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# Welcome To Two-Wheeled Motoring

(With A Third Wheel Option)



With rising fuel prices many folks are turning to scooters and motorcycles to keep their personal transportation costs down.

It's like riding a bicycle that you don't have to pedal. People who grew up riding bicycles tend to have an easier time transitioning to powered two-wheel road machines.

But if that's not an option, consider three wheels. There are trikes and hacks (sidecar motorcycles) available.

Here's a hint to save you time, money, skinned knees, and possibly your life — take a *Team*

Oregon basic rider class. They even provide the motorcycles.

Folks getting their first scooters tend to think that just because they're small and low-powered, they can train themselves to ride. And many people are successful going at it that way.

Trouble is, they may develop potentially harmful riding habits that will be difficult to unlearn later. That's why it's so important to associate with experienced riders like the *Team Oregon* instructors who can show people the safest techniques to ride their little road rockets.

Even if you don't need a motorcycle endorsement to ride your particular mode of transport, the class can teach you tips that will make your riding more enjoyable because you will have the knowledge and skills to avoid crashing.

Many insurance companies give discounts to folks who successfully

complete the class.

If you need an endorsement, the class satisfies the D.M.V. requirements.

And on top of all that, if you join *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* (for a measly \$25 per year), the organization and your chapter may cover most of the class cost.

You can't lose.



For you webheads, more class information may be found at:  
<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>

## Two Months And Counting Down

That's how long is left until U.S. elections in November.

It's coming quicker than you expect and candidates who could be our allies locally and at the state level need our help.

But we can only gain their their continuing good will by *acting now*.

That means setting down this rag, finding the phone number of a candidate who has similar concerns to motorcyclists, then calling and volunteering to help on their campaign.

Ride your bike to whatever activity you're engaged in and park it prominently so everyone knows that motorcyclists are involved. Wear your riding garb inside whenever you are on phone banks, stuffing envelopes, doing campaign work. Let no one doubt that bikers are involved in the legislative process.

Well?

*Act Now*

This rag will still be here when you get back. (Or take it with you.) -- c.o.e.

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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Josephine County Abate Chapter  
**LAST CHANCE POKER RUN & END OF THE YEAR BBQ**  
Sun, Sept. 7, 2008  
\$100 best hand / \$100 worst hand  
Lots of raffles prizes & 50/50 drawing  
Poker Run 9:30 AM  
Meet at Herb's La Casita  
Rogue River Hwy, GP  
BBQ and potluck 11:00 AM  
Tom Pearce Park  
No cash and prizes  
Prizes and drawings will  
take place all on the post  
Info: Spunky  
341-439-4715

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Chapter  
**11th Annual Teddy Bear Poker Run**  
October 4, 2008  
Group ride beginning at the Blackhorse Saloon  
2625 Briner Blvd.  
Bend, Oregon  
(503) 332-4270  
Time:  
8:00 AM, breakfast  
10:00 AM, ride begins  
The ride starts will be advised by all Central Oregon and  
hospital emergency room.  
\$1.00/hand with a brand new teddy bear  
\$300/hand on Teddy Bear/Prizes and 50/50 raffle  
Contact:  
Janet (541) 738-9912  
Aria (503) 349-2167  
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Josephine County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter  
Presents  
**TOY RUN 2008**  
October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM  
Josephine County Fair Grounds, Grants Pass  
Benefiting Siskiyou Community Health Center's  
-Project Baby Check & Ready Set Go-  
And the Wolf Creek Parenting Center  
**This is our Fifth Annual Toy Run**  
The goal of Toy Run is to provide toys for children in  
need in our area.  
Staging 11:00 am at the Fair Grounds  
Ride through Grants Pass 12:00 NOON  
Several Fire Engine Companies will join the ride. Mr & Mrs. Berts will be present  
BBQ, Music, and Raffles 1:00 PM  
Prize for the best decorated bike.  
Prize for the best decorated car.  
The Chapter will provide dogs and burgers. There is no need to ride, so  
please support us by bringing a new unwrapped toy and if you plan to  
stay and eat please bring a potluck dish.

## Rough Time Ridin'?



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

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

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

**End of Summer Run**  
September 19th, 20th & 21st  
Location: Mitchell  
Ride in to Venado Lane off. Van Venado  
to toward Mitchell. Look for ABATE  
directional signs.  
Raffles  
NO PRIZES  
NO FRESHCUT  
NO PROGRAM  
NO BAD ATTITUDES  
NO CAMPFIRE  
NO UNATTENDED CHILDREN  
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(Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

Greetings from the east side,

Scott Kendall from the *Southeast Portland Chapter* called me and told me that he was in our part of the state and received a return visit to pay for a ticket that he received while in Bend. Let's just say that he was not happy, and after what he told me I am not happy, nor should you be. He stated that he received a ticket for doing 50 in a 25, that's just the half of it. When he went to court, here's the kicker: Everyone who was on a bike got fined the full fine and then ordered to go to traffic driving school, while people who were in cars and ran red lights got off with a warning. How wrong is that?

I was told that the form in the state newspaper is for just this purpose. It is on page 29 of last month's newspaper and it is helmet / infraction/ stop report form. If you ever think that you have been wronged (while on a motorcycle) you should fill it out and send it to the address and hopefully they can get the problem fixed. Now if everyone does this it might make a

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difference. I want to thank Scott for the heads up and I will pass on that the powers at be. Really don't seem to like us because we ride. I do not know this for a fact but it seems to be.

Well let's see. Our last meeting was a bust. We only had nine people show up. I was not there myself, so I am taking the word of the people who were there. Myself, I spent time with my wife on the bike. About 330 miles worth, with stops in between, because it was our wedding anniversary. I bring up the low numbers of the meeting because we are getting closer to the *Teddy Bear Run* and we really need to get the details worked out.

It has come to my attention that with only a month to go. With only a month to go ( did I say that we only have less than a month? I thought so) until the blessed event and with little to go on, as much as it pains me to say, the run might not be as good in years past. Oh yes, it will take place. But how good can it be with only three or four people doing all the work that everyone else will want to take credit for?

I believe that the run will go off. The run will happen, but the success will fall on everyone in the *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Chapter's* shoulders. I am starting to see why people get burned out being the leaders. Trying to run the whole

show with little help. And at the last minute people step up and take over and tell you what you did wrong.

I will say this, now that I said that, we do have a great chapter and it always comes together in the end. I

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### CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

*Black Horse Saloon*

Bend, Oregon

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Greetings from *Douglas County*,

Congratulations Jim and Janie Waggoner on your July 13th wedding!

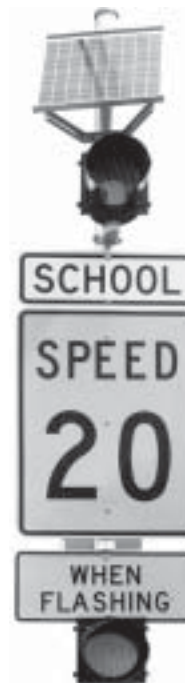
Thanks so much to everyone for their help in making the *2008 S.O.S. Run* a success.

Let's come back and do it again next year!

Let's finish up the summer in style, and get in some more miles before the weather changes.

Becky Garino  
secretary

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### DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

*Willie D's*

443 S.E. Jackson street;

Roseburg (541)-672-5966

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



Hub City is having a rockin' ridden' summer, so those of us who promised to write these short notes of wisdom way back at the beginning of the year are having issues finding the time to do as promised. But a promise is a promise.

I don't know how your doin' but this was the sixth weekend running where I have been camping. But again, that's what we do as road warriors, right?

Last weekend we at Hub City had our members only camp-out. This was one of those privileges we trumpet and hold dear to our hearts. One of the many rewards we get as members is the time to camp together, reminisce, brag, tell tall stories of, well, you know, all that stuff we do as motorcyclists. We were fortunate to have an elderly gentleman by the name of Bernie offer up his private park-like property

along the Santiam river for our event. Not only were we blessed to listen to the memories we stretched for each other but some fantastic stories Bernie told of experiences he has lived through. Then we gave him a new memory to share with acquaintances of the future. This would be what you do with a string of beads. We made his night as he did ours.

At last month's meeting I came through as usual with my two minutes "words of wisdom". This time though I received more positive comments than normal. The Subject was *My Sixteen Inches*. Now if the editor passed on my capitalization of that, I know I now have your attention.

*My Sixteen Inches* has to do with where anyone who rides with me can expect to find me, which is within sixteen inches of the line on the left, or the right of my lane. Expectations are usually not something we as riders are concerned about relaying to others. We are always focused on our expectations of others and seldom think of this topic from the other side. We are used to running our lamps,

using turn signals, being in the correct lane for turning left or right, that by depressing the foot or flickering our front brake lever that we are letting the motorist/bike behind know that we are slowing. But what, you ask, is this sixteen inches?

Think about it.

If there is an emergency, the bike or vehicle behind you knows where you will be when braking hard. It's not a guess. It will be that much easier to miss you. The vehicle in front of you sees you in both their rear view mirror as well as the side mirror. The vehicles in parallel lanes can see you,

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### HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

*Ciddici's Pizza*

133 Fifth Street

Albany

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Albany, OR 97321

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



Summer is quickly coming to an end, but we still have a couple events coming up we would like everyone to know about.

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** is the *Last Chance Poker Run and End of Year BBQ*. Fun begins at 9:30. Last bike out 10:30. \$10/hand. \$100 best/\$50 worst. Raffles and 50/50. Meet at *Herb's La Casita* on Rogue River highway in Grants Pass. Run ends at Tom Pearce Park with a potluck BBQ. Chapter pays for dogs and burgers. Please bring side dishes. The poker run will benefit the *Oregon Parent Center* in Wolf Creek preschool and other children's programs. This will be a short fun ride. Come on out and celebrate the end of summer with us. BBQ starts at the park as soon as the

last bike is in.

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** will be our *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run*. Five years of serving the kids in Josephine county, mostly in the outlying areas of Cave Junction, and Wolf Creek, who otherwise might not have a Christmas. Again this year we will be supporting the *Siskiyou Community Health Center's Project Baby Check Ready-Set-Go* program as well as the *Oregon Parent Center* in Wolf Creek. With over 350 bikes last year, our event outgrew our old location, so this year we will move to the Josephine county fairgrounds. Staging starts at 11 a.m. Ride through town at 12. BBQ starts after all the bikes return, at about 1 p.m.

There will be several fire engine

companies as well as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause joining us for the ride. And our favorite band, *Leadfoot*, will get back together for a reunion performance, just for us. There will be prizes for the best decorated bike (and rider), and for the best decorated car. Like always, we will have some awesome raffle prizes, silent auction prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. The chapter will provide dogs and burgers. There is no cost to ride, so please support us by bringing a new unwrapped toy (no adult toys, no gag gifts, no junk), and if you plan to stay and eat, please bring a potluck dish.

By the time you read this issue, the *S.O.S. Run* will be in the history books. This is a joint effort from Roseburg and *JoCo* chapters. Just shows what we can do when we pull together. Hope everyone had fun and that everything went well and that everyone in the state of Oregon was there.

Couple weeks ago we had our first evening dinner ride. This first ride was a combined effort of *A.B.A.T.E.* and *O.V.M.A.* Just a short casual evening

ride to visit *Kate's Redwood Tavern* for dinner to help support one of the most generous sponsors we have. Kate always comes through for us and we love her. This coming Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we are headed to Gold Hill.

We are hoping to meet up with some friends from the Medford area who are planning a small ride of their own to join us. Once every two weeks. Not an *A.B.A.T.E.* ride, but *A.B.A.T.E.* members are invited to join together to meet with other local bikers for a fun casual evening. Contact Spanky for more info: (541)-659-8715.

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### JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

*Fruitdale Grange*

1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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*Beaver Creek* is over and we are tired.

We still have several days of clean up to do and we can then sit back and enjoy the idea that all who attended had fun. We sure hope that you did.

We started with heavy mists on Thursday and ended with a day of glorious sun on Sunday.

We do have a few items that people left behind. A lovely ladies watch, a baseball cap, toys for a boy and a wheel off of a vendor table we think. You can call me, Millie at (541)-265-7586 to identify an article and I will send it to you if it is yours.

Oh yes, we thought our prices were reasonable but it seems it must have cost someone the shirt off their back. I have it also.

We do want to thank all who came to share the weekend with us and we do hope that you had a good time. We hope to see you again next year, same place and same time.

Gary and Vicki were our hosts and we do thank them for the use of their facilities. They are very special and Gary was one of *A.B.A.T.E. of Lincoln*

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



*County's* original members.

