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Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program Lawsuit Settled

May 28, 2008 — A lawsuit brought against the *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program at *Oregon State University* has been settled. The action, filed December 14, 2006 by the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*, alleged copyright and intellectual property infringements of *M.S.F.* works. Dr. Ed Ray, president of *O.S.U.* and Stephen Garets, *Team Oregon* director were named in their official capacities.

A settlement conference was held in federal court in Santa Ana, California on May 21, 2008. The summary terms of settlement are:

1. *M.S.F.* has agreed to dismiss its lawsuit with prejudice.
2. Neither party will pay compensation, costs, or fees to the other.
3. *Team Oregon* will be entitled to continue using its current curriculum without restriction.
4. *M.S.F.* will acknowledge that *Team Oregon* owns valid copyrights in *Team Oregon* course materials.
5. *Team Oregon* will acknowledge that *M.S.F.* owns valid copyrights in *M.S.F.* course materials.
6. Neither *Team Oregon* nor *M.S.F.* will disparage the other.
7. *M.S.F.* will give *Team Oregon* a free license to use *M.S.F.* materials in *Team Oregon* curricular materials,



- and *Team Oregon* will note that license in future *Team Oregon* publications. *Team Oregon* will continue to deny that it needs any such license.
8. *Team Oregon* will continue its practice of not marketing its program outside Oregon and will not grant permission for others to reproduce its materials.
 9. The parties will release each other from all claims either may have against the other.

"I'm relieved and grateful to have reached this settlement," said Stephen Garets, director of *Team Oregon* and a named defendant. "We're proud and fully supportive of the programs we've designed that treat the specific safety and training needs of Oregon's riders. This settlement allows us to now devote full attention to the pressing needs of Oregon's riders."

The *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program is sponsored by *Oregon State University* and the *Oregon Department of*

Transportation. *Team Oregon's* goal is to foster and promote safe motorcycle operating through quality rider education programs and public information campaigns. *Team Oregon* is funded by a fee on motorcycle license endorsements.

Contact <http://teamoregon.orst.edu> for more information about *Team Oregon* training. Stephen Garets
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Ch... Ch... Ch... Changes !

In an effort to keep more change in our members' pockets, the format of the state monthly newsmagazine is changing to a newspaper-style format. This way membership dues don't have to be raised, yet we're still freeing up funds to use for our education and legislative efforts.

In addition, you'll notice that the layout is different owing to the larger page size.

All this and now your newsrag is softer and more absorbant.

(And if members don't like the new format, tough! we can always go back to the newsmag format.)

-- R.

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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!"

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

Easyrider's began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. *D.O.T. (Department of Transportation)* was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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Well, since I ran out of space and time last month, this letter is continued from June.

I still have to say a big thank you to *Food For Less* for all the food they donated. As in years past, they really help our chapter out. I believe that everyone should try to shop there. A big thank you to Keven and Renee for picking up the supplies and bringing them to the picnic. It is because of Kevin that we always get *Food For Less* to donate the items needed for the picnic. So if you see Kevin, say thanks.

Also a really big thank you to Andy for getting with the state and picking up the vest and bags for the trash so we could pick up the trash. Andy has always been a great help in this area and I hope he will continue to do so. It is a really big help. Thank you, Andy. And if you ever see Andy maybe you could give him a thank you also?

Well, on to this month. We had our meeting on Sunday, like we always do. As everyone should know it is the second Sunday of the month at 1400, or 2 p.m., which ever you

As of this writing, June, it's still cloudy and cold down here in Douglas county. Waiting for summer, very, very impatiently.

News Flash!

It looks as though the ever favorite *S.O.S. Run* is coming back to Wolf Creek campground. Mark your calendars for August 22-24. The folks who have supported this run over the years missed it so much last year that thanks to our friends in the other chapters and a benevolent member of *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.*, we are pulling it together for this year. Look for more details in the August newspaper.

Also, if you are interested in a vendor spot, have resources and/or time and labor to lend to this great weekend, contact Jim Waggoner (541)-229-5532 or Janie Curtis (541)-680-1047 for more information.

Speaking of Jim and Janie, there's a wedding planned for the middle of the month. Hmmmm!

Douglas County Chapter is meeting monthly at *Willie D's* on Jackson Street in the *Roseburg Town Center*. Thanks to Willie and Chris for the

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prefer, at the *Black Horse Saloon*.

If you haven't attended a meeting in a while maybe you should mark the date down on what ever will help you remember the second Sunday of the month. I have found that every month has at least two Sundays, so it is the second one that we have our meetings on. Not the first, that would be to hard to remember and definitely not the third or fourth and sometimes there are five Sundays. Boy would that be a mess.

Like I stated, we have our *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* meeting on the second Sunday of every month. It really isn't that hard but some people do seem to forget. Since there are only twelve months in a year, you

guessed it, we only have twelve meetings a year. Since there are 365 days in a year, it would be nice if you could make a couple meetings to keep up on what the chapter is doing and help anyway that you can.

We are gearing up for the *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run*. We have set the course and it should be a great ride. By the time this newspaper gets out, it will be done and over, so hope all who could make it, did, and those who didn't, there is always next year.

We are in the planning stages for the *Teddy Bear Run* and all the help that we can get to make it pain free, will be greatly appreciated. It has always happened and it always seems to be painless but the more help the

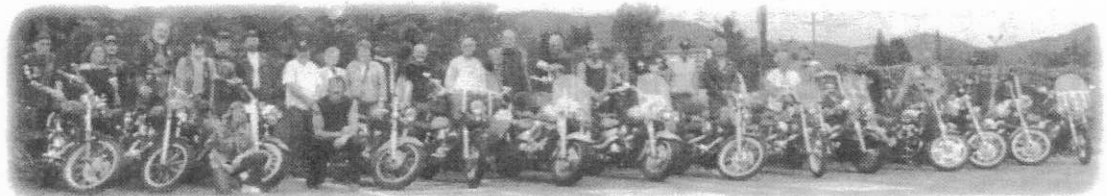
less pain on some of the people.

I think I stated that our meetings are held at the *Black Horse Saloon* on the second Sunday of the month. In case you forgot, I will tell you again that we have our meetings every

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE
 2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
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hospitality. The third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the cafe is the place to be. Come and join the fun as we meet, take care of some business, have a 50/50 and prize drawing, eat — all the usual stuff.

By the time this gets to you, the *Annual Thundering Water Poker Run* will be history. Thanks in advance to everyone for their participation. It's an event we look forward to every year.

Ride safe and see you down the road,

Becky Garino
 secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
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HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza
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Albany

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Hope you enjoy the new picture here.

We had a great turnout for the potluck. Food always brings people to meetings. Our historian and official photographer was out of town, so this is a temporary picture until she gets back and can take a better one.

Believe it or not, we are still resting up from all the events in May. Next year we will get an earlier start. We have all winter to prepare, so why do we always wait until April to get started? You think we'll ever learn?

Hope everyone had a great time at *Fossil*. A few of our members made in up. We are looking forward to lots of good stories about how everyone had a great time.

Memorial weekend, many members of *JoCo A.B.A.T.E.* joined *O.V.M.A.* and rode in the Grants Pass *Boatnik Parade*. I am sending a few pictures along with this article. Hope our wonderful editor-in-chief can fit them in someplace.

We rode with the *American Legion*, who had the honor of being the parade color guard. They had a float with a sign that had all the names of all the vets from Oregon who have been killed while in service in Iraq or in Pakistan. It was an honor to ride with them.

Chapter meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month at the *Fruitdale Grange* in Grants Pass. We discuss rides we've been on and plan rides coming up. We usually have a

short meeting with lots of bike talk thrown in. Raffles and 50/50 drawings at every meeting. July 16th will be the next one. Everyone is invited. We love to have company.

August 2nd will be *Run to the Coast*. Local radio station KAJO/KLDR started this as a group ride and put it on for 25 years. *A.B.A.T.E.* took over when they decided not to do it anymore and changed the group ride over to a poker run with staggered starts, making it a lot safer. We meet at *Wilderville Store*, have the poker run, and end in Crescent City. The Del Norte County Fair will be going on, so plan to spend the weekend. \$300 best, \$150 second, and \$75 worst hand prizes with a special "mystery hand" prize of \$75 prize. There will be lots of raffle prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. We are expecting members of *United Bikers of Northern California* to join us as well as most of the groups, clubs, and organizations in southern Oregon. This should be lots of fun. Flyer and more details in this issue.

And yes, it is confirmed. August

22-24 will be the *S.O.S.* campout at Wolf Creek. This will be a joint effort by *JoCo* and Roseburg chapters. Watch for flyers and more information next month.

September 7th will be our *Last Chance BBQ*, poker run and get together. The chapter will provide meat, side dishes will be potluck. Bring potluck dish to beginning of poker run and we will have ice chest and transportation over to the park.

October 5th will be our toy run. Flyers and more details next month.

For information on any of the events mentioned here, please contact Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange
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Grants Pass

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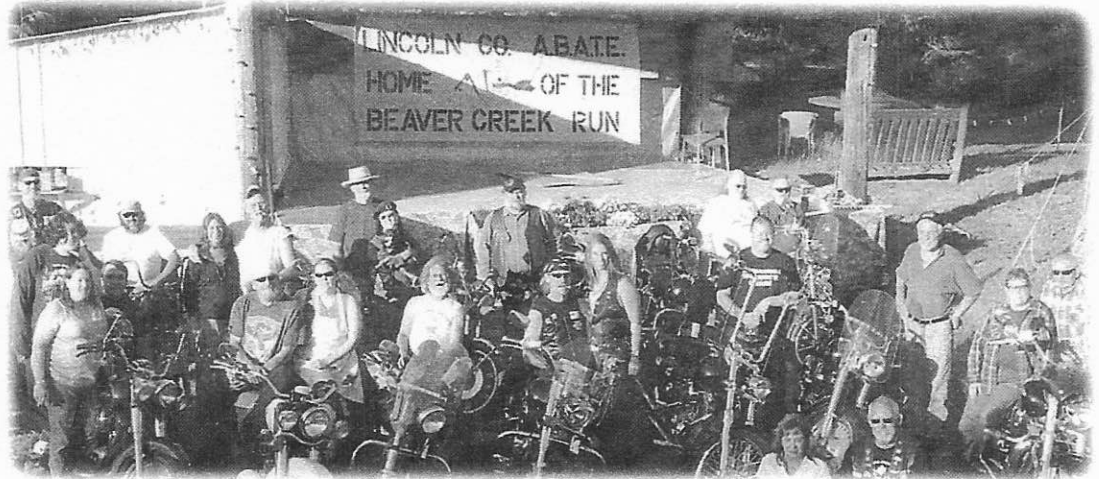
Fossil is past and I love my t-shirt. Hubby brought one home for me and it is really different than in the past. I like the idea of them not being all black and it has unusual characters on it.

