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Third weekend in October
Help guide A.B.A.T.E.

September 2007

Time To Slow Down



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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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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State Coordinator's Comments



by Ed Vaughn

Okay, first let me retract my statement about the planning session being in August like I reported last month and correct that by saying please plan to attend the planning session that happens on the third weekend in October down in Cottage Grove.

This year I think the planning session will be scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday to allow time to finish up any discussions on Sunday and keep people from feeling rushed.

Please plan to attend. The more members you have show up from your chapter, the better you are represented. Plus the whole organization benefits from a broader spectrum of ideas.

In case you don't know, forgot, or just haven't thought about it, here is a quick rundown on how the planning session works.

First thing Saturday morning we start with an open forum to decide what basic areas of operations to focus on. For example: political direction, finances, events, or public relations.

Then we break up into different subcommittees to come up with ideas and plans specific to the general categories.

When the subcommittees have completed their brain storming, the whole thing is put together as an agenda to be presented to the chapters throughout the year and implemented or not as decided by our chapter representatives. (The state board of directors).

This planning session is open to any member who wants to attend. This is where the plans are made for

the upcoming year and where changes to the way our organization operates begin. The more members who attend, the better off we will be.

Remember, the third weekend in October, in Cottage Grove. Look for more details in this and the next issue of our newsmagazine.

The second event fast approaching is our general meeting. This will be on the second weekend in December at the *Eagles Lodge* in Albany.

This meeting is also open to the general membership and is when and where our state board will elect the new or continuing officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be open at the October state board meeting and will stay open until the general meeting in December. All positions are open for nominations and anyone who is interested in doing so should feel free to have themselves nominated and run for a state office.

But don't run just because you feel obligated to fill the spot. Be sure you are willing to do the job. I think we are better off with an open position then having it filled with someone who doesn't want to do the job.

Put both of these events on your calendar and not all of the way to the back of your mind.

Come to the planning session with your good ideas, and step up or encourage some one you think will be good to step up to a state position.

Ed Vaughn

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

Hello from *Central Oregon*,

Well, hope everyone has had a great summer and were able to enjoy the wonderful weather and get in a lot of riding.

We had a group ride and BBQ for Michele last month. The ride started at the *Blackhorse Saloon* and went around Prineville reservoir and finished in Terreboone at Walt and Christi's home. (We appreciate the use of your home.) Had a wonderful turnout and can honestly say that everyone had a good time. The chapter provided most of the food which was generously donated by I and its vendors. They have been always great in supporting our cause,

We put up a donation jar and a 50/50 raffle. All total we raised over \$1,300. Thanks go out to Mike from the *Blackhorse Saloon* for a very nice contribution, *Horseshoe Tavern*, and to Michael Clark who won the 50/50 then donated his winnings back to the pot.

It is so nice to see how we all come together to help one of our brothers or sisters in a time of need. Thanks to all of you.

Congratulations go out Larry (Animal) and Kelly who got married on August 26th. May you ride

together forever.

Also congratulations to Walt and Christi who just recently got engaged.

Don't know if there is something in the air or maybe it's the booze!!!

The annual *Teddy Bear Run* is this month. The date is September 29th at the *Blackhorse Saloon* in Bend which will open at 8 a.m. for breakfast. The group ride will leave at 10 a.m.

We need to collect stuffed animal donations and door prizes. If you do get a door prize from a business, please make sure to get two of their business cards. We want to make certain they get credit for it. Remember this is our only fund raiser for the chapter all year, so we cannot have too many door prizes!!


We have lots of flyers, so if needed give either me or Renee' a call and we will get more out to anyone who needs them. Our phone number is (541)-389-2167.

We will be doing the final planning for the *Teddy Bear Run* at the September 9th meeting, so if at all possible please attend. *Blackhorse Saloon*, 2 p.m. Hope to see you there.

All for now,

Kevin And Renee'

P.S. Special thanks to Rebecca for the excellent job she does on the flyers. We highly appreciate you.

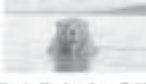


Central Oregon ABATE Chapter Presents
10th Annual
Teddy Bear Poker Run
September 29, 2007

Group ride beginning at the Blackhorse Saloon
 2555 Brinson Blvd., Bend 541-382-4278

Time: Gathering for breakfast 8:00 a.m.
 Ride begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Teddy Bears will be delivered to all Central Oregon area
 hospital emergency rooms.



\$8.00/ride with a brand new Teddy Bear
 \$18.00/ride no Teddy Bear
 Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

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 All proceeds from this run go to the Central Oregon ABATE Chapter.
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 and research organization.
 Membership is open to all ABATE of Oregon and other ABATE chapters. Contributions to ABATE of Oregon are tax-deductible.

CENTRAL OREGON MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE
 2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Columbia River

Hello from *Columbia River Chapter*,

Our meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m.

We introduced all our guests and *Northeast Portland Chapter* members who came.

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived.

There were 90 members when we started the meeting and wound up with five new members signing up.

There were no ways and means or toy run reports.

Jeff Merkly, a member of the house of representatives, is running for the senate against Gordon Smith. He is biker friendly and will be on our side.

The law on noise control in Denver was declared illegal by the court.

Columbia River Chapter is about to loose voting status [at state board meetings] because the auditor has not received anything from our treasurer.

The planning session is coming up.

The state is looking for a state coordinator and a run coordinator. They are both stepping down as of January 1st.

State historian is looking for pictures from the chapters on the different functions.

The traffic safety conference is here in Portland this year.

As far as the merger with *Northeast Portland Chapter*, we are going to settle it for sure and vote this next month. Everyone is urged to attend the meeting the 9th of September to make your vote known. If you don't want the merger, then come to the meeting and voice your opinion on



this matter. Otherwise, don't gripe about [it] because you couldn't take the time.

Summer Run will be in Berkenfield. Lee is looking for anyone to help set up Thursday. We need 250 people to show up to break even.

There was an announcement of the *Show and Shine* on September 8th. There was also an announcement on a web site (<http://www.sema.org/>) for custom cars and such who formed an organization. We need to check it out.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ride free,

Linda Weeks
membership secretary
Columbia River Chapter

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
The Spare Room
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Douglas County**

Hello out there,

My article last month seems to have on some level brought some things to a head. I had prepared to send another editorial based article for September, but was asked to withdraw it following a meeting amongst some of the leadership of the organization.

Last month's letter was intended to bring to light the issues at hand regarding a perception of conflict and increasing tensions between the southern and northern chapters, and hopefully bring about some constructive dialog. It seems that some movement regarding the issues has occurred. Given that, my hope is that as I said previously, we can continue to find common ground and a solution based approach to working as a team across the state, for the good of the membership and protecting our collective rights as motorcyclists.

It should be noted that through a flurry of e-mails and phone calls, one theme has remained among the southern chapters: we should be able to work together to resolve internal conflict and to forward the collective goals of the organization.

We must never forget that as a volunteer-based organization, we all give to the common good, and in that

lies some sacrifice. It should not surprise anyone that there is conflict among bikers. Any group of individuals known for valuing independence, individuality, and freedom of choice are bound to have some conflicts. Like a friend says, "organizing bikers is like herding cats."

Hope to see out on the road, and whatever events you choose to attend, ride safe.

Becky Garino
secretary

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm)
Round Table Pizza

Roseburg

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

Hub City



Greetings to all,

This last month *Hub City* has once again pulled off another awesome fourth annual *One Night Stand*.

Thanks to the bands *Still Fire* and *Thrust* for putting on a great show.

We also would like to thank our mighty run coordinator, Don and the run committee for making *One Night Stand* a huge success. Thanks to Fred and Rhonda Tucker for letting us use your property and to all of the vendors, sponsors, and all who donated to the door prizes, along with equipment that made this possible.

A little side note: The water truck was well appreciated to help keep the dust down to a mild roar.

We would also like to congratulate the first bride and groom, Robert and Flo Zapata, with our own master of ceremonies, Al Sims in joining them in matrimony, and may they have a long and happy life together, as the wedding was beautiful, in biker style.

Everyone enjoyed the trophies that were custom-made for the bike games and other contests.

We had a winnie bite exhibition, which to my understanding, was a big hit. We hope to see everyone at the fifth annual *One Night Stand*.

Now, onto a more serious note.

With all of the past runs and runs still coming up, please be aware of the conditions. Weather can go from hot to cold. It will be shining one minute and raining the next. Traffic can be hazardous to the most experienced and to the most inexperienced. Remember to check and double check.



Now, that the serious stuff is out of the way . . .

At our July meeting, *Hub City* welcomed guests Dale Clark and Darrell Gilbert from *Operation Home Front* to let us know what they were all about and their mission to helping families of deployed soldiers.

Congratulations need to go out to Nic Oliver for winning the membership drawing and to Jerry Conant for winning the 50/50 drawing.

Ride safe and enjoy,

R & W



HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Josephine County

Does the weather get any better than what we find in southern Oregon? We haven't had rain for any of the events we've sponsored or attended this season.

Our chapter's fourth annual *Run To The Coast* poker ride on August 4th was a winner. There were about a hundred bikes, the ride over was perfect, and once again everyone enjoyed the company of the Sons of God MC. They are an awesome group of people. Some folks spent the night and went to the Del Norte county fair. Others returned the same day. A good time was had by all.

The following Sunday, many *Jo County Chapter A.B.A.T.E.* members attended the *Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association's Ride Around the Valley* to support funding for the appreciation BBQ for the veterans at the domiciliary in White City on September 9th. Lots of bikes, a beautiful ride up to Shady Cove and through the Rogue Valley with a final

stop at *Kate's Redwood Bar and Grill* in Grants Pass. Another great outing.

You best have all the maintenance done on your bike as the month of September is booked solid with some awesome rides. Labor Day weekend you can camp with the *Clean and Sober Motorcycle Club* at Horseshoe Bend, which is about 45 miles east of Roseburg. Flyers at the local motorcycle shops.