That is love and dedication to this organization.

That is the way all should be.

It is we and not glory for me.

It is glory and dedication for the organization we belong to.

Vicki must feel the same way as she and Gary married at *Beaver Creek*. We are so blessed to have her with us.

To the chapter members who

worked tirelessly so that *Beaver Creek* could happen, thank you so very much. You know who you are and you know what you did. Others can claim they did but they know that they didn't give as much but their efforts are truly appreciated. Thank you also.

A final thank you to all who attended and made *Beaver Creek* a success, thank you also.

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LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
 American Legion Hall Post 116  
 424 W. Olive Street  
 Newport  
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 South Beach, OR 97366

I'm late at getting this report in. Not enough hours in the day!

Just got back from my virgin trip to *Sturgis*.

*Sturgis* itself didn't impress me but what a great area to see and ride.

*North Coast* is in it's summer groove.

*Around Saddle Mountain* went off without a hitch and our ice sales at

*Run 21* was another success thanks to Steve and Rick.

By this reading we will have had the *Mist Mountain Run*. Good Don has been working beyond the call of duty to make this another great run.

We also donated two motorcycle rides to the local hospice auction and are waiting to hear from the high bidders.

The local retirement facility called and postponed our *Old Foggy Ride*. This was a lot of fun last year and we are hoping for another great time on September 14th.

Hope everyone is having a great adventurous summer,

Howie

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



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1000 ( 10 am )  
 Moose Lodge  
 420 17th Street  
 Astoria, Oregon  
 Children are welcome  
POINT of CONTACT  
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 Astoria, OR 97103

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



## July 15, 2008

Tonight's meeting was loud and opinionated. The chapter was incensed at the cost and lack of accountability around Ray DeMelo's trip to the N.C.O.M. convention. The chapter would like some checks and balances to be put in place to prevent this from happening again. We now have our new chapter patches and they are priced at \$15 each for chapter members only. We will probably do some shirts when we have recovered some of the cost of these patches.

Rick won our 50/50 at \$7/\$7 and

donated his share back to the chapter.

Thanks, Rick.

Delbert Nicholson would have won the membership drawing for \$35 if he had been present. It will be \$40 at the next meeting.

— Brian

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## August 5, 2008

Rick was delayed tonight so Larry ran the meeting and did a fine job, as usual. He did have to get his glasses so he could read the agenda.

We told some great old road stories and then got down to business. One of our members, Jim Middleton, is ready to take the step to become a state officer.

We will be offering him up to be the sgt at arms—east. We know he is always at *Fossil* and he is a long time member and a responsible guy. Wow! In addition, he rides an exotic Italian motorcycle and keeps it running.

Johnna Keuchman would have won the membership drawing for \$40 if she had been present tonight. It will be \$45 next meeting.

— Brian

## Upcoming meetings

September 02, 2008

September 16, 2008

### RIVER CITY MEETING

#### TIMES and PLACE

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

#### POINT of CONTACT

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Brian Stovall (541)-298-1317

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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



Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by sergeant-at-arms, Ric Ault.

Our state representative, Heidi Disrud, attended the *Governors Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* {G.A.C.M.S.} in Bend. Some of the matters under consideration are *mandatory* full face helmets, a return to tiered licensing for motorcycles, and mandatory training for all new motorcycle endorsements. The latter being a personal matter of senator Vicki Walker (D) of the Eugene area.

If you care to have some input in this matter and others, attend the next meeting on Friday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Eugene water and electric board building training

room, 500 East 4th avenue – Eugene Oregon.

They will make decisions without your input that could be considered totalitarian.

“Leader.”

Looked it up in the dictionary: “one who leads.”

Leadership is something you know when you see it. You might not agree with a leader but you would have respect for that person.

Brian Stovall has been a leader in the motorcycle rights movement for a very long time. At the August *BikePAC* meeting, Brian informed the board he is retiring in November.

Membership secretary Randy

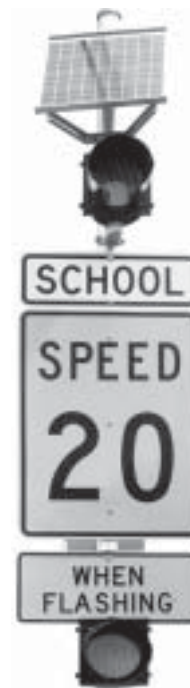
Comer also retired.

These positions are now open for nominations.

Next *BikePAC* meeting 06 September 2008 at noon, Salem public library.

With respect,

Quiet  
G.J.M.C.



### SALEM MEETING

#### TIME and PLACE

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Almost Home Restaurant*  
3310 Market Street, Salem

#### POINTS of CONTACT

coordinator Quiet Mike  
(503)-678-6302  
salemchapterabate@earthlink.net

#### CHAPTER ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 13957  
Salem, OR 97309

Wow!

Run 21!

What more can I say?

For those of you who missed it, you missed a great time.

There are so many people to thank.

Let me start by thanking Mike and Wendy, the property owners. We can never thank you enough.

Matt and Michelle Hobbs, and Richard Colwell for their year of planning and hard work to make this run a success.

Thanks to Turtle for the bike games.

Thanks to each and everyone of you who gave an hour and/or much more in volunteering to make the run a success. It can't happen without you.

*Summer Run* is right around the corner. The dates are August 15-17th at Birkenfeld. I know a great time will be had from all. Contact Lee Austin to volunteer.

The chapter picnic is the end of September. Not sure the date yet. Come to the meeting and find out.

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



The next meeting is September 7th at the *M&M* in Gresham at noon.

See ya soon,

Honey Buns

### Notice

*Last month's Summer Run was mistakenly attributed to another chapter on the August calendar of events. Southeast Portland Chapter put all the effort and sweat into making sure you had a great time.*

*Thank you Southeast Portland Chapter for putting on such a great run every year.*

*The individual from our huge staff responsible for the mistake has been sentenced to watching gardening and home improvement programs every Saturday for the rest of summer and fall.*

-- c.o.e.

### S.E. Portland MEETING

#### TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

#### POINT of CONTACT

Matt Hobbs (503)-928-1486

E-mail:

hobbsm@benefithelpolutions.com

#### CHAPTER ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 90233  
Portland, OR 97290

Damn, let's ride, while we still have dry streets.

Okay now, just so that everybody is up to speed (figuratively speaking, of course), this year is going way too fast.

At the *Twin Rivers Chapter* meeting, (Sunday, 10 August 2008, *Spare Room*, 13:00) one of the things that we talked about, in some detail, was that, as a chapter, we are still not carrying a full compliment of chapter officers for whatever reason. As I, as well as many others (you know who you are) have stated numerous times, if we do [not] fully comply with the by-laws, we are in violation. I, as a chapter officer (recording secretary), will do absolutely anything legal and within my power to prevent another chapter from folding.

My point?

Well, are you currently a chapter officer?

If so, do you want to continue being a chapter officer?

If not, would you consider becoming one?

In either case, our chapter officer nominations and elections, are in November. I, personally, would like

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



to see every single (if not the majority at least) chapter member show up to one of the two meetings (second and forth Sundays) in November. (Although we should all be showing up at all of the meetings anyway.)

Oh, by the way, we are looking for another location to meet which will hopefully bring back a lot of our old members who we have lost, for whatever reason. If anybody has any suggestions, please let your voice be heard. No, it is not because of no longer being welcome at *The Spare Room*. It is however, at least in part, because of the fact that some of the members who have left may not like our current location. Do not get me wrong, I am not holding it against anyone. I am just very concerned!!

Thanks goes out to Lauren, (sorry if I misspelled your name), for the

effort that you have already made and will continue to make to look around.

See you down the road!

Wheels

recording secretary

*Twin Rivers Chapter*

[jmbetts@hotmail.com](mailto:jmbetts@hotmail.com)

(503)-636-6807 (home)

(971)-285-6523 (mobile, most reliable option)



### TWIN RIVERS MEETING

#### TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

*The Spare Room*

4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland  
(503)-287-5800

#### POINT of CONTACT

James Lee Rhoden

(503)-960-5421

[coordinator@twinriversabate.org](mailto:coordinator@twinriversabate.org)

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Portland, OR 97228-5792

<http://www.twinriversabate.org>

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



Hello all!

Summer is finally here so I hope you're all out there riding and attending as many of the runs as you can. Our chapter has been busy. Hope you got a chance to attend the *Mid-Summer Poker Run* on July 26th which was full of sunshine, two wonderful but short ferry rides, your card playing luck and had a good time with old and even new friends enjoying the great food along with

(beef brisket and deep fried turkey). We would also like to thank all of the volunteers in giving up their spare time in planning out the route, setting up the night before as well as preparing the variety of yummy foods, the raffle prizes, music and everyone else behind the scenes!

Speaking of which whether you're riding or not and/or have time to volunteer we could always use your help with setting up the night before, checkpoints, security, helping with

games, and even kid zones is a great way to mingle with everybody at any of our runs! We also welcome those with ideas or suggestions to attend our officers meetings the 1st Monday of each month.

*End of the Summer Run* (third weekend in September) and toy run are still in the works, planning, reviewing and checking our list twice! And it's great to be able to work together (many hands make light the work - as our moms use to say) and

play nice!

We may not always agree on things, which is fine as we all have our own opinions, but I think we do pretty good as a team. Of course we all have something to say, but sometimes we just need to listen.

Len Punzel is doing a great job, being as this is his first time as run coordinator and I know he is thankful for everyone's reminders of things we may have overlooked in planning these events.

This reminds me that I would like to take this moment to thank Linda Henderson for filling in for me while we were on vacation, and then again

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### WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30pm )  
*Prime Time Restaurant*  
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove  
POINT of CONTACT  
(503)-357-3040  
CHAPTER ADDRESS:  
P.O. Box 202  
Cornelius, OR 97113

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

### July 17th, 2008

Meeting was opened with our regular pledge of allegiance. Had to dig up a vest flag patch that Anne volunteered and held up. Thanks Anne.

Some of our group was anxious to get the meeting over so they could hit the road for the *Summer Eruption Run* in eastern Oregon.

Well, we had our first

*Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. Chapter* meeting at *Sizzler's Restaurant*. Lots of mixed feelings whether that is good or bad. I for one thought it was great. I could actually hear something besides kids yelling and birthday party people singing happy birthday while the merry-go-round did its thing. The reason we moved was because of the "noise". Several of the other motorcycle groups in our area use *Sizzler's* also. We decided that we need to at least give it a year

Jeff brought up that we somehow didn't get Greg Coen's ad in our last three newsletters. Ouch. That's bad. Greg was our first advertiser and has

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



been very supportive of this chapter since its beginning. Decided to make it up to Greg with a front page ad, an apology, and give him a discount for next years ads. Sorry about the goof up Greg.

Hal resigned as vice-coordinator this past week and Michael Taylor stepped up to finish out the year. Sorry to see Hal step down. He's been super active in our chapter for a good number of years.

Thanks Hal for all that you have done.

Discussed the drop in *A.B.A.T.E.* memberships. We're down to 116 and the state is down 432 members as compared to this time last year (1,695 verses 2,127). What's up? Are we doing something wrong or are we just too busy riding to renew our memberships? We all need to do some campaigning to get our old and some new members back.

Rick gave a brief report on the state

board minutes. We didn't make it to the state board meeting this month. Ouch. Seems most of us were "on the road" somewhere.

• Re-instated Lee Austin. (Important vote we as a chapter, missed out on.) Rick explained the happenings of the state board meeting back in December of 2007 that led to Lee Austin quitting *A.B.A.T.E.* and now he wanted a hearing and asked to be reinstated

• Reviewed the new state newspaper layout. We all agreed it was a great change, everyone liked it, especially when the change also saved the state some money. Great job, Rot Path!

• State sergeant at arms--south Bill Foster was impressed with how the gate was handled at *Fossil* by the *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

• Rod Hatter's motion to add new officer education at the November state board meeting was finally given the okay. All right Rod, it's going to

happen.

• Passed out information on a new motorcycle advisory council survey that needs motorcyclist's input by August 1st. It's a ten minute survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/MACmembersHighwaySurvey>

Dinky Goll (Mary Ann Goll's dog) was drawn for the \$30 membership drawing. Of course Dinky wasn't present, because dogs are not allowed in restaurants. Had some mixed feelings on the outcome.

