percent compared to a year ago.

With most motorcycles averaging from 40 to 60 miles per gallon and many scooters averaging up to 100 or more miles per gallon, a lot of people are now interested in acquiring these vehicles for cost-conscious commuting. A recent *PowerSports Business* article released the results of a survey conducted by *Consumer Reports* national research center indicating that more than one-quarter of U.S. consumers are considering purchasing a motorcycle or scooter. Eighteen percent are thinking of buying a motorcycle while 14 percent are contemplating buying a scooter.

"The era of smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles is upon us," commented Anthony Havens, C.E.O. of *Sparta* financial and management services for the powersports industry. "Until recently, motorcycles and scooters were considered the choice of enthusiasts, or people who were just interested in fun and recreation. But, with gas prices dramatically rising, a growing number of consumers are buying motorcycles and scooters for extremely practical reasons."

"In 1998, there were about 15,000 scooter sales, which represented about 5 percent of all licensable motorcycle sales," said Mike Mount,

a spokesman for the *Motorcycle Industry Council*. "In 2007, there were about 131,000 sales, which represents 15 percent of licensable sales.

It might be easy to think scooters and mopeds are only popular among teenage boys itching to get their first taste of the open road, but sales figures indicate that both scooters and mopeds are increasingly being purchased by a maturing demographic. In 1990, the median age for scooter owners was 26, according to a survey conducted by the *M.I.C.*, but by 2003 the median age jumped to 46.

Americans Driving Less

American driving has reached its eighth month of steady decline, a trend officials say signals an urgent need for new forms of highway financing to supplement the gas tax. New data released by the U.S. department of transportation show that, since last November, Americans have driven 53.2 billion miles less than they did over the same period a year earlier, topping the 1970s' total decline of 49.3 billion miles.

Americans drove 4.7 percent less, or 12.2 billion miles fewer, in June 2008 than June 2007, based on vehicle-miles-traveled data collected by the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)* The decline is most evident in rural travel, which has fallen by 4 percent, compared to the 1.2 percent decline in urban miles traveled, since the trend began last November.

As Americans drive fewer miles, less revenue is generated for the highway trust fund from gasoline and diesel sales: 18.4 cents per gallon and 24.4 cents per gallon, respectively. During the first quarter of 2008, motorists consumed nearly 400 million fewer gallons of gasoline, or about 1.3 percent less than during the same period in 2007, and 7 percent less (or 318 million gallons) of diesel.

"We can't afford to continue pinning our transportation network's future to the gas tax," said U.S. transportation secretary Mary E.

Peters. "Advances in higher fuel-efficiency vehicles and alternative fuels are making the gas tax an even less sustainable support for funding roads, bridges and transit systems."

In California, a "pay-as-you-go" tax surcharge measure has already cleared its first legislative

U.S. Traffic Deaths Drop To Lowest Level In A Decade

Traffic deaths in the United States declined last year, reaching the lowest level since 1994, reported the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.

Some 41,059 people were killed in highway crashes, down by more than 1,600 from 2006. It was the fewest highway deaths in a year since 1994, when 40,716 people were killed.

The fatality rate of 1.37 deaths for every 100 million miles traveled in 2007 was the lowest on record, *N.H.T.S.A.* said in its report.

Motorcycle deaths increased for the 10th straight year. There were 5,154 motorcycle deaths last year, compared with 4,837 in 2006.

The increased deaths have come while the number of registered motorcycles has surpassed 6 million, compared with 3.8 million in 1998, and vehicle miles traveled have risen.

Transportation officials said they plan to target motorcyclists in a \$13 million anti-drunken-driving advertising campaign running during the Labor Day holiday. The department also has discussed new safety and training standards for novice riders, increased training for law enforcement and curbing counterfeit safety-labeling of helmets.

Increasing Fatalities Make Motorcycles A Target

As more people turn to two-wheel transportation, tripling the number of new motorcycles hitting the road over the past decade, the corresponding increase in motorcycle accidents and fatalities has made motorcyclists a target for stiffer regulations, stricter safety standards and select enforcement.

State and federal officials fear the

problem could grow as higher gas prices push more first-time riders toward motorcycling without proper training and licensing. "With gas prices on the increase, more people are riding motorcycles to work," said South Carolina trooper lance corporal Bob Beres. "They're not just using them for leisure."

