# April 2023 A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON

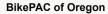
Dedicated to the freedom of the road!



Let those who ride, decide!

Mission Statement:

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



2023 Bills to watch

HB2426 AND THE POTENTIAL AMENDMENT Authorizes self-service dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids at retail dispensary.

HB 2707

Requires sentencing court to order person convicted of drunk driving offense that resulted in death of victim to pay restitution to surviving child of victim in form of child maintenance.

HB 2316

Expands offense of driving while under influence of intoxicants to include any substance that, when taken into human body, can impair the ability of person to operate vehicle safely.

BikePac of Oregon is an allvolunteer political action committee funded entirely through annual memberships and donations from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and other concerned individuals and groups. We do not hold poker runs, fund raisers, and so-forth to raise money. During legislative sessions we have one or more members lobbying in person for your rights as a rider at the Oregon State Capitol while the legislature is present in Salem. Our only public event is held the first Saturday in May each year on the Capitol steps.

To find your representative go here bikepacoforegon.com

Working to legalize motorcycle lane sharing in Oregon

LANE SHARE OREGON laneshareoregon@gmail.com SB422 passed Senate with a 27-2 vote and no verbal opposition March 2023, not to the end yet, but we are getting there.

LANE SHARE OREGON SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 422 FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Senate Bill 422 (SB422) is identical to 2021's SB574, which received exceptionally strong support from both the legislature and the motorcycling community; see below for a brief history of SB574.

We will need your help to pass SB422 - stay tuned for specific requests.

Please subscribe to our email list for more information. We'll never spam your inbox, we only communicate at strategic moments during campaign pushes. You can also contact laneshareoregon@gmail.co m with any questions.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF 2021'S SENATE BILL 574 Senate Bill 574 would have legalized a limited form of motorcycle lane filtering in Oregon. The bill: \* passed full Senate and House floor votes, with 3to-1 bipartisan majorities \* had 17 sponsors, with a nearly even split of Democrats and Republicans, House and Senate, from rural, urban, and suburban districts
\* received written support from over 600 Oregon motorcyclists
\* was endorsed by many Oregon businesses and organizations
\* received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Joint Committee on Transportation

GOVERNOR BROWN VETOED THE BILL ON MAY 26TH, CITING NUMEROUS CONCERNS, INCLUDING NONCOMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

Senate Bill 574 was one of the most widely supported bills in the current legislative session, a vivid illustration of elected officials successfully working together to support Oregonians.

Commenting on the veto, Senator Michael Dembrow, first Chief Sponsor of the bill, wrote "the Governor obviously has the responsibility of acting to promote public safety, and I generally agree with her actions towards that end. This time I think she's making a mistake."



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Call 503.838.6893 for more information

Please be patient, call backs can take a couple of days

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



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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

CENTRAL OREGON (CentOr)

**DOUGLAS COUNTY (DC)** 

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

4th Weds 6:00 pm Round Table Pizza, 2040 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg

**NEW MEETING PLACE** 

541.294.1123 Susie Wentworth jsbecker11@yahoo.com

Passcode: 421459

**HUB CITY (HC)** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 6:00 pm social hr. Pop's Branding Iron, 901 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany 541.514.1393

7:00 pm meeting

Adam Karch - Coordinator

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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 17th St., Astoria

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)

1st Sun 12:00 noon M&M Restaurant & Lounge, 137 N. Main, Gresham 503.285.43293

3rd Sun 12:00 noon

TWO RIVERS (TR)

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

Bill Foster

WASHINGTON COUNTY (WaCo)

2<sup>ND</sup> Mon 7:00 pm NEW! Prime Time Restaurant, 4450 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove 4<sup>th</sup> Mon 7:00 pm NEW! Hillsboro Elks, 21865 NW Quatama St., Hillsboro

Contact A.B.A.T.E. to get involved! e-mail: pr@abateoforegon.net website: www.abateoforegon.net 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** 

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All VACANT positions are up for grabs. We need our membership to step up and help support our goals in these positions.

If you are not familiar with what the position details, give us a call and we'd be happy to go over what each one details.

Thank you for your support.



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

March 11, 2023 Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill, 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 Joy Reves @ 1225. Ten (10) chapters were represented. 10 of the Ten (10) chapters in attendance were eligible to vote. Chapters Excused: none Unexcused: none Guests &/or first time attendees.

Welcome everyone.

Bill From Two Rivers chapter made a motion to accept the minutes printed in last month's monthly ABATE newspaper. Second by Bob from the .Hub City chapter. Corrections? No Accepted?