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### WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Sizzler's Steak House*  
1010 Postal Way; Springfield  
POINTS of CONTACT  
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jschauers@hotmail.com  
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Willamette Valley Chapter ABATE  
c/o 976 Blackfoot Ave.  
Eugene, OR 97404  
WEB SITE:  
<http://www.wvabateoforegon.com>  
CHAPTERWEB EDITOR  
Rod Hatter  
(541)-744-2494



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

09 August 2008 – Newport hospital

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Disrud (*Salem chapter*) at 12:08 p.m. with 7 of 13 chapters present. Shortly thereafter, Matt Price (state coordinator) arrived and Heidi relinquished control of the meeting to him. Several other attendees arrived late, bring the total chapters represented to 9 of 13. *Twin Rivers* and *Salem* were not eligible to vote.

The pledge of allegiance was recited, a moment of silence was observed.

Guests Will Foster (*Indian Creek*) and Don Mason (*Hub City*) were welcomed.

Brian Stovall (*River City*) made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Joe Maffei (*Hub City*) seconded the motion.

Correspondence was a variety of newsletters and magazines from other M.R.O.'s around the country. Matt Price had also received an inquiry regarding vendor information for the fall swap meet. The sender, Tom Neal of Olympia, Washington will be contacted. Matt has also been notified that Oregon state tax forms have been filed.

**Coordinator's comments:** (Matt Price) "If we don't hang together, we will surely hang separately." Some chapters are growing together, becoming friendly, cohesive groups. Others are standing apart, whining and crying. We all need to work together, especially as the election year draws near. Legislation we could target includes making bicyclists responsible for wearing helmets, reflective clothing, lights, etc. now that they are to be considered vulnerable road users. There was discussion within the gallery regarding the removal of motorcyclists from the list of vulnerable road users. Matt suggested that the persons responsible for removing motorcyclists from the list should be targeted and their opponents supported. Brian Stovall (*River City*) stated that we already know who the parties are and that bills can only be modified in committee. Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) called for the orders of the day.

**Vice coordinator—north:** (Heidi Disrud) Heidi attended the governor's

advisory board meeting that was recently held. The proposal made by Vicky Walker requiring mandatory motorcycle training before getting an endorsement was covered. *Team Oregon* has already stated they do not have the manpower nor the sites to handle the expected workload. The next meeting will be 19 September 2008 in Eugene. Heidi noticed that we need more practice speaking to committees and outsiders so that we can present our points and the facts clearly, concisely, and eloquently. We need to attend the *G.A.C.* to hear what is being said, because it is not always factual.

**Vice coordinator—south:** (Annette Murray) Annette arrived late but said the *S.O.S.* fliers are out. There is an error in that *South Coast Chapter's* name is on the flier. The old flier was used as a template and the name was not changed.

**Vice coordinator—east:** (Gene Mortimore) Gene also arrived late but is happy to report that cell phone coverage will soon be coming to *Fossil*. He will be attending the county board meeting to secure the site for next year. They will want to be paid for this year. He attended and enjoyed *Run 21*. He also asked that we support *Sun Country Honda* in The Dalles because of the excellent service they recently provided him. Gene asked about payments and deposits being delayed. Joye responded that some of the delays were due to banking errors and some were her responsibility. She has just changed work shifts so hopes that there will be no more delays. Brian Stovall said that any member who takes a check (for tickets, for example) also takes the responsibility to chase down the person when the check bounces.

**Treasurer:** (Joye Howell) Balance in the state checking account is \$27,812.27, the state savings account is \$15,241.73; total balance is \$43,054.00. The storage locker has been cleared out but do not expect the refund check for the locker until September. Joye also expressed her thanks to all the chapters for mailing in their 10% of proceeds from runs, rallies, and events. The laptops for the

Imagine Linda Henderson's photo here. (Especially in that flag sweatshirt.)

Linda Henderson  
for Nic Oliver,  
state recording secretary

recording secretary, treasurer, and membership secretary have been purchased and will be delivered soon. She did not have line item reports available but would be willing to e-mail information about funds received if requested. Brian Stovall (*River City*) went back to the prior state board meeting and read the bylaw article 12, section B (2000 version) regarding mileage reimbursement versus actual expense reimbursement from receipts. There was discussion about the bylaws and what the most current copy available is. Brian will make a request that amendments or revisions of the bylaws be mailed to each chapter secretary after filing with the secretary of state. There was a query about administrative rules, but these were incorporated into the by-laws and done away with a number of years ago.

**Membership secretary:** (Linda Henderson) There are currently 1,719 members statewide, up slightly from last month.

**Sanctioning officer:** (Matt Price) All August events are sanctioned and insured. September events will be sent out next week. Matt is not certain about the fall swap meet as no forms have been submitted. All events need to have accurate head counts of attendees and vendors so that insurance can be purchased for future events with more accurate numbers. The sanctioning process was briefly described. A lot of people are talking to each other but not much is getting done. Willie has neither committed to coordinate the swap meet nor stated that he will not do so. Rotten Roger has expressed concern to Brian Stovall about a lack of accountability regarding the spring swap meet. Joye will share information with Heidi who will in turn communicate with Rotten Roger. Roger is recuperating from a recent fall and three broken ribs. He will be able work in an advisory capacity only. The fall swap meet is scheduled for Sunday, 12 October 2008.

**Newspaper editor:** (Rot Path) Rot

will make changes to the cover and ad rates. The business card size ad rates will remain the same, but other rates will be based upon column inch-type pricing. Full page ads will no longer be available. He had received only four chapter reports as of Friday. He also suggested that action items be added to state board meeting agendas and also to chapter meeting agendas.

**Legislative director:** (Quiet Mike) Heidi reported on behalf of Quiet Mike that following his request to be contacted by the legislative director of each chapter, only *Hub City* had been in contact with him. We need to know who our counterparts are with other chapters and work with them.

**Sergeant at arms—south:** (Bill Foster) Bill was hoping for a better report on the fall swap meet and he is disappointed that it is not further along. Heidi will update Bill and others after speaking with Willie. Randy Phipp's cell phone is not working at this time.

**Public relations director:** (Debra Lutje) Gene Mortimore (*River City*) reported for Debra that the *O.N.P.A.* ad will be published the week of 25 October 2008. There have been a total of 78 hits on the original ad. A check will need to be sent before the publication date. Debra is willing to do fliers, postcards for the fall swap meet once a map is available. She is working on a database for vendors.

**State run coordinator (*Fossil*):** (Howie Long) Gene Mortimore (*River City*) also reported on behalf of Howie that he would be willing to have a *Fossil* run committee meeting back at Jeff Schauer's camp at *Beaver Creek*, just across the bridge after the games. Brian Stovall mentioned that when the *Fossil Run* was first given to the state from his chapter, the original run date was the third weekend in April, where weather was traditionally never a problem. There was discussion about changing the date from Memorial Day, but moving it would take it away from a three-day weekend. The Fourth of July is not always a three-day weekend and does not necessarily guarantee better weather.

**State swap meet coordinator:** (Willie Sanders) Robert Hale (*Twin*

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*Rivers*) reports that the armory has been reserved and paid for. As previously mentioned, there has been no communication to Matt Price or sanctioning regarding this event. There is no flier, no insurance. Debra Lutje has offered to take care of fliers once she is provided with a map. Patricia Carner has offered to handle vendors but has not yet returned a call to Joye. Robert is working on the contract for the spring swap meet at the armory for 04 April 2009.

**State historian:** (Linda Marteney) Excused for funeral.

**Quartermaster:** (Robert Hale) The state trailer is at Birkenfeld and Robert will tow it back after *WaCo's End of Summer Run*. It is in good shape, as far as he knows. *Southeast Portland Chapter* replaced four tires on the trailer. He would like to replace the old 4x8' plywood signs for the swap meets with 4x8' vinyl signs that can be rolled up and set up using fence stakes. Each sign would cost between \$150 and \$175 and he would like to purchase one a year for the next four years.

**Confederation of Clubs representative:** (Pat Williams) Robert Hale (*Twin Rivers*) reported that last month's meeting was canceled so that members could attend a memorial ride for Longview Tom at which between 100 and 150 bikes rode to the site of his crash and set up a memorial. The next meeting will be 02 November 2008 at the *N.W. Vets* clubhouse at 2455 19th street., Salem. Clubs are recommended to begin doing away with the term "poker run" and changing the names to "fun run", etc. Gene Mortimore (*River City*) addressed the issue with regards to city ordinances against socialized gambling.

### Unfinished Business

1. Tabled motion made by Jordan Kelley (*WaCo*), seconded by Howie Long (*North Coast*) "to change the reimbursement for training to \$75 or 50% of the class, whichever is least (regarding *Team Oregon* training). Bob Highfill opened the floor, Brian Stovall moved to table, Roger Yarnell (*WaCo*) seconded. Neither person was in attendance so the motion remained tabled.

2. Five people announced their desire to attend *Meeting of the Minds*. Information on any other interested parties was not available. Brian Stovall withdrew his request. The following persons are slated to attend the *Meeting of the Minds* in Denver: Patricia Carner (*WaCo*), Howie Long (*North Coast*), Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland*), and Ted Tracy (*WaCo*).

3. Brian Stovall (*River City*) brought forth the issue of travel reimbursements made to Ray DeMelo for his attendance at an out-of-state conference in which he asked for 35 center per mile as opposed to being reimbursed for actual expenses. He also received funds in advance of his departure and for his return trip home. *River City* is dissatisfied with this situation and wish to have the expenses documented and have the rules clarified so that this does not occur again. The by-laws were presented and read, but did not specifically state how funds should be dispersed. A search of the April minutes from the state board meeting was also made for the language of the motion. *River City* feels that all out-of-state travel should be based upon actual receipts after the trip is concluded. No advance funds should be given, prepaid expenditures to members should not be allowed. This situation has arisen due to a member's inability to support the expenses to and from an event. *River City* would like to see documentation to support the claim of \$1,000 in expenses.

Rod Hatter suggests that an agreement be signed by parties regarding what will be covered, especially when members elect to take their own transportation (rather than airfare, for example). Heidi Disrud (*Salem*) agreed.

Gene Mortimore queried about how minutes are being handled. He suggested that the secretary have a tape recorder. Bill Foster (*Indian Creek*) recollected that speakers used to announce their name and chapter affiliation before speaking. Gene Mortimore reviewed the by-laws again regarding reimbursements.

### New Business

Special report by Joe and Kat Maffei of *Hub City*: The Maffeis' suggest in an effort to boost membership and, hopefully, draw in interested persons, that an *A.B.A.T.E.* member be present at the end of each *Team Oregon* class to hand out *A.B.A.T.E.* tri-folds and answer questions about the organization. *Team Oregon* instructors cannot do this, but the courses are held on public property and the unofficial word is that our access would not be restricted. As *Team Oregon* graduates, the Maffeis' suggest that we offer new members a free one year membership and a \$50 reimbursement toward their tuition. Existing members would receive \$75 or 50% of their tuition (in line with the pending motion). If 20% of the members do the work and 80% show up for the party, we need to increase the 20% from the current membership. It is time to get civilians back into the membership, just like supporting candidates. Each of the chapter officers needs to know their counterparts in other chapters. All the public relations directors need to work each month at bringing new people in. Joe feels we have the membership numbers to meet the new riders at classes.

Brian Stovall updated the information on the vulnerable road user bill because it is pertinent to this discussion. A number of vehicles fall below the threshold of vehicles that require a motorcycle endorsement. Witness the upsurge in scooters, which are easy for people to buy and ride. These riders will fly under the radar as motorcycles but will show up as motorcycle statistics in the event that something goes wrong. A change in legitimate equipment requirements will make it easier for people to transition from these scooters to motorcycles.

Joe urges members to show up to these classes - the best time is during a range break (with bottled water or granola bars) or at the end of the range time when the instructors are filling out reports and the students are milling around. He also suggested offering discount tickets at the *May Awareness Rally* for upcoming events.

Brian Stovall moved to table,

seconded by Heidi Disrud, so that chapters can review the information.

**Motion 1:** made by Brian Stovall (*River City*), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*): add to article 13, section B of the by-laws that whenever amended by-laws are filed with the secretary of state, a hard copy will be sent via first class mail by the state recording secretary to each chapter.

This motion was read and made part of the minutes so that each chapter representative can take it back to their chapter for discussion and direction.

**Motion 2:** made by Brian Stovall (*River City*), seconded by Heidi Disrud (*Salem*): add to article 12, section B, item 4 that all out of state travel will be by specific arrangement with and approval by the B.O.D. (board of directors). No money will be advanced for any travel. Receipts are required before reimbursement.

This motion was read and made part of the minutes so that each chapter representative can take it back to their chapter for discussion and direction.