September 8th will see the second annual *Patriot's Run* to benefits the troops, veterans and Rogue River high school scholarship fund. Once again there will be music, a 50/50 raffle, BBQ, and *Win A Hog* (pig). The ride will start and end at *Rhino's by the Rogue*, 205 Rogue River highway, Gold Hill, Oregon. High winning poker hand will receive \$250., low hand will receive \$100.

September 9th will find many of us at the *Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association* appreciation BBQ at the veteran's domiciliary in White City.

BBQ will start at 11 a.m. and riders are requested to be there about 10:30 a.m. See flyers at the local motorcycle shops.

On September 16th, come out to our *Last Chance Summer Party* at 1 p.m. at Tom Pearce Park on Pearce road, Grants Pass, Oregon. This is our chapter end of summer party and get together with all the ingredients for a relaxing and fun day. The chapter will provide hamburgers, sausages, condiments and sodas.

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

Lincoln County

This is a quick note since *Beaver Creek* will be starting in three days. When a run gets this close, your life ceases to be your own. The weather is iffy here right now but we are planning for warm weather for the week end. When you read this, *Beaver Creek-25* will be history. You will have met as many of the charter members as we can get together so we can laugh about how we have changed. A good time will have been had by all and we do hope that ya'll come back, you hear.

We have members who still manage to get a ride in on occasion. During good weather it is a pleasure. I'm glad to see people taking time out for themselves. For some it is really a novelty. They have been the workhorses who kept the chapter running until new blood came in and some old blood showed again. Always think of those who have not had time out and offer to do what they are doing so that if nothing else, they can just take a quiet ride. That is what a brotherhood is all about. As the saying goes, all for one and one for all. No one is more important than the other and we need to help each other through what has come our way.

Looking back, it's hard to remember the beginning but when you sit and talk about a lot of it, things come back and you can laugh all over again. Lot of good memories and some sad ones are always brought to mind. The loss of dear friends, who are like family by the time they are lost.



I guess you should not write an article after midnight.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at *Beaver Creek* and do hope you had a good time.

Keep the rubber side down and enjoy the wind in your face,

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

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-
ING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900
(7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**North Coast**

Boy, I'm tired of this coastal drizzle! But like all tough bikers, head inland!

Had a great time at *Run 21*. Of the three that I've been to at Birkenfeld, this one was the best. I liked the venue and our chapter made some cash selling ice. (The iceman cometh.) One chapter helping another!

Special thanks to Steve Lovejoy for donating the use of his refer-semi to keep the ice cold. Hope to be back next year.

Next was the *Friendship Jamboree* in Vernonia, a great small town venue.

Then on to *One Night Stand*, the *Hub City* campout/party. Two on one weekend.

"Whew!"

Now it's down to *Beaver Creek*. Been hearing about this huge bonfire. We'll see.

Also with talk of getting chapter people to state meetings, this is a great opportunity to do both.

North Coast is working to have a successful *Two Rivers Run* on August 18th. Being a new run, we're hoping for the best. I want to thank Rot Path for getting our run information in the state magazine on such short notice.

This is the time for fun, but don't forget the mission statement.

Also watch alcohol levels and tiredness.

Stay alert,

Howie

NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

1st Thursday 1900 (7 pm)

Dundee's – Seaside

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

Northeast Portland



Soon we'll feel the howling winds and piles of snow and ice of another Oregon winter.

Well no, Oregon winters are not really that bad, but we'll still miss summer.

The *Northeast and Southeast Portland Chapters' Family Picnic* will give you something good to remember the Portland summer by. Come and join us this year again at Eagle Fern Park (27505 Eagle Fern Park road) near Estacada. This is a potluck so there is no charge for attending. Bring some potato salad, but burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be supplied to all with our compliments. There will be games and activities for the kids.

Right around the corner this fall will be the *A.B.A.T.E. fall Portland swap meet of 2007*. The swap meet is sponsored by all the members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Events like this are among the best ways for the gathering of people with such a wide variety of interests and a common love of motorcycling.

As usual the man who will work hard at the swap meet will be the infamous Rotten Roger.

Let's not forget the massive participation of the other volunteers too that combine to make the swap meets fun and a profit maker for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and it's mission.

The 2007 *Summer Run* happened August 17-19. It was fun for the whole family with our friends from all over the

state. Fun included the river, the bike show, activities for the kids, the fashion show, and more.

Thank you for bringing yourself.

And thanks once again to Lee Austin for running it along with the rest of our invaluable volunteers. Let's hope we can get Lee to run it again next year.

Is it too early to mention the *Columbia River Chapter Halloween party* on October 27?

[*c.o.e. note: No.*]

And speaking of *Columbia River*, between the *Northeast Portland* and *Columbia River Chapters* there's a wealth of history and tradition. Discussions are under way to combine these traditions to create one new super chapter that will be twice as effective and fun as they are now.

There are lots of details to be worked out. Come to the meetings and express your thoughts, pro or con.

Also, James Rhoden, *Columbia River's* coordinator has now become *Northeast Portland's* coordinator.

Meanwhile, the Portland *Shriners' Children's Hospital Toy Run 2007* is coming together. A \$10 raffle ticket will give you a chance to win a 2007 *Harley Road King Classic* or a 2007 *Schwinn Collegiate* scooter donated by *Action Motor Sports*. The toy run web site is <http://www.toyrun2007.com> and is on-line. The toy run itself is on December 1 when the winners will be drawn.

That's about it for now.

Read our newsmagazine, check in at the web sites such as <http://www.abateoforegon.net> and <http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com> and come to the meetings.

Tell us what *A.B.A.T.E.* can do for you and what you can do for your brothers and sisters in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Marty Soehrman
public relations officer
ABATE of Oregon
Northeast Portland Chapter



N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7:00pm)
Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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

July 17, 2007

Tonight's meeting was fun. We looked at pictures from our special meeting on the street at *Jammin' July Fest* (local *Chamber of Commerce* event) taken by our member who is a professional photographer, Michael Hildreth. The pictures are great and we will be sending some to the newsmagazine for our chapter page as well as some for the historian. This event was our attempt to get out into the public eye and promote our organization and purposes. We had nicely framed mission statement and chapter logo which are now on display at our meeting place, the *Roadstop Restaurant*. (Thanks, Brandy.) We will also be allowed to put up a wall display in the room where we meet.

We discussed the conflicting runs issue and strong opinions were expressed that the success of a run is in how good you make that run, not in how territorial you can be in your organization. We need to find unity and get all involved so all feel valued, included, and represented. Participation solves problems of isolation and is everyone's responsibility.

We have a chapter tradition for members to bring cookies to the meeting if they get a new bike. Scott Goad brought cookies tonight and we got to admire his sleek new *Roadstar*. Of course, since it was sitting out front, there were a few raindrops falling to break it into life in Oregon.

We had no drawings tonight.

— Brian

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August 7, 2007

Two of our members took the *Team Oregon* class this weekend: Scott Goad and Raunchy.

Also, Raunchy and Liska came to their first meeting with us. Hope to see them a lot more. We have often ridden by their place on the Little Klickitat river.

We approved our annual *Back to School* donation to *St Vincent De Paul* of \$100 and paid two rider class reimbursements as well as paying two small bills.

Rick won the 50/50 and donated \$4 of his \$6 back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

We wish our members and others out on the road good times and good pavement.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:03 p.m. Twelve people present.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Rick.

Rick read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: Raunchy and Liska came to their first meeting.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Larry because they were present in written form.

Correspondence: *St Vincent* letter for *Back to School* promo. *Chamber [of Commerce]* newsletter and card for barbecue.

Treasury report: \$218.79 in checking and \$1977.83 savings.

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RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Salem



BikePac of Oregon is looking for an executive director. Thanks to Ken Ray for his many years of service to further our cause. Right now the organization will be run by the board. Next meeting will be on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at noon, tentatively at the Salem public library.

Are you member of *BikePac*?

Interested in this position?

Contact Brian Stovall or Mel Yeager.

Please show your support by becoming a member today. Every member of *A.B.A.T.E.* probably should be.

The *Salem Chapter* is looking for a new meeting place. If you know of a suitable location in the Salem area contact a member.

Gracie from *Veterans of Oregon* came to our meeting to inform the membership on the medal available from them. Any veteran honorably discharged is encouraged to apply.

The lawsuit filed by the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* against Oregon State University and *Team Oregon* will be tried in California. The judge wouldn't change the location. The whole nation is following this case. Idaho has a vested interest in this

matter. They may be the next target.

Perhaps a letter to the various manufacturers of motorcycles telling them of your disapproval of this lawsuit is in order. The trade groups are sitting on the sideline voicing no opinion as of yet. They could use encouragement to take a stand, hopefully on the side of *Team Oregon*

The Fourth of July, Independence Day is now declared a no helmet day. A member of *Salem A.B.A.T.E.* took up this challenge and rode the Salem area lid free. This individual was willing to accept up to four tickets. The local authorities did not care to cite however.

Right on!

Remember when we were a bunch of mad motorbike riders?

We should have never put them on. Told them all to stick it where the sun never shines.

Now apathy has set in like concrete.

Time to get mad again!

Participation is critical.

There are easily over 200 motorcycles at Wankers Corner on any Wednesday evening. No one I have spoken with thinks that upcoming legislation will ever happen. Safety vests were the

example I used. Every single person said "It will never happen here."

Same thing happened with the helmet law way back when.

Wait till they make them beanies illegal 'cause that days is a coming. Then where will they be?

How come *A.B.A.T.E.* let this happen? Because your dead posterior was too busy showing off your latest bolt on that the dealer installed.

Enough said.

With respect,

Quiet Mike, *G.J.M.C.*

SALEM MEETING
TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
J.C.'s Pizzeria
4200 River Road north, Keizer

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

Southeast Portland

Run 21 is now another great memory.

It was nice to see old friends and make some new ones. All the hard work and effort of the run committee really paid off. The weather cooperated with us this year and fun was had by all. It couldn't have happened without the Mike and Wendy, the property owners. They were seen at the run having a good time. When you are in Birkenfeld stop by the store and say hello. They are special people.