We were glad to see such a large group from *Lincoln County* head out. For many years there was only two or so going and more was a real positive step forward.

We headed out to *Beaver Creek* on Sunday to survey what needed to be done. The field is really looking good with Gary slaving away all year keeping it mowed. Be sure to say thanks when you see him. There always seems like there is lots to do but once started it levels out in a hurry. We are looking forward to seeing you all in August.

A couple of us are planning on heading to *Best of the West* in Vancouver over Father's Day weekend. This should be informative and we hope to bring back lots of information to share with *Lincoln County* members. We are looking forward to seeing a large group of Oregon members and meeting new

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people. I'm sure the speakers will be interesting. Sharing information and learning new things is always such a positive experience.

On the coast, we are still waiting for the summer weather to appear. We are having rain and breezes right now, so we will see. Over the weekend we had some take off for a day ride and I'm sure that they enjoyed it.

Must be time to go dust out the

luggage and start thinking of what to pack.

Be well and ride safe. See you on the road.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie

Lincoln County Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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What happened to summer?

Here it's the middle of June and still spring conditions!

I've always said summer doesn't start until after the 4th of July. We'll see.

Did have a one day window for

WaCo's Roll and Ride. The sun came out after a chilly ride over the coast range and warmed up Good Don and myself. Had a great time, even won high hand. Paid for the day and gas.

I hope the weather was favorable for our *13th Around Saddle Mountain Run* on June 28th. Good Don deserves a good showing for his hard work!

Something special happened the other day. As you probably heard *Oney's Restaurant and Bar* burnt to the ground. We pretty much blew it off and scheduled a new stop. Then Steve called and said he would set up tents and accommodate us in any way he could. Steve has always been a great sponsor of *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* in the past. Rumor has it that he plans to rebuild. If he does, stop in. It's a great stop on the way to the coast.

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The chapter is doing the ice at *Run 21* again. I myself won't be there because of my daughter's wedding, but the chapter will get-er-done. Sounds like it's going to be a great time again. Wish I could be there!

Our August 16th run, the *Mist Mountain Run* is moving along. A take off of the *Two Rivers Run* last year, should be a good time. The route has changed slightly and we end up at the *Big O Saloon*. The owners are excited and are bringing in a band. Everyone last year had a good time. We hope to keep up the tradition. Check out the flyer.

We'll hope things warm up for more riding time.

Howie

NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Children are welcome

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May 20, 2008

Tonight's meeting was small but lively. We had good discussions about state board of directors issues and chapter issues. We are planning to have a budgeting meeting before the next regular meeting. We will be ordering 36 chapter patches, so they will be available soon at a meeting near you!

We are up to 89 members! That's amazing.

One of our new members, Candy Armstrong, would have won the chapter drawing for \$15 if she had been present. It will be \$20 next meeting.

Debra won the 50/50 at \$5/\$5 and donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Debra.

The bike on the agenda was a very pretty 1929 *Cleveland Tornado*. Nobody guessed it.

— Brian

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June 3, 2008

Tonight's meeting was very interesting with a surprise guest: Douglas Findlay from Virginia. He talked about beating helmet requirements through campaign work: putting out lawn signs. He and

others have had recent great success in Virginia with this tactic. Campaign work is extremely valuable to candidates and can change elections and make lifelong friends.

We are working on our budgeting for the year. We need to assemble more information about our last year's expenditures.

Heidi and Joy arrived late in the meeting.

Brian won the 50/50 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

July 01, 2008

July 15, 2008

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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



The *M.\$F. vs. Team Oregon* lawsuit has come to a settlement.

The state of Oregon deserves our appreciation for fighting back against the monopolistic *M.\$F.* While not a complete victory for *Team Oregon*, the repercussions will vibrate through out the training community nationwide.

Wendy "Moonrider" Moon, the guest speaker at S.T.E.A.M. this year, has a good analysis of the situation. Read more at

<http://www.journalspace.com> and put Moonrider in the search bar. You can subscribe to her site and be notified when she updates her journal. Thanks to Wendy for all she continues to do for motorcycling.

Douglas "Sturdie" Findlay visited our chapter as an invited guest speaker. He presented another way to effect the election of your next state representative or senator by getting involved before the election. Make a friend of them before they get into office and you may have an ally forever. A fun way to get involved.

Visit

<http://www.Roadwarriorsservice.com> for more information.

Primary elections are over and it is time to prepare for the November election. Are you up to speed on the candidates in your district yet? We have lost some friends in both houses.

The *Motorcycle May Awareness Rally* needs some work, from the comments received by *BikePAC of Oregon*. A lack of speakers this year was a comment heard and some kind of event to draw people in would help with attendance. The reverse is also true. More attendees would encourage more candidates to attend. With your input and help in this matter, we could make this the "have-to-be-there" event that it should be.

Come out and support *BikePAC of Oregon* by coming to the meetings and helping out.

As it stands there are too few people fighting for your rights. Use them or lose them.

Thank you Rot Path for all that you do, along with the many others that continue the fight for freedom.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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Pre-Run 21 greetings,

We are gathering more and more momentum for the ever popular *Run 21*. Some have already begun to use *Pay-Pal* on the web site while others are purchasing via mail or from one of local representatives. Be sure to get any order placed by mail sent by July 10th so there is plenty of time to return to you!

Shag has really been really busy helping promote the event. But beware. Judy making her move on ticket sales!

There are several businesses that have tickets available. They are:

- Renegade Classics* (Portland)
- WigWam* (Scappoose)
- Birkenfeld Country Store* (Birkenfeld).

Our <http://www.Run21.biz> web site has been enhanced for your viewing pleasure. Remember to save it to your favorites for next year. Check out the bands and some of our sponsors currently on the site.

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Looking forward to another successful *Run 21*,

Softtail

S.E. Portland MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
 137 N. Main -- Gresham
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All right, what the hell happened? I want to make one thing very clear. Due to the fact that things did not go as smoothly as they could have, we still had a good turn out at the spring swap meet.

By the way, thanks to Matt (state coordinator) and Grace (state treasurer) for asking me if I would fill in as the telephone communications coordinator.

The fall swap meet is scheduled for Sunday, 12 October 2008, 0900 to 1600 at Kleiver memorial national guard armory located at 10000 NE 33rd drive, Portland.

Start getting the word out, within Oregon and northwest and southwest states: Washington, Idaho, California.

We should start spreading the word about the Shriners' Toy Run, as well. (Saturday, 06 December 2008)

As a matter of fact, while I am on this particular subject, I want to inform everybody that, for that swap meet, I will not (with absolutely no question) run and/or coordinate the damned thing, period!

I will, however, volunteer, as of right now, to offer my services as, and only as, the telephone and e-mail (communications) person, as a go-between, for the armory and *A.B.A.T.E.*

In the meantime, we still have the upcoming annual planning session,

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Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



Summer Run, End Of Summer Run, and a whole lot more coming up.

Why did I mention this? Well, because, (and this is not just my opinion) it seems as though we are losing interest in the organization. I know I am getting tired of the B.S. As has been stated before several times, "If we do not start actually working together, we will end up killing this entire organization!" I say this because even I have noticed a major reduction in membership.

In other words, come on people, if we believe in our rights as individuals and an organization, we absolutely must work together.

Okay, now on to a little bit of good news. In case you have not heard, the sentencing trial for the murderer of Robert L. Pfeifer's son, Robby, took place Friday, 11 April at 1500 in the Multnomah county court house. The man who killed Robby was sentenced,

after being found (guilty) on two charges, to 25 years to life.

Yeah, I thought that would make you all happy.

Speaking of that, I have been asked by Bob Pfeifer and family to extend a very heartfelt (thank you) for all of the support that was offered, whether emotionally, physically (attending the trial and hearing), or by whatever other way that the support was offered.

Okay, I am going to stop for now. Not because I am done letting everyone know what has happened and is going to happen, but because of the fact that we only have a limited amount of space, in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper for our chapter submissions without running the risk of adding to, instead of decreasing, our printing costs.

See you all down the road somewhere,

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



next June and we will see you there.

Our run committee is feverishly working behind the scenes to prepare for our *Mid-Summer Poker Run* (July 26), the *End of Summer Run* (September 19-21), and our toy run (November 15). These will all be great events, made even better if you are there. The funds raised go towards "motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty", and you get to have a good time too!

Ride safe, and ride often!

Roger Yarnell

coordinator

Washington County Chapter

Greetings!

Were you at *Fossil* on Memorial Day weekend? If so, you know what I mean when I say that this global "warming" is really starting to get me down. Oh well. *Fossil* is what you make it.

We went intending to have a good time, and we did! We shared camp with the great folks from *Lincoln County Chapter* and our camp was rockin' all weekend.

(Note to self: Gotta make it to

Beaver Creek this August.)

On Saturday, *Washington County* put on the bike show and the bike games in town. Thanks to Ted Tracy for organizing the show and to Jim Henderson for organizing the games. I hope that those who watched and participated in the events had as much fun as we had putting them on.

On Sunday, June 8th, our *Roll-n-Ride* bike run launched from Beaverton *Honda*. The weather was beautiful, and we had seventy bikes

make the run. Kaye Sipple laid out a nice route that offered a little something for everyone's taste. *Adea Winery* in Gaston hosted the ending, with a picnic lunch put on by ways and means. (I didn't mention Tina Stocker's name so she wouldn't get embarrassed.) The two highest and the two lowest rollers split \$200 in prize money, and we gave away a whole table load of door prizes. This run gets better every year, so mark your calendars for the second Sunday

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

One of the best things in having or being involved in a poker run for us was seeing old friends and members we hadn't seen for a while. If you missed our *Willamette Valley Rhody Run*, you missed one of the best. For once we had great weather for the whole weekend and more bikes at the run and on the road than you could begin to count. I haven't seen this many bikes at *Rhody* for years. It was great

The winners of our *Rhody Poker Run* were: Gene Ball for the high hand and Vern Hoffman for the low hand. Had a 50/50 drawing for \$80 but didn't get the winners name. Congrats to all of you

On the sad side of things, we lost a motorcycling couple during the *Rhody Run*. Bob and Nancy Shimp of *Christian Motorcycle Association*. Being *C.M.A.* long-time active members, it is believed they were in the process of stopping to help some motorists who had run off the highway when the car behind didn't see them stopping and hit them.