### What Kind Of Bike Is This?

Some possibilities are *Henderson*, *Jawa*, *Dayton*, or even a european bike. (Note ridge in front fender, springer-style front end, and foot boards instead of pegs.) Give yer crusty ol' editor a call at (503)-838-6893 if you have a possible name. (This ain't a contest - c.o.e. is just curious what this relative was ridin'.)



Martha H. Hill— Independence, Oregon (circa 1935)

# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes (continued) – 09 Aug2008

## Open Nominations for 2009 State Officers

The following persons were present and accepted nominations for the following positions:

**Vice coordinator–north:**

Heidi Disrud

**Vice coordinator–south:**

Annette Murray

**Vice coordinator–east:**

Gene Mortimore

**Sgt-at-arms–south:**

Bill Foster

**Sgt-at-arms–east:**

Jim Middleton

**Treasurer:**

Joye Howell

**Membership secretary:**

Linda Henderson

**Sanctioning officer:**

Matt Price

**Newspaper editor:**

Rot Path

**Quartermaster:**

Robert Hale

**Confederation of Clubs II:**

Janie Wagner(Curtis)

The following persons were nominated for the positions but were not present to accept or decline:

**Coordinator:**

Jordan Kelley, Richard Colwell

**Recording secretary:**

Nic Oliver

**State auditor:**

BJ Specht, Debra Ross

**Legislative director:**

Quiet Mike

**Sgt-at-arms–north:**

Randy Phipps

**State swap meet coordinator:**

Willie Sanders

**BikePAC representative:**

Randy Phipps

**Products director:**

Dave Meeker

**Education director I:**

Patricia Carner

**Education director II:**

Geoff White

**Public relations director:**

Debra Lutje

**State run coordinator (Fossil):**

Howie Long

**Historian:**

Linda Marteney

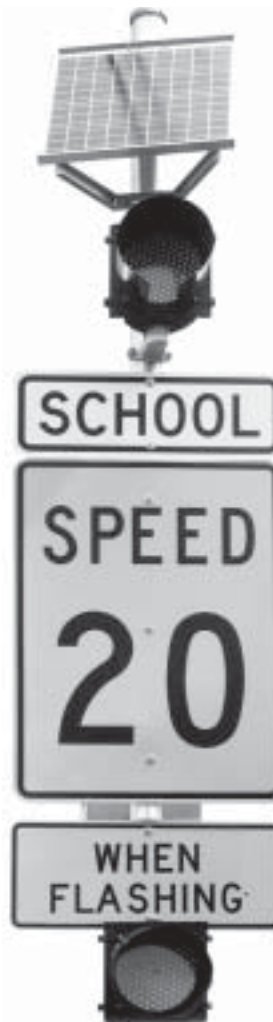
**Confederation of Clubs I:**

Pat Williams

The following positions are still open:

State run coordinator II

Web page editor



### October Planning Session

The planning session is scheduled for 18-19 October 2008, but site has been firmed up. Rod Hatter suggested the campground at Cape Perpetua where he will be getting married that weekend. Brian suggested he talk with Mel Yeager about the use of the *BikePAC* sound system. Ted Tracy will work with Rod regarding the location, so a change may occur. The Cottage Grove V.F.W. hall charges \$1,000 for the weekend.

### Announcements

- 15-16 August 2008: *Summer Run.*
- 23 August 2008: *Hub City Chapter Poker Run* to end at the *All Harley Drags* in Woodburn.
- 24 August 2008: *SOS Run.*
- *Hub City Chapter* reports that their billboard campaign will end this month. The cost was \$1,700 and the artwork is available for other chapters to use from the billboard company.
- *Hub City* also announced their *Heritage Mall Show* will be in late October. KPTV, KMTR will cover the event.
- Query about *Hub City's One Night Stand*: since the land is no longer available, they have not been able to put on the event.
- Bill Foster asked that we work together to get the fall swap meet going.
- Looking for a band? Contact Shel Bailey of *The Big Package* at (503)-577-6932.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Henderson.



## BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

### Membership Application

PO Box 5612  
Salem, OR 97304  
[www.bikepac.com](http://www.bikepac.com)

(please circle desired type of membership below)

<p><b>Individual</b></p> <p>Associate \$15</p> <p>Full \$30+</p> <p>Family \$40+</p> <p>MAB* \$60+</p>	<p><b>Corporate</b></p> <p>Sponsor \$150</p> <p>Supporting \$300</p> <p>Platinum \$750</p> <p>MAB* \$1000</p>	<p><b>Group or Club</b></p> <p>General \$75</p> <p>Supporting \$150</p> <p>MAB* \$300</p>
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\*Member of the Advisory Board

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

(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state senate district \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state representative district \_\_\_\_\_

**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



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

# A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. Bylaws ( Amended 4 December, 2000 )

## ARTICLE I

### Name

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

## ARTICLE II

### Jurisdiction

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

## ARTICLE III

### Purpose

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

## ARTICLE IV

### Organizational Structure

- A. The structure of A.B.A.T.E. shall consist of the following:
1. Membership

2. Chapters
3. State Board of Directors
4. Committees
5. State Executive Board

## ARTICLE V

### Membership

#### Section 1 - Eligibility

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

#### Section 2 - Application

- A. Membership in A.B.A.T.E. shall be obtained and maintained through application to A.B.A.T.E..
- B. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by dues established by the State Board of Directors and submitted to the State Membership Secretary.

- C. Memberships are non-assessable, non-transferable, non-assignable and non-refundable.

- D. Each member will decide which Chapter they want to belong to, or may decide to be a Member-At-Large (Indian Creek).

- E. A.B.A.T.E. membership records will remain confidential, and will be used *only* for A.B.A.T.E. purposes.

#### Section 3 - Transfer

- A. The transfer of membership from any Chapter to the jurisdiction of another Chapter, shall be in writing to the State Membership Secretary.

- B. The transfer of Chapter membership must be registered with the Membership Secretary of the Chapter receiving the member and with the State Membership Secretary to acquire voting rights in the Chapter transferred to.

#### Section 4 - Duties of the members

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

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

#### Section 5 - Termination of Membership

- A. Membership in A.B.A.T.E. will be terminated upon death, written

request from the member, nonpayment of dues, theft of A.B.A.T.E. assets, or by decision of the State Board of Directors.

#### Section 6 - Annual Meeting

- A. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held in December with the date, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

1. Notice of such meeting, describing the date, time and place, shall be delivered to the Membership by means of the newsletter, not less than thirty ( 30 ) days prior to the annual meeting.

2. The Board of Directors is authorized to set an alternative date, time and place for the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

### Chapters

**Section 1** - To receive a Charter as a Chapter in A.B.A.T.E. a group must:

- A. Have ten ( 10 ) paid-up members.
- B. Elect from those paid-up members a Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and one (1) State Representative.
- C. Make application to the State Board of Directors for a Charter.

**Section 2** - To remain as a Chapter in A.B.A.T.E. the Chapter must:

- A. Abide by the A.B.A.T.E. Bylaws, The State Guidelines for Forming a New Chapter, the A.B.A.T.E. Financial Policies and Procedures, the A.B.A.T.E. Media Guidelines, the A.B.A.T.E. Event Sanctioning Guidelines and any other A.B.A.T.E. documents that are relevant to Chapter operations or the corresponding future provisions of the aforementioned items.
- B. Abide by the decisions rendered by the State Board of Directors.
- C. Send copies of Chapter minutes to the State Coordinator within seven ( 7 ) days of the Chapter meeting.
- D. Ensure the participation of Chapter State Representatives at State Board of Directors' meetings, unless excused by the State Coordinator.
- E. Submit a monthly Chapter report to the state newsletter by the 10th of each month.
- F. Any Chapter in noncompliance with any of the aforementioned items for over:
  1. Thirty ( 30 ) days, will be put on probationary status

2. Sixty ( 60 ) days, will not be allowed to vote at the State Board Meeting.

3. Ninety ( 90 ) days, action will be taken to revoke the Chapter's Charter.

- G. The Charter of any Chapter may be terminated upon receipt of a written request by the Chapter's Coordinator, delivered by a Chapter Representative to the State Board of Directors. The State Board of Directors has the final authority in this matter.

## ARTICLE VII

### Board of Directors

A. The State Board of Directors will be the governing body of A.B.A.T.E. and will meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.

B. The State Board of Directors will be composed of one State Representative elected by each Chapter, which will constitute the voting membership of the State Board of Directors.

C. The term of office for a Director is one ( 1 ) year.

D. Director resignations or vacancies will be filled by election by the responsible Chapter.

E. A majority of the State Board of Directors must be present and eligible to vote, to constitute a quorum.

F. The State Board of Directors will use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline to conduct meetings.

G. Motions brought before the State Board of Directors which will directly affect the general membership will be referred to the Chapters for discussion and voted on at the next State Board of Directors meeting, unless a delay in voting will cause a disruption in the transaction of business by the organization.

1. Only a Director may bring a motion before the State Board of Directors.

2. Any member in good standing may draft or originate a motion.

H. No Director shall receive payment for services rendered/provided to A.B.A.T.E..

I. There shall be no voting by proxy.

J. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

1. Notice of such meetings, describing the date, time, place

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and purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each Director not less than seven ( 7 ) days prior to the meeting, by means of voice, mail or electronic devices.

K. Any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors may allow the usage of telecommunication devices to enable remotely located Directors to participate in the meeting, so long as all parties can hear each other.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Committees

- A. The State Board of Directors may establish such other committees as it deems necessary and desirable. Such committees may exercise functions of the Board of Directors or may be advisory committees.
- B. Any committee that exercises any function of the Board of Directors shall have a minimum of one ( 1 ) Director or one ( 1 ) State Officer as part of the committee's composition.
- C. A quorum at a Committee meeting exercising Board functions shall be a majority of all Committee members present before the meeting begins.
- D. No committee may authorize payment of any part of the income or profit of the corporation to its directors or officers; may approve dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge or transfer of all or substantially all of the corporation's assets; may elect, appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or any of its committees; nor may adopt, amend, or repeal the Articles, Bylaws, or any resolution by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

### State Officers

**Section 1.** State Executive Board ( required positions )

- A. Coordinator  
 B. Vice-Coordinator ( 1 to 3 positions as required )  
 C. Treasurer  
 D.. Membership Secretary  
 E.. Recording Secretary

**Section 2.** Other Officer Positions

- A. Other State officer positions, not being Executive Board positions, may exist or be created as authorized by the State Executive Board and Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Duties

- A. All State officers are to abide by the

State Officer Guidelines, A.B.A.T.E. Bylaws, and any other relevant A.B.A.T.E. documents in the performance of their offices.

B. No State officer shall receive payment for services rendered/ provided to A.B.A.T.E..

**Section 4.** Authority

A. The State Executive Board, by simple majority, has the authority to:

1. Issue statements on the behalf of the organization.
2. Expend funds.
3. Take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization

**Section 5.** Elections and Vacancies

A. The election of State Officers shall be held at the last meeting of each year by the voting membership of the State Board of Directors.

B. The number of State Officers shall be at least , but not limited to, five (5).

C. Vacancies of State Officer positions may be filled by appointment by the State Coordinator, pending ratification at the next State Board Meeting, by the State Board of Directors.

**Section 6.** Rules and dates

A. The nomination and election of State Officers shall be conducted under the supervision of the State Coordinator. The State Coordinator shall have the authority and responsibility to see that nominations are conducted in accordance with these Bylaws, with reasonable opportunity for each Director to vote.

B. All questions concerning the conduct and challenges of elections shall be determined by the Executive Board, subject to the right of appeal by the Board of Directors.

C. The term of each elected office shall be one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

D. The State Coordinator will notify the Membership prior to November 1st of the election year that he/she will be receiving nominations for all offices, and that all Members eligible to hold office are eligible to be nominated at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

E. Any member in good standing may make a nomination.

F. The State Coordinator shall advise each nominee not eligible for election of the reason he/she is not eligible for nomination. The

Coordinator shall also obtain assurance from each eligible nominee that he/she will accept the position for which he/she has been nominated.

G. The nomination of an eligible absentee member can only occur when the absentee member indicates their acceptance of nomination, in writing to the State Coordinator. .

H. Only Members in good standing shall be eligible to vote or hold office.

I. No elected Officer shall qualify to take office unless and until he/she meets the qualifications/ requirements, set forth in these Bylaws.

