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# A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON



*Dedicated to the  
freedom of the road!*



*Let those who ride,  
decide!*

**Mission Statement:**

**Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety & liberty through  
community involvement and legislative action.**

Ripped from the pages of the 1981 Newsletter.

## 17 WAYS TO KILL MOST ANY ORGANIZATION!

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
3. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside.
4. When at meetings, vote to do everything - then go home and do nothing.
5. The next day, find fault with the officers and members.
6. Take no part in the organization affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk it over with a friend.
8. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
9. Never ask any one to join the organization.
10. At every opportunity, threaten to resign, and try to get others to do the same.
11. Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
12. If asked to help, say you haven't the time.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
14. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to this committee.
16. If you receive a renewal notice, ignore it.
17. Don't do any more than you have to and when the others willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help the cause, howl because the organization is run by a clique.

"GUILTY ANYONE?"

Happy  
New Year



2023



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BikePac: <https://bikepacoforegon.com>



## A.B.A.T.E. / BikePac VICTORIES

### 45 Years of protecting our right to ride!

**1977** - Oregon's mandatory helmet law is repealed. ABATE membership CAMPED OUT ON THE CAPITOL STEPS day and night during this time. Legislators overwhelmingly passed the repeal law.

**1979** - ABATE of Oregon proposed the state's first rider safety program that was signed into law in 1981 and went on to become the "Team Oregon" training program.

**1988** - Helmet choice was again taken away through voter referendum during one of the lowest voter turnouts in Oregon history.

**1988** - ABATE members form "BikePac" to have an official presence in the capitol.

**1995** - BikePac facilitates the passing of HB 3422 which redefines the Oregon definition of a "motorcycle helmet" and reduces the penalty for not wearing a helmet to a Class D misdemeanor.

**1997** - HB 2454 allowing for adult freedom of choice 1997 helmet reform (repeal of mandatory helmets) passes in both the House and the Senate, but is vetoed by then Governor John Kitzhaber.

**1997** - Landmark federal court ruling that law enforcement cannot further inquire into whether a rider's helmet meets so-called "federal testing standards" if it meets the Oregon helmet definition.

**1999** - REPEAL of the "handlebar height law" in Oregon. Ape hangers are now legal with no restrictions.

**2001** - HB 3885 is passed allowing Oregon motorcyclists the right to fuel their own machines.

**2001 - 2015**: The political climate for riders during this time was tough. However, at EVERY legislative session BikePac introduced helmet freedom of choice legislation. In addition, laws were stifled pertaining to a wide variety of rider rights issues including: motorcycle sound and emissions, rider law enforcement harassment and profiling, legal firearm transportation clarity, ethanol gasoline usage, all terrain vehicle laws, safety and training laws, and much more. Note: In 2015 Governor John Kitzhaber resigned opening improved relations for us in Salem.

**2015** - SB 533 the "Dead Red" Light Bill passes! Riders can now proceed cautiously through a red light after 1 complete cycle of the light if one's bike does not trigger the green light.

**2017** - HB 2598 "Vehicular Assault Bill" passes! - a "reckless" driver who injures a motorcyclist or their passenger can now be charged with vehicular assault – a Class A Misdemeanor. Driver can be sentenced to up to one year in prison and a maximum fine up to \$6,250. Great thanks to our A.I.M. attorney Christopher Slater!

**2019** – SB 810 "Driver Accountability Law" Passes - effective January 1, 2020, adding motorcyclists to the "vulnerable users list." It also requires convicted careless drivers who injure riders to attend driver safety school and perform community service. Great thanks again to our A.I.M. attorney Christopher Slater!

**2019** – HB 2314 "Lane Sharing Bill" for the third session in a row did not pass (blocked always in the Transportation Committee.) Great thanks goes to Patrick Leyshock for often taking the lead on this issue as he did an absolutely awesome job. We gained significant traction on this concept in recent years and continue to be confident in passing it!

**2021** -- SB 574 "Lane Sharing Bill" would have legalized a limited form of motorcycle lane filtering in Oregon. Bikers and Riders working together got the bill to pass in the Senate and House with great bipartisan majorities. Unfortunately Governor Brown vetoed the bill citing a number of concerns which included the thinking riders would go beyond the law and it would be difficult to enforce. It is too bad because SB 574 was one of the most widely supported bills in that session. Bikers and riders will take another shot at it in 2023.

**GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS

A.B.A.T.E. is:



**WHAT IS IP-4 – Vote Before Tolls**

- Vote Before Tolls is a statewide initiative addressing ODOT's now announced plans to add tolling and a \$/mile tax as the fourth and fifth leg of their future funding
- It gives us the right to vote **before** any new tolls.
- It will force ODOT to be transparent and include the public when planning for tolls

**UPDATE**

- We have a formal ballot title for 2024's IP-4 from the AG and there were no objections
- IP-41 (the 2022 measure) went to the Supreme Court and took over 14 weeks through this stage
- That delay prevented us from gathering the 200k signatures needed for the 2022 ballot by July 1st 2024 is not too late ... IP-4 is retroactive to 2018 and covers the current and future tolls. ODOT knows this is coming!
- Final IP-4 petitions are available
- signature gathering will resume ... we need 200k signatures
- You must use the new petitions, the old PDF and printouts CANNOT be used
- We have 18 months to gather these signatures ... but let's start strong!
- ABATE and your individual support is critical ... 200k is a big lift, but it is made easier by many hands.
- each of you gathering 10 or 20 signatures will be VERY helpful

**WHAT TO DO**

- Sign up at [VoteBeforeTolls.org](http://VoteBeforeTolls.org) and we will send you a petition to sign and return – please gather the addition 8 or 9 signatures before you return - mail or bring to next ABATE meeting)
- Share [VoteBeforeTolls.org](http://VoteBeforeTolls.org) with your friends and family ... this is a statewide issue – tolls are being planned across the state



## A.B.A.T.E. Meeting Times and Locations

**STATE BOARD MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat noon - 3:00 pm Ciddici's Pizza, Albany Join on ZOOM or call in:  
Dial in number: 253.215.8782, Meeting ID: 882 2022 4742 Passcode: 421459

**CENTRAL OREGON (CentOr)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 11:30 am Pappy's Pizza, N. Hwy 97 at Maple, Redmond 541.788.4972  
Ed Miller

**DOUGLAS COUNTY (DC)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 6:00 pm Round Table Pizza, 2040 NW Stewart Park Ave, Roseburg 541.643.1798  
**NEW MEETING PLACE** Joy Reyes

**HUB CITY (HC)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 6:00 pm social hr Pop's Branding Iron, 901 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany 503.420.9181  
7:00 pm meeting Shaun Todd

**INDIAN CREEK (IC)**

1<sup>st</sup> Mon 7:00 pm ZOOM Video Conference Meeting online- use ID#: 990 3994 7156 password: abate  
phone- call (253) 215-8782 ID#: 990 3994 7156 password: 265523

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY (JoCo)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 6:00 pm Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Dr., Grants Pass 541.659.8715

**LINCOLN COUNTY (LinCo)**

3<sup>RD</sup> Tues 6:30 pm America Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive St., Newport 541.265.7586

**NORTH COAST (NC)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 5:30 pm Moose Lodge, 420 17<sup>th</sup> St., Astoria 971.320.0862  
Allan Schumacher

**RIVER CITY (RC)**

1<sup>ST</sup> Tues 7:00 pm Shiloh Inn, 3223 Bret Codfelter Way, The Dalles 541.298.5502

**SOUTHEAST PORTLAND (SE-PDX)**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun 12:00 noon M&M Restaurant & Lounge, 137 N. Main, Gresham 503.285.43293  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 12:00 noon Rotten Roger

**TWO RIVERS (TR)**

4<sup>th</sup> Wed 6:00 pm Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin, Eugene 541.729.5785  
Bill Foster

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (WaCo)**

2<sup>ND</sup> Mon 7:30 pm Prime Time Restaurant, 4450 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove ----  
4<sup>th</sup> Mon 7:30 pm Hillsboro Elks, 21865 NW Quatama St., Hillsboro

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**STATE BOARD MINUTES**



**Newspaper Editor:** "T" Velazquez  
[news@abateoforegon.net](mailto:news@abateoforegon.net) SHE NEEDS  
 EACH CHAPTER TO SUBMIT

**SOMETHING** IN THEIR CHAPTERS SECTION OF THE  
 NEWSPAPER. BILL ASKED ABOUT AN MRF  
 APPLICATION IN THE PAPER? ED COMMENTED THAT  
 THERE WAS ONE IN OCTOBER'S PAPER.