Special thanks to our run coordinators, Michelle Hobbs and Richard Colwell. They both put in a lot of time, not only on the planning but on the run itself.

I want to also thank the gate crew of Wyoming and Straight Arrow. As some of you know the gate is a tiring thankless but much appreciated job. The security team of Stevie Herman and Cherokee was superb. Much thanks goes to all the volunteers who helped them.

A special thanks to our "hot shots" and "the boys" who put in many volunteer hours.

At the *A.B.A.T.E.* booth I want to thank Michelle Hobbs. (You really did it this year!!!!) We sold out of women's shirts the first day we were

there. Her crew of Killer, Jennifer, Jan Seaverson, and all the others did an outstanding job.

Thanks' to *Central Oregon* and *Salem* chapters for stepping up and helping out the way you did.

To everyone else who I forgot to mention, I am sorry. There were so many volunteers this year and I want you to know you are appreciated.

The bike games were terrific and as usual Jude won the burn out contest. (See list below.)

The bands were outstanding, as usual. Special thanks to *J.R. Sims and Texas Special*. We love you J.R.!

Thanks to Lauren for set up and tear down.

Our sound man Jay was outstanding.

Turtle did the bike games and did a great job.

Geoff White, you had a "tough" job this year and handled it with style.

Thanks to Ken for helping with the bands. For those of you who missed it we had one hell of a great time.

By the time this is printed *Summer Run* will also be a memory. We will update you at that time.

Don't forget the family picnic is coming up. Mark your calendars for September 22nd. This starts at noon and will be held at *Eagle Fern Park*.

Come out and bring your families. This is always fun. Burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks are provided by the chapters. This is a potluck and there is no charge for attending.

On a more serious note, some of you know from reading the newsmagazine that some of the chapters are not happy with the way things are being done from the states point of view.

You know what? That's okay.

It's the way that we, as a brotherhood, conduct we ourselves and our individual chapters that matter. We are all volunteers and we must pull together. If you are not excited and represent *A.B.A.T.E.*

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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

Washington County



As the summer campout season draws to a close, please be sure to mark your calendars for our *End of Summer Run* in Birkenfeld, Oregon. The property has seen more use this year, from *Summer Run* and *Run 21*, but *E.O.S.* will surely be the final bash of the year at that location. There will be a kid zone, bike games, and plenty of entertainment. This is a family-friendly event and everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendars for the third weekend in September and join us for a last summer fling.

We have just come back from *Beaver Creek* and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The usual coastal weather (you know, misty and damp) held off until Sunday morning. *WaCo* camp was broken down and loaded in record time. Unusual for the late night revelers who usually watch the meteor showers and the sun coming up. We enjoyed the vendors, the games, and the entertainment, and look forward to returning next year.

The toy run season is quickly approaching, so time to start gathering gifts for the less fortunate youngsters in our communities.

Along with toy runs will come the changing leaves of fall. Please be careful when out riding and watch for frosty corners and drifts of leaves.

I am sure there is something else I should be nagging or informing you about, but this submission is already late, so mark your calendars, get out and ride, and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson
secretary

Washington County Chapter
ABATE of Oregon

End of Summer Run

Live Music
Friday & Saturday

Tickets
Members: \$20 advance
\$25 at gate

Non-members:
\$20 advance
\$25 at gate

Ride Plus & Shirts Available

Washington County
ABATE
1111 Ave. 222
Medford, OR 97504



September 14, 15, 16 2007

For more information contact:
Washington County Chapter Run Coordinator
Paul Tracy
503-938-0712

Will see you in Birkenfeld

<http://www.wabate.org>

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Call early for more info and best space.
For vendor info call:
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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

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

Willamette Valley Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. held its August 16th meeting at *Roaring Rapids Pizza*, 4006 Franklin boulevard, Eugene, Oregon. We welcomed several guests and two new members, Bill and Joey Vaughan. The five guests were Danny, Carter, Calvin, Diane, and Scooter.

Right after our pledge of allegiance the last meeting minutes were approved and thanks went to Lostein for keeping them while Rod was out of town.

Our coordinator Jeff commented that the state planning meeting was coming up October 20th in Cottage Grove and asked members to get involved. He also asked if our chapter approved to do the food hosting for both days and all said it was okay. Jeff did point out that if you want to see changes or have constructive ideas, then this is where they need to be presented. Jeff also reported that we are having an *A.B.A.T.E.* information booth at *Git-R-Done* and need volunteers to man the booth.

Our vice coordinator, Sonny, mentioned that we do still need members to step up to run the *Swashbuckling Biker* event on September 15th, 2007. We do have quite a few volunteers, but you know how it is.

Rod gave his state board report and reported that discussion at the state board meeting leaned towards the upcoming state planning session, and that all chapters were asked for feedback. Rod also mentioned that there was going to be at least five positions needing filled on the executive board. State coordinator,

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



state run coordinator, state run coordinator-2, sergeant of arms-east, and *Confederation of Clubs* representative-2 positions all need someone to fill them.

Legislative director Rick Maish reported that

BikePAC is holding a session for input on October 6th at the Salem public library. If you have any ideas for new direction or wish to give feedback as to whether or not you want a lobbyist, here is the place to get involved.

Our treasurer, Anne, was out of town but got us report that things are not much different than last meeting with over \$2,000 in general checking and around \$770 in the *Downed Riders Fund*.

Lonnie had two new members sign up at the meeting. They were Bill and Joey Vaughan. We hope they enjoy experiencing what goes on and we welcomed them aboard.

Our chapter newsletter editor, Hal, is stepping down from the news editor position. If anyone would like to be the news editor, now would be a good time. Hal will only be putting out two more issues. Hal's efforts are greatly appreciated and we know he has put out tremendous effort. Thank you Hal, you'll be missed.

Hal did report that it was time to start thinking about the Christmas dinner and has asked for any member who have photos of our events and activities to send them to him so he

can put a slide show together to be part of the dinner.

Right after break we discussed the upcoming *Swashbuckling Biker* event to be held at *Spirit's* on September 15th, 2007. Diane from *Spirit's* came

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WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Roaring Rapids Pizza

4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene

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Our Officers at Work

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

11 August 2007 – Newport hospital – Newport Oregon



*Nic Oliver
state recording secretary*

Meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn, coordinator, at 12:18 p.m. with 12 of 13 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote with the exception of *Josephine County*.

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for downed brothers and sisters, service men and women

Guests and first time attendees: None.

Motion made by *Lincoln County* to accept minutes from June state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine. Geoff White seconded. Approved with one correction: the *Lakes and Bridges Run* had two pay outs of note, not just one. The first was the check to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for \$1,000 as printed and the second for \$1,000 was to the *M.R.F.* (Sorry about that. —Nic)

Coordinator comments: (Ed Vaughn) Two main points to talk about. First, is the planning session is in October, not August as printed. It is October 20th in Cottage Grove at the *American Legion Hall*. Plan to be there and bring your ideas. The more information discussed is how the work of *A.B.A.T.E.* is done. This is where needed changes come from to be voted on by the board of directors. Geoff White suggested that new officers should attend so that they get a better idea on how things are done. Sue Mills suggested the formation of a committee for planning this session. It was discussed on how the sessions are planned and

what the items the agenda should have on it. The agenda was pointed out that it is a general one and that the specific points to be discussed come out of the session itself. Brian Stovall spoke on how the session starts with brainstorming and this is where the proposals for consideration come from to be talked about in committee. The general topics are such as political goals, finances, organizational, etc. Ed spoke on how every chapter needs to get involved with multiple representatives. The more people, the more ideas and areas covered. There was discussion on re-instituting the two-day meeting instead of the one-day meeting. The basis for this is more done and not so stressful. Brian spoke on how the time frame is not written in stone and this is something that needs to change to like it was, a two-day meeting. Randy Phipps reminded everyone that a one day meeting is too far for some people and makes it difficult for attendance and a two day one is much better for outlying areas.

Ed will get with the chapter coordinators and list the concerns that need covering and next month will decide on a one or two day meeting this year. He will also have the agenda for the planning session next meeting.

State representatives are to stress to their chapters the importance of the planning session and how the chapter needs to be well represented because all the changes that come about at these sessions. The more input and

involvement there is then that much more information and input is achieved and better work is done.

The second point that needed to be made, was that the general meeting in December for the state board is the one that has the elections for state officers and all chapters need to be active in this process. Ed stated that he would not be running again. This information will also be on the web site and in the newsmagazine. October and November are the months for nominations. The actual vote will be in December.

Correspondence: There were two pieces read by Nic.

1. From Iris with the *Governor's Advisory Committee* meeting that will be in Corvallis on October 8th. It is a planning session and no public input will be allowed.

2. From Rot Path on a mistake in the newsmagazine regarding *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington's Freedom Run*. It is actually taking place on August 18th (next weekend) not on August 25th as was written.

Vice coordinator–north: (Richard Colwell) Absent.

Vice coordinator–south: (Jim Jones) Absent.

Vice coordinator–east: (Gene Mortimore) Went to *Run 21* and stated that they need to be commended for their work. The run was an excellent one and very well run and a lot of fun.

Has been in contact with the
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county judge on getting back the use of Shelton Park for the *Fossil Run*. He will continue this endeavor, if everyone wants him to. It was agreed that he continue to pursue this. Gene also stated that if this run is to continue and to grow like it should, then there needs to be an increase in the public's awareness of the run. Information needs to get out sooner and more public relations done.

Membership secretary: (Linda Henderson) We have 2,104 current members. That is down from last month. June's numbers have been corrected. Report handed in.

Treasurer: (Sue Mills) Report in packet. We still do not have all the bills in from *Fossil*. Currently, we have \$38,792.02 in all accounts. We spend approximately \$2,500–\$3,000 per month for the newsmagazine, including postage.