Most motorcyclists who died during a recent 18-month period studied by the South Carolina highway patrol either had a beginner's license or no license at all, and troopers worry that inexperience could put newer riders at greater risk. Of the 99 fatal motorcycle crashes they investigated from July 2006 to December 2007, 36 riders had beginner's licenses — the same number as those with a regular license. Twenty-five had no license and two had expired licenses.

Motorcycle riders were at fault in about three-quarters of the fatal crashes. The major causes were speeding, failing to yield the right of way and driving under the influence.

The South Carolina highway patrol was awarded a \$75,000 grant to create a *Ride Smart* safety campaign aimed at motorcyclists, particularly beginning riders.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide are stepping up efforts to curb rising fatalities by targeting motorcycles. As part of a state funded *Saving Lives* program, the California highway patrol conducted a sweep of the 605 freeway looking for motorcyclists not obeying traffic laws, high handlebars and improper helmets, and will be keeping a closer eye on cyclists in highly concentrated areas through the summer.

They ticketed 62 motorcyclists, 21 of which didn't have a motorcycle license. Officers impounded the 21 bikes.

In Ohio, the highway patrol will reportedly be targeting motorcycle runs and stopping riders to check for sobriety, motorcycle endorsements and loud pipes.

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* has recently taken the New York state police and New York state department of motor





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vehicles to task for setting up discriminatory “safety check” roadblocks for motorcyclists *en route* to large rallies, threatening a class-action lawsuit through *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)*, but meanwhile other states are taking similar targeted actions toward motorcycle riders under the pretense of safety concerns.

Utah Enacts Tiered Licensing For Motorcyclists

Effective July 8, 2008, Utah began using a tiered licensing system for motorcycle endorsements.

- If a rider tests on a 90 cc or less motorcycle or scooter they will be restricted to 90 cc or less.
- If a rider tests on a 249 cc or less motorcycle or scooter they will be restricted to 249 cc or less.
- If a rider tests on a 649 cc or less motorcycle or scooter they will be restricted to 649 cc or less.
- If a rider tests on a motorcycle or scooter larger than 650 cc they will be allowed to ride any motorcycle or scooter.

If a rider takes a motorcycle safety class on a 250 cc, successful completion will waive the riding part of the license test for an up to 649 cc endorsement. To get an endorsement for motorcycles above 649 cc riders must use a larger motorcycle in the safety class. To use your own bike in a class you must have a permit, registration, and insurance. If a rider currently rides a motorcycle over 649 cc they may obtain a skill test waiver by successfully completing a license waiver experienced rider course (E.R.C.), a five hour course that costs \$85.

Oklahoma May Outlaw Gangs

State representative Paul Wesselhoft (R-Oklahoma City) told the *Tulsa World* newspaper that he wants to outlaw gangs by passing a law to enable gang members to be charged with a misdemeanor, even though he admits that such a law might not pass constitutional muster.

Tim Hock, vice president of the *Oklahoma Gang Investigators Association*, said he strongly endorses Wesselhoft's efforts and that allowing

gang members to be charged with a misdemeanor would give officers the means to interrogate them about criminal activity in the community.

Tulsa police chief Ron Palmer said, “There are various types of gangs: outlaw motorcycle gangs, white supremacy groups, Asian, Hispanic, and African American gangs.” They can be identified by gang names, tattoos and, in some cases, the color of clothes they wear, he said.

But Andrew Spiropoulos, a law professor at *Oklahoma City University*, said lawmakers “have to be very careful when they legislate gang membership as illegal, because under the first amendment, a person cannot be prosecuted because they are a member of a group.”

He said a person can be prosecuted only for conduct. “Generally, what states and cities have done is that they usually attack some activity in addition to being a gang member,” he said.

“This is very disturbing news,” relayed Tiger Mike Revere, state coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma* and member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* board of directors, “We’ll have to keep a very close eye on this one in Oklahoma, as this type of legislation passed in other states, as in California and Ohio, has been used to directly discriminate against and harass Motorcycle Clubs, and not just one per-centers.”