**Public Relations :** Troy Stevens TROY SUGGESTED THAT  
 WE SHOULD BE POSTING THINGS ON OUR FACEBOOK  
 ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR AREA.

**Web Page Editor:** James Niece [webmaster@abateoforegon.net](mailto:webmaster@abateoforegon.net) THE ISSUES  
 REGARDING THE SITE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

**State swap meet Coordinator:** James Niece [swapmeet@abateoforegon.net](mailto:swapmeet@abateoforegon.net) STILL  
 LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR THIS POSITION. LOGISTICS IS THE  
 MAIN THING FOR THE SWAP MEET COORDINATOR. HE HAS ASKED HIS  
 CHAPTER BUT NO ONE HAS STEPPED UP YET.

**Historian:** Deb Rheault Kasner [historian@abateoforegon.net](mailto:historian@abateoforegon.net) CHAPTERS-PLEASE  
 GET ANY PHOTOS ETC. TO ME FOR 2022 SO I CAN START WORKING ON THE  
 NEXT HISTORIAN'S BOOK.

**State run coordinator:** Dave & Cindy Witmer [fossil@abateoforegon.net](mailto:fossil@abateoforegon.net) EARL  
 MORTIMORE (GENE'S BROTHER) WILL SUPPLY WOOD FOR FOSSIL. HE  
 NEEDS \$1,000.00 UP FRONT. THE COMMITTEE NEEDS PHYSICAL HELP  
 BEFORE FOSSIL. FOUR BANDS HAVE BEEN BOOKED. RUSTY WILL  
 CONTINUE MAKING THE TROPHIES. SHE NEEDS TO CONTACT THE CMA  
 FOR THE GATE.

**Products Committee:** [products@abateoforegon.net](mailto:products@abateoforegon.net) WE NEED A NEW PRODUCTS  
 PERSON. TROY ASKS THAT THE CHAPTERS ASK THEIR MEMBERS TO STEP  
 UP. ED STATED THAT IT IS GREAT ADVERTISEMENT.

**Education Director:** "T" Velazquez [education@abateoforegon.net](mailto:education@abateoforegon.net) S.T.E.A.M. HAS A  
 DATE.

APRIL 15, 2023. SHE HASN'T CONFIRMED THE VENUE YET BUT IT'S A TOSS  
 UP BETWEEN NEWPORT OR PORTLAND. SHE'LL LET US KNOW SOON.

*10 MINUTE BREAK*

**Sergeant at Arms (N):** **VACANT**

**Sergeant at Arms (S):** Bill Foster [sergeantsouth@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sergeantsouth@abateoforegon.net) BILL GAVE HIS  
 TOLL ROADS PAPERWORK TO JOY TO BRING IN. SHE PASSED THEM  
 AROUND.

**Sergeant at Arms (E):** Gene Mortimore [sergeanteast@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sergeanteast@abateoforegon.net) NO  
 REPORT

**Legislative Director:** **VACANT**

**Quartermaster:** Gene Mortimore [quartermaster@abateoforegon.net](mailto:quartermaster@abateoforegon.net) NO REPORT

**MRF Representative:** Bert Johnson [MRF@abateoforegon.net](mailto:MRF@abateoforegon.net)

**BikePAC Rep. for ABATE:** Bert Johnson [www.bikepacoforegon.net](http://www.bikepacoforegon.net) BOB GAVE A  
 SHORT REPORT FROM THE LAST BIKEPAC MEETING. THE GAC, THE  
 GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, IS GOING TO BE RUNNING TWO (2)  
 BILLS. 1. REDEFINING WHAT A HELMET IS. 2. LOWERING THE DUI LIMIT  
 TO 0.5. IT IS CURRENTLY SET AT 0.8. DEB ASKED BILL IF HE COULD CHECK  
 INTO THE FEDERAL HELMET REQUIREMENTS. THERE WAS TALK  
 REGARDING NOVELTY HELMETS.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.  
**State Board Monthly Meeting**  
 Cidicci's Pizza south, Albany, OR  
 Also on the ZOOM platform  
 DECEMBER 10, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance led by JOY , followed by a moment of  
 silence for any downed brothers and sisters and our military.  
 Welcome all.

This meeting was called to Order by Coordinator Troy Stevens  
 @ 1200. NINE (9) chapters were represented. 9 of the Ten (10) chapters in  
 attendance were eligible to vote.  
 Chapters Excused: .NONE  
 Unexcused: . RIVER CITY  
 Guests &/or first time attendees JASON VAN MOURIK AND HIS SON JAMES.

Welcome everyone.

BOB from HUB CITY chapter made a motion to accept the minutes printed in last  
 month's monthly ABATE newspaper. Second by JACK from LINCOLN COUNTY  
 chapter. Corrections? YES. CINDY AND DAVE WERE EXCUSED LAST MONTH.  
 IT WAS REPORTED THEY WERE UNEXCUSED. Accepted? YES .

Note: (EB) = **Executive Board**

**(EB) Coordinator:** Troy Stevens [coordinator@abateoforegon.net](mailto:coordinator@abateoforegon.net) STEVE  
 BISHOP WILL BE STEPPING IN DURING GENE'S ABSENCE AT THE 2023  
 FOSSIL RUN.

**(EB) Vice Coordinator (N):** **VACANT**

**(EB) Vice Coordinator (S):** Joy Reyes [yces@abateoforegon.net](mailto:yces@abateoforegon.net) DOUGLAS COUNTY  
 CHAPTER HELPED IN RAISING \$24,000.00 FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
 OF SOUTHERN OREGON.

**(EB) Vice Coordinator (E):** **VACANT**

**(EB) Recording Secretary:** Deb Rheault-Kasner [secretary@abateoforegon.net](mailto:secretary@abateoforegon.net) 1)  
 CHAPTER REPS PLEASE REMEMBER HAVE YOUR UPDATED OFFICERS LIST  
 FOR 2023 TO ME BY THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING. 2) OUTGOING  
 OFFICERS, PLEASE BE AVAILABLE TO HELP THE NEWLY ELECTED  
 INCOMING OFFICERS NEXT MONTH.

**(EB) Membership Secretary:** Jackie Kilpatrick [membership@abateoforegon.net](mailto:membership@abateoforegon.net) IN  
 NOVEMBER THERE WERE 4 NEW MEMBERS, 14 RENEWALS. THERE ARE 91  
 EXPIRED. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 654 MEMBERS. STILL LOOKING FOR A  
 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPLACEMENT. JACK SUGGESTED WE PUT A  
 WANTED AD IN THE STATE NEWSPAPER.

**(EB) Sanctioning Officer:** Cindy Witmer [sanctioning@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sanctioning@abateoforegon.net) IF YOUR  
 CHAPTER HAS ANY EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2023, CONTACT HER ASAP. THE  
 DATES GOT MARKED DOWN AT THE PLANNING SESSION BUT NO CHAPTER  
 AFFILIATE. SHE IS STILL WORKING WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR  
 PRICING. SANCTIONING? YOU NEED TO BE SANCTIONED IF YOU ARE  
 REPRESENTING A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED  
 INSURANCE EVERY TIME. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOUR EVENT IS.

**(EB) Treasurer:** Karen Tolle [treasurer@abateoforegon.net](mailto:treasurer@abateoforegon.net) EXCUSED ABSENCE

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** A MOTION FROM SE PORTLAND CHAPTER (SEE  
 UNDER MOTIONS)

**State Auditor:** Larry Hassett [auditor@abateoforegon.net](mailto:auditor@abateoforegon.net) NO REPORT



Board meeting continued..