J. All elected Officers will assume office on the first meeting in January.

## ARTICLE X

### Grievances

**Section 1.** Procedure

A. Member complaints, disputes, dissatisfaction, problems and etc., with or about

A.B.A.T.E., shall be handled as follows:

1. The interested parties are urged to talk to each other with a view towards agreement, resolution or compromise.
2. If necessary, the interested parties can present the issue at hand to the Chapter for discussion and possible handling.
3. If conditions warrant it, the interested parties can request a hearing before the State Board of Directors.
4. The State Board of Directors has the final authority in resolving grievances.

## ARTICLE XI

### Discipline

**Section 1.** Procedure

A. In the event that a Member of A.B.A.T.E. acts in such a way as to cause damage to A.B.A.T.E., its' Chapters, its' Officers or its' Members, a complaint may be lodged with a member of the State Executive Board.

1. The State Executive Board will determine if there is merit to the complaint, and if so will initiate disciplinary procedure.
2. Disciplinary actions may be one or more of the following:
  - a. A verbal warning or discussion.
  - b. A written reprimand.
  - c. Suspension

3. The affected Member can request a hearing before the State Board of Directors.

4. The State Board of Directors has the final authority as regards disciplinary actions. ( as per Article V, Sec. 5A )

## ARTICLE XII

### Finances

A. The fiscal year of A.B.A.T.E. shall be January 1 through December 31.

B. All funds obtained from membership fees, donations and organizational benefits shall be used for:

1. Rider and non-rider education.
2. Distribution or dissemination of organizational information.
3. Legislative action.
4. Organizational requirements and general costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any member or officer with the exception of reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to A.B.A.T.E. activities authorized by the State Board of Directors and/or the State Executive Board.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Amendments To Bylaws

- A. These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors by a majority of directors present, if a quorum is present.
- B. Notice of proposed changes to the Bylaws must appear in the State Newsletter before being voted on by the State Board of Directors.

*Addendum:*

Articles of Incorporation history:

established 8/22/1975

amended 9/27/84

Bylaw history: established 8/26/1975, ratified 1/3/77

amended 5/9/78, ratified 11/13/78

amended 10/93, ratified 11/1/93

amended 11/95, ratified 1/13/96

amended 12/4/00, ratified 2/10/01

Rules of Operation history:

established 7/1/1980

amended in 4/83, 4/84, 4/86, 6/89,

11/93, 1/96

12/4/00 - included in the amended

Bylaws of 12/4/00

Bylaws Effective **10 Feb. 2001** , as

approved by the A.B.A.T.E. of

Oregon, Inc. Board of Directors.

From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK

Gunny  
chief of staff  
Oregon A.I.M.



It's with great sorrow I pass this information along. We seem to lose the good ones when we need them the most. Joe Eggleston, also known as "Joe Egg," was one of the original A.I.M. attorneys. He died August 5th, at age 61. He was on a fishing trip in Alaska and had a fatal heart attack. He was the A.I.M. attorney for the San Diego area and for Arizona. His work and his cases will continue through the A.I.M. office. Joe was a founder of M.M.A. of Arizona, and a long-time freedom fighter. Joe was a law school buddy of Richard M. Lester, and along with Richard, Joe was with A.I.M. and N.C.O.M. from the very beginning. He was a good friend to all of us and he will be sorely missed. Joe was a good one.

**Eugene, Oregon** – Oregon state senator Floyd Prozanski had it in his mind to put helmets on *all* bicycle riders, not just kids, until he ran into the bicycle community advocates. It didn't take too long to change his feeble mind. Granted, he had safety for riders in mind, but making it mandatory? No, the organized bicyclists in bicycle-friendly Oregon protested loud and quickly, and Prozanski backed right off. Just points out what grass roots effort can accomplish.

If motorcyclists could stand together a little more tightly we could get our helmet law in this state abolished too. Nothing against helmets mind you. If ya' like 'em, wear 'em. I just don't like folks who don't know my lifestyle telling me what to wear for my own good. Most of us are adults and have families and don't want societal interference.

**Minnesota** – Bikers are killing themselves too quickly for the likes of authorities here and they are gonna come down hard on impaired riders. Single vehicle crashes are killing riders who are under the influence. In 2006, 41 percent of the riders who died in single-vehicle crashes had an alcohol concentration over 0.08. Riders aged 30 to 49 killed in crashes have the highest rate of alcohol involvement. I don't know how many times I have begged my people to park the ride when they open the first brewski. It may save your life or someone else's.

**Chicago, Illinois** – This city is also getting tough on impaired riders. There are just too many riders who think they can drink or do some fun drugs and get on that scoot and ride without killing themselves or someone else. They don't even realize the grief they can cause to families on both sides of a fatal crash. All it takes is a little thought to have the situation turned around.

**Milwaukee** – Harley-Davidson is acquiring the Italian motorcycle company M.V. Agusta. They sell a very strong lightweight bike called the Cagiva brand and the F4-R is powered by a 1,078cc in-line four cylinder liquid cooled engine, sold mainly in Europe. The thing is rated at 190 h.p. I wonder when they will bring that little hot-rod over to this country?

**Washington, D.C.** – The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that a hearing will be held by the United States house of representatives committee on transportation and infrastructure. It will be conducted in the subcommittee on highways and transit. Congressman Peter Defazio of Oregon, who is a good friend of motorcyclists, chairs that subcommittee.

At issue will be the rising number of motorcycle fatalities. A hearing of this type is typically held once every two-year session of congress to gather information on what the agency side of Washington D.C. is up to. The hearing was not called specifically to examine motorcycle safety but it will be a key point of the hearing. The hearing is not supposed to address any specific legislation nor will any legislation be voted on or even considered. New Hampshire state senator Bob Letourneau will be representing the motorcyclists on the panel. Senator Letourneau is a member of his state's *Motorcycle Rider Education Advisory Board* and the *Governor's Motorcycle Safety Task Force*. Letourneau has been a motorcyclist for 41 years. He also recently completed an experienced rider education course so he practices what he preaches. Senator Letourneau is known in the motorcycling world as "Radio Bob" and is a stalwart of the rights movement.

**Oklahoma City** – Our Oregon *Confederation of Clubs* chairman Ol' Poop tells us a state representative in Oklahoma says he wants to outlaw

motorcycle clubs by passing a law that makes it a criminal offense to wear your colors in public.

In parts of Australia it's now illegal to belong to a motorcycle club. In some parts of Canada you can go to jail for wearing your colors.

Now folks, this is just a small example of how stuff starts in this country by migrating across our borders from other parts of the world.

We really need to pay attention and stay vigilant or we will lose more of our freedoms. We are losing them too quickly as it is.

**Arizona Aussies** – Talk about outsourcing our jobs. How about this one? The Arizona department of public safety is paying an Australian company to issue speeding tickets to Arizona drivers by means of cameras stationed around the area. They will pay this company \$28.75 for each ticket issued. If ya gotta stoop that low at least use American companies and keep that money in our economy.

**Ohio Bike Parking** – Columbus is looking out for motorized two wheeled vehicles. They're setting aside specially marked "corrals" for motorcycle and scooter parking. Green signs with images of motorcycles identify the spots. These spaces are placed in areas that are generally too small to park cages.

It would be a good thing if every city in this country would do the same.

My boss, A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg, has a motorcycle parking map identifying the spaces set aside for bike parking in Portland, on the biker pages of his web site, at this spot:

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

**Phoenix, Arizona** – The tweekers are at it again.

First it was copper wire and pipes. Now thieves are targeting manhole and storm drain covers. Victor Hernandez, who works in the Phoenix public works department, said 175 storm drain grates and at least 30 manhole covers have been stolen this year.

Keep your eyes open when you're riding in this town for open holes in the roadway and for missing grates. It could really ruin your day.

**Kooky In Kokomo** – Here's another good reason to take a rider course.

Jeff Harlow, the senior pastor at

*Crossroads Community Church*, broke his wrist when he lost control of a motorcycle at the start of a Sunday service, riding off a five foot platform and into the vacant first row of seats. Becky Harlow said her husband had recently attended a motorcycle race in Buchanan, Michigan. "He had this idea that he would bring this bike out on stage and show people how the rider would become one with the bike," she told the Kokomo, Indiana *Tribune*. "He was going to just sit on it and drive it out. He was just walking the dirt bike out on stage and somehow it got away from him." No one else was hurt.

### Gunny Again

If you have had any unfortunate crash adventure on your scoot or in your car, get in touch with the A.I.M. offices and they will get you the help you need.

The toll free number is: 1-(800)-531-2424.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is our angel of mercy. Call him at 1-(800)-347-1106, or in Portland at (503)-224-1106.

You can get a hold of Sam by e-mail at:

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From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor



# Bricks And Mortar

## Chicken Dancin' Pirates

c.o.e. - 80



Rot Path  
crusty ol' editor

This last Monday yer crusty ol' editor learned that a dear friend was dying, the body being torn apart from within. Tuesday he went to Salem to sadly view the destruction and take reluctant photos.

No, c.o.e. is not a goul.

You see this friend wasn't human, animal, or plant.

It was a building. One where friends and family members had laughed together and enjoyed each other's company.

The British have a saying: "It's only bricks and mortar." But that phrase misses the point. It's bricks and mortar imbued with memories.

Same goes for motorcycles.

The more we ride our bikes, the more they are associated with laughter, companionship, and cherished memories.

When we work on our bikes, we invest a little bit of ourselves in what would otherwise be just metal and rubber and plastic. That's what many non-riders can't understand. And why we get territorial when others take liberties with our scoots.

You can say what you like about

riders (if you're bored with good health), but never insult their machines. That's personal.

*Meanwhile . . .*

It remains a mystery to yer crusty ol' editor (most things do), but it seems like September holds far more events with motorcycling potential than one would expect. There are opportunities for either group rides or meeting up at events and havin' a good ol' time.

• *Oktoberfest* in Mt. Angel held 11-14 September. (The same weekend as the state board meeting.) Lot's of beer gardens, oom-pah bands, chicken dancing (the beer helps), great food, and cute frauleins and herrs. Heck, yer chapter might get some ideas for activities you can use at your events. (Bike games involving tubas or mud chicken dancin'.) The opening day is a Thursday and the beer gardens are free most of that day. The great thing about riding a bike to this event (and arriving early) is that you can park pretty close to the downtown area, saving yourself some boot leather from excessive walking. Don't forget to check out the

glockenspiel.

• As if the second weekend of the month wasn't busy enough, the *Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire* is going on 13-14 September as well. Held in Kings Valley off of Grant road northwest of Corvallis, this event largely recreates a medieval village. If you detested history in school, you'll like this. Where else can you get a view down the valley while gnawing a haunch and washing it down with a blue bottle of *Olde Dragon's Breath*? And it's somewhere to pick up pirate garb so you'll be all ready for the next event.

• Avast ye rum-soaked chumswilling seadogs! It's *International Talk Like A Pirate Day* on Friday, 19 September. There's no particular event in honor of this Oregon-spawned celebration of all things piratey, but lots of folks take to the spirit(s) of the day and plan local events. It may take some searching to find an event, but that makes the treasure all that much sweeter. By gar, make yer own event if ye can't find one. Hoist anchor and make sail!

• As it happens, the *Third Annual*

*Portland Pirate Festival* takes place starting the day after *T.L.A.P.* day. Yep, 20-21 September under the St. Johns bridge will see pirates, British redcoats, trained parrots, and more booty than a poor pirate can pack into the ship's hold. There are even canon-booming battles between ship and shore. It's a great place to increase yer pirate garb and gab.



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( Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 28 )

### September Cryptogram

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B U T U D F D P M B V S O F H D U F M J M V M C G

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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 skulldrudgery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

The primary benefit of geneology is that whatever is wrong with you can be blamed on inherited genetics.

— Pat Henderson

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**ABATE of Washington  
Fall Swap Meet**

Enumclaw Expo Center  
45224 284<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw, Wa. 98022

Saturday September 6, 2008

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Vendor Gates open  
6:30 pm - Building is closed.  
The building will have security personnel.

All vendors camping at the grounds must have a pass in the window and be parked in designated parking areas.

Sunday September 7, 2008

6:00 am to 8:30 am - Vendor Gates open.  
All vendor parking in designated area

No gasoline allowed in building

Swap Meet spectator doors open at 9:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.  
Vendors must remain open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.  
Building doors will be closed at 6:00 pm.

2 vendor wristbands, per paid space, will be provided.  
Additional wristbands available at check-in for \$5.00 each.

ABATE of Washington is not responsible for any loss or damage due to fire, earthquake, flood, or civil disorder.