Note: (EB) = Executive Board (EB) Coordinator: Joy Reyes coordinator@abateoforegon.net

**Opening comments:** We all need to work together. If you have a complaint, grievance etc., call her or email her personally. This talking about it with others solves nothing. Call her and let her know what's going on so she can help resolve it. Joy has been invited to speak with the neighboring ABATE organizations. These include ABATE of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. A multi-state rally is being talked about with these states for 2024. More to come as the details emerge. After the "meet & greet" she'll ask for volunteers to form a committee. Tee commented on us having a membership booth at all the events.

(EB) Vice Coordinator (N): VACANT vcn@abateoforegon.net

(EB) Vice Coordinator (S): VACANT vcs@abateoforegon.net

(EB) Vice Coordinator (E): Ed Miller (pro tem) vce@abateoforegon.net . Ed noted it had finally stopped snowing over in the east around Redmond.

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield vcal@abateoforegon.net Jack had nothing to report

(EB) Recording Secretary: Deb Rheault-Kasner secretary@abateoforegon.net Deb stated that Viking has sent multiple emails, first requesting that they will send



us some products in exchange for an advertising link on our website. We've had issues with them in the

past. I think my response was pretty straight and to the point. I invited them to be a vendor at any of our events and supplied them with the ABATE website address. I also invited them to become an advertiser in our monthly newspaper and supplied them with that email

(EB) Membership Secretary: Glenna Grosen membership@abateoforegon.net We have five (5) new members, six (6) renewals and sixty-four (64) expired. A total of 599 current members. (EB) Treasurer: Karen Tolle

treasurer@abateoforegon.net As of 2/28/23 \$41472.85 Savings 6030.13 Checking 395.89 Paypal \$47898.87 Combined

(EB) Sanctioning Officer: Cindy Witmer sanctioning@abateoforegon.net Why are we paying for Insurance when it's not needed? The only events that actually need insurance are Campouts, Swap meets and anything that has to do with Motorcycle games. Poker runs don't need additional insurance. You are covered by your own personal vehicle/ motorcycle insurance policy. Take this back to your chapter and ask them if they feel we should or should not continue to pay for insurance that shouldn't be needed?

**OLD BUSINESS: 1.** Research prices to send Joy & Bill to Heartland STEAM. Monies would be transferred from the Meeting of the Minds budget. 2. Need a date for the transfer of ABATE products to the new storage facility. 3. We need an answer in regards to helping out one of our Officers with temporary funds to be able to get to the monthly meetings. #1. Bill, Joy and Tee would like to go to The Meeting of the Minds this year in September instead of The Heartland STEAM. #2. Karen and Deb will pick up the products from Troy after today's meeting. #3. Karen brought a copy of the Policies and Procedures, Travel Expenses, document from the current Operations Manual which states:

A: The State Board is responsible for reimbursing the travel expenses incurred by: State Officers for

ABATE related travel.

Any other person(s) for ABATE related travel authorized by the State Board. **NEW BUSINESS: 1.** ZOOM. The ZOOM platform is an asset. The audio needs an OMNI directional microphone to operate correctly. Deb & Cindy said they would bring what they have to the next meeting. Todd noted that all the background noises in the room make it difficult to hear what's going on. 2. As discussed in the last meeting, Troy Stevens, past president of ABATE of Oregon and Rick Prentice need to be **removed** from signers on the State's bank account(s). Joy Reves, currently voted in president of ABATE of Oregon and Jack Wingfield need to be added as signers on the ABATE checking account(s) at OnPoint Credit Union.

State Auditor: VACANT auditor@abateoforegon.net

Newspaper Editor: "T" Velazquez news@abateoforegon.net She'd like to go to the Meeting of the Minds in September. Tee commended James for his continued hard work at keeping our website up to date and all the hard work he does for us. Advertising request. Please take this up with your chapters and get back to her next month. Do we want to allow political like paid advertising in our monthly newspaper? If so, should we place a disclaimer saying something like "ABATE of Oregon does not endorse any political party or person(s) in it's newspaper". All opinions from advertisers are solely those from the paid advertisement." Or something like that. Talk it over with your chapter & send back your answer next month with your State chapter representative.

**Public Relations**: Troy Stevens pr@abateoforegon.net Nothing to report It was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that protocol was not followed in regards to the ABATE Facebook page and the removal of people and other entities in regards to our "Media Guidelines". See under Motions.

Web Page Editor: James Niece webmaster@abateoforegon.net The site is up to date. The Chapter pages are up to date with the exception of two (2) chapters, Lincoln county and River City. There is a new link for reaching the Chapters now. It is:

<u>chapters@abateoforegon.net</u> There are now 117 pages of information on the website.