State auditor: (Deb Ross) Excused. Report given by Ed. Reported that there are currently six chapters on probation and need to contact Deb as soon as possible. They are *Central Oregon, Columbia River, Douglas County, Josephine County, Northeast Portland, Washington County*.

Newsmagazine editor: (Rot Path) Excused. No report.

Legislative director: (Mel Yeager) Report handed in and read by Nic. Nothing major to report as legislature is not in session. Reported that *BikePAC's* next meeting is October 6th at the Salem public library and numerous issues needed to be discussed and new officers voted in.

Brian Stovall reported that the federal transportation funding bill passed on 26 July. This bill has money in it for the states for

motorcycling grants to the individual state's departments of transportation. The *O.T.S.C. (Oregon Traffic Safety Commission)* handles the funds for *O.D.O.T.* Any chapter of *A.B.A.T.E.* or even individuals can apply for a grant of some of this money. All that needs to be done is to write a grant and make a proposal to the *O.T.S.C.* Each chapter needs to think seriously about how to get some of this money in their area.

Pat Williams brought back information about this from the *N.C.O.M.* conference. She would be a good source of how to go about getting this done. The contact in the *O.T.S.C.* is Troy Costales.

New Mexico tried to eliminate this funding for motorcycles but was defeated.

Sergeant at arms—north: (Randy Phipps) No report. Will be visiting *Columbia River Chapter* tomorrow. Chapters are shrinking in the Portland area and two chapters are talking about giving up their charters and reforming as a new chapter with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Sergeant at arms—south: (Bill Foster) Next month is the swap meet and there are volunteers needed. Especially for the gate. All chapters need to help, if they can. Chapter vice coordinators are to help with this.

Sergeant at arms—east: [Vacant]

Products director: (Dave Meeker) Has been having transportation problems.

If any chapters need products, please let him know. He will make sure that the order is at the next state board meeting for the representative to take back with them. Made a deposit of \$65 to the treasury and still has \$80 on hand. Was asked about *Fossil* t-shirts and responded that he

had five XL left over for about \$18 each.

Education director: (Patricia Carner) Absent.

Education director II: (Geoff White) Report started with giving Mel and Iris Yeager special notice and thank you for all of their work in teaching the *M.A.P.* classes. They are very busy doing this, which benefits all of us. Thank you Mel and Iris. They have more slated to be done, so if you want to help or even just watch, contact them or Geoff for times and places the classes are being taught. Mel and Iris' work is greatly appreciated! Places for putting on the *M.A.P.* are needed, so get the word out about the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* and when a place is found that wants the program, get in touch with Geoff, Mel, or Patricia. There is an introduction packet that can be given to the schools with information about *M.A.P.* Also, there is a need to get letters endorsing this program from teachers, etc. These letters, when put on a school letterhead, go a long way in promoting this vital safety program.

S.T.E.A.M.—2008 There are places being looked at for hosting the event. Also the topics that need to be taught are being reviewed. Any topics or ideas need to be given to Geoff so they can be reviewed and possibly worked into the agenda for *S.T.E.A.M.*

Public relations director: (Joan McCarty) Excused, medical reasons.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): (Ted Tracy) Absent.

State run coordinator II: (Howie Long) Reported that he is currently working with Ted to get next year's *Fossil* information so that a guideline can be drafted to help simplify the

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Fossil preparations. This will include a timetable for having certain things done so that problems can be addressed in a timely manner. It was suggested that Howie contact Roger when he comes back in September, as he has done this run for many years. Howie also stated that he and Ted would not be arranging the *Fossil Run* in the future.

State swap meet coordinator: (William Sander) Excused. It was reported that the swap meet flyers have been put in virtually every shop in the Portland area and need to get out to every other point in Oregon. Each chapter has the responsibility for their area. Places to go to include dealers, shops, businesses that may be interested. This will increase attendance and help our cause.

Historian: (Mary Burnett) A lot of pictures were turned in for the *One Night Stand* and also pictures and a newspaper article for *Run 21* was turned in.

Sanctioning officer: (Lee Austin) Excused. Ed reported that the *Northeast* and *Southeast Portland Chapters'* picnic is done. The *Last Chance Run* has been changed from a run to a picnic.

Web page editor: (Marty Soehrman) Excused, working. It was reported that the officer's list somehow got on someone's spam list and it is causing problems so Marty is switching to a *Google* site to fix the problem.

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) *Josephine County* asked about the stuff that belonged to *South Coast*, as a lot of it was theirs. This included a trailer. The representative asked about contact information so that he could contact them about it. Robert asked

that all chapters get an inventory list, if they haven't already, and get a copy of that list to the state to help simplify matters on where and what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* has.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Randy Phipps) The next *BikePAC* meeting is scheduled for October 6th in Salem at the public library. Report handed in.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat Williams) Excused, family reunion. Brian gave report that Pat missed the last confederation meeting but the next one is in Lincoln City on September 19th. Call for more information.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: [Vacant] Bobby Schneider resigned due to health issues.

Planning Session

The newsmagazine is a work in progress. Sue Mills reported that the advertisements are squared away and the non-paid ads are vanishing. That leaves more room for other things without increasing costs. Still soliciting quotes for printing to bring the costs down. The current mailing costs is approximately \$450. Mary reported that costs and expenditures are close in getting out the newsmagazine. Sue and Mary reported that the corporate packages that we have available need to be looked at. On one hand, the package cost does not cover expenses and on the other hand may be too expensive for what they get. Not sure at this time what decision needs to be taken. Could this be a planning session item? It was suggested that a survey of current advertisers be taken so their opinions could be considered on what works for them.

Ed reported that the agenda for this

year's planning session needs to have input from the chapters and approved by state board. Please, chapters, get on this to help shape the future of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Unfinished Business

Officer vacancies: Sergeant at arms—east: No nominations. *Confederation of Clubs* representative II: No nominations. State run coordinator I (*Fossil*): No nominations. Need someone now to get next year's *Fossil* started A.S.A.P.

Report on executive board findings regarding run problems resulted in executive board members attending a *Douglas County Chapter* meeting and following up with a meeting of the executive board from the chapter. There has been an understanding reached and some proposals for next year were discussed. It was noted that participation and communication prevented a problem from becoming worse and it was suggested that greater communication and participation from the Chapters could prevent future issues like this one from erupting.

New Business

- Mel, who is a life member of *A.C.T.S.* and *O.T.S.C.*, along with Randy Phipps reported that *A.C.T.S./O.T.S.C.* is hosting the national/international gathering being held in Portland this year. The registration fee is \$550 per person and it is a four day event, from Wednesday through Saturday at the *Governor's Hotel* in Portland. Mel is going as an independent and Iris is going representing the *G.A.C.* It is felt that there should be one more attend this

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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Florida statute 322.12 section 16 will require all applicants for a motorcycle driver's license endorsement, regardless of age, to successfully complete a motorcycle safety course.

These courses are offered by different companies throughout the state. The course registration fees vary and there is no cap on what they can charge. It is expected that prices will rise with demand. It should be noted that no other form of vehicle operator's license requires mandatory schooling.

Illinois began using photo radar in freeway work zones in July of 2007. Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375 ticket for the first offense. The second offense will cost \$1,000 and comes with a 90-day license suspension. Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which allows insurance companies to raise their rates.

The state began with two camera vans issuing tickets in work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 m.p.h. Photographs of both the driver's face and license plate are taken.

For more information see <http://www.dot.state.il.us/press/r033005.html>

The *Metro Manila* (Philippines) *Council's* (*M.M.C.*), the policy-making body of the *Metropolitan Manila Development Authority*, has passed a resolution requiring motorcycle riders to paint their

license plate numbers on helmets dubbed the "dual motorcycle and helmet license plate numbers policy."

The *M.M.C.* came up with the measure supposedly in a bid to curb robberies, assassinations, and other crimes committed by motorcycle-riding men. Under the policy, the license plate numbers on the helmet should be on a waterproof sticker permanently placed on both sides of the headgear and should be large enough to be seen by the public.

The resolution also requires that the license plate sticker should be readable from a distance of 25 meters and should be 40 mm high.

M.M.D.A. chairman Bayani Fernando said violation of the policy should be treated as a criminal offense, not a traffic violation. Violators will also be slapped with a P3,000 (\$68) fine.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*) has expressed concern about unanticipated consequences of proposals that might allow gas stations to increase the level of ethanol in the fuel they sell.

Currently, pump gasoline in the United States can contain up to 10 percent ethanol, which is used to increase octane, reduce carbon monoxide emissions and provide an alternative to petroleum-based fuels.

But now the state of Minnesota is seeking permission from the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* to allow the sale of fuel that includes 20 percent ethanol. And that has led to

concerns about the effects on motorcycle engines, which manufacturers say are only certified to run on fuels containing the current 10 percent blend.

The difference could be significant, since burning ethanol creates more heat than conventional gasoline, which has the potential to damage air-cooled motorcycle engines. In addition, fuel systems on bikes may be susceptible to corrosive effects of higher concentrations of ethanol in gas. And while ethanol helps reduce carbon monoxide levels in engine exhaust, it can also increase the levels of oxides of nitrogen, one of the components of smog.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*) recently praised the motorcycle industry for committing \$2.8 million to make a new study into the causes of motorcycle crashes a reality.

The motorcycle industry announced that it will provide the money through the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. The funding will go to the *Oklahoma Transportation Center*, which is an independent and respected research center at *Oklahoma State University* in Stillwater.

That industry money will be used as matching funding for a federal grant previously approved by congress. The terms of the federal grant required the motorcycling community to come up with 50 percent of the funding for the study. The *A.M.A.* has also committed



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funding to the project and the association has been collecting additional money from riders through its *Fuel the Fund* program.

Since 1973, the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* has set internationally recognized standards that promote the safety of motorcyclists with rider-education courses, operator licensing tests, and public-information programs. The *M.S.F.* is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by *B.M.W.*, *B.R.P.*, *Ducati*, *Harley-Davidson*, *Honda*, *Kawasaki*, *K.T.M.*, *Piaggio*, *Suzuki*, *Triumph*, *Victory*, and *Yamaha*.