**Motions:** 1. A MOTION MADE BY JAMES (SE PORTLAND CHAPTER) I MOVE THAT ONLY THE 2ND HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OF AN EXISTING LIFETIME ABATE MEMBER BE CHARGED \$15.00 FOR THEIR YEARLY ABATE MEMBERSHIP FEE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023. THE EXISTING LIFETIME MEMBER'S HOUSEHOLD WILL ONLY RECEIVE ONE ABATE NEWSMAG. SECOND BY JACK (LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER). AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND INQUIRIES TO JACKIE, IT WAS PUT TO A VOTE. IN FAVOR SEVEN (7). AGAINST ZERO (0). MOTION PASSED.

**Closing comments:** THE NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE BY-LAWS AND GUIDELINES WILL BE BROUGHT UP STARTING NEXT MONTH.

**Announcements:** [www.abateoforegon.net](http://www.abateoforegon.net) THE FOSSIL MEETINGS WILL START AT 11:00 STARTING IN JANUARY. THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JANUARY 14, 2023

**Motion to adjourn** made by JACK (LINCOLN CO.) SECOND BY BOB (HUB CITY) . Adjourn 1401 (2:01PM)

12/10/22

Deb Rheault Kasner [secretary@abateoforegon.net](mailto:secretary@abateoforegon.net)



## STATE COORDINATOR



This past year has had its ups and downs for all of us. Let's pay tribute to those brothers and sisters we have lost this year.

A lot has happened in my life this past year also. As some of you know I have been going through a ruff divorce this past year. It was finally settled as of December 10th. It took 15 months and a butt load of money to get it finalized. The funniest part is that she ended up with exactly what I offered her 13 months ago. She just wanted to drag the divorce out hoping to bleed me dry. I think

I should have become a lawyer. They get paid no matter what the outcome is.

I have also been taking care of my father every other week. It is a 24/7 job. He has a touch of alzheimers, and his health is deteriorating. Any time he is up moving around someone needs to be by his side so he doesn't fall. It is hard to watch the ones we love grow old right in front of you.

Well my time as your State Coordinator has come to an end after three years. I feel I have taken this organization as far as I could. I want to remind all of you that this organization is about all of you. It gives you only what you put into it.

The reason I joined Abate was to be around like minded individuals that shared my views as a motorcyclist. I wanted to make friends with other rider's that have the same passion for riding as I do. Another reason I joined was to make sure my rights as a rider was not infringed upon. I am tired of these politicians that live under rocks, trying too tell me how I should live my life. It is only when we stand together. That we will be able to make them listen to us riders. Why does Abate of Oregon only have 676 riders. There is a lot more then 676 riders here in Oregon. Then we only have 10 to 20 members coming to our chapter meetings. Out of the 10 chapters we only have at the most 50 to 100 active members in Abate. Why is that? Why can't we fill all of the officers positions in our chapters. Hell even in the state

I want you to ask yourself why. Why is this happening in the only motorcycle rights organization in Oregon. With 123,617 registered riders in Oregon we should be a strong group, one would think. We as members should be out there letting every one of those riders know about Abate of Oregon. If we do not act fast to gain members we will be like dust in the wind. I encourage all of you to make friends with a new rider that you meet.

Ask him or her to join you at a chapter meeting. Even go to their house encourage them to take a ride with you to the meeting. Just remember your job is not done there. You need to introduce them to other members in the chapter. As those other members in the chapter. I encourage you to sit and get to know this new potential member. I know from experience that if you can make a new person feel special they will keep coming back. Just like in A.A. or N.A.

Every chapter should be planning a weekend ride once a month. Maybe the chapter can get together for a poker run to another groups ride. We can show them that we are here and what we have to offer them if they join Abate of Oregon. You might even have fun. You might even get to know your other chapter members better.

With all that said I hope this year will be much better than the last one. I hope it is filled with joy and happiness for all of my brothers and sisters.

I have one last request to everyone on Facebook. I would like for you to share on our State Facebook group what Santa Claus brought you for Christmas. No matter how small or BIG it might be. I want to see some pictures.

~~Troy Stevens your State Abate of Oregon Coordinator~~

Live long and prosperous.

or

May the force be with you.



## STATE EVENT 2023 FOSSIL CAMPOUT

Our main man will not be able to do fossil. We need all boots on deck. Starting in January we will have our first fossil campout committee meeting. Until Fossil we will be having meetings before the regular state meeting. Those that are on the committee will be allowed to come into the park on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.

Dave and Cindy Witmer  
360-560-6403

## CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

With the change of weather, things seem to be slowing down on the riding front here in Central Oregon. Icy streets and Red Lights seeming to be optional in today's world, it is becoming more dangerous to ride our motorcycles.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with friends and Family. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Great New year. Be Safe live life to the fullest. Fight the good cause!

Ride Fast  
Ride Free  
Ride Far

Ed Miller  
Coordinator for Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon

## STATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership report

We have a new Lifetime member, Robert DeVere, in the SE Portland Chapter.

We welcomed 12 new members in October: 1 in Douglas County Chapter, 2 in Hub City Chapter, 1 in Josephine County Chapter 1 in North Coast Chapter, 3 in SE Portland Chapter, 3 in Washington Chapter, and 1 in Indian Creek. These are applications I processed thru October 30th.

The renewals are still slow coming in. Only 29 members sent in their renewals in October. Total Statewide we have 652 active members and 89 members are expired

I attended the Planning Session in Cottage Grove in October. I was disappointed that there was not more members attending and participating in planning for next year. The calendar for next year is filling up fast. We will have many choices of runs and parties to attend. We elected some of our officers for next year but

there are still open positions. Come to the State Board Meeting and get involved. Our guest speakers for the weekend were from ABATE of Washington. They explained how their board operates and their hierarchy. It was interesting to hear how other state ABATE organizations function.

I am staying on temporarily as State Membership Secretary as I search for someone to take over. I need to pass on the duties to someone new. I will still be active in ABATE as my chapter's representative.

Please remember to renew before your expiration date so as to keep your free insurance in force.

I will remind you again that the fastest way to renew is through PayPal on the ABATE of Oregon website, [abateoforegon.net](http://abateoforegon.net). Check your newspaper for events coming up. I look forward to seeing you at future events, meanwhile ride safe, there are a lot of distracted drivers out there.

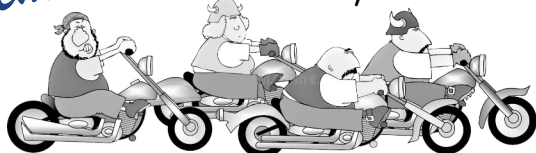
Jackie Kilpatrick  
State Membership Secretary

New Members in November

David DelGado  
Adam Karch  
Stinna Karch  
David McCarty

Central Oregon  
Hub City  
Hub City  
No chapter selected

Welcome  
New Members



## DOUGLAS CO. CHAPTER

Happy New Year and welcome 2023! We hope you all had wonderful and memorable holidays with your families and friends.

Welcome to all of our 2023 officers for ABATE chapters. You have stepped into a rich history. ABATE of Oregon, along with Bike Pac are the motorcyclist's rights organizations that have been primary in supporting, preserving and promoting the rights of motorcyclists for many years. In addition to rider rights, our successful rider education program, TEAM Oregon, was developed through the vision of our ABATE of Oregon founders. Over the years ABATE has also promoted rider safety by taking presentations into driver training classes in our local high schools. One thing has remained consistent since I first joined ABATE in 1987, is that nationwide, rider education is the single, most effective factor in reducing motorcycle crashes.

As times have changed our organization has grown and changed as well. Regardless of how the "times" have changed one thing has remained consistent, even with the high participation in all types motorcycling sports and the level of market interest in motorcycling both on and off road, and all the positive economic impact we have on communities large and small.....there are, and will continue to be those who actively try to negatively impact and restrict the sport and lifestyle we love. And that's why ABATE and you are so important.

Planning is well underway for the year ahead. ABATE events serve more

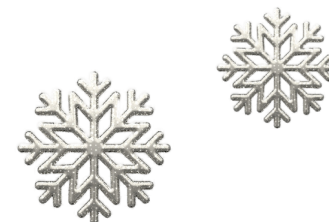
than one purpose. First, events raise the much-needed funds to support the work of ABATE, and also contribute to Bike Pac and other legislative activities. It takes funds to maintain effective communication, travel to necessary meetings and conferences, and do our business. Second, putting on our events brings us together as we work together on both ABATE events and support other groups in our communities. It is in doing this "work" we develop deep and often life-long friendships, and we grow in our awareness, skills and abilities. We have ABATE members that have started out in local chapters and have moved into elected political positions in our state.