**\*\*\*No Smoking Inside\*\*\*NO Parking Lot Sales\*\*\*NO Pets\*\*\*NO Firearms\*\*\***

We hope this location change is convenient and more centrally located for our vendors who travel from other states.  
Thank you for your cooperation and generosity. It is individuals like you that make this Swap Meet a SUCCESS - Thanks for your Support!  
ABATE of Washington

CONTACT: Roma Smith @ 253.906.2581 or tagoria03@yahoo.com

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DIRECTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE

Receipts will not be mailed. Your cancelled check will act as your confirmation prior to your package pick up on the day of this event



**Josephine County  
Abate Chapter**

**LAST CHANCE POKER RUN  
& END OF THE YEAR BBQ**

Sun, Sept. 7, 2008

\$100 best hand / \$50 worst hand  
Lots of raffles prizes & 50/50 drawing

\$10 / HAND

Poker Run 9:30 AM  
Meet at Herb's La Casita  
Rogue River Hwy, GP

BBQ and potluck 11:00 AM

Tom Pearce Park

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Be sure and bring a  
Potluck dish to the  
Start and someone will  
Take them all to the park

Info: Spanky  
541-659-8715

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Oregon Parent Center in Wolf Creek serving the children of the Wolf Creek community. The Oregon Parent Center is a non-profit organization located in Wolf Creek and is dedicated to the service of children and their families. The OPC has a wonderful preschool for children ages birth through 5 - and it's free! They also host parenting classes once a week as well as host wonderful groups such as The Children's Coalition.

Abate of Oregon promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. This event is sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**End of Summer Run**

September 19th, 20th & 21st



**Location: Birhenfeld  
Hwy 26 to Vernonia turn-off, thru Vernonia toward Birhenfeld. Look for ABATE directional signs.**

**Tickets:**  
**MEMBER:**  
\$30.00 Advance purchase  
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Benefiting Siskiyou Community Health Center's  
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**This is our Fifth Annual Toy Run**  
Five years of supporting the youth in Josephine County  
These are children who would have minimal or no Christmas  
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Staging 11:00 am at the Fair Grounds  
Ride through Grants Pass 12:00 NOON  
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Prize for the best decorated bike.  
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**Central Oregon** ( continued from page 3 )

just wish that we could get the details worked out before the event.

If anyone has any ideas how we can get more people at the meetings, show up at a meeting and lets us ( the officers ) know.

I would love to say that I am sorry for this letter. I would love to say that everything is rosy and that all the meetings are well attended, but they are not. So until some of you show up and voice your opinion, I for myself say "have at it" and see what you can do.

I am tired and sick of the running around to get things done with the little time that I have. I did not sign up for this. Anyone can take my job and do it. If you think that I am doing a poor job, then next year sign up and you do it. Otherwise this chapter might fall by the way side

As for myself I will always be an A.B.A.T.E. member even, if I have to go to *Indian Creek*. I believe that A.B.A.T.E. does good things and that is why I let everyone (who showed up to the elections) elect me as the coordinator.

It is sad that I feel this way but it really is not my fault. I want to thank everyone who has helped out at the runs. But unless things change I really don't know how much longer I will be able to handle this position. I am tired of trying to make

things work (that people want to work) but don't want to help out. They just want to see it get done and say "I had a part in it" because only they know if they did.

I really want to thank everyone for the opportunity to try and run this chapter. Sorry for the low turn out at meetings and the fact that I am only one person.

I thought I had big shoulders. My shoulders are fine, but not big enough to handle this load on my own, even with the help a few people. (Who will always go down as heroes in my book.) I just don't know how the others before me did it. My hat is off to you all.

I would like to say that I am not quitting. I am not a quitter but I do need help and not from the same people all the time. But for God sake make an effort, only if you want to see this chapter keep on going, because there are a few of the members that do. Please be one of them.

I was going to talk about *Run 21*. Had a great time, memories fuzzy but the time there was worth it . The run was worth the time and money to attend. Will be there next year.

Jay Bird  
coordinator ( Just don't know for how long)  
Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

**Hub City**

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or at least you have space to maneuver in case they don't. There is less debris there than in the center of the lane. You will be able to see debris ahead of the vehicle in front of you before you ride up on it. You can see activity in front of the vehicle ahead of you such as braking. And last but not least, it is your escape route!

Be aware of not only your expectations of others, but creating the correct expectations of yourself to others. Yes, you own the whole lane you are riding in, I will give that to you. But are we not also looking to ride in as safe an environment to others as for ourselves? The emergency you won't have will be what leads to a gratifying and enjoyable lifetime of riding for both you and your friends.

Deerslayer

**Josephine County**

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Our annual *Run to the Coast* was a blast. KLDL/KAJO radio station started this ride thirty years ago. Five years ago when they decided to drop it, A.B.A.T.E. took over. So, KLDL/KAJO still supports the run by chipping in \$200 towards the winning hand. The chapter chipped in \$100 to make a great \$300 first prize, \$150 second (donated by *Chilhowie Leathers*), \$75 worst (donated by *Kate's Redwood Tavern*), and a \$75 "mystery hand" (donated by *McGrew's Restaurant* in O'Brien) brought in 90 bikes who joined us for the 2-1/2 hour ride from Grants Pass to Crescent City. It was a beautiful day to ride and it stayed nice all the way into Crescent City. Next year the manager of the Del Norte county fair wants to join forces with us and maybe put on a bike show and have some bike vendors at the finish. We will start working on that right away and let everyone know.

That's about it for now.  
Stay safe.  
See you next month.  
Karen  
secretary, treasurer

# Antique Powerland Steam-Up

## A Great Destination For A Group Ride



Brooks, Oregon — The *Great American Steam-Up* is over for this year. But that doesn't mean you can't start planning a group ride for next year's event. It will be taking place 25–26 July and 01–02 August 2009. In celebration of Oregon's 150th birthday, the event next year will honor Oregon-made machinery.

This was yer crusty ol' editor's first experience going to this event, though he'd been hearing about it for years. As the photo above demonstrates, *Antique Powerland* is one of those far-sighted places that let motorcycles

park right by the entrance. (*Oregon Country Fair* and the *Oregon State Fair* are two other venues that come readily to mind.)

"Wow!" doesn't even begin to describe aroma of wood-fired boilers heating up, the popping sound of on-demand engines that only fire their single cylinder when they need power, the incredible range of machinery that made the industrial age possible. It's a fascinating world for the *Erector* set crowd and absolute neuvana for dedicated gear-heads.

All this plus a swap meet that has a

surprising abundance of motorcycles and parts. (Ain't these folks heard of the *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meet?)

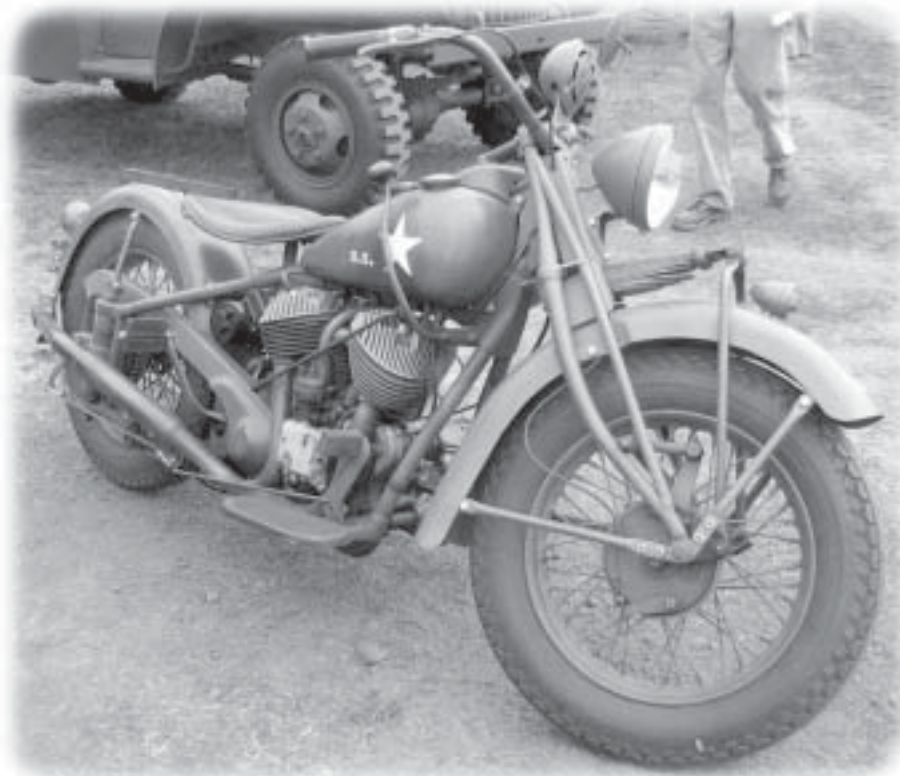
Veterans were being honored the day c.o.e. attended and there was a display of military vehicles, lovingly restored, that looked like they'd just rolled off the production line. That

includes the bike pictured below.

To top off a great day, Rot Path met up with Rotten Roger there. It just don't get much gooder. (Fer them what's confused, the two rotters in *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* are two different peoples.)

If you have web access (or better yet, know someone who does), you can get information on other *A.P.L.* events at:

<http://www.antiquepowerland.com>



### Lincoln County

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Now it is time to send this to our crusty ol' editor and hope that it makes it to the newspaper. Thank you for being our editor and making the newspaper such a success.

Keep the rubber side down and ride safe,

Millie

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

[ *c.o.e. note:* All this sentimental stuff makes yer crusty ol' editor's cornflakes get all soggy.]



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when I got really sick two weeks after our vacation. Summer colds are the worst! But I also owe thanks to Roger Yarnell for submitting my newsletter since my head must have been buried in the Hawaii sands!

Len Punzel mentioned that John Kittson has been diagnosed with kidney cancer so please add him to your prayer list as he'll be going through surgery in the next few weeks.

Rick Stocker announced that we lost one of our brothers, Tim Cogan, and that his celebration of life was meeting at the *Hitchin' Post* in North Plains, Oregon. Again, please add Tim's family to the prayer list, cherish your memories and stay strong for each other as he will be greatly missed.

It was also mentioned that Thunder Mike (Pierce) is going through a rough month being diagnosed with pancreas and liver cancer and could use a lot of your prayers.

I have also received a phone call from Wheels at *Twin Rivers Chapter* to update us on Kat Pritchard since her grandfather recently passed away, and then her mom is in the hospital due to a bad infection where they plan on removing part of her leg. If you know of any of these wonderful people please wish them the best and say a prayer or two!

Ride, enjoy the smells (fields of clover, the hay, the coolness around the creeks or rivers, and even that horrible manure smell reminding us that we re out in the country!) L.O.L., but be safe and always look both ways, twice!

Sharon

*WaCo* recording secretary

### Willamette

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Meeting closed with these comments:

- Keith brought up a concern about ethanol fuel mix It has a tendency to dissolve some types of gaskets, fuel lines and can even attack non steel fiberglass fuel tanks according to Keith.

- Michael brought up that he has changed his V-twin tranny gear oil to *Red Line HD Shockproof* gear oil. Said it quieted his noisy tranny. Check it out at:

<http://www.redlineoil.com/products>

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up,

Rick Maish

secretary,

legislative director

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



**News & Notes**  
American Motorcyclist Association

## Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman Take The Long Way Down On The Big Screen



Follow McGregor (*Star Wars*, *Moulin Rouge!*, *Trainspotting*) and Boorman (actor and motorcycle fanatic) on a 15,000-mile journey from John O'Groats, Scotland to Cape Town, South Africa in *Long Way Down*, the sequel to 2004's *Long Way Round*.

McGregor and Boorman aren't just actors, motorcyclists, and friends, they're also two of the world's best-known round-the-world motorcycle adventurers. *American Motorcyclist* magazine caught up with the two-wheeled explorers to find out why they do it.

Download the complete article (P.D.F.) from the August issue of *American Motorcyclist* magazine.

### Meet Arlen Ness



The master builder was on hand Thursday, July 24, at the grand the new exhibit at the A.M.A.'s *Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum* honoring his life and work. Activities

at the museum began at 4 p.m. with a Ness autograph session followed by a 6 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony. Also opening that day was the new photo exhibit, featuring the work of Dawn Deppi.

### Cache Of Rare Bikes On The Block At A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days



A selection of motorcycles and parts from the estate of former dealer and racer Chris Gould was offered at the A.M.A.'s *Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum* auction on Saturday, July 26, in the infield of *Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course*. The 'barn-fresh' collection included rarities such as an unmolested 1971 *Norton Commando* and a 1982 *Laverda Jota*, along with a large stash of new and used *Ducati* and *Moto Guzzi* parts.