The last major study into the causes of motorcycle crashes was completed in 1980. That study provided a wealth of data that has been used by organizations and individual motorcyclists to help keep riders safer on the road. But the traffic environment has changed enormously in the decades since, prompting the *A.M.A.* to begin campaigning for a new study several years ago.

That process continues with *A.M.A.*'s *Fuel the Fund* program, designed to finalize the budget for the study, which is expected to begin this fall. Riders can still support this effort by going to the *Fuel the Fund* web site.

With five minutes of your time, you can help the *A.M.A.* get legislation passed in congress that will end health insurance discrimination against motorcyclists.

The *A.M.A.* is working to get HR-

1076 passed in the U.S. house of representatives. This bill would close a loophole that allows denial of health insurance benefits to people injured in a motorcycle crash, or other excluded activities, such as skiing or horseback riding. (A similar bill has also been introduced in the U.S. senate).

The *A.M.A. Rapid Response Center* makes it easy by providing a pre-written message that you can edit, if you want, and sign and send immediately.

If you're unsure who your representative in congress is, the *A.M.A. Rapid Response Center* makes it easy to find out. Just enter your ZIP code or home state.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* is asking for public comments on the evaluation of state motorcycle safety programs. The data are to be collected from state employees, in each state the state motorcycle safety administrator and/or an employee of the state highway safety office.

N.H.T.S.A. will conduct a survey of state motorcycle safety administrators and/or state highway safety offices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to gather data on state-level motorcycle safety programs. This survey will consist of a questionnaire in mail (paper and pencil) format, which will allow a telephone follow-up for further details as necessary. The study will use the survey to gather comprehensive data on what each of the 50

states and the District of Columbia are doing to promote and ensure safe riding behavior.

The *Department of Agriculture* is looking to replace the members of the *Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee (R.A.C.N.A.C.)*, whose terms expire September 2007. The secretary invites nominations of persons to serve on this committee for a two year period, to run from September 2007 to September 2009. Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership.

Nomination packages must include a signed and dated copy of form AD-755—*Advisory Committee Membership Background Information*. Form AD-755 may be obtained at:

http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/ocio_forms.html.

Nominations must be received in writing by August 20, 2007.

Nominations for membership on the *R.A.C.N.A.C.* may be sent via fax to the director, *Ecosystem Management Coordination* at (202)-205-1012, or via mail to:

Director
Ecosystem Management Coordination
 U.S.D.A. Forest Service
 1400 Independence Ave., SW.
 Mail Stop 1104
 Washington, D.C. 20250

For further information contact Jessica Call,

R.A.C.N.A.C. coordinator, at (202)-205-1056.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Right-To-Repair Bill Introduced In U.S. House

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) reports that the U.S. house of representatives has reintroduced legislation that would return the right to repair to the vehicle owner instead of the original manufacturer.

Thanks go to representative Ed Towns (D-New York) who introduced the *Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act* (HR-2694) into the 110th congress. Joining representative Towns as original cosponsors were representatives G.K. Butterfield (D-North Carolina), Anna Eshoo (D-California), Steven LaTourette (R-Ohio), George Miller (D-California). and James Moran (D-Virginia).

The need for right-to-repair legislation has become apparent due to the increasing use of computers and electronics that control nearly every motor vehicle function from fuel delivery, braking, lighting, and emissions to entertainment.

Although computers provide many benefits to motorists through improved fuel efficiency, comfort, and safety, they also provide increasing opportunities for motor vehicle manufacturing companies to lock out access by car owners and the independent repair shops where owners choose to obtain service for their vehicles.

HR-2694 would require that car companies provide full access to all tools and service information needed to repair motor vehicles, thus leveling the competitive playing field between dealers and independent repair

shops.

HR-2694 is similar to last year's measure (HR-2048). However some differences exist between the two bills.

This year's legislation had to take into account several factors, including the new leadership in congress and committees.

In addition, although sponsored by the sitting energy and commerce committee chairman Joe Barton (R-Texas) last congress, HR-2048 barely limped out of subcommittee and failed to be taken up by the full committee or the house floor.

Dealing with the new chairman John Dingell (D-Ohio), who has been extremely outspoken against this bill, is certainly a challenge. Dingell, who has defended Detroit manufacturing against the environmental lobby for decades, has had a change of heart. Now that the Motor City isn't the vast field of smoke stacks it once was, that change may be sincere. As the newest environmentalist, perhaps Dingell can understand that a well-tuned and maintained vehicle gets higher miles per gallons (and is therefore better for the environment) and we should be removing barriers to convenient and proper vehicle maintenance.

HR-2694 now has eleven co-sponsors and has been referred to the house energy and commerce committee. No senate legislation has been introduced as of press time.

The *M.R.F.* encourages you to contact your federal representative



and ask them to co sponsor HR-2694.

As always, the M.R.F. will keep you posted on any developments.

House Passes Transportation Funding Bill

U.S. house of representatives passes transportation appropriations bill (HR-3074) by a vote of 268-153, with no restrictions on any motorcycle funding the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports.

The U.S. house passed the much needed transportation, housing, and related agencies funding bill late Tuesday night without provisions eliminating funding for what is known as the section-2010 motorcycle safety funds.

The day before debate began on this bill it became known to the *M.R.F.* that representative Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) was going to propose an amendment that would have zeroed the funding for fiscal year 2008 on the motorcycle safety grants, the same grants that were welcomed by 44 states in fiscal year 2007. This amendment would have saved the taxpayers a paltry six million dollars.

After hearing from hundreds of motorcyclists, some intense political advice, and a healthy amount of careful consideration Mr. Hensarling decided not to introduce the amendment. Hensarling was faced with the choice of potentially saving a few thousand lives or saving the

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taxpayers a few dollars. In the *M.R.F.*'s view, he made the correct choice.

The section-2010 motorcycle safety specific funds that the *M.R.F.* and its supporting organizations worked so hard to have included in the last highway bill (PL 109-59) remain intact and the popular grant program continues to be a success.

To put things in fiscal perspective, the motorcycle safety grant program accounts for about one half of one one thousandth of this entire spending package. *"In other words, the motorcyclists are asking for chump change in the grand scheme of this legislation,"* said Jeff Hennie, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations.

"What a great example of how motorcyclists get things done in Washington D.C." Hennie continued. *"Every motorcyclist who phoned in to their federal representative earned and deserves the freedoms that we all enjoy."*

The \$104.4 billion dollar spending measure is now slated to be debated in the senate, where no anti-motorcyclists provisions are expected, and then on to the white house for final signature under a potential veto threat.

The *M.R.F.* thanks all of its members and supporters and will continue to keep you up to speed on all happenings in your nation's capitol of Washington D.C.

As for the remainder of Mr. Hensarling's proposed amendments? They all failed on the house floor. Maybe there is hope for wisdom in Washington D.C. after all.

Jeff Hennie

[HR = House resolution]

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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Elect A Biker For President

Iowa was once again in the national spotlight in August as the first presidential straw poll that helped define the upcoming race to the white house. And Tommy Thompson is hoping his biker friends kick started his campaign into full gear.

The republican is the former four-term governor of Wisconsin and past federal secretary of *Health and Human Services*, but to many his most endearing qualification is that he rides a motorcycle. In fact, he began riding under the tutelage of former Wisconsin state senator Dave Zien, one of the country's most well-known and beloved motorcycling advocates who is also a member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force*. (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.)

Thompson has toured his home state in the saddle of a *Harley-Davidson* to promote business and tourism, and even hosts his own annual motorcycle ride. He has signed many pro-motorcycling pieces of legislation into law in Wisconsin, and is on record as opposing helmet regulations. In August 2002, Thompson was inducted into the *Motorcycle Hall of Fame* in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Syndicated columnist George Will recently wrote of Thompson's candidacy in the *Washington Post*, and referred to the "Sturgis Factor" in gauging his chances for success in a field of more well-known and better

funded G.O.P. presidential hopefuls.

Will was referring to the fact that the Iowa straw poll lands on August 11, during the annual *Sturgis Bike Rally* that draws over half a million riders to the neighboring state. (August 6-12) Thompson hopes that some of those Iowa bikers will take the time during their travels to participate in the presidential straw poll. A group of nationally known bikers' rights activists have formed *Team Tommy* and are inviting all motorcyclists to show their support for a fellow rider.

You can find out more, or make a donation, at:

<http://www.teamtommy.org>

California Ducks Smog Checks For Motorcycles

As reported in the August 2007 issue of *Motorcycle Consumer News*, there are no immediate plans to require motorcycles to submit to regular smog checks in California, similar to emission tests that cars and other vehicles must undergo.

Under the news item *No Smog Checks for California Motorcycles* it was announced that "The California Air Resources Board (C.A.R.B.) has decided against adding motorcycles to the list of vehicles that must undergo periodic emissions testing. Reportedly, pressure from the California Motorcycle Dealers Association, A.B.A.T.E. of California, and others caused the C.A.R.B. to drop the proposal."



Arizona is currently the only state that requires emissions testing for motorcycles, and testing is limited to only Maricopa county, in which the city of Phoenix is located. A motorcyclists coalition led by *A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona*, the *Modified Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.)* of Arizona and the *Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (A.C.M.C.)* were recently successful in lobbying to end emission tests for motorcycles in Pima county. The *Kentucky Motorcycle Association (K.M.A./K.B.A.)* successfully removed motorcycles from their state's emissions testing several years ago.

North Carolina Passes Red Light Legislation

The North Carolina legislature has voted to give frustrated bikers a break at red lights. Recognizing that some traffic signal sensors do not recognize and trip for motorcycles, the senate voted unanimously for the measure and the house then voted 61-55 to send the bill to governor Mike Easley's desk. If he signs it, the law will take effect December 1st, allowing motorcycle riders to proceed through a red light if they've waited three minutes for the light to change and if no other vehicles and pedestrians are in sight.

Virginians Face Threat Of \$3,000 Ticket

"Virginia Is For Lovers", or so the state slogan has declared since 1969.