Here in Douglas County, we are looking forward to our Anniversary Party on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm at the Winston Community Center with live music and refreshments. The location is 440 SE Grape Street, Winston, Oregon. For information contact Joy Reyes 541-643-1798.

Looking forward to the months ahead, and yes, sunshine. See you down the road.

Ride safe, ride educated, ride sober,

Becky Garino, Secretary





## HUB CITY CHAPTER

Well, it's that time of year – the weather has turned wetter and colder, the cold weather riding gear has come out of storage, and for some of us, our bikes have been tucked away for the winter. For those that choose to brave the weather & ride year-round, Hub City has been busy and GROWING! Hub City riders just wrapped up several annual Christmas events, including the Albany Toy Run, Christmas Storybook Land, and Road Maggot 'Mike the Milkman' Toy Run. As a Chapter, we've had a few rough patches over the last couple of years, losing friends within in our ranks, and seeing our membership numbers drop, secondary to the pandemic. I'd like to take a moment to remember Jean Olney (past Membership Secretary) & Don Mason (past 'Everything' and general A.B.A.T.E. Guru) who passed away last year, and George Blocker who passed away earlier this year. All three of these members were true to the cause of A.B.A.T.E. and their presence has been sorely missed! As far as membership numbers, some folks chose to step away during the active crisis of the Covid Pandemic. My request to you is, please

consider coming back. Hub City remains active & vibrant, with many new members, many of whom are stepping into leadership roles. We remain active in our local community, and there are lots of positive reasons for you to be involved in our cause! Next up for Hub City is our Annual 'Don Nash' Chilly Buns Roll & Ride on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The ride starts at BiMart in Stayton and runs rain or shine (or ice/snow)!

Speaking of growing - this will mark my last term as Hub City Coordinator, and my last newspaper submission, as Adam Karch will be stepping into the Coordinator role, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 2023 (please join me in welcoming him to the new role!). Additionally, Adam's wife, Stinna, will be jumping into the Secretary's seat. Thank You Adam & Stinna for joining our family & stepping into leadership roles – I wish you both the best! I'd also like to take a moment to thank all of the wonderful Hub City Officers that mentored me, supported me, and well ... let's be honest – put up with me, over the last couple of years. I couldn't have steered the ship without the support of Bob Thomas or Mo Niebuhr-

Sims, and Penny & Kris Burns have been amazing in their support and friendship, with Rich Burrigh providing me guidance, Gerry Sturis for always being positive and a shoulder to lean on, Dar Christiansen for being my committed & reliable Vice, and the late great Don Mason mentoring me on the ways of being a leader.

A couple of last thoughts ... let's keep Betty & Jimmer Engel in our thoughts, as Jimmer recuperates from a tough injury earlier this year (we're rooting for you Jimmer!). And a big thank you Hub City Members and Officers, for staying connected & involved and for all you do – this is truly a membership driven organization! It's been an honor to serve you as Vice-Coordinator and then Coordinator over the last (3) years. I hope everyone enjoys the Holidays and here's to a wonderful New Year – keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up!

Respectfully,

-Shawn (Chewie)

*Hub City A.B.A.T.E. volunteered at the Christmas Storybook Land Event*





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503-901-0192**

**Thanks,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**Diesel Dave**

## JOSEPHINE CO. CHAPTER

Hello from Josephine County. I don't know what happened to our chapter report last month. I sent it in and it got lost in the cloud so I am combining my November and December report.

We celebrated Thanksgiving and as one Holiday Pot Luck this year at our November meeting. It was well attended and we held elections and took a new chapter photo. Gary Loveless will be our new chapter Coordinator, Karen Tolle will be Vice Coordinator, Jackie Kilpatrick will be new Secretary, and Stephanie Gaffney is staying on as Membership Secretary. We still have some open positions for that we hope to fill at the December meeting. We have already begun planning our runs and rides for next year. It looks to be an exciting year.

In October Karen and Jackie represented Josephine County Chapter at the Planning Session in Cottage Grove. It was quite the learning experience. There were visitors from Washington ABATE attending and they shared ideas on how they operate ABATE in their state. They had some great ideas on having fun while conducting ABATE business.

The end of the year is closing in on us and winter has arrived. Please be careful out there and watch for those slick spots on the road. Winter is the time to do needed maintenance or upgrades on our motorcycles so that they are ready for riding in the New Year. It is also time for kicking back, reflecting, and planning what rides and runs we want to participate in next year. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at our ABATE Runs.

Jackie Kilpatrick, Secretary

In addition.....

December 10th Karen played hooky from the state board meeting. So, up to Astoria and visit with North Coast chapter and enjoy some world-famous Pastor Bob's chili. Thank you for making me feel very special and welcome. Ran into a few members that I knew and made a few new friends. Got to visit Chris and Claude and watch him blow glass. So fascinating. Thank you. Which chapter shall I visit next?

Karen



*Holiday Potluck*







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## LINCOLN CO. CHAPTER

Happy New Year from Lincoln County chapter.

Not much to report this time of year. Everyone be safe and warm this winter & "May your HAPPY be too loud".

Many Blessings  
Deb  
Chapter Secretary

## NORTH COAST CHAPTER

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who made the North Coast Spaghetti Feed a massive success. The numbers are being crunched as I write this and will be revealed at our chapter meeting Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 5:30 PM. What I do know is it was a blast preparing the sauce and I had one hell of a prep and serving team. Teamwork made the dream work once again. 105 people went through our line and the auction and raffle items were plentiful.

Before you read this we will also held our annual chili feed. More to come on this event in the next paper.

We held officer nominations at our November meeting and I have decided to make another year of being Coordinator. There will be a slight change in positions in our ranks and we will be as strong as ever. Again more to come on this issue in the next issue.

Riding weather is far and in between so now is the time to make sure your ride is serviced and in good order for the coming good weather. Don't be afraid to ask for help with something as simple as an oil change. Myself and Kevin, my brother and SAA will be doing oil change parties in the spring and summer at my shop. If you are interested or need help on a project please reach out and ask.

As always be safe out there cause the cages don't care.

## RIVER CITY CHAPTER

The River City Chapter of ABATE of Oregon meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Shilo Inn Suites The Dalles, 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way.

Happy New Year everyone!

Thank you, Lisa, for working with the Salvation Army to find a local family to support at Christmas. Thanks Sandy and Larry for doing the shopping with such short notice. What a great way for us to give back to our community.

Time to start planning for 2023 events.

We are looking at planning a road clean up party just after the New Year. We have a 2-mile section of road on old Highway 30 at the Deschutes River and Fulton Canyon that is in need of a walk through. Should not take long and we might go to breakfast/lunch after. We will look at dates in January or February for this.

The Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run will again be held in conjunction with the Northwest Cherry Festival in the Spring. On April 22. We are looking forward



to making this happen and we have some great ideas on how to make this happen with a smaller group. Several people already stepped forward to volunteer with some tasks. Come be a part of making this a fantastic event this year. What a great event and cause to get the riding season started off right.

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023! See you in the New Year!

Laura "Dilli"  
River City Chapter Secretary

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## SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

Hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a Very Merry Christmas

Not much new to report this time of the year except our Annual Shriners Toy Run went off without any mishaps. Thanks to a handful of members who were able to get together weekly to hash out new ideas and implement old ones. A big thank you to the small committee, with big backs and hearts, for making this happen. A big giant Get Well to those of you who came down with the crud, at the last minute, and could not be there. We know you were there in spirit.

The weather was wonderful. We had a pretty good turnout of bikers. I may be wrong, but I think at least two hundred total. The generosity was as big as the smiles on all those guys and gals, that showed how important this event is. We filled a big van full of toys and the donation jar was brimming to the top with large green bills!! We were able provide a lot of future patients with toys and games that will put smiles on their faces for a long time.

The gentlemen that won \$435.00, in the 50/50 drawing, donated \$335.00 back to the kids. A big Thank you to him and all of the rest of you who

opened your wallets to show how big your hearts are.