Everyone needs to be on their toes this summer. We have already heard

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



of too many bike crashes. People just are not watching out for us on our bikes

We've had two *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* members alone involved in crashes, one involving an out of control SUV and another was forced off the road by a motorhome coming back from *Fossil*.

So keep your attention sharp. Watch out for the other guy who may be thinking of something else, taking a corner too wide, driving out of control, or the guy behind you that may not see you stopping.

If you have new riders, make sure they have taken the *Team Oregon* riders class.

Maybe we should all be thinking about sharpening our rider skills for this riding season.

We also had a long-time member pass away from medical problems, Shirley "Daniels" Graves. She was our very first chapter secretary when the

Willamette Valley Chapter got started back in the early 1990's.

New Willamette Valley Chapter Meeting Place

During the May chapter meeting we decided to change the *Willamette Valley* meeting place.

Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way (off Gateway)

Springfield, Oregon

Third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

At our meeting a couple local events came up:

- The Lane county sheriffs are doing a *First Annual Lane County Sheriff's American Cancer Society Run* June 21st at 9 a.m. It starts at *Lane Community College*.

- We have a local person in need of a heart transplant. Angie England is raffling off her 1996 *Harley 883 Sportster* to raise funds for it. They are selling raffle tickets for \$100 each. Contacts are Ken (541)-514-1823

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Prime Time Restaurant

4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT

(503)-357-3040

CHAPTER ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 202

Cornelius, OR 97113

and Angie (541)-606-6433.

July 18-20, a group of *Willamette Valley Chapter* riders will be heading to the *Tenth Annual Summer Eruption* at Horse Ranch R.V. Park off highway 31 in eastern Oregon for *S.C.O.O.T.E.R., Inc.*'s support of kids in eastern Oregon. Let's get down and party!

Keep the rubber side down and the leather side up,

Rick Maish

secretary, legislative director

Willamette Valley Chapter

LynandRick@msn.com

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Sizzler's Steak House

1010 Postal Way; Springfield

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Rod Hatter

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Our Officers at Work

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

No state board meeting was held in June due to the *M.R.F. Best of the West* conference



*Nic Oliver
state recording secretary*



Contacting Oregon's Elected Federal Officials

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Central Oregon

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month on the second Sunday of each and every month. Unless the chapter thinks that a certain Sunday is not good, then we might have it on a Saturday like when we did the road side clean up. If you attend the meetings, you will be apprized of the changes. If nothing else, you can always call a member who does attend

regular meetings and they will let you know.

As not to be any later than I am at getting this report out, I will say, ride safe and pay close attention to those who don't even care if you are there.

Jay Bird
coordinator
Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

Josephine County

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Enjoy riding this summer.
Be safe.
See you next time around.

Karen
JoCo Chapter

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

For the last few months the *G.A.C.M.S.* meetings have been forums inviting any interested or concerned motorcyclists to attend and present concerns and ideas.

1. Most of the concerns we have heard are about the issue of mandatory training for unendorsed motorcyclists.
2. Another is making sure that all motorcyclists have an endorsement.
3. How to keep other vehicles from violating the motorcyclist's space.
4. The need to have road surfaces safe for motorcyclists to ride on.

These meetings are being held in different cities in Oregon to be more easily accessible to motorcyclists who live in that area.

The meeting in May was in Medford.

No meeting was held in June.

The July meeting is scheduled for July 11th in Bend, Oregon. Please check the web site or call the *O.D.O.T.* safety office for the exact location. (It is not always possible to obtain the facilities needed, so changes may be made at the last minute.)

No meeting is scheduled for August.

The September meeting is scheduled to be held in the Eugene area, date and place to be determined.

Please go to the web site for information: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/> or call Michelle O'Leary or Rachele



Iris Yeager
member
GACMS

Nelson at (503)-986-4190.

It has been very informative and helpful to have motorcycle riders attend the meetings and express their needs.
Please keep it up.



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

Dumped Yer Scoot?



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.

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

Wendy Loves Company

1912 N.E. 179th street
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 http://www.leatheratloves.com

July 2008 schedule at the Outpost

Live music, good food every Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m.

July 5 - Too Wet To Plow,
 Ice cream social

July 12 - Jumpers

Sunday, July 13 - WLC ladies ride 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 19 - Blue Royals

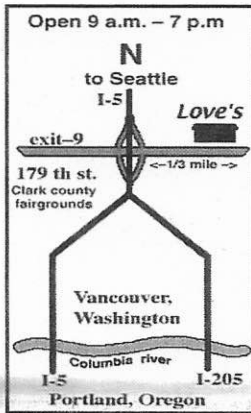
July 26 - Jumpers

coming soon - Native American tipt talking circle,
 native drumming

July road show schedule

- July 11-12 - Bikefest
 Seaside, Oregon
 convention center
- July 18-19 - Baby Boomer Biker Rally
 west 3rd street
 Vancouver, Washington
- July 25-27 - Sun and Surf
 Ocean Shores, Washington
 convention center

Love,
 Wendy and staff



Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

PUBLIC INPUT INVITED ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ISSUES

Friday, July 11th, 2008
 6:30 p.m.

State of Oregon
 Dept. of Human Services
 1300 NW Wall St., Suite 101
 Lewis & Clark Room
Bend, Oregon

The committee will hear ideas from the public on

- Oregon's rising motorcycle crash rate
- Mandatory training
- Consequences for riding without a motorcycle endorsement
- Strategic plan for motorcycle safety
 (<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/>)

PLEASE COME AND SHARE YOUR OPINION

Those who cannot attend the meeting
 but would like to provide input may send comments to:

Michele O'Leary
 ODOT Motorcycle Safety Program Manager
 Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety
 235 Union Street NE
 Salem, OR 97301-1054

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities.
 Alternate formats are available upon request.
 To request a sign language interpreter, please call
 (503) 986-4188 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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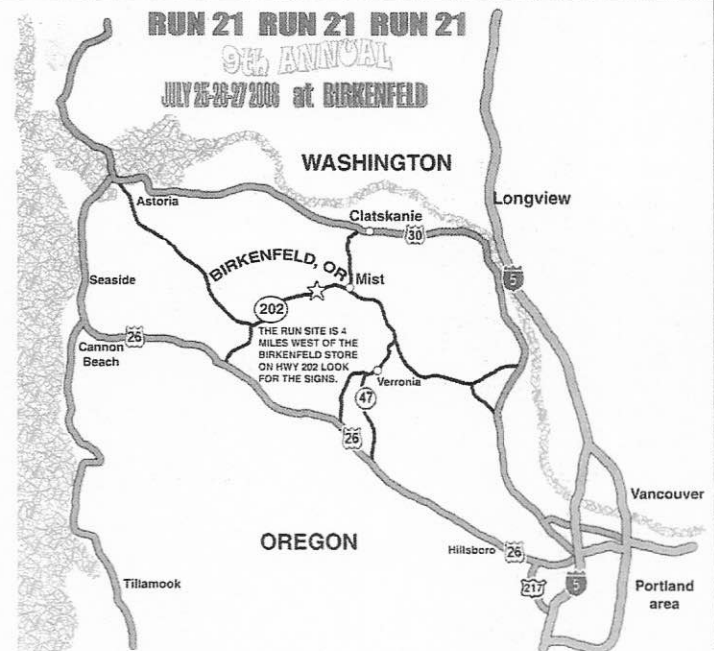
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MAIL TO: SE PORTLAND CHAPTER
 P.O. BOX 90233 PORTLAND, OR 97290

MID-SUMMER



"POKER RUN"
 July 26th, 2008
 Sign in — 11:00 am
 Depart — NOON

Depart from: PARADISE HARLEY (@ noon)
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**Tasty BBQ Picnic at end of ride!!! (Beef Brisket
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Need more info?
 Paul Hering 503-357-4382

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| <u>Kid games</u> | NO FIRE ARMS |
| <u>Ride in bike show</u> | NO FIRES |
| <u>Contests TUG-A-WAR</u> | NO REFUNDS |
| <u>Music</u> | |

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End of Summer Run

September 19th, 20th & 21st



Location: Birkenfeld Hwy 26 to Vernonia turn-off, then Vernonia toward Birkenfeld. Look for ABATE directional signs.

Tickets:
MEMBER:
 \$30.00 Advance purchase
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- (PROPANE GAS FIREWORKS OK)

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 (OR PARENTS AND CHILDREN WILL
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**PRESENTED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF ABATE
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
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Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
 Presents

11th Annual Teddy Bear Poker Run October 4, 2008

**Group ride beginning at the Blackhorse Saloon
 20585 Brinson Blvd.
 Bend, Oregon
 (541)-382-4270**

**Times:
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Ride begins**

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BikePAC of Oregon

07 June 2008 — meeting minutes

Meeting opened 12:10 p.m. by executive director, Brian Stovall. In attendance were representatives from Oregon A.B.A.T.E., and Gypsy Jokers. There were 7 members and one guest in attendance.

As the minutes of the previous meeting were available in printed form, the minutes were reviewed by all and one correction was offered by Brian Stovall. With the correction, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Given by Mel Yeager. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Randy Phipps called to say he was ill.

Development director: Nic Oliver, then gave a report of his activities in trying to get businesses to support BikePAC.

Legislative director: Quiet Mike reported about the lack of support from the republican party for their candidates. Mike asked about BikePAC's role in the upcoming general elections. Brian explained what our support could entail. Brian suggested some plans to be implemented. He encouraged Mike to develop a method of determining the rating of candidates and state officers as they are inclined toward our issues. Brian told of past attempts to get information from candidates; The result of that effort was that most did not respond. Brian personally phoned the candidates and asked their stand on our issues. Mike will try to get all A.B.A.T.E. chapter legislative officers get on board with the efforts.

Membership director: Randy Comer not present, no report.