Bar Owner Accuses Police Of Discriminating Against Her Patrons

A Green Bay, Wisconsin bar owner says the police department is discriminating against her because of her clientele. Kim VandenBusch says 75 percent of the regulars at *Kimmers Bar & Grill* are members of a motorcycle club.

Last week the city granted the owner a liquor license with a unique stipulation. The police department asked her to hang a sign in the bar that says “no club colors,” referring to the back patches worn by motorcycle club members.

“I was very much under duress on signing that because they said if I

didn't sign it I wouldn't get my license,” VandenBusch told *WBAY-TV*, adding that it's unfair because the bar has a good track record with the police department. “I felt it was very wrong. I felt it was discriminating. It should be up to the owner of the establishment to decide what clientele they want.”

But the police department has every right to do this. Last year the city passed an ordinance that says every establishment wanting a liquor license must first have its business plan approved by the police department.

Police captain Bill Galvin said, “There can be fights, shootings, drug dealing, drug usage, things like that occurring at places where these gang members hang out.”

Galvin says putting up a simple sign will eliminate potential problems, but VandenBusch hasn't put one up yet. Instead, she's appealing to the protection and welfare committee.

Quotable Quote

“I think legislative assaults on motorcyclists are totally emotional, disproportionate and totally unfair... They are instigated and implemented by people who know nothing about motorcycling, but have a prejudice. It's easy to curb the freedoms of others when you see no immediate impact on your own.”

Malcolm Forbes
(1919-1990)
publisher,
avid motorcyclist

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Hub City

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wheels/grips/chrome/whatever (some of us more than others!), and sometimes we get ourselves a new bike! Doing something new can charge you up!

It is officer election time in *A.B.A.T.E.*, and one last “beginner” thing I will recommend is to become an officer in your chapter of *A.B.A.T.E.* As treasurer of *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* this past year, I have met more wonderful people and been involved in more fun activities than I would have had I not been an officer. It's been an all-around great experience.

If you have not been an officer in your local chapter or have thought of trying a different role, now's the time to speak up.

Don't be concerned that you don't already know how to do it. There are lots of people to help.

Don't be concerned about making mistakes, there are lots of people to help. (Please trust me on this one.)

No matter what office you are thinking of, there will be lots of people there to help you. That's what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about.

Get out , get involved!

NineLivesGirl
Hub City A.B.A.T.E.

Twin Rivers

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Come to the meetings!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me, Tom Brewer.

(steamwolff@yahoo.com)

Hope to see you at the meetings.

Tom Brewer
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Twin Rivers Chapter

BikePAC Voter Guide

If your district doesn't appear, we currently do not know those candidates' positions. ("+" = positive; "-" = negative)

State Representatives

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- 1st District**
18 th District
41st District
 RichardGoche (D)
 Jim Gilbert (D)
 - Carolyn Tomei (D)
 + Wayne Krieger (R)
 + Vic Gilliam (R)
44 th District
2nd District
19th District
 - Tina Kotek (D)
 + Tim J Freeman (R)
 - Kevin Cameron (R)
48th District
 Harry McDermott (D)
 Hanten (HD) Day (D)
 - Mike Schaufler (D)
5 th District
20th District
50 th District
 Pete Belcastro (R)
 + Vicki Berger (R)
 + John Lim (R)
 - Peter Buckley (D)
 Richard Riggs (D)
 Greg Matthews (D)
6 th District
21st District
51st District
 - Sal Esquivel (R)
 + Brian Clem (D)
 Brent Barton (D)
 Lynn Howe (D)
22nd District
 + Linda Flores (R)
7 th District
 Tom M Chereck, Jr (R)
53rd District
 + Bruce Hanna (R)
 + Betty Komp (D)
 Conrad Ruel (D)
 Donald Nordin (D)
27 th District
 + Gene Whisnant (R)
9 th District
 - Tobias Read (D)
54 th District
 Al Pearn (R)
31st District
 + Chuck Burley (R)
 + Arnie Roblan (D)
 - Brad Witt (D)