A few funs event are in the works already for next year. Talk is that we will be having an Anniversary Party in March, and if all works out, we will have music.

We are still fighting hard on getting petitions signed for the no tolls on our freeways. I hope everyone will get at the very least, one full petition page signed and turned in. Go to [NOTOLLSARMY.COM](http://NOTOLLSARMY.COM) to download a petition or come to a meeting a get some.

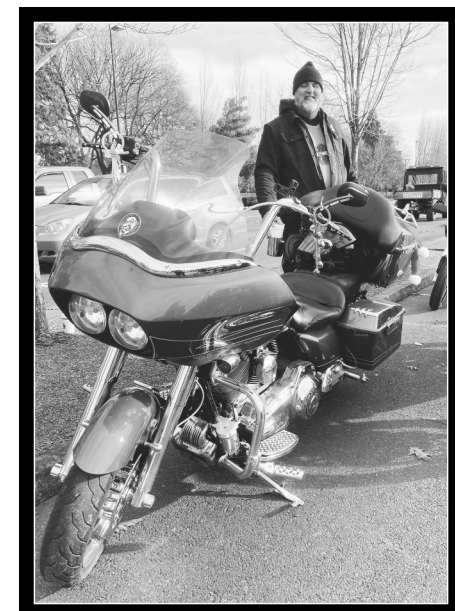
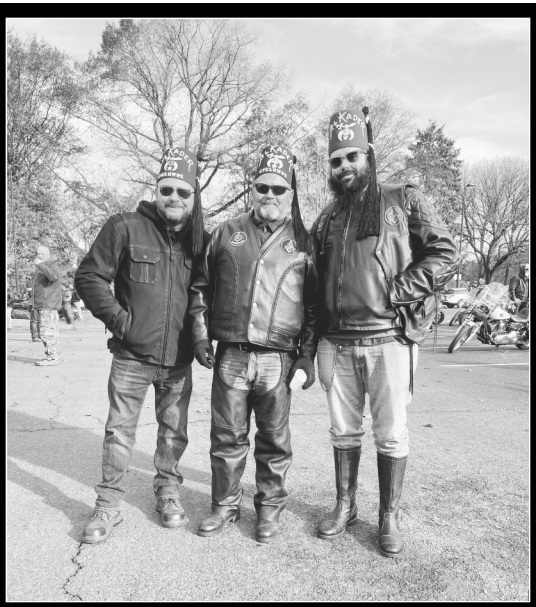
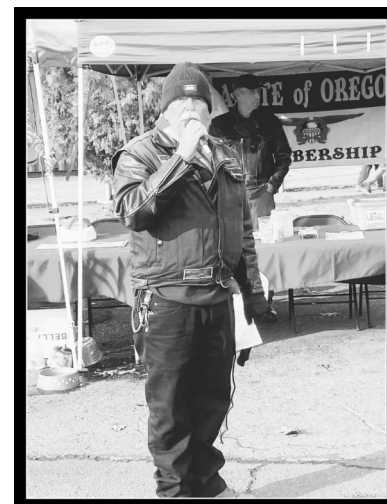
Hopefully by the time you read this we will have all our officer positions filled and ready for a new year of progress.

Looking forward to seeing more of your faces at the upcoming meetings.

Wishing you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Anna Dahl - Chapter Secretary

**Meetings are at the M & M Restaurant and Lounge 137 N Main Street in Gresham, on the first and third Sundays of the month starting at noon. Coordinator is Rotten Roger - 503-285-4329**



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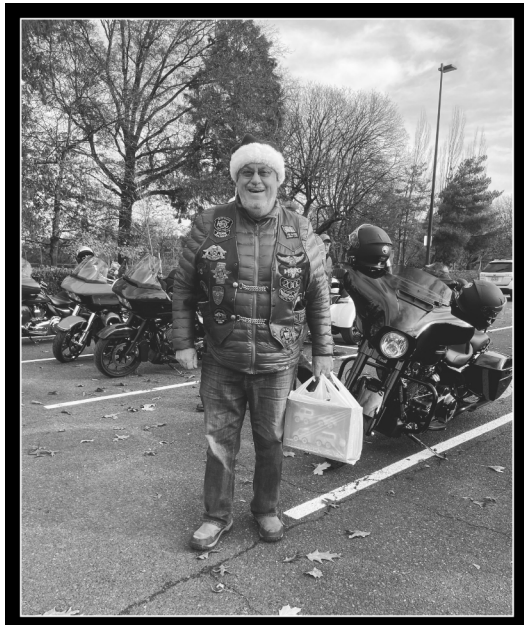
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## TWO RIVERS CHAPTER



We had another small but good chapter meeting this month. We are hopeful for new members to join and still want to encourage all who have not attended meetings in awhile to come back for a visit.

It is with sad regret, Mike Wellington, owner of Discount Motorcycle Parts in Eugene passed away in November and the store closed. He hosted local bike nights in the area and supported our chapter when asked to set up our information booth. He was a good friend and we will definitely miss him.

Two Rivers Chapter of ABATE of Oregon meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, 6pm, at Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin Boulevard in Eugene.

Stay safe out there!

Happy New Year,

Annie Sexton



## WASHINGTON CO. CHAPTER

Salutations to all. Thank you for reading our newspaper. First off this month I would like to remind everybody to take the BikePac rider survey. The questionnaire on the website (<https://bikepacoforegon.com>) is the updated version and all riders are asked to punch in their input. This gives an idea of what is important to you so far as where BikePac should target it's focus. BikePac lobbies for us.

November mid-term election results are still being discussed and controversy explodes about many facets all over the place. I still question BM114. Did the anti-gunners really get enough qualified signatures to put their tricky misguided measure on the ballot? It's amazing to me. Back when many thought that we as registered voters in Oregon believed that we could recall Governor Kate Brown, more than enough names were turned in to the state on THREE separate occasions and surprise!!! The state said we didn't turn in enough qualified names! Hmmm, does anything smell fishy?

A very temporary stop is in place at this moment putting 114 on hold but the court process will be messy getting it finalized. This could take a long time and cost many dollars in the process. I guess that is what the bad players want.

We who desire to fight tyranny no matter what form it takes need to be on our toes and stop taking things for granted. How will future generations

view this era in history? How will the events occurring now be reported in 2030? 2040? There are those in support of the Chinese communist narrative: That we ought to be willing to give up constitutional rights in a trade for comfort, safety and security. What's up with that? Why would we want what the Marxist commies want? It never has worked yet.

The ancient martial artists have taught for generations that there are two types of people ..... Those who are awake and those who are asleep. It seems to me that we in the motorcycle community tend to be awake.

Our chapter's Christmas meeting/end of year party will be held Sat. the 17th of Dec. 2022 at the Hillsboro Elk's Lodge in Hillsboro. Dinner at 6pm. Oooops, sorry that this didn't get published in last month's report. We will NOT have Run committee meetings in December 2022 or January 2023.

I'm really rootin' for renewed thrust within ABATE here in Oregon. With this next session in Salem of Legislators pushing for more taxes, more centralized power and government overreach we will want to be vigilant, keeping abreast of what they are up to.

Ride Hard,  
DB Cooper



*Washington County  
Stan Johnston Memorial  
Toy Run*









**CNN - Organ donations and transplants increase during major US motorcycle rallies due to crashes, according to a new study, signaling a need for increased safety measures.**

The researchers analyzed more than 10,000 organ donations and 35,000 transplantations from 2005 to 2021. In regions near where motorcycle rallies were held, there were 21% more organ donors and 26% more transplant recipients per day during rallies than in the four weeks before and after.

In nearby areas without a motorcycle rally on those same dates, there were 11% fewer organ donors and 10% fewer transplant recipients.

“Clearly, there are preventable deaths happening during these events, and the focus first and foremost should be improving public safety and traffic safety during these events,” said Dr. David Cron, first author of the study and a clinical fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Such large events can also “have downstream associations with organ donation and transplant,” the study says.

The research, published in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine, tracked organ donations and transplantations around seven of the largest motorcycle rallies across the United States: the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, Daytona Bike Week in Florida, Laconia Motorcycle Week in New Hampshire, Myrtle Beach Bike Week and Atlantic Beach Bikefest in South Carolina, the Republic of Texas Biker Rally and Bikes, Blues & BBQ in Arkansas. Each of these events draws 200,000 to 500,000 attendees every year.