State swap meet Coordinator: Jimmy Kasner <a href="mailto:swapmeet@abateoforegon.net">swapmeet@abateoforegon.net</a> Jimmy is attending the two (2) swap meets in April to familiarize himself with how they are set up and run.

FOSSIL Coordinator: Dave & Cindy Witmer fossil@abateoforegon.net Dave handed out to the Chapter reps. Two (2) tickets to Fossil. They can do what they feel best with them. Maybe raffle them at a meeting or ??. Bill asked if the medical supplies were up to date and Cindy said all of that was in place along with a certified medical person. Bill said he would be there for security along with Jimmy.

**Products Committee:** Temporary Product storage, Deb. Product ordering, Karen & Joy products@abateoforegon.net Deb and Karen will be picking up the stuff from Troy's garage after the meeting. Education Director: "T" Velazquez education@abateoforegon.net She's looking forward to the Women's International ride in May. Legislative Director: Bob Thomas

<u>legislative@abateoforegon.net</u> The committee for SB 422 is now meeting weekly. There have been 669 pieces of written letters of support on this Bill. (SB422 Lane Sharing). HB 2316 is being

BikePAC Rep. for ABATE: Bob Thomas www.bikepacoforegon.com For health reasons, Doug Tiller, Executive Director for BikePAC of Oregon must resign. When guestioned about the Helmet bill, Bob said he would follow up on the Helmet repeal or amendment next session. May 6th is the Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem.

MRF Representative: Bill Foster MRF@abateoforegon.net New pressure is mounting on Autonomous Vehicles and their lack of safety. The California DMV wants to issue permits for these cars.

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Board Minutes continued...

Bill will be submitting his first report for Oregon to the MRF magazine. For more information of what the MRF is doing nationally go to: <a href="https://www.mrf.org">www.mrf.org</a>

Sergeant at Arms (N): Jimmy Kasner sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net. Things seem pretty quiet. If you have anything to report, send it to him. If you need security let him know. He will be at Fossil to help out with security and anything else they may need.

Sergeant at Arms (S): Bill Foster <a href="mailto:sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net">sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net</a> . He will be at Fossil.

Sergeant at Arms (E): VACANT sgteast@abateoforegon.net

Historian: Deb Rheault Kasner historian@abateoforegon.net NOT MUCH TO REPORT AT THIS TIME Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore quartermaster@abateoforegon.net no

report

Motions: There are two (2). #1. A Motion made by Bob (Hub City chapter) to make our annual donation of \$5,000.00 dollars to BikePAC for legislative purposes.

Second by Bill (Two Rivers chapter). In Favor Ten (10). Against Zero (0). Motion

Favor Ten (10). Against Zero (0). Motion passed. #2 A Motion made by Jack (Lincoln county chapter) to have the Administrator of the ABATE Facebook page reinstate access to BikePAC. Both parties shall only post information related

to motorcyclists and legislature as it

pertains to ABATE and BikePAC. In Favor Eight (8). Against Two (2). Motion passed.

Closing comments: \* Jack would like to keep supporting BikePAC as long as they keep moving forward. \*Glenna will insert a note in the Lifetime members renewal notices that their spouse or significant other is eligible for a discounted membership price.

Announcements: 4/1/23, Long John Poker run, Lincoln county chapter. 4/8/23, Easter Poker run, Douglas county chapter. 4/15/23, N. Coast Spring run. 4/22/23, Teddy Bear parade and Poker run, River City chapter. 4/23/23, Motorcycle Swap Meet SE Portland chapter. 4/29 & 30th, the 26th Annual

Motorcycle Swap Meet and Bike show Josephine county chapter.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS April 8, 2023

Stay up to date at our website: www.abateoforegon.net

Motion to adjourn made by Crow (WaCo) Second by Bob (Hub City). Adjourn 1513 (3:13pm) 3/11/23 Deb Rheault Kasner secretary@abateoforegon.net





### Mission

The Vote Before Tolls Committee exists to give Oregon voters direct input on state and local tolling decisions.

Congestion Tolling on the I-205 Corridor (near West Linn/ Oregon City) and on I-5 (near the Rose Quarter) is being considered as a result of Oregon Legislation HB 2017 where tolling was identified to help fund selected Transportation needs and projects.

We are working to organize and empower citizens to have a voice and a vote, on these and future tolling decisions!

### About Us

The Vote Before Tolls Committee is a grassroots, citizendriven non-partisan statewide effort.