- Judy Stiegler (D)
12 th District
32nd District
55 th District
 + Elizabeth Beyer (D)
 - Deborah Boone (D)
 - George Gilman (R)
 Sean MP VanGordon (R)
33rd District
56 th District
14 th District
 - Mitch Greenlick (D)
 + Bill Garrard (R)
 - Chris Edwards (D)
36 th District
57 th District
15 th District
 Jay A Ellefson (L)
 Jerome Sebestyen (D)
 - Dick Olsen (D)
 - Mary Nolan (D)
 + Greg Smith (R)
 + Andy Olson (R)
 Steve Oppenheim (R)
58 th District
17th District
37 th District
 - Bob Jenson (R)
 Sherrie Sprenger (R)
 + Scott Bruun (R)
 + Ben Talley (D)
 + Dan Thackaberry (D)
 Michele Eberle (D)
59th District
40th District
 + Mike Ahern (D)
 - Dave Hunt (D)
 John E Huffman (R)

State Senators

-
- 1st District**
5th District
25th District
 + Jeff Kruse (R)
 + Joanne Verger (D)
 Dave Kim (R)
 Eldon Rollins (D)
18th District
 - Laurie Anderson (D)
2nd District
 - Ginny Burdick (D)
29th District
 + Jason A Atkinson (R)
 John Wight (R)
 - David Nelson (R)
 Richard Koopmans (D)
30th District
 + Ted Ferrioli (R)

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

Meeting Minutes 06 September, 2008

Meeting opened at 12:15 p.m. by Brian Stovall. There were 22 people in attendance.

Secretary: (Mel Yeager) Minutes as presented. Motion to approve, seconded. Approved.

Treasurer report: (Mel Yeager) Approved.

Membership director: (Randy Comer) Absent.

Development Director: (Nic Oliver) Spoke with candidate Fred Thompson. Nothing much else to report.

Legislative Director: (Quiet Mike) Working on information for *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper to describe our friendly candidates running for office. Their campaigns should be supported by members.

Senate district 1, Rollins/Jeff Cruse. Mel spoke about supporting the Jeff Merkley campaign in the Albany area. He also spoke about supporting Dan Thackaberry for legislator. Albany area (*Hub City* area) asks for support for Andy Olson. Olson stated that he had voted against the original vulnerable user bill, but would support the inclusion of motorcycles. Sam spoke about the issuance of citations for violators and the education of officers in the Portland area about this issue. There are also problems in the penalty phases of the citation. Brian spoke about the races in the Columbia gorge area. He asks for support for Mike Ahern.

Mel pointed out the next meeting of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* on September 19, in Eugene. Dan Thackaberry intends to attend the meeting to listen to the senator Vickie Walker argument for mandatory training.

Iris Yeager made a report from the angle of a *G.A.C.M.S.* member.

Pat Carner reported on the efforts in the Portland area to integrate bikers into other community programs so bikers will be recognized as good people when our issues are discussed. She told of her continuing effort to promote safe driving.

Julee Graven (*Wildish Motorcycle Club*) told of desire to find support from the medical community for motorcycling issues. (She is a nurse.) She is developing awareness from other coworkers, etc. She was encouraged to continue the good work.

Mike asked to whom and how much financial support should *BikePAC* provide for candidates.

There are three races that we agree to

provide financial support in the amount of \$300. They are the Dan Thackaberry campaign, the Andy Olson campaign, and the Mike Ahern campaign. The checks will be delivered by members assigned to do so. Brian and Mike will contact Sturdi for his contact list of voters in the campaign areas necessary.

As to the issue of mandatory training: the recommendation of *BikePAC* is to be neutral at this time. It is also recommended that all people interested should attend the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* meeting in Eugene. The meeting is being held on September 19, 2008 at the Eugene Water and Electric Board building. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. It is essential that the information be clear and concise.

Murge Gunter has applied for the position of membership director. After discussion and question/answer session, she was elected to the position. Material and information must be transferred from Randy.

Still looking for executive director. This position will require a dedicated person who can handle news media questions and keep his (her) cool under fire as well as directing the business of *BikePAC*.

Next meeting October 4th at Salem public library, Plaza room at noon.

Adjourned 2:19 p.m.

Addendumi:

- Sam Hochberg invited a member of *BikePAC* to the *N.C.O.M.* regional conference in Sacramento, California. The conference will be held on 25 October 2008 at the downtown *La Quinta Inn*. Quiet Mike has agreed to go. *BikePAC* approved \$100 to cover expenses for the trip.

- Hub City will have a mall show in Albany at the *Heritage Mall* on 24-26 October.