Large motorcycle rallies often come with a surge in trauma volume at local hospitals, the study says. Overall,

bikers are 29 times more likely to die in a crash per mile traveled compared with people in passenger vehicles, the researchers note, and bikers who aren’t wearing helmets are three times more likely than helmeted bikers to become organ donors.

Isolated head injuries are one of the leading causes of brain death, which is among the most common catalysts of organ donation, Cron said. “This topic has been talked about in the context of motorcycles and helmets ... because over the past few decades, helmet laws have been scaled back, and what’s been well-documented is that there are more fatal crashes from whenever riders aren’t wearing their helmets,” he said.

Bringing awareness to organ donation was an important aspect for the researchers. Enter your email to subscribe to the CNN Five Things Newsletter.

“Education and outreach really goes a long way towards educating the public about organ donation, whether it’s registering to make your wishes known – such that if something tragic were to happen, that you had potential to be a deceased organ donor – or even just improving public’s knowledge of living donation,” Cron said.

For everyone involved in the transplant process, including critical care teams and organ procurement organizations, “it’s important to recognize these events as times of increased availability of organ donors so that they can all be ready for these events and optimize their processes in any way that may be to maximize the ability to turn these projects into, hopefully, a gift to life,” he said.

Only 1% of people who die in the United States every year are medically eligible to become organ donors, the Association of Organ

Procurement Organizations said Tuesday in a statement.

“We appreciate the researcher’s bringing attention to this issue and to the need for greater public safety and organ donation awareness among communities that host and attend motorcycle rally events,” the group said.

**Safer riding**

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, held each August, is the largest and most popular in the country. “Unlike travelers who choose a destination and remain in that destination location for an entire week, Rally attendees come here to experience the freedom of the rides through some of the most picturesque scenery in the country. In doing so, they log more time on our highways that put them at higher risk of an accident,” said Daniel Ainslie, manager for the city of Sturgis, which helps organize the rally.

The South Dakota Office of Highway Safety offers tips for safer riding, such as reviewing riding maps before attending, knowing how to handle a bike in varying weather and terrain conditions, and practicing safe driving, such as checking blind spots and using appropriate signaling.

According to the study, 42% of all motorcycle crashes in 2019 involved alcohol. To cut down on the risk of drinking and driving during the rally, Sturgis offers bus rides from local motels and rally campgrounds. “Having the buses gives Rally attendees the option to spend time in downtown Sturgis without worrying about putting themselves or their passengers in danger when returning to where they are staying,” Ainslie said.

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**NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES** Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

**CONGRESS REQUIRES NHTSA TO FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO MONITOR DRIVERS**  
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels, on pace to exceed the 42,915 fatalities in 2021, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to the road following pandemic stay-at-home orders.

With alcohol-related crashes being a leading cause of highway deaths in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

The NTSB's recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert.

Under President Biden's infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The legislation doesn't specify the technology, only that it must "passively monitor" a driver to determine if they are impaired.

NHTSA and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, and has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger by touch. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving.

In 2020, the most recent figures available, 11,654 people died in alcohol-related crashes, according to NHTSA data. That's about 30% of all U.S. traffic deaths, and a 14% increase over 2019 figures, the last full year before the coronavirus pandemic, the NTSB said.

Once the technology is ready to be implemented in automakers' new models, near the end of 2024, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.

#### **BEST/WORST DRIVERS IN THE U.S.**

Everyone seems to think their state has the best (or worst) drivers in America, but [quotewizard.com](http://quotewizard.com) dove into the data to determine, based on their criteria, which states actually do have the Best and the Worst Drivers traveling their roadways.

Drivers were evaluated on four factors to determine overall driving quality: accidents, speeding tickets, DUIs, and citations. States that are considered the worst had the highest numbers of driving incidents, while states with the lowest numbers of incidents are considered the best.

After analyzing over 10 million insurance quotes to find out where the best and worst drivers reside, it was determined that the Five Best States were 1) Connecticut, 2) Michigan, 3) West Virginia, 4) Delaware and 5) Arkansas, while the Five Worst States were 50) Utah, 49) California, 48) Iowa, 47) Wisconsin and 46) Ohio.

Among those in the top five, Connecticut ranks best in citations and DUIs, while among the bottom five, Utah ranked worst in speeding, second worst in citations, fifth in accidents and 8th in DUIs. For more rankings in each category, visit [www.quotewizard.com](http://www.quotewizard.com).

#### **UNVACCINATED AT HIGHER RISK OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**

If you passed on getting the COVID vaccine, you might be more likely to get into a car crash. Or at least those are the findings of a new study published in *The American Journal of Medicine*. During the summer of 2021, Canadian researchers examined the encrypted government-held records of more than 11 million adults, 16% of whom hadn't received the COVID vaccine.

They found that the unvaccinated people were 72% more likely to be involved in a severe traffic crash -- in which at least one person was transported to the hospital -- than those who were vaccinated. That's similar to the increased risk of car crashes for people with sleep apnea, though only about half that of people who abuse alcohol, researchers found.

Of course, skipping a COVID vaccine does not mean that someone will get into a car crash. Instead, the authors theorize that people who resist public health recommendations might also "neglect basic road safety guidelines."

The findings are significant enough that primary care doctors should consider counseling unvaccinated patients on traffic safety -- and insurance companies might base changes to insurance policies on vaccination data -- the authors suggest.

This isn't the first time that researchers have examined the link between behavior and vaccination status, as a 2021 study published in the *Journal of Bioeconomics* found a correlation between self-reported risky driving and having skipped their flu vaccine.

#### **THE ROAD TO DECARBONIZATION**

*Decarbonization Is The Goal, But What's The Best Way To Get There?* The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to take multiple approaches.

On December 6, 2022, the ACEM hosted a panel discussion about its vision for decarbonization. Although the discussion's stated intention was to talk about how the industry plans to address a multitude of sustainability issues as we all progress toward the year 2030, what it evolved into was a spirited debate about the comparative merits of the evolution of combustion engines (such as with so-called e-fuels and hydrogen) and electrification.

While all panelists of course had their own points of view, the general consensus seemed to be that lowering emissions is a goal we must all work toward, but that putting all the industry's technological eggs into one metaphorical basket isn't a good idea, for a number of reasons.

From a technological perspective, electric motorbikes currently work best for low-voltage urban mobility, not high-speed, long-distance leisure pursuits. That's where the debate about e-fuels (or synthetic fuels) and hydrogen come into play, because both those means of fueling mobility can potentially offer the benefits of long-distance, high-speed travel on motorbikes.

Infrastructure is also a major concern -- fast-charging and swappable batteries require additional infrastructure investments that are both extensive and expensive, while e-fuels can theoretically make use of existing traditional fuel infrastructure.

When discussing decarbonization, the tendency is to think about emissions in terms of tailpipes, but considerations about how the raw materials to build either combustion or electric vehicles are sourced, assembled, and delivered to customers should also be part of the conversation.

Additionally, concerns about diversifying the industry's approach to decarbonization were strongly expressed, with the global pandemic shining a bright light on the pitfalls of overly concentrating parts of supply chains in a given geographical area. The current European energy crisis and ongoing Russian war make calls to diversify energy sources (and resources) all too clear.

How this will all evolve is difficult to predict, but strong calls for "technology neutrality" as the industry moves toward decarbonization were echoed up and down the panel.

#### **EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE GROUP CALLS TO MAKE MOTORCYCLING AFFORDABLE**

With inflation worries and cost of living increases, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations (FEMA) sees bikes as valuable transport tools and has issued an impassioned plea for motorcycle affordability. In particular, FEMA spelled out their position on keeping motorcycle taxes reasonable, as well as taking other measures to encourage motorbike ridership as a viable form of everyday transport.

FEMA believes that motorcycles can be a strong tool in the fight against transport poverty. As the name suggests, that's when the cost of transportation to simply live your life (get to and from work and/or school) is prohibitively expensive.

Moto commuting is a way of life for all kinds of everyday people in many countries, and is highly valued for its practicality, and that's why FEMA encourages governmental and legislative bodies to do what they can to encourage ridership. For example, taxes on motorbikes should be lower than those found on cars, because they're smaller and lighter in weight, and they cause less wear and tear on public roadways.