May Awareness Rally: Mel Yeager and others told of the problems and comments following the rally. There were suggestions from riders to have a function of some sort following the rally and to assure that the politicians who agree to speak be on board to speak and to answer questions. Address of the capitol should be included on the flyer. Times of the rally should be adhered to as promised. A function to follow the rally should be advertised on the flyer. Send a letter to each newly elected

legislator between election day and Christmas to introduce BikePAC. Mel to send letters of invitation to legislators following installation in January to attend *May Awareness Rally*.

Douglas "Sturdi" Findlay spoke about his experience as an activist for motorcycle rights. Then he showed his presentation of a method of beating the helmet requirement in Oregon. He proposed that we have a bill in the house and a companion bill in the senate. The bill may or may not be a complete repeal bill. Politicians vote for the people who get them elected. Everyone else gets seconds.

To get results we have to concentrate our efforts in the right place at the right time. To be successful we have to have a majority in the house and in the senate. We have to have the governor on our side of the issue.

He demonstrated a method of getting motivated people to donate one day a year to work on the issue of the helmet bill, for example, and that motorcyclists are naturally the types to do campaign signs and signs about issues. He stated that the key to be successful is to do campaign work. Interested bikers can find him on his web site:

<http://www.roadwarriorsservice.com/act.cfm>

You will be asked three questions.
Next meeting August 2nd at noon
Meeting adjourned 2:55 p.m.

Mel Yeager
secretary/treasurer



Oregon BikePAC executive director, Brian Stovall, speaks at the Motorcycle Awareness Rally in May.



Apehangers at the capitol.
A sign of earlier success.



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

Membership Application

PO Box 5612
Salem, OR 97304
www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
Full \$30+	Supporting \$300	Supporting \$150
Family \$40+	Platinum \$750	MAB* \$300
MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

*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 _____

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Email _____

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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

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www.fossil97830.com

FOSSIL EVENTS for 2008

ABATE FOSSIL CAMPOUT - Memorial Weekend

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - Fourth of July Weekend

FOSSIL CRUZ-IN Car Show - July 5

MULE DAYS - July 18th thru 20th

FAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th

KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September



From The . . .

A whole lot has been happening this past month that affects the lives of motorcyclists all over this great country of ours. We go along sometimes for months with little or nothing going on and suddenly all hell breaks loose. Check out the following news items in this month's Sack of information.

Newsbits-N-Pieces

Atlanta, Georgia — Metro Atlanta motorcyclists have been banned from *Atlantic Station*. The popular dining and retail district no longer allows riders to ride their scoots through or to park there. Excessive noise is the reason stated by authorities. "They don't spend money here, they just hang around and make noise," stated one resident. Guess ya better take mass transit to the area if ya don't want a big ticket.

Lansing, Michigan — The Michigan *Association of Police Organizations* has supported a plan that will "modernize" Michigan's helmet regulation by allowing motorcyclists to purchase a special permit to ride helmet-free. Seems we need to buy our freedom. Legalized graft is really what this is, to pay for more law enforcement and biker harassment. Just another excuse to stop ya so they can see your permit. Yeah, male bovine excrement is what I call it.

What Not To Do On A Bike

A 35 year old Yelm, Washington man's injuries are a reminder of how loose objects can knock you down. This man lost control and was thrown from his motorcycle on interstate 84 near Cascade Locks, Oregon. According to the state police, Darcy L. Davidson, Jr., was operating his new 2008 *Harley-Davidson* eastbound on interstate 84 after tying his jacket to the rear fender of his motorcycle. The jacket became entangled between the rear tire and fender, causing his rear tire to lock up. Davidson was tossed hard onto the freeway's gravel shoulder. He wound up in the hospital with tons of road rash but no life-threatening injuries. His scooter had to have been skinned up some, too.

All this for not paying attention to how you do things. You're supposed

the wear that leather, that's why ya bought it. Helps keep your skin where it belongs.

Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program Lawsuit Settled

A lawsuit brought against our *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program just settled. The action, filed in 2006 by the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation (M.S.F.)*, alleged copyright and intellectual property infringements of *M.S.F.* works. Steve Garets, *Team Oregon* director, was among those named in their official capacities.

A settlement conference was held in federal court in Santa Ana, California on May 21, 2008. The summary terms of settlement are:

1. *M.S.F.* has agreed to dismiss its lawsuit with prejudice.
2. Neither party will pay compensation, costs, or fees to the other.
3. *Team Oregon* will be entitled to continue using its current curriculum without restriction.
4. *M.S.F.* will acknowledge that *Team Oregon* owns valid copyrights in *Team Oregon* course materials.
5. *Team Oregon* will acknowledge that *M.S.F.* owns valid copyrights in *M.S.F.* course materials.
6. Neither *Team Oregon* nor *M.S.F.* will disparage the other.
7. *M.S.F.* will give *Team Oregon* a free license to use *M.S.F.* materials in *Team Oregon* curricular materials, and *Team Oregon* will note that license in future *Team Oregon* publications. *Team Oregon* will continue to deny that it needs any such license.
8. *Team Oregon* will continue its practice of not marketing its program outside Oregon and will not grant permission for others to reproduce its materials.
9. The parties will release each other from all claims either may have against the other.

Steve Garets said "I'm relieved and grateful to have reached this settlement. We're proud and fully supportive of the programs we've designed that treat the specific safety and training needs of Oregon's riders. This settlement allows us to now devote full attention to the pressing needs of Oregon's riders." Good news!!

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GUNNY'S SACK

New York — Stop 'n Pop This state is creating roadblocks for motorcycles only, just to check them "for safety." Uh-huh. *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* is furious over it. They say it's a bogus tactic. You can't license bikes in New York without passing a safety check to start with.

Funny thing is, the stops are conducted only around areas that motorcycle events are set up. Sounds like harassment to me. Looks like our *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)* lawyers are looking to file suit if this nonsense continues. Stay tuned.

Armless In Portland — Our Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg, got an unusual e-mail in May from a biker who goes by One-Armed Jack. Jack's been a rider for decades, and to his credit, he rides just fine, even though he's missing his left hand and wrist. He's got just part of his left forearm.

Well, like many of us who just get on a bike and start riding, Jack decided to make it legal, so he went to a D.M.V. office here in Oregon to for a learner's permit, and then take his test.

The clerk took one look at his left arm, and refused to let him even apply for a permit! Sam advised Jack to go back to D.M.V., and he gave him a few magic words to use. Like, under color of what authority were they refusing to so much as issue a permit? He said to tell D.M.V. to cite the regulation they were relying on, in writing. Jack didn't need to say much more, and D.M.V. instructed that clerk to cough up a permit for Jack, pronto. He'll still have to take a road test, but Sam figures that if Jack can ride well enough to pass, they damned well ought to issue his endorsement. With all the talk these days about letting people with so-called disabilities lead normal lives, this one is a surprise. Let's hope this was an isolated case, because of one misinformed clerk. We'll let you know what happens next on this one, right here in the *Sack*.

Gunny Again

Just to keep ya'll abreast of things, the next *N.C.O.M.* convention will be held in Reno, at the *Nugget Casino*



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and Resort, May 7-10, 2009. If ya live on the west coast anywhere, there is no excuse for ya not to make it to this one. My good lord, you can drive or ride to it provided of course you have the money for gas. I'll keep reminding you when we get closer to the date.

Our *A.I.M.* attorneys and Richard M. Lester, founder of *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.*, are the ones we need to thank for these gatherings as well as for the good work they do for us when we get screwed up by people who didn't see us before we got run over. If that happens to you, call *A.I.M.*, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*, 24/7, at 1-(800)-ON-A-Bike, and they'll hook you up.

Check 'em out at

<http://www.aimncom.com>

Or, call Sam Hochberg here in Oregon by calling 1-(800)-347-1106, or (503)-224-1106 locally to the Portland area.

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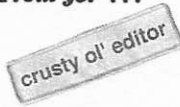
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Where Does Government Come From?

Our future may come from our past
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Rot Path
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People often complain about government or participate in it to attempt perfecting it. But how did government come about?

On this anniversary of declaring peoples' independence and setting down principles of what government *should* be, perhaps we should pause to consider how the institution for governing masses of people came about.

Humans haven't always been centrally governed.

If you can accept that the human species has been present on this planet for three million years, then you need to know that up until ten thousand years ago, they lived perfectly well without exclusive centralized governing bodies and crime.

But how could humans possibly live without government?

They managed it because through thousands of years of trial and error experimenting they settled on a proven way for groups of humans to make a living together — the tribe.

Just as geese learned to flock together for survival, just as bison herded together for protection, just as fish schooled themselves against

adversity, so too humans found that for them, tribal living gave them what they needed to continue living and surviving.

Like many other species, humans learned that they had a better chance of finding enough food for themselves if they cooperated with each other and worked together in groups.

Because the success of the tribe ensured the survival of its individual members, everyone in a tribe worked together to ensure the survival of the tribe. Even though there were chiefs elected to make decisions, they worked along with everyone else because if one starved, then all starved.

If one accepted one's roles in tribal life, then one had absolute cradle-to-grave security.

There was no crime because tribal justice sought restoration of balance, not revenge. If anyone transgressed accepted tribal conduct, proscribed procedures attempted to restored the tribe's stability.

The alternative to accepting tribal life was banishment from the tribe and, most likely, a lingering, lonely death away from family and friends.

Tribal living wasn't and isn't perfect, but it works for long-term human survival.

How then did we change to living under centralized government?

Ten thousand years ago in an area of the middle east now being rocked by war and civil unrest, a group of humans decided to give up nomadic life and settle down. In order settle down they needed to have a reliable source of food, otherwise they would soon strip the adjoining land of all edible foodstuffs.

So they planted crops.

They had to plant enough to see them through the winter months. When the crops were harvested, part of the group had to be delegated to make storage vessels and construct storage buildings. Still others had to prevent members of the group from taking too much from storage, so guards were created. Administrators came into being to coordinate the specialized activities of members no longer actively growing and processing foodstuffs.

This was the beginning of centralized government and the drift away from direct involvement with the group's survival.

There have been numerous experiments attempting to perfect the concept of central government. The effort is ongoing.

Perhaps we may arrive at a system that works as well for settled people as tribalism.

If so, it will likely be based on the foundation concepts that make tribes work for humans.

If not, we face cultural collapse and human extinction.

(But at least the roads won't be so crowded.)

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Why are some folks happiest only when they think the sky is falling?