Mel Yeager
secretary, treasurer

Note: *BikePAC* membership application is available on page 13 of this fine rag . . . publication.

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A.B.A.T.E. Must Change With The Times

A.B.A.T.E. has been around a long time. And we have enjoyed, over the years, some minor victories. But we have not had the success of a lot of other states. I believe this is due to how we operate.

Right now, it seems as if we operate as 12 different ships, all doing something other than attacking the common enemy. And, it seems as if not everyone is here to do what our mission statement says we do.

Some are here for just the rides and parties and gatherings. There are many, many riding clubs and motorcycle clubs in the country for that. They should find one and join what fits.

This organization is about hard work and everyone needs to be on board.

A few things I will be proposing at the planning session:

Membership

Our numbers continue to decline. This should not happen.

Recently it was voted on by our board to give \$75 or 50% (whichever is less) as reimbursement to members who complete a *Team Oregon* course.

Well, that's great for members, but what about non-members?

People love to get things for free and they love to get something for nothing.

If we were to have the membership secretary from every chapter and the education director from every chapter visit their local

Team Oregon class on the last day of class, right at the end when the students are waiting around for their certificates, and tell them about

A.B.A.T.E., hand out tri-folds, we could for them work it a little different.

We could offer them one year free membership and \$50 back on their

Team Oregon class. This is the same 75 dollars we would have spent anyway. But it catches their eye and gives them incentive to join. I'm betting 15% of these people will stay. This is for all thirteen chapters to do, we can cover thirteen *Team Oregon* classes every time they graduate.

Every time they graduate a class, we should have people there. This will up our numbers and some of those

people will stay with us. In a few short years, we could have huge numbers.

Operations

I was shocked the other day when I went on the state *A.B.A.T.E.* web site and found that half of our chapters do not have web sites.

This is 2008, almost 2009, and there is simply no good excuse.

At the very least every chapter needs a web site that gives the contact information for every single officer and, these officers need to respond to inquiries in a timely fashion. Nobody e-mailing a chapter for information of any kind should go 24 hours without a response.

Every chapter officer needs to know the e-mail address and phone number, at the minimum, of their counterparts in every single chapter. They need to be in constant touch to stay on the same page and working together.

An example: Our state legislative director, Quiet Mike, at a state board meeting asked the chapter representatives to have their legislative directors contact him. At the next meeting, he was still asking. Most had not responded.

He then requested before the last meeting that *all* legislative directors attend the state board meeting. Three showed up.

This is not satisfactory performance and frankly I'm not really interested in the "it's a volunteer organization attitude".

If you are elected to an officer position, do the job.

No excuses.

If you can't do that job, either step down or get help.

We can not continue without reports for months at a time.

We can not continue with excuses.

This is going to be a huge legislative year and unless every single chapter and state officer is on top of their game, we are going to get flattened with bad legislation.

If you don't have at least two hours a week to devote to your officer position, do not accept nomination.

Period.

Excuses are not going to get the job done.

Chapter officers need to work

together – all the coordinators, all the vice coordinators, all the legislative directors and public relations people and membership secretaries.

We need to be communicating at least once a week on what's up in our area.

Fellow legislative directors, we should not be sitting around waiting for reports from Quiet Mike. We should be giving reports on our area's *to* Quiet Mike. He can then compile the information we have provided for distribution to the board and to

BikePAC. It is not his job to do ours and to baby sit and this is for the most part what happened this year.

Unacceptable, period.

Distractions

Distractions before the board.

Crybaby complaints, whining, bitching, and moaning.

Gotta stop.

We are all bikers.

Put your big boy and girl panties on and suck it up.

Being as we are all bikers, you might hear a bad word now and then. If this gets you in a twist, I can give you the address of your local boys and girls club. You probably don't belong around bikers.

Only the most serious and grievous of differences should be brought before the board.

Chapter coordinators, vice coordinators, this is your job. Resolve differences among the troops, keep things functioning.

This year the board spent countless hours dealing with B.S. it never should have had to. This organization is about biker rights and

education, it is not drama 101. If you need drama, seek out your local community theater but leave us out of it. We have work to do.

This next year is going to be a "make or break" year for us.