Similarly, FEMA also discourages restrictions on motorbikes in urban city centers when they're ideal vehicles for getting around congested city streets, and can help reduce traffic if more people are encouraged to choose bikes over cars.

Bicycles and e-bikes have their place -- but so do motorbikes, and FEMA wants to see more legislative encouragement of moto commuting as a way to combat multiple transport problems across Europe.

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NCOM BYTES cont...

### FIRST HONDA 'ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE' ON PARADE

Art imitates life, and sometimes, life imitates art, which may be the case with Honda's latest parade float, which they designed to lead the 134th annual Rose Parade in 2023, featuring electric vehicles including "a Honda electric motorcycle."

The overall float design, which Honda has titled "Forever Determined," represents Honda's current (pun intended) emissions-lowering initiative, across all of its many and various vehicular segments; Honda's first all-electric SUV, the electrified Acura ARX-06 race machine, a HondaJet Elite II aircraft, the Honda eVTOL concept vehicle, and an unspecified 'motorcycle'.

Remember, Honda aims to achieve total carbon neutrality across the company by 2050, as well as get 100 percent of its new vehicle sales in North America to be all electric by 2040.

While Team Red has introduced electric scooters and trikes in other markets, so far it has yet to introduce its first electric motorcycle anywhere -- no road bikes, no dirt bikes, no electric bike concepts -- nothing yet, until maybe January 2 in Pasadena...everybody loves a parade!

### YAMAHA GOES 'GREEN' WITH PLANT-BASED MATERIALS FOR FUTURE BIKE DESIGNS

On November 17, 2022, Yamaha Marine announced that it will begin using certain parts in some 2024 personal watercraft and sport boat engines that are made from a new material. It's a plant-derived, cellulose nanofiber-reinforced resin product, and in Yamaha's own words; "Yamaha Motor is examining the utilization of CNF reinforced resin not only in marine products but also in motorcycles and a wide range of other products in the future."

Cellulose nanofiber "is made from wood-derived fiber (pulp) that has been micro-refined to the nano level of several hundredths of a micron and smaller, cellulose nanofiber is the world's most advanced biomass material."

Their definition goes on to state that "because CNF is derived from plant fibers, the environmental impact from production and disposal is low.

Due to its light-weight characteristics, the modulus of elasticity has the same level of strength as that of aramid fiber, which is known as a high-strength fiber, and has thermal expansion on par with glass. CNF also has excellent gas barrier properties against oxygen."

### ROMANIAN MOTORCYCLISTS OBLIGATED TO CARRY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

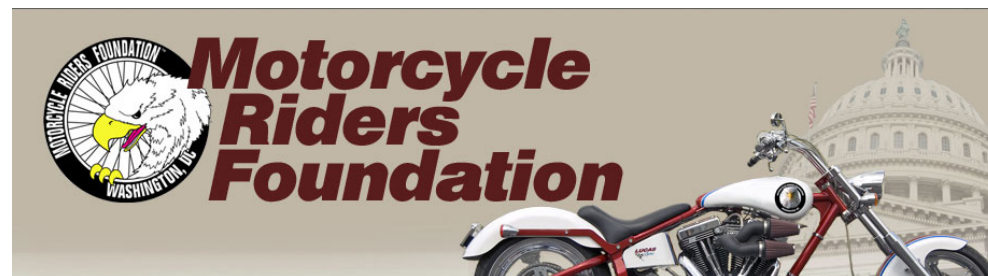
And here's why we need Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs) at every level, from local to international; In the European country of Romania the highway code does not distinguish between cars and motorcycles, so as a result, a motorcycle must carry a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit and two reflective triangles, just like a car.

Romanian motorcyclists' organization MotoADN played a significant role in the political process to end this obligation by launching a petition requesting the Romanian Parliament, the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Interior to exclude motorcycles and mopeds.

The petition gathered more than 8,000 signatures in just a few days, and the end result is that a draft law that provides for the elimination of the obligation for motorcyclists to have a fire extinguisher, reflective triangles and a first aid kit was recently approved by the Senate.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The only Zen you find on the tops of mountains is the Zen you bring up there."  
~ Robert M. Pirsig (1928-2017), author of 'Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance'

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"The Motorcycle Industry's Vision for Decarbonization"

Tuesday morning, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation attended a panel by the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers. The discussion centered on "The Motorcycle Industry's Vision for Decarbonization." As in the United States, there is a growing movement to shift away from carbon-based fuel and toward decarbonization and elimination of emissions.

While motorcycle emissions account for less than 1% of all emissions in Europe, the motorcycle industry is taking a proactive approach to the future of fueling their transportation system. Regulators in Europe have already set 2035 as the deadline for the ban on the sale of new cars with internal combustion engines. So far, motorcycles have escaped such a ban, but there is little doubt they will come under the microscope of regulators soon.

European motorcycle manufacturers see the writing on the wall and are navigating a potentially complex set of rules and regulations. Two camps have formed within Europe on the topic, one camp focused on strict regulations including the banning of combustion engines and picking winners and losers for which technologies will replace what is on the road today. The second camp is focused on market-based solutions, allowing all technologies to compete, that in theory will lead to the most efficient and cost-effective technologies winning out. Some of the new technology being

discussed includes electric bikes, swappable batteries, synthetic fuels, hydrogen fuel cells and hybrid powertrains.

There is also a fear in Europe that other regions of the world have already taken the lead in this technology and Europe is playing catch up. Specifically, the electric car industry and the success of brands like Tesla in the United States has Europeans concerned. European motorcycle firms want to be the leaders in the future of motorcycle technology. European advances in fueling and swappable battery projects could help solve the problem of range and lack of charging infrastructure that is the Achilles heel of electric transportation.

Why does this matter to bikers in America? Europe has over 40 manufacturing facilities and 35 research and development sites across the continent. They are taking a forward leaning approach and have stated their goal to be industry leaders. If Europe chooses a market-based approach and allows the development of a wide variety of technologies American manufactures may end of playing catch up.

While Europe and the United States have different views on many topics, it was great to hear the closing message from the panel in Europe. "Motorcycles are not part of the problem; they are part of the solution." We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation couldn't agree more.

## 11 MOTORCYCLE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023

The new year is the perfect time to take stock of your life. For many, this is about making changes to diet or exercise routines. And that's fine, but motorcycle enthusiasts may have different resolutions in mind such as being a better rider or just riding more in general.

### 1. Take (Or Retake) A Rider's Safety Course

Motorcycle Safety Courses teach the foundations for better riding techniques. The introductory courses are perfect for prospective riders and new riders with only a few miles under their belt. For veterans, there are advanced courses that teach (or reteach) more technical fundamentals that can save your life. In Oregon, check out TEAM Oregon Motorcycle Safety for classes in your area.

### 2. Buying A Motorcycle

We know that we are always on the lookout for something new and different to add to your collection. There's nothing like adding a new ride to your stable, whether it's your first bike or your tenth.

### 3. Get The Right Motorcycle Insurance for you

Insurance is one thing that every rider needs to ride on the streets legally. So why not take the off-season (unless you are a diehard winter rider) to get the right insurance cost for your bike. You can save money on a policy and ensure that you're covered in case of an unforeseen mishap. With the right insurance, you'll be back on the road as soon as possible, without paying high out-of-pocket costs.

### 4. Upgrade Your Safety Gear

Whether you are ATGATT (all the gear all the time) or just pop on a helmet, it's essential to not skimp on your **motorcycle gear**—it can save your life. We think it's worth investing in the best equipment you can afford because you never know when you'll need it.

Breakthroughs in safety technology mean that armor from makers like D30 and SAS-TEC is ultra-light and ultra-strong and fits under regular clothing. Wearable airbags are available to the public (not just for MotoGP riders!). Helmets, too, are getting lighter and stronger every year.

The average motorcycle helmet is safe for five years of use provided it has not been dropped on the ground, been involved in an accident, and has not been cared for improperly.

Bottom line, your helmet is designed to absorb a heavy blow once. Once that happens it's time to purchase a new one. If you haven't refreshed in a while, now's the time.