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

July Cryptogram

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—PNOLAN PEPAPSSP RLWP

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

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Feds Settle In Janklow Case

The family of motorcyclist Randy Scott, who was killed in a crash involving then-South Dakota U.S. representative Bill Janklow, has settled for \$1 million in a wrongful death lawsuit against the federal government.

The family had sued the government for \$25 million after the crash in 2003, claiming Janklow was on official business when his Cadillac ran through a stop sign, hitting Scott's Harley-Davidson in South Dakota. Scott, 55 at the time, was killed instantly.

Janklow was convicted in the death and served 100 days in jail in addition to being placed on three years probation. He also resigned his U.S. house seat at the time.

Janklow is a former four-time South Dakota governor and former state attorney general. He was very powerful in South Dakota politics before the crash.

Scott of Minnesota was vacationing in South Dakota with a friend when the crash occurred. Janklow initially claimed he may have blacked out approaching the intersection because he's diabetic and hadn't eaten that day.

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Nationwide Insurance Survey: Distracted Drivers Fuel Need For Defensive Riding

Nationwide Insurance recently released the results of its second annual *Driving While Distracted (D.W.D.)* survey and the findings highlight the need for motorcyclists to ride defensively.

While 98 percent of Americans claim to be safe drivers, 72 percent of all drivers admit to partaking in some form of distracting behavior while driving, from cell phone use to eating.

"Drivers need to be aware of the hazard they pose when they are inattentive," said Bill Windsor, associate vice president of safety at

Nationwide. "Distracted driving is a danger to all sharing the road – but motorcyclists in particular will benefit from more conscientious motorists."

Here, Windsor offers key survey findings and tips for riders sharing the road with distracted drivers.

- Distractions made up three of the top four reasons why survey respondents needed to suddenly apply the brakes while driving. While other drivers were cited as the top reason for sudden stops, daydreaming, adjusting music, and use of a cell phone/electronic device filled out the top four.

>> Rider tip: Look inside a vehicle's windows to determine if a driver is fully focused on the road. If a driver appears distracted, try to avoid passing the vehicle. Or, if you must pass, give the car additional space.

- Overall, more cell phone owners found themselves talking or texting while driving on highways or through city streets than when they were parked, in traffic, or at a light (almost 50 percent vs. almost 37 percent).

>> Rider tip: Drivers might pose a greater risk while moving, but remember to fully study your surroundings (including checking your mirrors) while stopped. You can identify who has seen you, and who is distracted, and adjust your actions accordingly.

- When asked what would be the most successful in preventing cell phone use while driving, survey respondents were closely split. 43 percent said technology that would prevent cell phones from working in the car, while 42 percent said regulations banning the use of cell phones/electronic devices while driving.

>> Rider tip: Current regulations and technology allow motorists to use cell phones while driving. Take

care to leave your headlights on, use reflective strips on your clothing and motorcycle, avoid blind spots, and flash your brake lights when stopping to maximize your chance of being seen by a distracted driver.

Methodology:

The survey was conducted via phone by M.R.S.I. A total of 1,503 phone surveys were completed between April 15 and April 24, 2008, among a national sample. All respondents were required to be between the ages of 16 and 61 and drive a car. A total of 749 men and 754 women were surveyed. The survey has 2.5 percent margin of error.

Nationwide is committed to making the road safe for all travelers. As part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the prevalence of D.W.D., Nationwide will be partnering with the National Safety Council to jointly host a D.W.D. symposium in Washington, D.C., on October 14-15, 2008. At this symposium, Nationwide and the National Safety Council will gather thought leaders to discuss which distractions pose the greatest threat and how distracted driving can be mitigated.

(From a Nationwide Insurance press release)

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American Motorcyclist Magazine Needs Your Photos

Do you have an incredible photo that tells the story of motorcycling?

Does it capture the thrill of motocross, the grace of road racing or the perseverance of an enduro?

Do you have an image that screams open road freedom, the pageantry of a major rally or the excitement in a kid's face when he or she got on a motorcycle for the first time – or the

100th time?

Or, maybe it demonstrates the undying dedication of those fighting for our right to ride, whether it's work maintaining an off-highway vehicle trail or arguing for motorcyclists' rights on the steps of the state capitol building.

We encourage you to share your image, and, if possible, any story that goes with it, with your fellow A.M.A. members by submitting it to American Motorcyclist magazine. We may use it on this web site or in the pages of American Motorcyclist magazine. While we can't promise we'll run every image that comes our way, we appreciate every effort to help us promote the motorcycling life.

Please send photos in jpeg format at their highest resolution to:

submissions@ama-cycle.org

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Harley Softail Stars In New Indiana Jones Movie



A Harley-Davidson Softail Springer Classic features prominently in the new Indiana Jones movie, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, the latest in the series of cult *Indiana Jones* movies stars Harrison Ford and Shia LaBeouf along with a 2007 Harley-Davidson Softail Springer Classic customized to reflect the movie's 1957 period setting. The bike's starring role comes during one of the film's signature action-packed chase scenes, and features Shia LaBeouf tearing through a college campus with Harrison Ford along for the ride as a passenger.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company supplied five motorcycles for the movie along with assorted parts and accessories, with performance

modifications and on-set handling of the bikes completed by Los Angeles-based builder Justin Kell. After the completion of the filming, two of the bikes will be returned to the motor company and will eventually be on display in the new *Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Museum*, which opens to the public on July 12 in Milwaukee.

(From a *Harley-Davidson* press release)

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A.M.A. Tells Congress More Needed For Public Lands Recreation

Countering criticism that off-highway vehicles damage public land, the *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.) told a congressional committee on June 5 that lawmakers need to provide more people and money for federal agencies to responsibly allow for varied uses of the land.

Testifying before the U.S. senate committee on energy and natural resources, Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations, also said that active management of different forms of recreation on federal public land is needed rather than trying to cut the costs of management or eliminating motorized trails.

"In both cases, everybody loses," he said. "What we have yet to see is the adoption of full-scale active management, a truly collaborative approach and the budgets and people to accomplish an achievable multiple-use mission."

"The motorized recreation community has a long history of volunteerism and is already helping public land managers by maintaining trails, promoting ethical use and advocating for appropriate funding levels," he said.

Other organizations that testified or submitted written testimony include the *BlueRibbon Coalition*, *Trout Unlimited*, the *Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association*, *The Wilderness Society*, and the *American Academy of Pediatrics*.

Moreland pointed out that millions of Americans enjoy motorized recreation, and while the number has



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increased significantly in the past several years, funding, management and recreation opportunities have decreased.

"This has led to more concentrated impacts on those areas where O.H.V. [off-highway vehicle] recreation is still allowed, increased the burden on land management staff and contributed to user conflicts," he said. "We recognize that this type of growth presents many unique challenges for public land managers. Additionally, as a primary stakeholder, the recreation community enjoys an impressive track record of collaborating with other users as well as land managers to create workable solutions."

During his testimony, Moreland also raised particular concerns about the designated motorized-route plans that each national forest is creating. The agencies were given tight deadlines to produce those plans but weren't given more money or people to do it and the federal *Bureau of Land Management* may soon face similar challenges.

"An inventory system that fails to provide adequate time and funding to do the job right is destined to fail," he said. "We urge the committee to be cautious as you consider similar planning for other land management agencies."

In his testimony, Greg Mumm, executive director of the

BlueRibbon Coalition, noted that besides using O.H.V.s just for riding, people also use them to reach remote areas for hunting, fishing, mountain biking and hiking.

"These enthusiasts benefit from using the very same roads, trails and areas as those who enjoy O.H.V. recreation by itself," he said. "This 'shared use' activity takes place regularly. Virtually every public land user is motorized at some point in their visits to federal lands and it is simply a question of where they depart from their vehicle."

Mumm also noted that the economic benefits of O.H.V. use can't be ignored. For example, a California state report in 2007 said that O.H.V. recreation in the state pumped an

estimated \$9 billion into the state's economy every year. In Arizona, O.H.V. use generated nearly \$3 billion in retail sales in 2002. He added that the demand for public places to ride is increasing while the opportunities are limited.

"There are solutions to these challenges through appropriate planning, maintenance and monitoring," Mumm said. "Active management for O.H.V. recreation activities is the key, and there are many working examples."

Moreland concurred. "While it remains incumbent upon the agencies to provide a managed setting for recreation, and a forum for users to engage in the debate and help provide resources, education and expertise, it is the responsibility of congress to ensure that the agencies have sufficient resources to accomplish their mission."

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A.M.A. Members Receive Discount At Choice Hotels

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce a new benefit for the association's nearly 300,000 members: a 15 percent discount at participating *Choice Hotels**.

"*Choice Hotels* is one of the largest hotel franchisors in the world and the A.M.A. benefit applies to nearly 5,000 hotels across the United States and around the globe," said Rob Dingman, A.M.A. president and C.E.O. "We are thrilled to announce this relationship and benefit program with *Choice Hotels* to our A.M.A. members."

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- Suburban Extended Stay Hotel*®
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- Rodeway Inn*®.

"Whether you're on a motorcycle

tour, traveling to an A.M.A. race or just on a family vacation, we expect lots of A.M.A. members will be taking advantage of this member benefit," said Mary Sarkis, regional vice president of marketing programs at *Choice Hotels*. "And with so many hotels to choose from, you can find a place to spend the night that's just right for you and at a significant discount."

A.M.A. members can redeem their 15 percent discount whenever they make reservations through the *Choice Hotels* web site, choicehotels.com or by calling the toll-free reservations number, 1-(800)-258-2847, and supplying a special A.M.A. identification number, available on the benefits page of the members area.

Not an A.M.A. member yet?

Go to the member services page and learn about the many benefits of A.M.A. membership, including *American Motorcyclist* magazine, *MoTow* roadside assistance, insurance discounts, and special product offers. Becoming a member costs just \$39 a year and pays for itself over and over again.

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Washington D.C. Update



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* is pleased to report that the *United States Department of Transportation (U.S.D.O.T.)* has renewed the charter for the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.) Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* for an additional two years. The *M.A.C.* advises the secretary of transportation on all issues concerning motorcyclists and infrastructure issues such as roads, bridges, and barriers.

No rulemaking was required to extend the charter. Instead it was the positive results of the *M.A.C.* that warranted the go-ahead from the country's chief transportation boss.