### Goals

Legislation calling for a public vote on highway tolls before they go into effect

ODOT transparency on their decision processes, toll amounts, use of funds, and plans for sunsetting of tolls

An open discussion as to how tolls fit into ODOT's short- and long-term funding strategy for local and state-wide projects

### **Beliefs**

Highway tolls are a new form of taxation in Oregon

Automobiles, trucks, bicycles, public transit, and sidewalks serve different, but co-existing transportation needs.

The current Oregon Tolling Proposal

Is not equitable and places a disproportionate financial and traffic burden on segments of citizenry and businesses

Is a gateway to expanded and permanent tolling across the Portland tri-county region ... and the rest of the state

votebeforetolls.org

Hello fellow riders, I am excited that SPRING is coming and it's going to be here in no time. With all this crazy weather we've had this winter there are a lot of motorcyclists that ride all year round. I have to give them folks kudos for riding in all kinds of weather and to be extra safe on the road. Soon we will all be out there riding again on the roads. Check out all the events on the schedule!

ABATE and BikePac have been working on Senate Bill SB422 for lane sharing in Oregon. There was a public hearing on 2/22 in the Legislative session. We also have the self-serve fueling proposal in Oregon for everyone, including motorcyclists to fill their own gas tanks. Another bill from ODOT Tolling Bridge law in Oregon, ALL bridges in Oregon will have a toll to cross. No Toll Army is working on a proposal to help stop this from happening, it's going to take ALL Oregonians drivers and motorcyclists with signatures.

Also want to make a point that ABATE of Oregon is revising the bylaws for clearer understanding for the organization. ABATE of Oregon was started decades ago to help motorcyclist and their rights and the laws to help protect them on the road, motorcycle, safety, and awareness and education to our communities is really / important but we also have FUN at our events throughout the tata and in our chapters. It's really important to have FUN in the 🤇 organization that you truly believe in and to help out al motorcyclist on the roads in Oregon.

Everyone have fun and be safe out there and most of all enjoy motor well riding!

Joy Reyes State Coordinator

## STATE MEMBERSHIP

We welcome five new members in February.

There were six renewals. Total members are 599, with 25 involved in multiple chapters. Expired numbers are at 64. Give your rosters a good look, I don't think I missed anything but these numbers make me wonder. Thanks.

Paypal is the quickest route to renew or join ABATE of Oregon, Inc. That's as quick as checking the computer every couple daze. A check works perfect, just give it a couple more weeks because the mailman needs to bring it to the ABATE mailbox, be picked up by

a member, and with a lot more teamwork, get to its destination.

I met with Lori Vaughn, our

American Income AD&D insurance rep We'll be mailing a letter to members regarding benefits. Naming a beneficiary is a good idea.

Hope to see you this summer and at a few meetings too!

Glenna Membership Secretary



# See ya in the wind~

## **NEWSMAG EDITOR**

Happy Spring and Happy Riding! I heard that a few folks down south received the newsmag with a few pages smeared. If you ever have problems with the paper, please let me know right away! There's a chance we can get a new one to you. Also, if you have an article or pictures you would like share, please send to news@abateoforegon.net.



# STATE RUN COORDINATOR

Fossil is coming together better then what we expected. We have some new vendors and some that are coming back after missing a couple of years. We are getting calls almost daily asking how they can help. It is exciting to see how everyone is willing to pitch in and be part of the Fossil 2023 team.

Cindy and I felt lost last year as we had to stay home recovering from my open heart surgery.

We are excited and ready for fossil to begin so we can connect with everyone we missed last year!

You can buy your tickets at fossilcampout.com

Looking forward to Memorial Day weekend 2023

Dave and Cindy Witmer **Fossil Coordinators** 360-560-6403



### STATE TREASURER

No report

### CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Well, Hello Everyone,

Just so you people on the wet side of the Mountains know, We on this side of the mountains continue to see white stuff falling out of the sky! That tends to put a damper on the riding, and I for one don't like it. Maybe that is why my search for somewhere to retire has been back home to Texas. It is currently snowing as I type this report, don't get me wrong, we need the water.

I see that everyone is busy, trying to get some legislation passed, to keep us as free as we can be in this state. So, everyone needs to keep the emails and phone calls going to our representatives and let them know we want and need their support on these issues.

We are looking into some bigger raffle prizes, for Teddy Bear Run in September. Maybe it will attract more riders and we can break the 200 bike goal I have always wanted to achieve.

That's All For Now

Ride Fast Ride Free Ride Far

Ed Miller Coordinator, Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon

# Douglas Co. Chapter

Hello from Sunny (today) Douglas County. Spring is here, but I'm not sure Mother Nature got the memo. Regardless, we are looking forward to the upcoming Easter Poker Run on April 8th. We have some fun surprises planned for the day and we hope to see all here. Invite a friend, and introduce them to ABATE.