We have several battles on several fronts. We have the vulnerable road user bill, we have the helmet bill, and we may end up having to fight an endorsement bill.

We are going to be busy.

We need all hands on deck, we need all officers and crew on the same page working towards the same goal.

If we make a few easy-to-make

changes, we can have the greatest year in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* history.

Or we can get buried under so much bad legislation that we will never dig ourselves out from under it.

Like hurricane Ike, there will be those who say "I've heard this all before". I'm sure a lot of folks in Galveston had that attitude as well. They got washed away in the surge.

Don't let us go out the same way.

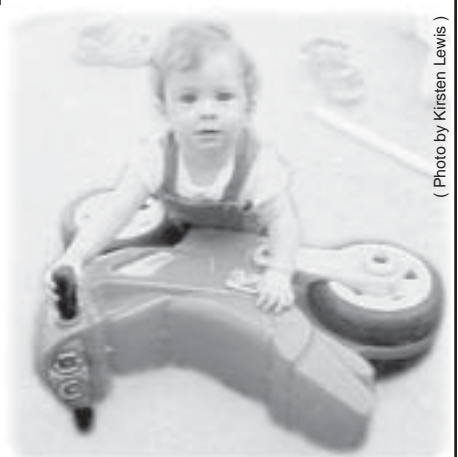
Joe Maffei
legislative director
Hub City Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Have You Checked Your Tire Pressure This Week ?

(Or month? Or year?)

Proper pressure makes for a smoother, safer ride.

Rough Time Ridin'?



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a *Team Oregon* class.

(And *A.B.A.T.E.* pays part of the cost.)



<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>

Willamette Chapter (continued from page 9)

A.B.A.T.E. information at them, offer a first year free membership, \$50 reimbursement toward their tuition, etc. Chapter was in favor of information being at the classes but questioned the first year free and \$50 for taking the *Team Oregon* class, when they're also talking about reducing the *Team Oregon* pay back to *A.B.A.T.E.* Members.

- Motion 1 – Brian Stovall: Whenever by-laws are changed that a hard copy be sent to all chapter secretaries. (Article 13, section B of by-laws.) Okayed by chapter. Good idea!

- Motion 2 – Brian Stovall: That all out of state travel be by specific arrangement with approval of the board of directors. Another great idea that the chapter supports.

Rick gave a legislative report that covered the following:

- The next meeting of the *Oregon Governor's Committee on Motorcycle Safety* was on September 19th in our own back yard here in Eugene, Oregon. Meeting was at the Eugene *Water and Electric Board* building-training room. Good chance for some us local folks to attend this meeting since it was in our back yard. The address: 500 East 4th Avenue; Eugene, Oregon at 6:30 p.m. More information, check the *O.D.O.T.* web site.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/index.shtml>

- Oregon bill to remove motorcyclist from the vulnerable road users list. discussion brought up several questions:

1. Why were we listed on this list?
2. What does it mean being on or off this list?

3. What advantage or disadvantage is their in being on the list or off of it? Discussed who might be on this list, like pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.

- *Oregon Transportation Safety Conference*: October 20 to 22, *Seven Feathers* conference center, Canyonville. The *A.B.A.T.E.* state usually sends several *A.B.A.T.E.* representatives to this each year. Good place to show that we are concerned about motorcycle safety.

- The *M.R.F.* finally got to meet with republican national committee director August 11, 2008. After the meeting with the *R.N.C.*, the *M.R.F.*

representatives also attempted to meet with someone at the democratic national committee. (*D.N.C.*) They have made repeated attempts to contact them requesting a meeting. To date, they have not received a reply or invite. Sometimes wonder what's up with the *D.M.C.*

- (*M.R.F.*) *Michelle's Law* passed by house. Because of the sensitive nature of this particular bill, the committee chose to keep it a clean bill and not include the *H.R.-1076* language dealing with motorcycle insurance language issue concerning the *H.I.P.A.A.* loophole. (Deals with kids losing insurance benefits when they graduate from high school and don't go onto further education, but still live at home.)

- Bicycle helmet bill introduced by state senator Floyd Prozanski of Eugene. Prozanski is a longtime bicycling advocate. He pulled the bill after his fellow bicyclists lambasted him for promoting the bill. Ouch. Guess he should have talked to some of his fellow bicyclists.