The *M.R.F.* commends secretary Peters for recognizing the need for the *M.A.C.* to continue. Under normal circumstances secretary do not reauthorize councils that they do not have to. Peters by law did not have to renew the charter which uses some of her very limited discretionary dollars to fully fund this council. That's why we thank her for her attention to this very important issue.

The *M.A.C.* met a total of four times over the initial two-year charter. The meetings are open to the public and generally span a couple of days.

The *M.A.C.* has no authority to issue any binding recommendations, but it does have the ear of the agency officials, and several *M.A.C.*'s recommendations have been enacted. The *M.A.C.* has put forth some meaningful and useful recommendations to the secretary, and recent recommendations include implementing motorcycles into the department-wide goal to reduce congestion and fuel consumption.

Another recommendation was to continue the practice of letting motorcycles use high occupancy vehicle (H.O.V.) lanes.

On a related note, New York City police have continued to violate federal law by not letting motorcycles use H.O.V. lanes, making this recommendation very important for motorcyclists in the *Big Apple*.

Visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/mac/index.htm> for more information on the *M.A.C.* and its

members.

Rob Andrews For Change

Last week U.S. representative Rob Andrews (D-NJ) challenged long-time motorcycle adversary senator Frank Lautenberg for his seat.

Bucking party politics and in the face of a huge uphill battle, Andrews waged a positive, aggressive campaign. Alas, he came up rather short on election day, outspent and out-recognized in the crucial north Jersey demographic.

The *New York Times* endorsed Lautenberg a few days before the primary and that seemed to put the votes in Lautenberg's column.

The *M.R.F.* stands by its long-term support of Andrews and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

There is somewhat of a silver lining though. Andrews had to give up his house seat to run for the senate, and poised as the likely successor to Andrews is his wife. Camille Andrews witnessed the outpouring of support from the motorcycling community and has vowed to continue her husband's legacy of championing motorcycles in the nation's capitol.

Tiered Licensing In Utah

The state administrator of motorcycle safety in Utah has issued a mandate reorganizing of the way motorcycle licenses are handed out.

The way it works is that if you test on a 90 cc motorcycle, you can ride 90 cc or less.

If you test on 249 cc you can ride a 249 cc or less.

If you test on 649 cc you can ride 649 cc or less.

And finally if you test on a 650 cc you can ride whatever you want.

One need not progress up the tiers to attain the unlimited license, but this process does raise a few questions.

Will there be an unintended negative effect of discouraging folks from getting "M" class endorsements at all?

Will it force people to take a bike larger than what they are comfortable on to the test in order to ride that

new *Sportster*?

Will it turn off people to training curriculum that uses 125 cc or 250 cc motorcycles?

The implementation date is July 8, and the *M.R.F.* is working with motorcyclists in Utah to, at the very least, have that date pushed back so we can more carefully examine what Utah is trying to do and what the implications will be. The *M.R.F.* will keep you posted on this issue.

Young Activists, Where Are You?

The *M.R.F.* young activists search is on again. Applicants need to be between 18 and 30 and have a motorcycle license. Each year, a handful of superb applicants receive round-trip airfare to the *M.R.F.*'s *Meeting of the Minds*, as well as a bunch of other goodies. For nomination information visit <http://www.mrf.org>

Kilts vs. Bibs

It's official.

The tug of war is on!

At a recent *M.R.F.* board meeting there was some discussion regarding whether we should continue the tug of war or leave it off the *Meeting of the Minds* agenda, since both squads have a win under their belts. (Or shoulder straps.)

That idea was quickly dismissed, and it was decided that we would have the roped-off rumble once again.

Rumors are flying of a possible ladies' bikini team, a men's *Speedo* team, an all-nude team, a *Gold Wing* team, and several others.

What's not rumor is the fact that the undisputed champs will emerge in Denver and they will be wearing kilts!

Right guys?

Speculation from the kilt camp reveals that the kilts have been in a rigorous off-season training regimen that is sure to produce some powerful pulling, not to mention seriously sexy calves.

Whatever side you are on it's a can't miss event at this year's *Meeting of the Minds* in Denver. For *YouTube*

video of the kilts victory go here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUJffeyGgdQ>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Update

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* board of directors met in Kansas City last month. Two new members to the board of directors were welcomed.

The first was Joel Arnoldi from Idaho. Joel was elected by the general membership to serve as member representative to the board. He will serve along with Cindy Hodges. He was recognized at the 2007 *Meeting of the Minds* as the *M.R.F. State Representative of the Year*.

Second was Thomas "Doc Ski" Wasileski, PhD, from North Carolina. "Doc Ski" was elected by the sustaining state motorcyclists' rights organizations (S.S.M.R.O.s) as the S.S.M.R.O. representative to the board. "Doc Ski" will be serving along with Dave Dwyer. "Doc Ski" also serves as *C.B.A./A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina's* legislative director and has been a frequent presenter at motorcycle conferences around the country. "Doc Ski" was also appointed as chairman of the *M.R.F.*'s statistics and research committee.

The board received and accepted a resignation from Miles France, who held the position of director of the state representatives program. Miles cited ongoing health issues as the reason behind his tough decision. Miles was known as the *M.R.F.*'s original "Robo Rep" for his unique ability in getting new members to join the *M.R.F.* He was twice awarded the *M.R.F. President's Cup* award for merit, as well as serving in the capacity of director of membership and *M.R.F.* state representative to the board.

Todd Riba, who was serving as an *M.R.F.* state representative to the board, was unanimously elected by the board to replace Miles as the director of the state representatives program. His replacement will be elected by the *M.R.F.* state representatives at this year's *Meeting*

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of the Minds in Denver. Todd also serves Minnesota as an M.R.F. state representative.

Lastly, Eric Hampton, from Arizona, who serves as the director of communications and the M.R.F. Reports editor resigned his appointed position as the M.R.F. web master. A replacement is currently being sought. In the meantime, the M.R.F. communications committee will be overseeing the web site.

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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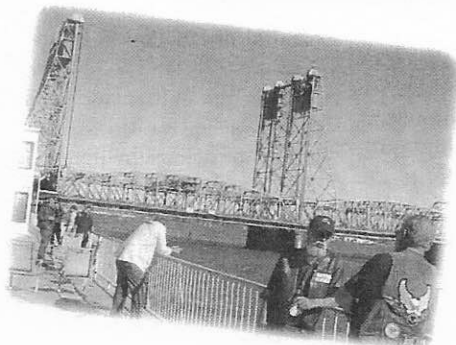
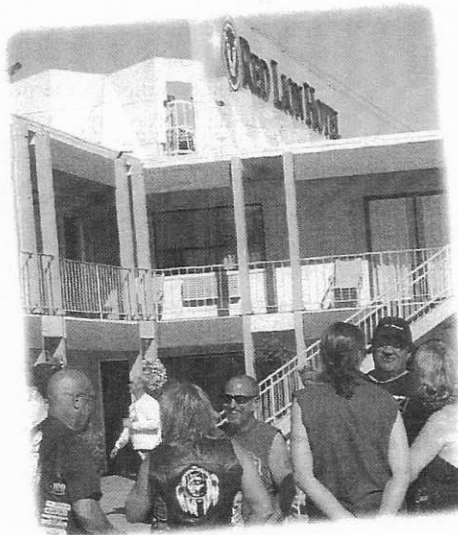
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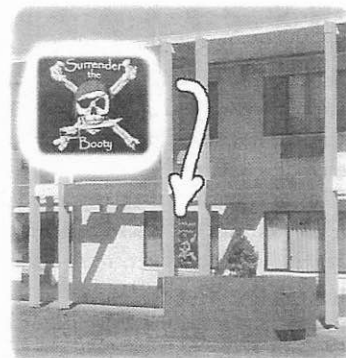
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N.C.O.M. Convention Raises The [Handle] Bar

Large And In Charge was the theme of the 23rd Annual N.C.O.M. Convention in Houston, Texas. And in living up to the hype, it drew 1,640 attendees from across the country making it the largest gathering of bikers' rights activists in the world! Held Mother's Day weekend, May 8-11, 2008, this annual gathering featured meetings, seminars, and group discussions focusing on safety issues, legal rights, legislative efforts, and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and freedom of the road.

Following the A.I.M. chief of staffs meetings on Wednesday and an N.C.O.M. board of directors meeting on Thursday, the convention kicked off Friday morning with the N.C.O.M. legislative task force meeting and the A.I.M. attorney conference. Afternoon seminars included *Lobbying 101* and *New and Successful Programs in Bikerland*. Special meetings were convened for S.M.R.O. presidents, Christian unity conference, women in motorcycling, black clubs and minority outreach, and *Clean and Sober* roundtable.

The *Confederation of Clubs* general patch holder meeting on Friday evening was the best attended to date and featured representatives of over 50 C.O.C.'s from throughout north America.

This year's agenda was packed with interesting and thought-provoking sessions, including *Global Changes in the Laws Affecting Motorcyclists*,

Brothers Behind Bars, Defenders - A New Political Action Group, a meeting of the *American Biker Party* and Slider Gilmore's always informative and entertaining *The Golden Hour* seminar teaching bikers how to save each others' lives.

Topping off the weekend's festivities was the traditional *Silver Spoke Awards* banquet, recognizing the achievements and accomplishments of our fellow riders. South Dakota state senator Jim "Putt"

Putnam entertained the crowd as the dinner speaker during the *Silver Spoke Awards* ceremony on Saturday evening with his homespun humor. This year's *Silver Spokes* were awarded to:

Government: Pennsylvania supreme court justice Seamus McCaffery.

Media: Bill and Darlene Bish, publishers of *Ridin' On* motorcycle magazine.

Legal: Texas A.I.M. attorney William Smith.

Entertainment: Musician Jimmy Vaughn, who ignited the crowd with his new song about freedom.

Special recognition: Laura Reid, N.C.O.M. board secretary.

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to longtime freedom fighter Dave Breakiron of *A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware*.

Many thanks to *A.B.A.T.E. of Texas*, the *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.-II)*, and the *Texas Confederations of Clubs* for hosting this record-setting event. Thanks also go out to the *Texas Confederations of Clubs* and *Soldiers for Jesus Motorcycle Club* for hosting hospitality suites during non-meeting times throughout the weekend.

The 2008 N.C.O.M. convention was dedicated to the memory of Waldo Stuart, Longview Tom, and Michael "Twanger" Hays.