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Starting July 1st, Virginia also will be the home of the \$3,000 traffic ticket. In an effort to raise money for road projects, the state will start hitting residents who commit serious traffic offenses with huge civil penalties.

Exorbitant fees range from \$750 to \$3,000 and will be added to existing fines and court costs. For example, the civil penalty for going 20 mph over the speed limit will be \$1,050, plus \$61 in court costs and a fine that is typically about \$200.

Virginia's new traffic penalties are expected to raise \$65 million a year and are part of an effort to improve the state's roads without raising taxes. Some other states impose extra civil penalties for traffic offenses, but the cost is usually \$100 or \$200.

The civil penalties apply only to Virginia residents, not out-of-state drivers, as the state legislature didn't think it could enforce the extra penalties in other states.

A.A.A. Mid-Atlantic supports the new penalties, claiming the law will help reduce traffic fatalities.

Charleston Parking Garages Ban Bikes

A new ordinance prohibits motorcycle parking in all eleven city parking garages operated by *Republic Parking System* in Charleston, South Carolina, severely limiting downtown parking available for motorcyclists.

"The new policy is in response to the increased liability that the city faces with motorcycles not always being detected on the loops and the potential of the gate coming down

and injuring the rider," states a notice which forbids motorcycles from entering the facility, a violation now punishable with a fine.

Citing motorcyclists' contribution to alleviating traffic and parking congestion and their low fuel consumption, "Fast Fred" Ruddock, state coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina*, compares the discrimination against the riding minority to the Jim Crow laws of the segregation era. "*The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in public facilities*," Ruddock told the *Charleston City Paper*. "*All new traffic sensors installed by S.C.D.O.T. now detect motorcycles, so the weak excuse given in the notice holds no water.*"

He's contacted Beaufort-based attorney John Daus, a lawyer for *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)*. "*Motorcyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as an auto car or pickup truck under South Carolina law*," said Daus, who is currently formulating a letter to the city in hopes that they'll resolve the issue out of court.

"*The parking garages' fears seem somewhat unfounded*," says California attorney Richard Lester, founder of the nationwide *A.I.M.* program and the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*, a biker advocacy group. He says that whiplash is the worst injury that's been reported to *A.I.M.* from a falling gate. "*Not allowing them in there seems a lot worse than any injury that could possibly come from it.*"

Weird News

Australian Police Accuse Charities Of Making Bikers Look Good

The Queensland police minister, Judy Spence, has accused hospitals and charities of giving "biker gangs" a "veneer of respectability" by accepting their donations from charity runs. "*She brands all motorcycle clubs as outlaw groups*," read the article.

The *Australian Motorcycle Rider Association* responded by commenting that not all club riders were in criminal gangs and should not be painted with that brush.

Quotable Quote

"Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is a daring adventure, or nothing."

Helen Keller
(1880-1968)
blind and deaf activist

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Legislative Report



Mel Yeager
state legislative director
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

There is very little to report this month.

No legislative activities were planned for this period.

BikePAC of Oregon has a business meeting planned for October 6th at the Salem public library at noon. We will be conducting the business of *BikePAC* as a committee until a new executive director can be elected.

One of the most important items we must decide is the future use of our paid lobbyist, Wayne Schumacher. The future legislative activities of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* are at stake here.

For anyone interested in helping determine our future goals in the next

legislative session, please plan to be at that meeting. Your input will be considered before a decision is made.

The very future of *BikePAC of Oregon* may be at stake, as well.

I know this is a scary thought, but frankly the support from motorcyclists has been pretty much missing when training sessions and call to respond has been sent out. It seems that the same few people show up at these events and the majority find it not important enough to take the time to attend.

This is not to say that we don't appreciate those who do show up. Their attendance and support is what keeps the few of us going. This is a

thankless job and the good feelings we get when an issue is passed in behalf of all motorcyclists makes the work we do all worthwhile. The officers of *BikePAC* have been in this fight for a very long time and we are all getting tired of banging our heads against the legislative wall in the capitol. Perhaps it is time to reconsider whether *BikePAC* is still a viable entity in this fight for motorcyclists' rights or is it time to do it another way?

These are my personal opinions and not necessarily the opinions of *BikePAC's* executive board.

Answer to August CRYPTOGRAM

When fascism comes to America,
it will appear wrapped in the flag,
carrying a cross.

— Sinclair Lewis, 1935

September Cryptogram

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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

Governor's Advisory Committee On Motorcycle Safety

The next meeting of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* will be held in Corvallis at the main fire station downtown on October 8th. It is an all day meeting of the committee. The public may attend, but will not be allowed to participate. This planning session is intended to lay out the plans for the next year.

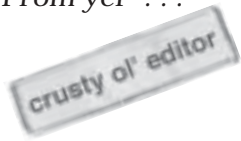
Mel and I taught two classes of motorcycle awareness on August 8th.

We have the driver training students evaluate our performance. This time we got a comment from one of the students, "You two are too cute". That was fun for two near-seventy year olds to hear.

Hey, have fun riding. See Ya.

— Iris Yeager

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Going It Alone

Why push a bike when you can ride it?

c.o.e. – 68



by
Rot Path

Are we missing opportunities?
Twice during the 2007 legislative session there were bills sponsored by other groups that could have been extended to include motorcyclists.

Bicyclist groups managed to get a bill passed making motorists more responsible for their actions around bicyclists. Their efforts were very similar to our own regarding increased penalties for drivers who harm motorcyclists.

Another group, *Basic Rights Oregon*, had a bill passed and signed by the governor that expanded the category of people who cannot be legally denied such basic necessities as lodging and employment. (There are countless bone-tired motorcyclists who have been refused motel and hotel rooms just because they arrived on less than four wheels.)

Aren't these issues that bikers have been trying to get resolved for years?

Why aren't we joining forces and resources with these and other groups on issues that affect us all?

Why should we try to go-it-alone on legislative issues that are important to us?

In asking these questions yer crusty ol' editor isn't pointing fingers at folks in our organizations, finding fault with past methods, or trying to fix blame. What c.o.e. wants to see is for us to become more aware of the wider world that exists beyond the shoulder of our own road and the opportunities we're being offered.

Next month *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* will be holding their annual planning session. Instead of dividing into groups as usual to plan specific routes, we need to step back from the map and look at the possibilities available to us.

We need to ally ourselves with others who are riding in the same directions as ourselves.

We need to be ready approach other groups and work with them to help pass legislation that will benefit us all. By combining our efforts, we stand a much better chance of achieving our individual group goals. And elected officials would see that we aren't a single-issue group.

We can receive more support from legislators if we are perceived to be working within the community (and voter base) rather than standing alone demanding consideration.

What we absolutely need is an inclusive vision that can continue to carry us forward for decades.

Come to the planning session or send your comments and demand that *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* combine our efforts with any other groups that sponsoring legislation similar in goals to our own. Your voice *can* make a difference.

Later this month we will see light and dark balanced once more. (But we still need to slow down in school zones and watch out for wet leaves.)

Congratulations to Gunny Hutch for surviving fifteen years of contributing to motorcycle news and awareness. We don't know where he gets his material but it's always interesting and lets us know to what strange lengths governments will go to "protect" their citizens from themselves. His column is the first item many folks read when they receive their copies of this fine rag. (Then they go on to this editorial, of

course.) And his work with *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* helps every biker who is hurt by inattentive cage drivers to hold them responsible for their actions. (But we still need legislation to make such responsibility a universal requirement.)

Thank you, Gunny, for giving so much to the motorcycling community.

P.S. The second weekend of this month will see *Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire* taking place.

Why is that significant to bikers? Because you can get clothing and accessories for riding that you absolutely cannot find anywhere else. (Check out the blue bottles that are perfect for grog.)

You can get chain mail, knives and swords, gnawable food, pirate garb, flags. There is music, wenches, a queen, and jousting on horseback (see the photo on page 42), and those clever pins by Red Wolf that say such things as "Maritime Wealth Redistribution Specialist". (Means "pirate".)

It all takes place northwest of Corvallis on King's Valley highway at Grant road near the Benton/Polk county line. It's nine dollars to get in but the vast field of parking is free.

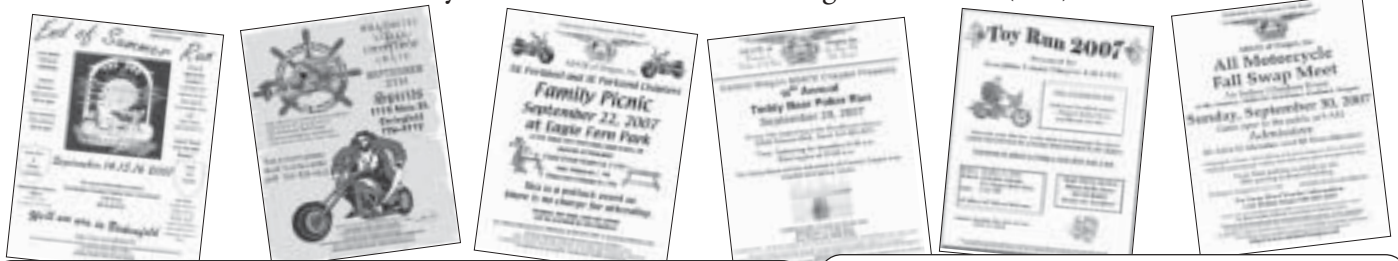
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Finally got out in the rain and washed the pirate ship paint job off the Rot Cycle. (The temporary paint job had lasted over a year and through two parades.) Nude bike washes are fun. Might be an enjoyable way to raise funds, especially if we did it in the fountain in front of the capitol.