Also up for bid in the auction was an original painting commemorating A.M.A. *Vintage Motorcycle Days* by renowned motorsports artist Tom Fritz.

### Register now for then2008 Golden Aspen Rally V.I.P. Gypsy Tourn



The *Golden Aspen Rally*, an A.M.A. national convention and a featured event in the *Cycle Trader V.I.P. Gypsy*

*Tour* series, is set for September 17-21 in scenic Ruidoso, New Mexico. With an 86,000-square-foot trade show, picturesque riding, poker runs, and the annual biker parade, the rally has been a favorite destination for touring and cruising riders alike.

A.M.A. *V.I.P. Gypsy Tour* participants receive free admission to many rally extras, souvenir t-shirts, a special reception with A.M.A. *Road Riding's* Dave Hembroff and an all-access pass to the rally.

*V.I.P.* registration closed July 30.

### Save On Lodging

A.M.A. members save 15% at choice hotels, including *Comfort Inn*, *Comfort Suites*, *Quality Inn*, *Sleep Inn*, *Clarion*, *Cambria Suites*, *MainStay Suites*, *Suburban Extended Stay*, *Rodeway Inn*, and *EconoLodge*.

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## How's Yer Battery Water Levels ?

You can extend the life of your bike or cage battery by keeping the cells topped up with distilled water. (Available cheap at nearly every grocery store in this spiral arm of the galaxy.)

Never use tap water, especially if yer on a well. (It makes yer battery extremely unhappy and it will seek revenge at the most inopportune time.)

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# U.S. House Holds Highway Safety Hearing



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that the U.S. house of representatives transportation and infrastructure committee, subcommittee on highways and transit held a hearing Wednesday July 16th regarding the status of all of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) highway safety programs including motorcycle safety and the importance of federal funding in supporting safety education across the country. The hearing also focused on van and tire safety, impaired driving, and strategic safety plans amongst others. Testifying on behalf of the *M.R.F.* was senator Robert Letourneau. Others who testified included *N.H.T.S.A.* official Jim Ports, *Governors Highway Safety Association* (*G.H.S.A.*), *A.A.A.*, and *M.A.D.D.*

New Hampshire state senator Letourneau is chairman of the New Hampshire senate transportation committee, a member of the state motorcycle rider education advisory board, the *Governor's Motorcycle Safety Task Force* of the *New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency*, as well as an *M.R.F.* charter member. Letourneau thanked congress for appropriating approximately \$25 million from *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.*, the most recent transportation appropriations regulation, for motorcycle safety education efforts across the country, and encouraged congress to continue to fund motorcycle safety and driver awareness programs around the country. He said the explosion of motorcycle sales from 356,000 in 1997 to 1.1 million today is crippling many rider education programs across the country, and that congress needs to invest more money in motorcycle rider education.

Letourneau said other directives established in *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.*, including encouraging motorcycle transportation as a means to conserve energy, opening high occupancy vehicle (H.O.V.) lanes to motorcycles and establishing a motorcycle advisory council to work with the U.S. secretary of transportation, have been beneficial to both motorcycle riders and the nation.

"In New Hampshire, during the first ten years of our motorcycle education program, over 23,000 riders have completed the education course and only one of those riders was involved in a fatality," said Letourneau.

"Clearly, education is the key to successfully reducing motorcycle fatalities, and New Hampshire's experience is proof positive."

During the hearing while questioning *N.H.T.S.A.*, *G.H.S.A.*, and government accountability office (G.A.O.) ranking member Duncan (R-TN) mentioned that if motorcycle fatalities are growing then we (congress) should consider enlarging the 2010 funds exponentially.

There was plenty of talk about helmets and helmet laws. All of the government panelists advocated for helmet law. The acting chairwoman at that point of the hearing, Grace Napolitano (D-CA), seemed to nod along in agreement with the helmet advocates. So it's a good thing the actual chairman is Peter DeFazio (D-OR) who staunchly opposes mandatory helmet laws.

"There was talk of helmet laws from the usual suspects and we expected that. I feel the motorcyclists were well represented with the *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, *M.I.C.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland* in the room today" said *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* vice president of government relations Jeff Hennie. "There was also as much talk, if not more, about funding proper rider education so that's the direction we want to keep going in" he added.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that language similar to the *H.I.P.A.A.* loophole-fix language contained in HR-1076 may be offered by the bill's sponsor to a piece of legislation being worked on by the U.S. house energy and commerce committee, as previously reported by the *M.R.F.*

While we are not privy to private negotiations between committee leadership and the bill's sponsor, we are cautiously optimistic that language that would be of benefit to

motorcyclists

would be included. The *M.R.F.* has been aggressively lobbying committee members and staff to encourage this.

You may recall reading about an amendment offered in a committee mark up two weeks ago that would have closed the loophole that allows for insurance companies to refuse benefits for an injury based on the source of the injury. (It's what is known in the insurance industry as a "source of injury exclusion".) The amendment, offered by Dr. Michael Burgess (R-TX) was ruled not germane by chairman Dingell (D-MI) and struck down.

Upon closer examination, it was brought to light that in fact the amendment was germane, so germane that the chairman admitted he was wrong, that he was embarrassed by the oversight and wanted to correct his mistake. At that point the committee had dispensed of the bill leaving the fate of the amendment up to the house rules committee, the last committee to consider any legislation before full consideration of the house.

A few options remain.

Chairman Dingell, the ranking republican on the committee, Mr. Barton (R-TX), and the amendment author, Mr. Burgess, have all signed off on a process agreement and a recommendation to the rules committee to include the amendment before the measure is voted on before the full house of representatives.

This positive news puts HR-1076 one step closer to becoming law. However much remains to be seen from the rules committee, the senate (S-616), and ultimately the white house.

### ***M.R.F.* to meet with *R.N.C.* Leadership**

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) would like to announce that the leadership of the republican national committee (*R.N.C.*) agreed to meet with them. The meeting took place on Monday, August 11, 2008 at the headquarters of the *R.N.C.* in

Washington D.C.

Representing the *M.R.F.* was Jeff Hennie (vice president of government relations), Dave Dwyer (sustaining state motorcyclists rights organization representative), and Michael Kerr (vice president of the *M.R.F.*)

The *M.R.F.* sought to meet with the leadership of the *R.N.C.* after a succession of appointees of president Bush took positions that the *M.R.F.* and many in the motorcycling community felt were against their best interests. Those appointees happened to be prominent republicans in their own right.

The *M.R.F.* is seeking a clarification on the republican party's position on the doctrine of federalism. The *M.R.F.* was asking whether this administration and/or future republican presidential administrations will adhere to the long standing G.O.P. policy of the federal government not interfering with state issues.

The *M.R.F.* has also been in touch with the democratic national committee and would hope to meet with them as well. A meeting with the campaign staff of the presumptive presidential nominee of the democratic party is also being sought by the *M.R.F.*

### **Congress Adjourns for Five-Week Break**

Washington D.C. was shuttered for five weeks to accommodate the congressional tradition of August recess.

Generally the house and senate scramble to pass as much legislation as possible in order to have more accomplishments to point to when speaking at town hall meetings back in their home districts. Being able to reassure constituents that congress is doing all they can to alleviate society's problems is key to any U.S. representative's reelection campaign. With overall congressional approval ratings at an all time low of 14 percent, it's puzzling why congress adjourned having done very little.

Gas prices.

The number one issue before congress today is energy. That's

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because it affects every aspect of life of every single person in the entire country. One would think that congress would at least attempt to address the fuel cost epidemic at least in passing, if not in earnest. No matter what side of the political pasture you graze in, you have to agree that congress has done next to nothing when it comes to rising energy costs.

Let's take a look at some of the ideas tossed around by congress to address rising fuel prices. We first should acknowledge that proposals to suspend federal gasoline taxes aren't fooling anyone. Most people are well aware that their gas taxes go to building critical roads and bridges. Does anyone really think drivers will be grateful for a few cents a gallon less at the pump in return for the next bridge collapse?

The silver bullet, we are told, is cracking down on oil and gas speculators. While those who deal in mineral futures may be responsible for some price inflation, it is a stretch to think that curbing speculation will dramatically lower prices at the pump. At least there has been some bipartisan cooperation in by both chambers in developing an acceptable approach to a dubious solution.

Lastly, we have been told that we must dip into our strategic petroleum reserve to increase supplies and lower costs. For what little difference it might make at the pump, does anyone really think Americans will sleep easier knowing we've drained our national emergency fuel supplies so it will cost the family a little less to drive to the beach?

It's clear that a solution would have to be multifaceted and encompass finding alternative forms of energy,

finding new petroleum resources through exploratory drilling, and less consumption by individuals. Saving energy is no longer a moral luxury, it's a personal responsibility.

Which brings us back to what congress did *not* do this summer: pass any energy legislation at all!

**Panelists Announced For Meeting Of The Minds 2008**

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* would like you to join us on September 25-28th in Denver, Colorado for the *24th Annual Meeting of the Minds* hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado*.

This is a four-day event including seminars that are targeted at educating motorcyclists on national and international issues that are facing us now and will be facing us in the foreseeable future.

We are excited to announce that this year will feature *The Motorcycling Community Working Together*, a panelist discussion of top industry professionals.

Though the event kicks off Thursday evening with a *Meet the M.R.F. Board* session, the highlight of with weekend will come on Saturday in the general session with the panelists.

The panel will feature: Scott Arminger (*Harley-Davidson Motor Corporation*), Keith Ball (*BikerNet.com*, author, freedom fighter), Ed Moreland (*American Motorcyclist Association* and author), Duane Taylor (government relations specialist - *Motorcycle Industry Council*), Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (president - *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*), and a yet-to-be-announced representative from the

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

In addition to a wide array of seminars and breakout sessions aimed at educating the attendees, the weekend will also feature a rematch of the famed *Kilts vs. Bibs Tug-of-War* contest, a banquet, and silent auction on Saturday night.

On Sunday morning the *Karen Bolin Memorial Ride* will allow attendees who rode in to take a tour of some of the surrounding area.

All *M.R.F.* conferences offer an early registrations price break of \$10 for those who register early. After the 18 August 2008 deadline, registration for *M.R.F.* members went to \$70, \$80 for non-members. Registration includes all seminars, materials and the banquet on Saturday evening.

*Meeting of the Minds* is being held at the *Denver Tech Center Marriott*, 4900 Syracuse, Denver, Colorado. (The hotel will no longer hold the block of rooms reserved for this event and we cannot guarantee that space will be available in the conference hotel.)

To make a reservation at the *Denver Tech Center*, please call them directly at 1-(800)-228-9290 and tell them that you are with the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** in order to receive the group rate.

If you plan to fly to Denver, *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado* has set up a shuttle that runs to and from the airport for your convenience. The shuttle will run on Thursday, September 25th from noon to 10 p.m. and Friday, September 26th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To be picked up you will go out doors 506 or 507 (from baggage claim) and proceed to the limo/taxi



booth on island 1. Let the attendants there know that you want *Classy Limos* and tell them how many are in your group.

Upon registration check-in at the conference you will sign up for the return trip to the airport.

In order to register for this event, you can visit our web site at

<http://www.mrf.org>

or contact the office at 1-(202)-546-0983.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the web and mailed to:

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For more information about this conference contact conference director, Carol Downs, at (1-303)-204-6939 or by e-mail at [downs@mrf.org](mailto:downs@mrf.org)

**M.R.F. -- Who We Are**

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

# Interest In Motorcycles Soars With Fuel Prices

Motorcycle and scooter sales across the nation are booming as drivers look for ways to trim the cost of soaring gas prices, but the rush of inexperienced riders hitting the road has had deadly consequences.

*N.A.D.A. Guides*, which publishes a well known book of used vehicle prices, reported that the number of people researching motorcycle purchases has increased nearly 50% over last year.

Scooter sales jumped 24 percent nationwide in the year's first quarter, according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*. While new motorcycle sales were lagging on the whole, those with smaller engines that get better gas mileage saw an upturn, according to *M.I.C.* spokesman Mike Mount, adding that used motorcycle sales also are climbing.

The small fuel-efficient vehicles are easy on the mileage and the pocketbook, which has made them wildly popular with gasoline prices surpassing \$4 a gallon. Depending on engine size, motorcycles can get between 40 and 60 miles per gallon of gas. Scooters, which tend to be smaller and easier to drive, can reach 100 miles per gallon or more. That's attracting newbies, dealers say, with many new buyers citing the price at the pump as their primary motivation for turning to two-wheel transportation.