Anne, our chapter treasurer, reported that we have \$1,990 in checking and \$385 in savings of which \$335 is in our *Downed Riders Fund*.

Sue reported that she is pulling the final details together for the next newsletter for September /October. Will have the special Coen front page note.

Also have all of the christmas party and casino night information.

Chapter Promotions, Activities, Sunny

- *American Cancer Society Fight Back Express Bus* came to *Valley River Center* on 26 August 2008.

- *S.O.S. Coalition Run*: August 22-24, 2008 .Wolf Creek , Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Coalition Run*.

- *Spirits Biker Bash*: August 23rd, 2008 *Spirits Bar*

- *Fall Swap Meet*: October 12th, 2008 *Portland Armory*

- *Fall Casino Night* is October 11th at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta. Wendy gave a report and asked for help for casino night and items for the auction.

- *Meeting of the Minds (M.R.F.)*: September 25th – 28th in Denver, Colorado.

Bob our chapter chaplain again gave us an uplifting talk on *When You're Wrong, Being Able To Say Your Sorry* and *Commitments To Helping Others When They're In Need*.

The *C.M.A. Mystery Ride* was a great success with a good show of people and some great weather.

Bob also mentioned that he is working on finding needy families for thanksgiving and christmas.

Don't forget the *Heaven Bound Riders C.M.A.* motorcycle rescue trailer. This is how to contact the

C.M.A. members. Terry (541)-729-8969, Dan (541)-914-2908, and Terry (541)-520-3995.

Old Business

- Coen's newsletter ad updated.
- Several of our members are still having trouble getting their *Team Oregon* reimbursements from the state treasurer. Okay, we have a correction on that. After much effort on a member's part, she finally got reimbursed. It only took several months.

New Business

- Christmas dinner planning: Dinner is again planned and set for the *V.F.W.* hall December 18th. Price for members is to stay the same as last year at \$15 per person , \$30 per couple. Plan is to look for different location for 2009 dinner. Looking for ideas.

- *Fall Casino Night*: Wendy laid out the plans and asked for auction items.

- Planning session: Support from chapter and location of planning session.

- Chapter officer nominations will start next month.

Membership drawing: Jenn Hansen's name was drawn for \$40, but she wasn't in attendance.

50/50 drawing was won by Sunny for \$12.50.

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up,

Minutes taken, report submitted by Rick Maish
secretary, legislative director
Willamette Valley Chapter
LynandRick@msn.com



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

MEANS FREEDOM

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

The forums that the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety has been having around the state for the last several months have been very helpful.

The attendees are making us aware of the ideas, needs, and feelings of motorcyclists. Thank you so much for each attendee and their contribution of information., etc.

Our current efforts are on training for all motorcyclists. Should that be mandatory and indeed would it be possible to provide the training necessary if the training is made mandatory?

Also, a great concern is the need to have other traffic be aware of motorcycles. How can we make motorcycles more visible? And how to get other drivers willing to watch for motorcyclists?



Iris Yeager
member
GACMS

We are indeed concerned for the rights and safety of motorcyclists.

Have fun riding and be aware of the need for all to be equally aware of what is happening in front and around us.

Love ya,

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

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- ABATE FOSSIL CAMPOUT - Memorial Weekend
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- MULE DAYS - July 18th thru 20th
- FAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th
- KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13
- MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September