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

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09 Sept	Sunset Poker Run		
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15 Sept	Swashbuckling Bikers–Willamette		(541)-744-2494
19 Sept	Talk Like A Pirate Day (No matter where you are or what yer doin')		
20-23 Sept	Meeting of the Minds–MRF	Iowa	
22 Sept	Chapters Picnic–NE, SE		(503)-231-2701
29 Sept	Teddy Bear Run–CentOr	Bend	(541)-389-2167
30 Sept	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	Portland	(503)-285-4329
06 Oct	Biker Night–Salem Chapter		(503)-390-4292
07 Oct	Toy Run– JoCo	Fruitdale	(541)-471-6049
13 Oct	Casino Night–Willamette Valley Chapter	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
27 Oct	Halloween Party–Columbia River	TBA	(503)-933-4986
27-28 Oct	Mall Show–Hub City	Albany	(541)-
20-21 Oct	ABATE of Oregon Planning Session	Cottage Grove	(541)-
17 Nov	Biker Night–Salem Chapter		(503)-390-4292
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20 Nov	North Coast Spaghetti Feed and Auction	Astoria	(503)-325-2823
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9 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	10 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	11  new moon solar eclipse-0507	12	13	14 Washington County End Of Summer Berkenfeld	15 Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire (a good source of biker and pirate garb) Washington County End Of Summer Berkenfeld ----- Willamette Valley Swashbuckling Pirates Springfield
16 Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire (King's Valley Highway) Southeast Portland noon Washington County End Of Summer Berkenfeld	17	18 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	19  2nd quarter moon Josephine County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm) Talk Like A Pirate Day !	20 Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm) M.R.F. Meeting Of The Minds	21 M.R.F. Meeting Of The Minds	22 M.R.F. Meeting Of The Minds NE & SE Portland Family Picnic Estacada
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For More Information: Melinda at 503-231-2701 or melindam@ipns.com

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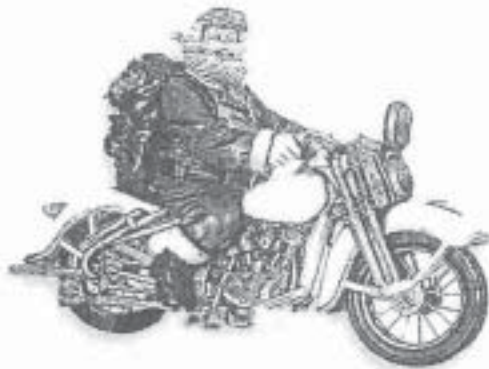
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An Indoor / Outdoor Event

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Sunday, September 30, 2007

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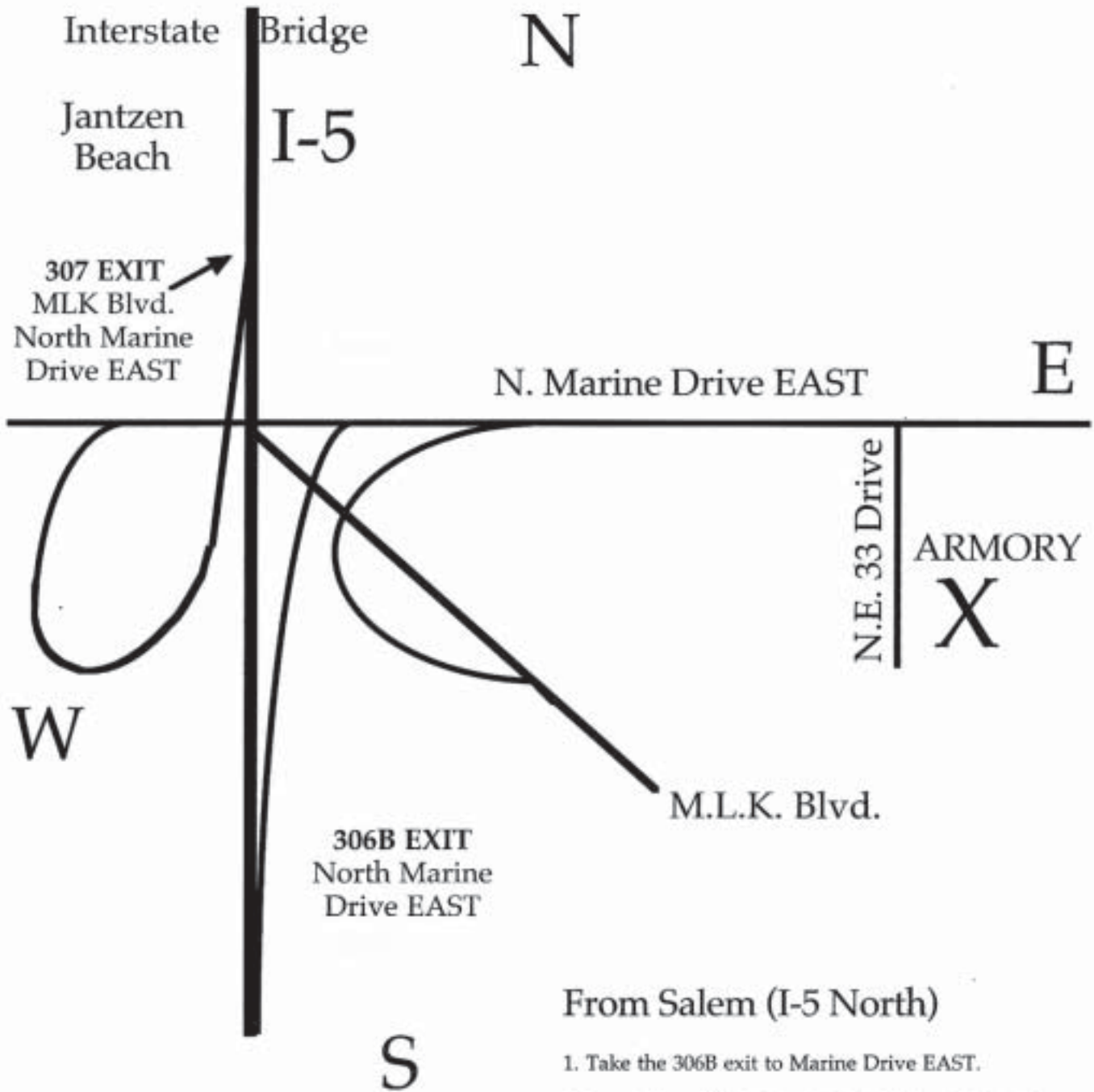
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Oregon BikePAC



Mel Yeager
BikePAC of Oregon

To all *BikePAC* members,

The next scheduled business meeting of *BikePAC of Oregon* is October 6th at Salem public library. The location is confirmed as the Plaza room. It will start at noon with Brian Stovall leading the meeting.

Since the resignation of Ken Ray, *BikePAC* will be run by a committee consisting of the executive board until a new executive director can be elected.

For more information please contact Brian Stovall at:

gulducati@gorge.net

or Mel Yeager at:

mel_yeager@msn.com.

You have approximately [one month] to plan to attend this meeting. It is where the discussions start about what our plans are prior to the next legislative session and the elections that will be held in

the meantime.

Another important item of business is to decide about the future of our lobbying activities.

Please be there to help decide these very important issues.

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer

State Board Minutes

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from *A.B.A.T.E.* Brian nominated Randy. (See motion #1.)

- Randy reported on the democratic and republican gatherings and on how *A.B.A.T.E.* has always had a presence there. The rules have changed for the upcoming democratic summit in Sun River October 5-7. These rules make it difficult for *A.B.A.T.E.* to have a presence there like in the past. Teresa and Brian are already going. There may be conflicts with the *BikePAC* meeting that need to be worked though. Discussion ensued. It was decided that we would not send anyone this year but would consider reimbursing someone for his or her attendance. Brian said that the best way to be represented is to become a P.C.P. for your party in your local area.

- Discussion was initiated regarding the paid lobbyist for *BikePAC* and the need for funds from *A.B.A.T.E.* to

cover this. Brian reported that this issue is one that will be discussed and decided upon at the *BikePAC* meeting in October. If needed, the funds could be given to *BikePAC* in December.

- Spanky, *Josephine County Chapter*, stated that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is screwing up in getting memberships. He believes that membership is far less than it could be and that we need to develop ways to increase our membership. It was noted that there are a lot of people out there who just don't care. The apathy demon is doing us a lot of harm. Advertising in the *Thunder Press* and other avenues were discussed. It was suggested that Spanky put together a plan and bring this to the planning session for more work.

Motions:

1. Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Nic Oliver, "to pay registration costs for Randy Phipps

for the *Oregon Traffic Safety* conference. 11 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Next state board of directors meeting: September 8, 2007 at the *Eagles Lodge* on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon at noon.

- The *Governor's Advisory Committee* planning meeting is October 8th, at the firehouse on 4th and Harrison in Corvallis, Oregon.

- The *All Harley Drags* are August 25-26.

- People are asking for them, so get *Team Oregon* schedules out.

- *Two Rivers Run* is next weekend.

- *Summer Run* is next weekend.

- August 16th is the *Last Chance Run*, party, get-together in *Josephine County*. Call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 for more information on this.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 p.m.

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

It seems like every month I'm confronted with ever more intrusion into my privacy and yours too. I say it often: We are losing our rights and liberty. This is happening nearly every day, one way or an other. Even our state legislators are getting in the game. In Arizona, a new regulation is pending that would require every person arrested for certain crimes, whether or not convicted, to submit to D.N.A. testing, just to expand Arizona's D.N.A. data base. This would cost their taxpayers from 2 to 3.5 million dollars a year, supposedly made up from increased traffic ticket fines.

The feds are attempting something very similar, mostly affecting illegal immigrants to this country, but guess who's gonna be next? That measure was quietly attached to the reauthorization of the *Violence Against Women Act*, and was praised by crime victim organizations.

How much more freedom are we willing to give up in the name of safety? We are becoming a nation whose leaders will soon be telling us what and where we eat or what TV we watch. I'm telling you folks, this is serious business and we better take notice.

This country is fast becoming a totalitarian state and it scares the pants off me. Even Nancy Pelosi said recently that we're closer to a dictatorship than anytime in our history. Helmet laws are the least of our worries right now, folks.