Make plans now to attend next year's 24th Annual N.C.O.M. Convention next Mother's Day weekend, May 7-10, 2009, in Reno, Nevada. For further information, contact N.C.O.M. at 1-(800)-525-5355.

Study Claims Helmet Laws May Save Lives, But Not Very Many

A new study reported in the *American Journal of Public Health* finds that the repeal of motorcycle helmet requirements for adults has been associated with an increase in

motorcycle fatalities, beyond the general increase that has been seen throughout the country in the last decade or so, although the impact they found looks pretty modest:

On average, when compared to state experience with no helmet mandate, universal helmet requirements were associated with an 11.1% reduction in motorcyclist fatality rates, whereas rates in states with partial coverage statutes (applying only to riders younger than 21) were not statistically different from those with no helmet requirement. Furthermore, in the states in which recent repeals of universal coverage have been instituted, the motorcyclist fatality rate increased by an average of 12.2% over what would have been projected had universal coverage been maintained.

In terms of fatalities prevented each year, the effect estimated by this study is not very impressive. In 2004, for example, "an estimated 135 (or 5.8%) fewer fatalities would have occurred" in the 31 states without universal helmet mandates had those states forced adult motorcyclists to wear head protection. That's just a handful of fatalities per state each year.

"Even the undramatic results of this study may over-estimate the impact of helmet [requirements]," wrote Jacob Sullum in the April 1, 2008 online edition of *reason* magazine, citing in particular that researchers did not take into consideration miles traveled.

Some anti-helmet-regulation activists argue that helmets, on balance, decrease motorcycle safety by making riders more reckless, making their heads heavier, or impairing their hearing and peripheral vision. According to this study, helmet requirements reduce fatalities to some extent, but as Sullum points out; "It just does not seem to be a very big effect, which is one reason opponents of these [regulations] have been so successful at rolling them back and preventing legislators from re-imposing them."

World's First Vision Zero Motorcycle Road Opens In Europe

"A milestone for motorcycle safety," said F.E.M.A. president Hans Petter Strifeldt as he officially opened the world's first *Vision Zero* road for motorcycles along RV 32 in Norway on May 7, 2008.

The motorcycle community has long expressed concerns over *Vision Zero*, the strategy in which road authorities have envisioned how to achieve zero deaths and zero serious injuries on the roads. These concerns are due to the vision depending primarily on bans and regulations instead of adaptation of the road environment to suit all road users, motorcyclists included.

Viewed by European government officials as high-risk road users, motorcycles have been all but excluded from the *Vision Zero* document. The *Vision Zero* document has first and foremost given anti-motorcycle campaigners an opening to propose a ban on motorcycles as these, they claim, are not compatible with a *Vision Zero*. But today, with the opening of this motorcycle friendly road, these claims have been effectively quashed, stated the president of the *Federation of European Motorcycle Associations*. (F.E.M.A.)

The *Vision Zero* motorcycle road is the brainchild of two passionate engineers at the regional road authorities, Jan Petter Lyng and Bjørn R. Kirste, who have successfully designed the road exactly as the motorcyclists themselves recommend. It is not much that is needed to make a motorcycle-friendly road with regard to preventing injuries in case of crashes: Crash barriers fitted with a sub-rail, forgiving side terrain, well thought out placing of signposts, cutting down sight-hindering vegetation. All-in-all small modifications and investments that are beneficial for all road users, including bicycles and cars. The price tag for modifying these 15 kilometres of road is estimated to 630,000 euros.

"The importance of this stretch of



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road in the middle of Norway cannot be overrated," said F.E.M.A. in announcing the opening. "It is the first *Vision Zero* motorcycle road, not only in Norway, not only in Europe, but in the world." As the representative for Europe's road riding motorcyclists, F.E.M.A. will do what it can to promote this road to other nation's road authorities as an example of what is possible to achieve with relatively small means, F.E.M.A. president Hans Petter Strifeldt concluded.

Car Airbags Can Protect Motorcyclists

Ask any motorcyclist what the most dangerous part of riding is and most of them will tell you; "People in cars who aren't paying attention." Not too long ago, an airbag suit was developed in an effort to help reduce the number of deaths and injuries to motorcycle riders. Now, *Autoliv Inc.*, out of Sweden has developed a new airbag system for automobiles that could impact fatality numbers by reducing the impact on riders.

The system uses an airbag mounted in the a-pillar of the car. When a front end impact is detected, the airbag will inflate, covering most of the car's hood and some of the windshield. Studies show that many injuries and fatalities could be avoided if this simple measure was taken. In fact, the *Dutch Cycling Federation* estimates that over 60 lives could be saved and over 1,500 serious injuries could be avoided every year by using these airbags.

The system won't only serve motorcycle riders however. It will cover pedal bikes and pedestrians as well. Obviously these crashes will be at a much lower speed, but the impact on the hood will still be reduced by a significant amount.

No official word on where or when the system will be installed, but with so much potential, it shouldn't take long.

Right-Of-Way Legislation Passed In Maryland

Leather jackets mingled with pin-striped suits as motorcyclists arrived at the state house to see their driving-safety bill signed into statute by Maryland governor Martin O'Malley.

"The bill will impose a six-month suspension, a \$1,000 fine or both on drivers who injure or kill somebody by violating road right-of-way laws," reported the *Washington Post*.

Members of *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland* have fought for the past five years to pass the legislation, but the fight became personal in 2006 after the driver of a sport utility vehicle was involved in a crash that killed their state director, Marty Schultz.

"As things would have it, we proceeded on with the bill," said Gary R. "Pappy" Boward, chairman of *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland, Inc.* "Everyone was getting very involved legislatively, this was [Mr. Schultz's] assignment."

"Pappy" told the *Post* that many bikers were disappointed when the person who struck Mr. Schultz received a minimal fine (less than \$100) and no other penalty.

The right-of-way bill passed the house and senate unanimously this year and had the support of Maryland's *Motor Vehicle Administration*. The bill applies to all vehicles, but the motorcyclists advocated for it because bikes are tough to see at intersections.

The *M.V.A.* reported 17,312 "failure-to-yield" crashes in 2006, resulting in 81 deaths and 8,015 injuries.

Bikers Banned From Atlanta Hot Spot

Metro Atlanta motorcyclists have been banned from *Atlantic Station*, a popular dining and retail district that no longer allows riders to drive through or park there.

Atlantic Station officials say they took action after facing ongoing problems. "They continually don't abide by the code of conduct down here, continually rev their engines really loud," said Brian Leary of *Atlantic Station* in a television interview with *Fox 5*.

Atlantic Station started telling motorcyclists about the change last month and will soon post signs and start ticketing violators. "I know it's tough. We do definitely apologize to the motorcycle owners and riders but in the meantime we are making the change," said Leary.



Australia To Outlaw "Bikies"

Police soon will have the power to "squash" bikie gangs and force them to move elsewhere after the government's controversial anti-bikie legislation recently passed through parliament.

Police minister Paul Holloway said S.A. (South Australia) was on the verge of having the nation's and perhaps the world's toughest anti-bikie regulations. "These are the [regulations] that police have asked for and, finally, we are able to ensure police have exactly what they need to take on these criminal bikie gangs," he said.

When the regulations are gazetted [published], it will be illegal for anyone to associate with known bikies six or more times a year. Bikies also will be banned from specific locations. The *Serious and Organised Crime (Control) Bill 2007* also will enable police commissioner Mal Hyde to obtain orders from the attorney-general, Michael Atkinson, declaring bikie gangs illegal.

The government "hoped" to have the laws in place by July 1. The legislation was criticized as draconian by other states at a March meeting of state and federal government ministers.

The legislation now goes back to the lower house for final approval.

Weird News Legislators Go Nuts Over Fake Testicles

With hot-button issues like immigration, the environment, and the failing real estate market crowding the "national conversation" these days, it's nice to see a few ballsy Floridians with the cojones to take on important issues like fake testicles.

The brave Florida state senate passed an amendment to a transportation bill that would levy a \$60 fine against anyone with *TruckNutz* or generic-made fake testicles dangling from their rear bumpers.

"Of course, some nay sayers are arguing that there are more important things to legislate against than fake

balls, which are harmless decorations for your truck or motorcycle for those who suffer a genital inferiority complex.

Senator Carey Baker, who proposed the amendment, acknowledged his critics' concerns and said that "I do have more important things to do this session. But I think this is important, too."

Quotable Quote

"Life is a grindstone... whether it grinds you down, or polishes you up... depends on what you're made of."

— Jacob Braude

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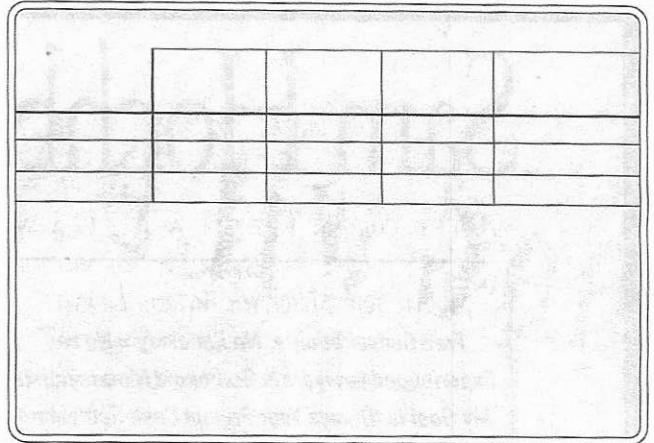
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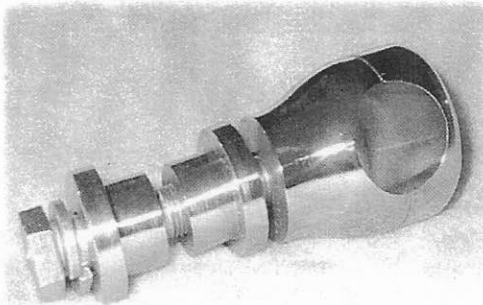