According to a recent report by the *Governors Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.)*, motorcycle sales have tripled from 1997 to 2006, from 356,000 to almost 1.1 million, while motorcycle fatalities more than doubled from 2,110 in 1997 to 4,810 in 2006.

Last year, the *G.H.S.A.* asked state highway safety agencies to complete a survey on motorcycle safety activities designed to curb the annual increase in motorcycle crashes.

The surveys revealed "a patchwork of helmet laws," with only nine states and Puerto Rico indicating special efforts to help law enforcement identify helmets that don't meet

federal safety standards. Rider training courses have been overly strained due to the influx of new motorcyclists and, as a result, 29 states "indicated they have capacity problems with delays ranging from one day to 12 weeks for training classes. Only three states, Florida, Maine, and Rhode Island require rider education for all riders, regardless of age," according to the association. The report also says many motorcyclists drive without valid licenses: In 2006, 25 percent of operators in fatal motorcycle crashes did not have a valid motorcycle license, compared to 13 percent of drivers of passenger vehicles.

### Georgia Turns Speeders Into Fuel Pumps

It's a ridiculous concept, reports the *National Motorists Association (N.M.A.)*, but somehow it seemed inevitable. Check out this story from *USA Today*: The surging price of gasoline has come to this: a "fuel surcharge" on your next speeding ticket.

Drivers caught speeding in the north Atlanta suburb of Holly Springs soon will have to pay an extra \$12 to cover \$4-a-gallon gas costs for the police officers who stop them.

Is your police cruiser running low on fuel? No problem, just pull over someone driving home from work, ticket them, and you'll have a full tank of gas in no time.

Need to balance your budget? Maybe you should look to

*Pizza Hut* for inspiration: Police chief Ken Ball says he was seeking ways to maintain patrols despite record high gas prices. "I was hearing that *Delta (Air Lines)*, pizza deliverers, florists were adding fuel charges to their services, and I thought, why not police departments?" he says.

Unfortunately it looks like this isn't going to be an isolated case. As with any situation where money is available to be taken from citizens,

local government is on the case immediately. Ball says he's being "inundated" by calls from police chiefs and city managers. "I've heard from at least a dozen police chiefs and half a dozen city managers," he says of their municipality's recently passed measure. "They want to know how we did it, and could we send them a copy of the ordinance."

### Maryland Riders Light It Up

Motorcycle riders in Maryland hope to get more attention from car drivers with a new state law that allows the use of specified auxiliary lighting, which can only be used after dark, thus increasing their visibility to other road users at night.

Senate bill-713, the *Night-time Awareness, Auxiliary Lighting* bill, passed unanimously through the house and senate, and was signed into law April 8th by governor Martin O'Malley.

The new regulation, which went into effect June 1st, addresses the use of L.E.D. lights that illuminate the sides of the motorcycle, thus allowing other drivers to see motorcyclists from the side as well as front and rear. The lights cannot be blue or red and cannot blink, flash or oscillate. They can only be directed toward the engine and drive train and are specifically prohibited from being on wheels.

Pat Corcoran, spokesman for *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland*, said "Most motorcycle [crashes] involving another vehicle, are almost always the fault of the other vehicle, and usually the comment of the other driver is, we just didn't see him."

The law also allows the use of blue-dot tail lights, which also increases conspicuity in traffic.

### States Green-Light New Red-Light Laws For Motorcycles

Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren't able to detect they are there.

In May, South Carolina became the seventh state to give motorcyclists

license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn't activate, according to a recent article in *USA Today*.

North Carolina passed similar law in 2007. Wisconsin (2006), Idaho (2006), Arkansas (2005), Tennessee (2003), and Minnesota (2002) all have passed laws the past six years while similar legislation has been introduced in Georgia, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

The traffic lights in question are controlled by devices buried under the road that operate similar to metal detectors, according to Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the federal highway administration. Their sensitivity can be set to detect motorcycles, but the proper balance is difficult to adjust, he said.

California has chosen a technological solution. A law adopted last year requires that when new traffic-activated signals are installed, they be capable of detecting motorcycles and bicycles.

"In Texas, we took a different approach," said Sputnik, president of the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.-II)* and chairman of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.)* He told a gathering at the recent *N.C.O.M.* convention in Houston about a law passed there last year. "When a traffic light doesn't detect motorcycles, they have to fix them so they do."

### E.U. Motorcycles To Get Onboard Warning Systems

Motorcycles will get new onboard warning systems to tell the rider when he's going too fast under proposals unveiled recently at a motorcycle safety conference in Brussels, Belgium. The technology will tell the rider when he's going into a bend too fast or exceeding the speed limit. A "frontal collision warning" system will detect when the bike is too close to an obstacle.

On-road trials of the In-Vehicle Information System technology will begin by 2010 under the European Commission's plans, which are backed





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by the *Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations. (F.E.M.A.)*

The project, called *Saferider*, "aims to develop devices to improve the comfort and safety of riders through technology such as warning devices to alert the rider of a potential crash or provide information about black (blind) spots or traffic design," according to a *F.E.M.A.* press release, adding that "The decision by *F.E.M.A.* to participate in the *Saferider* project is because we need to find out if technology can assist a rider to make decisions to avoid collisions or crashes. We need to ensure that the technology being developed can benefit riders. But if doesn't, then we need to be in a position to make our point of view clear."

More information on the *Saferider* project can be found at:

[www.saferider-eu.org](http://www.saferider-eu.org)

**Biker Funerals Illegal Down Under**

*Gypsy Jokers* from across Australia gathered in Adelaide for a funeral which would be illegal under new "anti-bikie" laws enacted by the South Australia state government.

The bikers were fare welling club president Wayne "Chiller" McGrath, 42, a father of four and part-owner of four tattoo parlors, who suffered a fatal heart attack while exercising on a treadmill at his Virginia home. More than 300 people, including more than

100 *Gypsy Jokers* motorcycle club members nationally and abroad from Germany, Norway, and the U.S. attended his funeral. The mourners, who included wives, girlfriends, and children, then went to the *Gypsy Jokers* clubhouse for a wake to honor their fallen brother.

Legal sources said under the new anti-biker laws passed by the government and now taking effect, the funeral and wake would have been declared prohibited events as "bikies" will be prohibited from associating with each other once their so-called "gangs" have been declared illegal organizations by the attorney-general.

The new laws, the first of their kind in Australia apart from the federal anti-terror legislation, have been attacked by lawyers and civil libertarians as "draconian" and an erosion of individual rights, particularly freedom of association.

The laws contain provisions that members of outlaw motorcycle clubs can only associate with direct family members such as their parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and children. They are not permitted to gather together or have contact with their uncles, aunts or cousins - or neighbors and other friends or acquaintances.

Anyone who breaches the laws, whether they are bikers or individuals having contact with bikers at least six times a year, can be jailed for up to

five years.

Control orders restraining the movements of individual bikers can also be issued by magistrates and judges on the application of South Australia police. Criminal intelligence or any other information used by police to obtain the control orders must remain secret and anyone issued with an order cannot seek to have it independently reviewed by a judge.

**Weird News Dirty Deeds**

More than 600 emergency workers participated in a mock disaster drill simulating an attack on Long Island by a fake biker gang detonating a "dirty bomb" at a federal courthouse, testing the abilities of authorities to handle such a radioactive attack.

Police, firefighters, medical workers and other personnel from 60 agencies converged on the fire academy in Yaphank, New York which also involved ten area hospitals.

The exercise was dubbed *S.C.R.U. B.*, or *Suffolk County Response to an Unknown Bomb*, and the scenario involved a local biker gang called *El Diablo* which would attack the courthouse with a deadly dirty bomb after federal officials arrested their leaders.

More than 100 people were injured or killed in the fake attack, and the injured had to be cleansed and

decontaminated before they were actually sent to local hospitals for treatment. Police had to determine the cause of the blast. Other participants practiced decontamination, detecting radiation exposure and coordinating responses with multiple agencies.

Authorities called it the largest emergency drill in Suffolk county's history. It was funded by the Suffolk county department of fire, rescue and emergency services with a \$175,000 grant from the department of homeland security.

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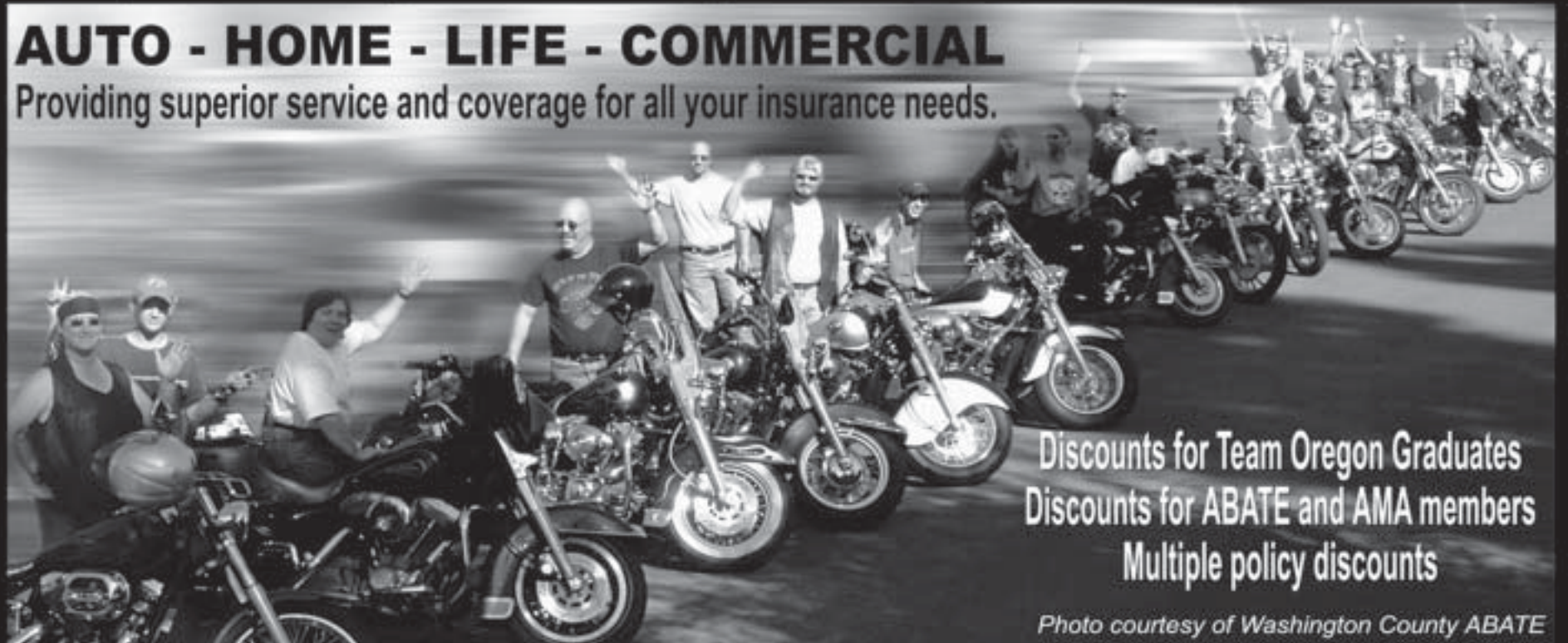
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## HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ a m / pm

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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(Return address )

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

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Additional Members in Same Household:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send completed application to:

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

**97208**

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

Comments:

# September 2008 (mabon)

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

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## 2008 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
06 Sept	Swap meet – Washington ABATE	Enumclaw, WA	(253)-906-2581
06 Sept	Schoolhouse Thunder Bike Show	Keizer, Oregon	(503)-463-6570
07 Sept	Last Chance Poker Run--JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
19-21 Sept	End Of Summer-WaCo	Birkenfeld	(503)-747-6725
04 Oct	Teddy Bear Run--CO	Bend	(541)-788-9911
05 Oct	5th Annual Toy Run--JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
12 Oct	Fall Swap Meet--Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)-
08 Nov	Musicians' Toy Run Benefit	Oregon City	(503)-656-3031

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### NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 13 September 2008 at noon  
Eagle Lodges – Albany, Oregon  
Run committee meeting at 1100

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When not ridin' she liked her liquor,  
Some say she's a bit of a booze whore,  
So she's left that bad dance,  
Her nature is balanced,  
Now her mind and engine can both roar.  
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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1400 (2 <sup>pm</sup> )	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurssday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast (NC)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1000 (10 <sup>am</sup> )	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City (RC)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	1300 (1 <sup>pm</sup> )	The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	1930 (7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)-688-4268