Newsbits—N—Pieces

Baltimore, Maryland— This time we won. A federal judge here rejected a church's attempt to dismiss a defamation lawsuit filed by the father of a fallen Marine after church members picketed his son's funeral. The church claims that the death of American servicemen and women in Iraq is God's punishment for our tolerance of homosexuality.

This is the same bunch of clowns who have been picketing military funerals across the country. Our *Patriot Guard Riders* (the newest member group of *N.C.O.M.*, the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*) have been riding in support of the families and closing off the picketers from these sad proceedings.

Judge Richard Bennett should be commended for his action. When a church tries to impose it's doctrine this way, the courts will decide. It's a shame when people can't bury their dead with dignity. The whole thing stinks to high heaven. I was taught that the church was where you could find solace instead of more grief.

Idaho and Oregon — The *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)* is at it again. They are attempting to install their safety training program as the sole safety program for Idaho.

This is a *for profit* group made up of motorcycle manufacturers, and in my mind, their training program is inferior to state programs. The *M.S.F.* sued *TEAM Oregon* for supposedly "infringing" on copyrights of the *M.S.F.*'s rider ed program. Are they interested in safety or in money??



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

Fortunately, the Oregon *Department of Justice* is standing tough behind *TEAM Oregon* in court. We'll let you know the result.

Just last year, the federal transportation agency, *N.H.T.S.A.*, recognized *TEAM Oregon* as the best in the nation. It was developed years ago by bikers, for bikers, and then turned over to the Oregon department of transportation where it's been led courageously by Steve Garrets for some years now. More power to 'em!

Amsterdam, Holland — An 84-year-old Dutch driver astonished police here when he admitted during a random check that not only was his car uninsured, but he had been driving without a license for 67 years. Amazing as that is, his car had never been through their safety inspections either. He apparently got away with it because he had never had a wreck or gotten a ticket. How about that!?

Santa Monica, California — A sky-trike? This just might interest a few of ya'll. Here's a way to go 100 miles an hour and not get a ticket. Ya need a pilot's license to take advantage of it, though: The *Super Sky Cycle* is a home-built trike that will fly! It'll do 55 on the ground and 100 mph in the air. For about \$38,000, you can buy the kit and build it yourself. Have fun!

Tennessee — A new Tennessee regulation went into effect July 1st

GUNNY'S SACK (continued)

will get you a misdemeanor charge if you ride your scoot with the front tire intentionally up off the ground. Representative Vince Dean said this new regulation came about when a judge in Chattanooga thought he couldn't lawfully charge a biker for popping a wheelie under the state's reckless driving regulation. Dean, who owns a motorcycle and is a former Chattanooga policeman, and senator Dewayne Bunch, sponsored the bill "It's not only a danger to the rider but to others on the roads," he said. "I'll argue with any rider that even if you're trained, you can't have control on a roadway if you're doing a wheelie. Even on two wheels, if you hit a patch of gravel, it can throw you off your bike."

Chattanooga motorcyclist Christopher Cavin, said he thinks the reckless charge is too harsh. "If there's no traffic, I don't see the problem if you know what you're doing," he said. "If you're in traffic and doing wheelies in and out of cars, that is reckless." It's also giving motorcycling a huge black eye. Other motorists on the highways don't differentiate between motorcyclists. To them, we're all painted with the same brush and same color paint.

Thanks for the story to the *Biker Republic* e-news service. Check 'em out at:

<http://www.BikerRepublic.org>

Trailer Queens — If ya gotta trailer yer ride to an event, now you can camouflage it inside of a rig that looks like a *Corvette* or a *Mustang*. *American Custom Trailers* have this line of neat motorcycle trailers. Just like with

their full-scale counterparts, be prepared to give up a little space inside if you opt for the *Corvette*. The 'Vette offers 19 cubic feet of cargo space. *Mustang* buyers will get about 20 cubic feet.

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Prices start at \$3,495. These folks offer various custom paint jobs and graphics packages, and fully custom trailers are available starting at \$9,995.

As for the Gunny, I'd rather just ride.

Those prices will buy a lot of gas and motel rooms!

Gunny Again

Having said it before I remind everyone these pearls are sponsored by our Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney Sam Hochberg, and by *A.I.M.*, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*. Sam is just one of many *A.I.M.* attorneys across this nation who ride and live our lifestyle and are here to help us when we are in need of legal assistance.

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Josephine County

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Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, your family and non-A.B.A.T.E. riders also. This will replace the regular chapter meeting scheduled for September 19th. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and raffle prizes.

Mark your calendars for the huge state A.B.A.T.E. swap meet on September 30th in Portland. If you can't find your motorcycle needs there, you probably won't find it. There are flyers at *Full Throttle Custom Cycle* on Rogue River highway.

To our many members, be safe on the road, make sure your dues are paid, and see you all next meeting,

Gypsy
recording secretary
Josephine County Chapter

River City

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Bills submitted: Teresa for postcards and ride cards – \$11.07. *Aeroprint* \$17 for printing two training reimbursements – Raunchy and Scott Goad.

Membership report: 87 wonderful people.

Board report: None.

Legislative report: Federal law passes.

Ways and means report: New raffle – Minnie Mouse.

Public relations report: Cards, bike night on Thursdays downtown.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: *Glenwood Loop* again. (More grasshoppers.) Lake Abert and Christmas Valley. (Great food in Silver Lake.)

Planned rides:

New Business

- *Mid-Columbia Car Club* meet, Saturday, 11 August from 9 a.m.

River City

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- *St Vincent Back to School* program. Brian moved to send \$100. Passed.

- *United Way* information drop solicited by Teresa.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Upcoming meetings

September 4, 2007

September 18, 2007

Southeast Portland

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positively then you will not do your chapter any justice. If you don't like the way things are being handled, come to a meeting and voice your opinions. If you don't like the way the state does things go to the state meetings and let your voice be heard. We are only as strong as the people in our chapter. Discontent breeds discontent. Let's all work together and bring the state of Oregon the best A.B.A.T.E. in the country.

If you don't know, our chapter meetings are held on the first and third Sunday of the month at the *M & M* in Gresham at noon. The state holds their meetings at the *Eagles Lodge* in Albany on the second Saturday of the month at noon.

As promised, here are the bike game results:

- Keg Roll – Mark B, Yukon, Corey Laird.

- Pack Rat – Sam and Greg, Marlon and Janet, Rider and ?

- Slow Race – Jeff White, Corey Laird, Yukon.

- Kick Ass – Beryl, Allan, Brad.

- Plank Ride – Pat Burr, Charlie, Gavin W.

- Weenie Bite – Yukon and Anastasia, Brandon and T, Marlon and Janet.

Ride safe,
Honey Buns

Willamette Valley

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to this meeting and was able to see how we are doing on getting all into place. Rod laid out the schedule of events, and pointed out that we will need a few non-drinking members to man the gate for entry and check ID's on all entering the site and help run the activities. We do have volunteers for the poker run stops and a few at *Spirit's* to help man the event. Can always use more. We also passed around the rough draft for the free meal tickets to be given to our supporting sponsors and it was approved to proceed with getting two of them out to each of our sponsors.

Under new business, Keith commented that maybe we could put together another *Casino Night* in January sometime. Jeff pointed out that the casino nights are pretty much the work of Wendy Taylor and she as already expressed that two is enough. Rod suggested maybe we could have short mid week poker runs in the summer as another source of activity. We could use Sonny's idea of a roving poker run and stay together as a group. Make it a short 20-30 mile ride so being middle of the week would work. It could be fun...

Our 50/50 drawing was held and \$24.25 was won by Keith which he gave to the *Downed Rider's Fund*. The membership drawing prize of \$ 80 was drawn and Joseph Sarro missed out as he wasn't at the meeting.

Well gotta go.

Hope all enjoy the rest of the summer.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter

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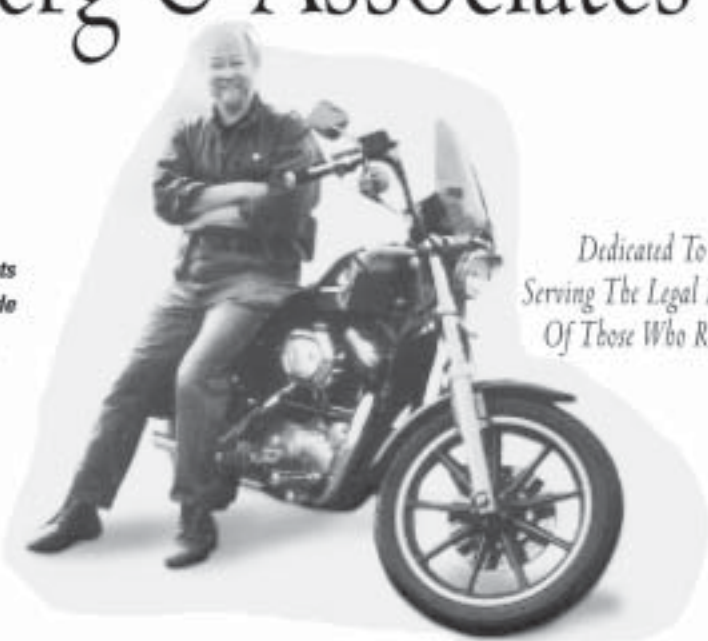
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Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
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MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

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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



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Name	Phone () -
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1) Have you ever been a member of the MRF? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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-	Willamette Valley area (continued)								
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		other areas							
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*As long as yer talkin' like a pirate, ya might as well ride as one. **ARRrrr !***

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

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This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO:

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ATTN: Gunny

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

If modified describe: _____

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(Aug 2007)

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(Sept 2007)

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(Aug 2007)

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(Oct 2007)

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 Name: _____
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 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____

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New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	_____
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No _____	

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-807-1606
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast	1 st Thursday 4 th Sunday	1900 (7 ^{pm}) 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Dundee's</i> ; Seaside <i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland	(503)-777-5121
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>C.C.'s Pizzeria</i> , 4200 River Road north, Keizer	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene	(541)-688-4268