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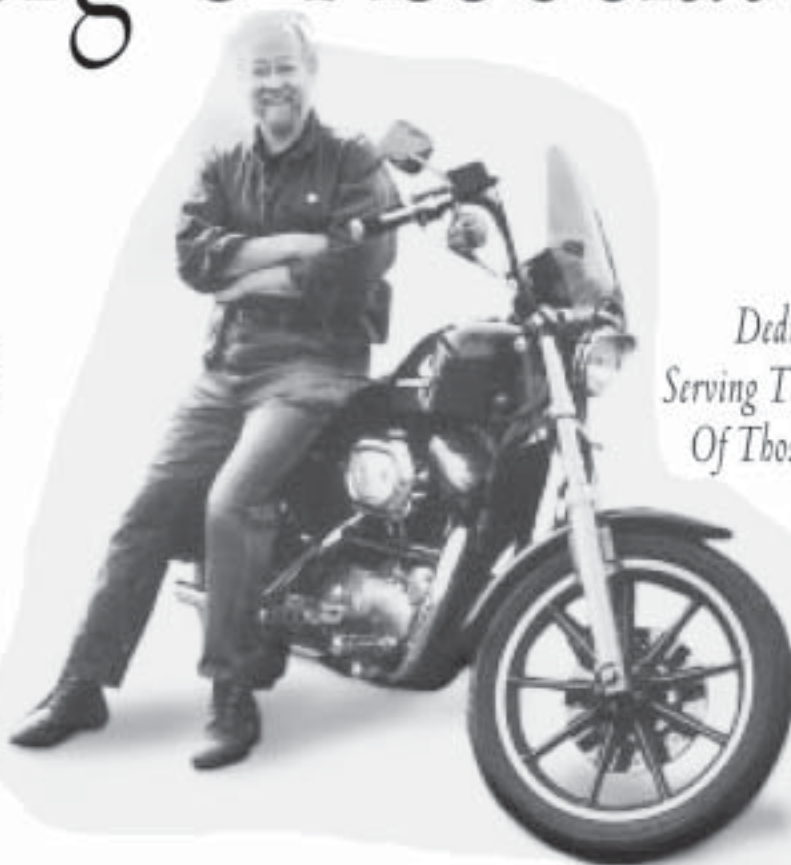
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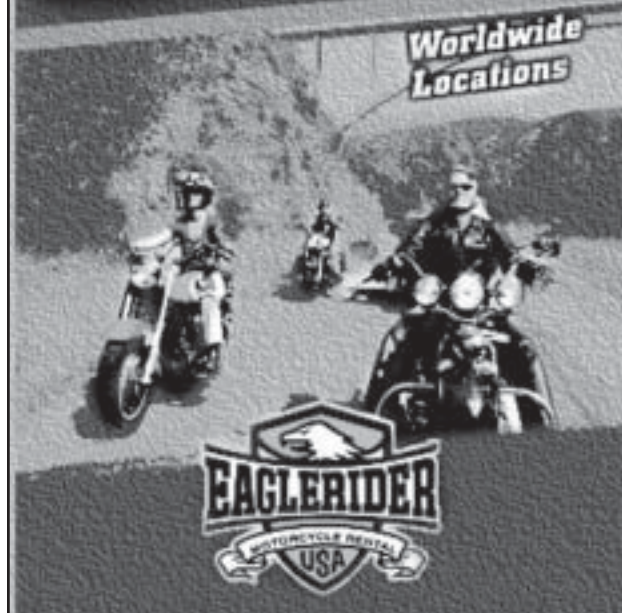
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name:	phone number:	location:	P I C K U P	T O L S	G A L A S E	P H O T O	I N F O	M E M B E R S	G L A S S I N'	notes
Central Oregon area										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X				
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Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X			
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X			
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond		X	X	X	X		X	
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)										
Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X			
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hilda	(541)-265-9376	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X	
Dan the Wizard (?)	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	
Randy and Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X	X	
North Coast area										
Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
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John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					X			
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X			
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X			
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X		
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
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Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
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Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X	
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

name: phone number: location:

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P E N' notes:

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Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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 the bard of Fae Hallow

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LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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2008 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
04 Oct	Teddy Bear Run –Central Oregon	Bend	(541)–788–9911
05 Oct	5th Annual Toy Run –Josephine County	Grants Pass	(541)–659–8715
12 Oct	Fall Swap Meet –Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)–475–8765
18-19 Oct	Planning Session –ABATE/BikePAC	Cottage Grove	
08 Nov	Musicians' Toy Run Benefit	Oregon City	(503)–656–3031
22 Nov	Spaghetti Dinner–North Coast	Astoria	(503)–325–3566

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

UNCHANGED -->

Saturday, 11 October 2008 at noon
Eagle Lodges – Albany, Oregon

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Up in the mountains beyond the hills,
Runs a ghost bike with bones in its wheels,
Its rider was fearless,
His riding quite heedless,
Bikes are cool but stupidity kills.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-7586
Lower Columbia	3 rd Saturday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge; Clatskanie, Oregon	
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Keaton Club; 2025 N. Kilpatrick.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)-688-4268