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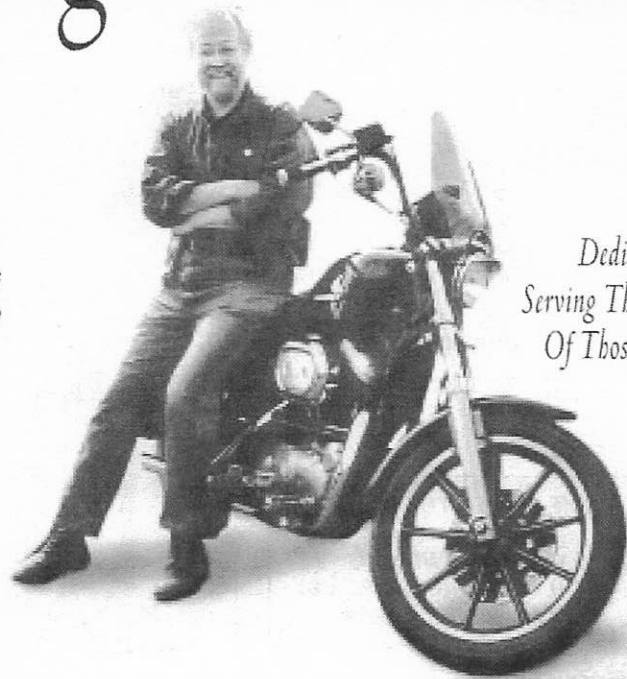
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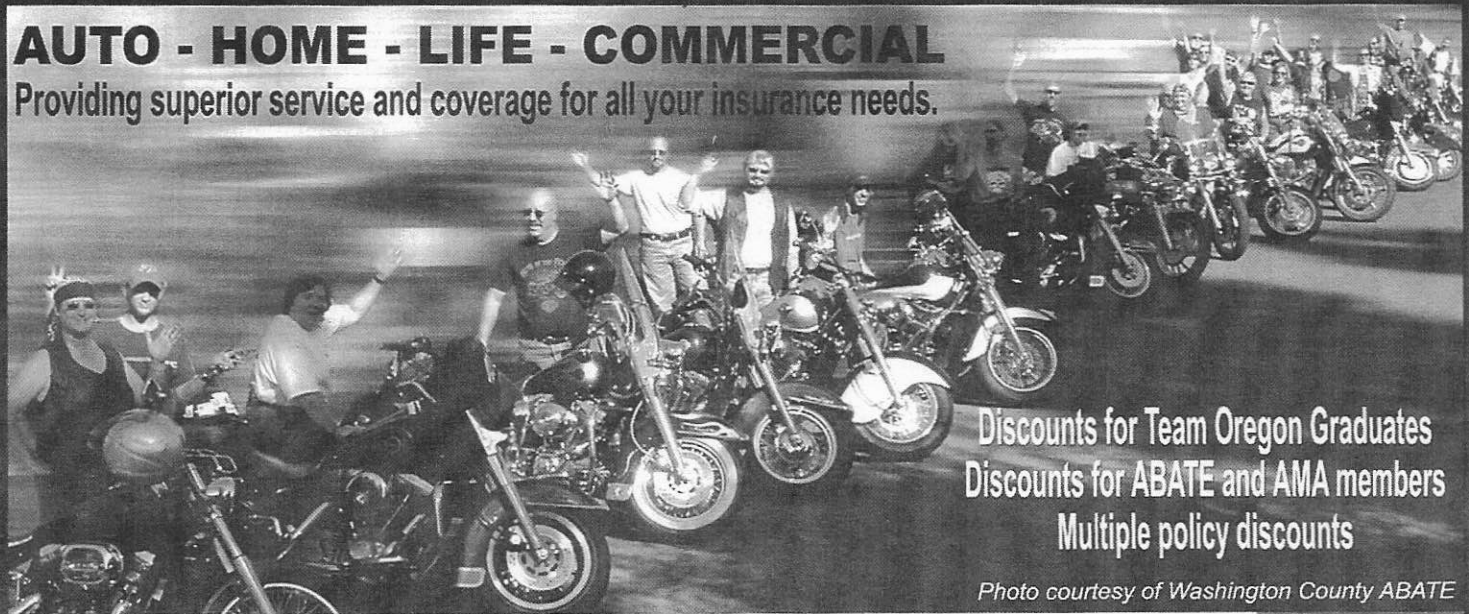
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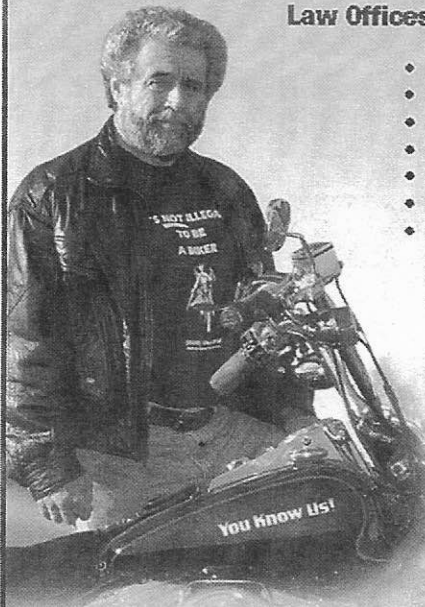
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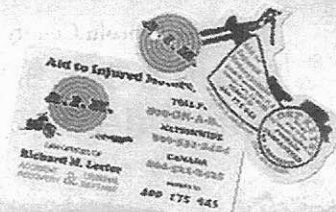


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Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X		X	

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

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

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P T G P I M G L
I O A H N E A O
C O R O F A S D
K L A T O L G
U S G O S I
P E N' notes:

name: phone number: location:

Southern Oregon area

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-0686	Roseburg					X		
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hurcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)				X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X


Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Harter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X

other areas

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Oops !




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

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays half the cost.)

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
Please call
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if your information changes.



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**Answer to June
CRYPTOGRAM**

It was not what France gave you
but what it did not take
away from you that
was important.

— Gertrude Stein

**Answer to July
CRYPTOGRAM**

It seems to me worthwhile
to tell a little of his story,
by way of showing young Americans of today
what it is to be a man without a country.

— Edward Everett Hale

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

Wanted

Wanted

2005 custom built softail, flat black paint with special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked 21 inch front wheel with bright red ring on outer edge. Custom 18 inch stainless steel rear wheel with stainless steel diamond style spokes with 170 series Avon tire. Powder-coated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34 degree rake and 2-inch stretch. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powder-coated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powder-coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. **\$12,500** or best offer. Pictures available on *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site in classified ads. Call **(503)-257-7390** (July 2008)

1978 *B.M.W. R-7* with trailer. Nice bike, new tires, well cared for, runs like a champ. Randy Becker **(541)-563-5501**. **\$3,500** or best offer. (Sept 2008)

Hot tub, six-person, electric. **\$500** or best offer.
 Portable dishwasher, works good. **\$30** or best offer.
 Round oak antique table. **\$350**.
 Rotten Roger **(503)-285-4329**
 (July 2008)

1989 *FXR* Custom paint. 1993 stock engine with under 50,000 miles, runs great. **\$8,000**. Call Paul in Grants Pass. **(541)-474-2577**. (July 2008)

1994 *Harley-Davidson* full dresser. Fairings, bags, trunk with light bar and chrome rack, AM-FM cassette radio with two antennas, lots and lots of extra chrome parts, mag wheels, running boards. Too much to mention. Must see to appreciate. Has the 80 cubic inch *EVO* engine. Call Frank at **(541)-619-9906**. Price: **\$12,500** or best offer. Albany, Oregon. (July 2008)

NEWLY WANTED

Never been in the military but always liked them snazzy sergeant stripes?
 Now's your chance to snag the title without promising to "defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign or domestic". (But you might want to make that promise to yourself anyway.)
 We need someone to step forward for the **Sergeant-At-Arms (East)** state position. (This is one of the few times when an enlisted gets an officer job.)

You'll get to meet new people (rowdies from chapters other than your own), travel to exotic lands (Albany, mostly), and practice halting calvery charges with a pike. (No, wait...that's Beefeeders.)
 So come to a state board meeting and stick yer paw in the air to help *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* be even better. (Besides, if you don't step forward, everyone else may step back, leaving you in front anyway.)

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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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97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
NEW ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____
ZIP CODE: _____
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
SIGNATURE: _____

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Join A.B.A.T.E. and Make A Difference

For considerably less than the price of topping off yer cage's fuel tank you can join A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and get this fine rag mailed directly to you. A membership form is available in every issue inside the back cover.

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

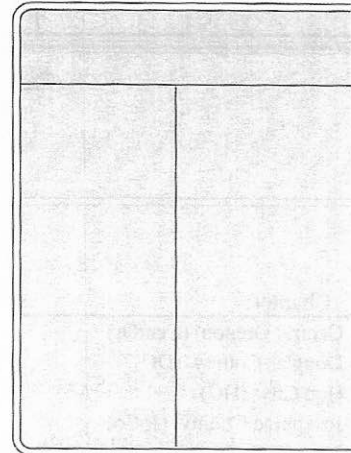
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

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: _____



Please send completed application to:


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

97208

July 2008 (summer)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	2  new moon	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	7	8 billy tree of the month	9	10	11	12 STATE BOARD MEETING Albany Eagles 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
13 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	14 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	15 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	16 Josephine County 1900 (7 pm)	17 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm)	18  blessing moon	19
20 Southeast Portland noon	21	22 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	23	24	25  4th quarter moon SE Portland Run-21 Birkenfeld	26 SE Portland Run-21 Birkenfeld
27 SE Portland Run-21 Birkenfeld North Coast 1000 (10 am) Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	28 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	29	30	31		

2008 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event - Sponsor:
Location:	Contact number:
11 July	GACMS
Bend	
12 July	Veteran Tribute Run
Medford	(541)-770-7024
18-20 July	Summer Eruption
eastern Oregon	
25-27 July	Run-21 - SE Portland
Birkenfeld	(503)-519-0727
26 July	Mid-Summer-WaCo
Cornelius	(503)-357-4382
01-03 Aug	Too Broke For Sturgis
north Idaho	
08-10 Aug	Beaver Creek-LinCo
Newport	(541)-
15-17 Aug	Summer Run-SE PDX
Birkenfeld	(503)-760-9015
16 Aug	Mist Mountain-NC
Astoria	(503)-325-3566
19-21 Sept	End Of Summer
Birkenfeld	(503)-747-6725
	Swashbuckling-WV
	(541)-
04 Oct	Teddy Bear Run-CO
Bend	(541)-788-9911
12 Oct	Fall Swap Meet-ABATE
Portland	(503)-

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 12 July 2008 at noon
Eagles Lodge - Albany, Oregon
RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

Others have ridden where we now ride,
For liberty's sake many have died,
To avoid causing woe,
For those who will follow,
We take action when freedom's denied.
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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