### 5. Comprehensive Check / Maintenance

Too often, riders neglect this crucial step because they just want to ride. We've all been guilty of it, which is why it makes our New Year's resolution list every year. Checking your owner's manual is a great first step to see what maintenance your bike needs.

Here are a few of the things we also check when preparing for motorcycle riding season:

- Take a walk around to see if anything looks out of place.
- Check the tires and wheels to make sure that you are riding on road-worthy rubber. If so, top up each tire with air according to your owner's manual specifications and make sure they aren't leaking while you do the rest of your check. If not, you should visit your local dealer for replacements as soon as possible to avoid an unplanned tire failure while on the road.
- Lubricate your chain (if you have one) and cables to ensure smooth power delivery and shifting.
- Test your electric system. Do all the lights work as you cycle

through your turn signals and squeeze on the brakes? How about your headlight?

- Check all fluids: brake fluid, fork oil, engine oil, and (for some) cooling systems to ensure you have the right amount for your ride.
- Clean or change your filters, per your service manual.
- Check your critical bolts. Is everything fastened to the right torque value?
- Clean your bike!

### 6. Practice Your Fundamentals

Just because you've been riding for a long time doesn't mean you can't brush up on some slow-speed fundamentals.

Commit to ten minutes twice a week to go to an empty parking lot to practice counter-steering swerves, smooth throttle control, perfecting your feel of your friction zone, and stopping quickly.

While not essential, if you have any small cones or marking devices in your garage, it's very easy to set up a course for yourself so that you can weave, dodge, and practice measured figure 8's. This type of practice is like exercise; you're building muscle memory that will come in useful in all kinds of situations.

### 7. Ride More!

Get out there and take on the open road. This is the number one resolution for most riders, but getting there can be difficult. If you aren't spending as much time in the saddle as you would like, take a step back and ask why? Maybe you simply need to install saddlebags to take along your work clothes. Perhaps it's time to upgrade to a new bike that is better suited to your commute. More often than not, small changes are the ticket to more miles.

### 8. Plan A Trip

Getting out for an overnight trip will change the way you think about your motorcycle. The challenge of riding long distances is a great way to put your skills to the test. Try riding one of America's famous roads alone or with friends. We can hear the Canyons, the Tail of the Dragon, and the Beartooth Highway calling.

### 9. Attend A Bike Rally

We love the diversity of bikes that you see on the road, and for every single one, there's a **rally or festival that's worth attending**.

Even if you go alone, you'll likely leave with new friends. Rallies are places where people gather and talk about their bikes, share food and drink, and generally have a good time doing what they love.

### 10. Learn An Advanced Skill In Another Area

For street riders that have spent years chasing twisties, get out in the dirt. Whether you choose single-track dirt biking or flat track drifting, learning how to deal with loose surfaces can save you the next time you **hit** a patch of gravel on the road. The best part? Riding in the dirt is tons of fun.

### 11. Share Your Love Of Riding

When you truly love something, it's easy to want to share it. So make 2023 the year you help others discover the joys of riding. Get your significant other riding gear so they can come with you, or encourage a friend to learn how to ride.

If you feel extra evangelical about motorcycle riding, consider getting trained to teach a rider safety course. You'll help a whole new generation of riders develop crucial skills for the road.

## What are your New Year's resolutions?



## Your Action Matters! NHTSA Walberg Letter Sent

This week, thousands of American bikers contacted their elected officials to express concern about recent crashes involving motorcycles and cars believed to be in self-driving mode. Specifically, three crashes this summer, which occurred in California, Florida and Utah have been a major topic of conversation for the nearly 10 million motorcyclists in this country.

In response to outreach by constituents, Representative Tim Walberg of Michigan and 26 other members of Congress sent a bipartisan letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) seeking answers. The letter, delivered to Acting Administrator Ann Carlson, asked five basic questions regarding self-driving technology and motorcycles.

It is the hope of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), our members and partners that answers to questions like, *"Should motorcyclists take extra precautions when sharing the road with vehicles with self-driving technology?"* will shed light on the capabilities of this new technology.

American motorcyclists owe the following 27 Representatives, from 16 different states, our thanks. Their desire to seek answers and protect all roadway users makes all of us safer. **Thank you for your leadership on this issue!**

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- Rep. Jack Bergman – Michigan
- Rep. Mike Bost – Illinois
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## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 16, 2022

Ann Carlson  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Acting Administrator Carlson:

We and many of our constituents are troubled by recent media reports of certain vehicle manufacturers advertising that their vehicles have fully self-driving capabilities or fully autonomous vehicle modes, and the subsequent involvement of such vehicles in fatal crashes with motorcyclists. This summer, three separate incidents made news when motorcyclists were struck and killed by vehicles believed to be in self-driving mode.<sup>1</sup> While certainly the crashes in California, Florida and Utah all have unique circumstances, the one common denominator appears to be cars with self-driving technology and their ability to recognize, respond and react to motorcycles and their riders.

While we are pleased that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has launched an investigation into the crashes, we nevertheless have additional concerns which we hope you can now address.

1. Are manufacturers that sell vehicles advertised to have self-driving capabilities required to have their technology specifically account for motorcycles and motorcyclists? If not, why?
2. Do these crashes represent a statistical outlier or are motorcycles overly represented in the crash data involving self-driving cars?
3. Are other roadway users, including bicyclists and pedestrians, accounted for differently by this technology? If they are, how does that differ from requirements surrounding motorcyclists?
4. Are there discrepancies between manufacturers' self-driving technologies in how they identify motorcyclists and, if so, does NHTSA evaluate those differences?
5. Should motorcyclists take extra precautions when sharing the road with vehicles with self-driving technology?

The nearly 10 million motorcyclists on our nation's roadways deserve the same consideration as all other roadway users. Motorcycles play a key part of our transportation network. In a time of growing energy and economic uncertainty, motorcycles allow for fuel efficient and affordable transportation. For over a century motorcycling has been an iconic part of the fabric of America. Let's protect this very American tradition and ensure our roads remain safe for motorcyclists.

We look forward to your response to our request.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/17/business/tesla-motorcycle-crashes-autopilot/index.html>

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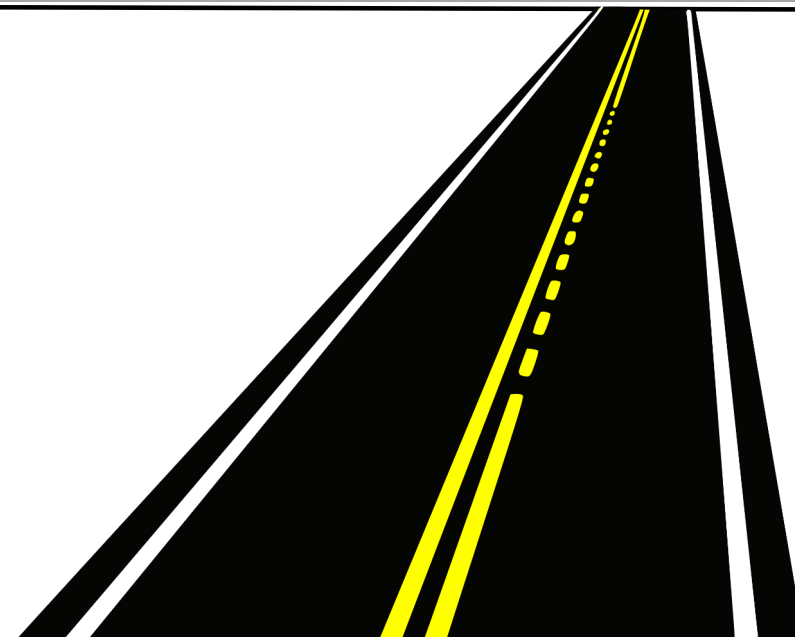
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# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



## What is A.B.A.T.E.?

We are a State Motorcycle Rights Organization (S.M.R.O.) dedicated to educating riders, drivers and elected officials about issues affecting motorcyclists. We help fund a political action committee (BikePAC) that directly interacts with the legislature about motorcycles issues and bills that affect us.



## What does "A.B.A.T.E." mean?

A.B.A.T.E. Stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. The organization was formed when legislators passed bills adversely affecting riders without consulting them. We also do business as A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education.



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