As our ride season is about to go into full swing, I would encourage you to invite riders you know, who are not familiar with ABATE, or are not yet members to ride along with you to ABATE events. Many who are interested in ABATE ask what it is that ABATE does, and why is it important? There is some great information in the Member Handbook. If you have been a member for a while, you may not know where your copy is. It is available on the ABATE of Oregon



web page, just click on "Documents" tab on the banner at the top. Take a minute to refresh your memory so you can explain. Also, if you would like, ask your chapter to get some printed copies for reference or to share.

Just a reminder...Douglas County Chapter meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza in Roseburg. Hope to see you soon.

Ride safe, ride sober, ride educated,

Becky Garino Secretary

### HUB CITY CHAPTER

Welcome to a warm dry spring:-) Sure maybe I'm overly optimistic writing this in February on a day when it's 30 degrees outside, but we've got to have a dream. Get out there and ride every chance

you get, love some good wind therapy.

Many thanks to everyone who was able to come out in support of our Chilly Buns ride on February 19th. We had over double the participation from last year, the weather helped a lot with that. Everyone had a great time and some cool prizes were given. Our next ride is July 15th. It will be a combination Adventure/Street ride with different routes for each. Watch for details as the time draws closer at <a href="https://www.nuber.com">https://www.nuber.com</a> and on Facebook.

On April 29th we will be cleaning up the section of Highway 34 that Hub City



sponsors. Where and when to meet coming soon to our FB page & website.

May 6 is the Rider Awareness Rally at the state capit

ol. It's a great time to get together and show our elected officials that we are here and we are paying attention to what they are doing. Please do what you can to fit this event into your schedule. The weather was against it last year so the numbers were pretty low, hopefully we can turn that around this year.

Be safe out there, just because you think they are out to kill you, doesn't mean they aren't :-)

Casey Beighley
Run Coordinator



Are you a member?
Do you have something you'd wished you could sell?

List it FREE in the A.B.A.T.E. Newsmag! Contact news@abateoforegon.net



# JOSEPHINE CO. CHAPTER

Hello from Josephine County. We had 15 members attending our February meeting at the Fruitdale Grange. We welcomed a new member to our chapter, Janice Jensen, signed up at the meeting.

We are busy planning for our 25th Annual Spring Swap Meet and Bike Show on April 29th and 30th at Pottsville, in Merlin. It is coming up

fast and we still have some spaces open for vendors, so if you have parts you want to sell, give our vendor coordinator, Cathy, a call (541-659-8206). We expect a crowd and hope to see you there.

We are also planning a Lakeside Picnic and ride to Lake Selmac on Sunday, June 4th. We will serve food at 1 pm. Come and join us for fellowship and food after an enjoyable ride.

SOS Campout is in the planning stage. Put it on your calendar for the weekend of July 28 – 30. It was loads of fun last year and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Our annual Poker Run to the Coast well be on August 5th. We will ride from Grants Pass to Brookings and have lunch at Brookings.

Please come out and join us on the ride.

We invite you to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6pm, at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Dr. Grants Pass. Our March meeting will be a dessert pot luck. Come and join us.

Jackie Kilpatrick Chapter Secretary

# NORTH COAST CHAPTER

Hopefully we will get a turn in the weather soon and be able to enjoy the great outdoors. But first check your ride, how are those tires? Properly inflated and in good condition, brakes in good working order, lights, turn signals BRAKE light etc. let's not think anyone is looking for us, make sure we are seen.

Before you give the guy the bird who just pulled out in front of you, feel sorry for him, sitting in an air conditioned heated car, radio blasting, talking on his phone, POOR BUZZARD. Then you go around him wind in your face, bugs in your teeth, and a smile on your face. And say God bless you, my day is great.

Meanwhile back on the coast we have made a reservation for good weather on the 15th of April for our spring opener run. (Waiting for confirmation on the reservation ) so you might prepare for spring weather. KSU Buoy 9 at 11AM and ends at the Astoria Moose. Stops to be announced at the beginning of ride, weather dependent.

Around saddle mountain run is the 17th of June and don't forget Fossil camp out is less than three months out so mark your calendar and don't miss the fun and brotherhood or sisterhood.

Remember if you don't have something good to say or productive, keep it to yourself.

Keep the shiny side up and support your fellow riders, thanks to all that keep this group going . We have a great group here on the North Coast and thanks to all those who have stepped up to keep this outstanding chapter going.

Sincerely Allan Schumacher Coordinator North Coast Abate

# LINCOLN CO. CHAPTER

No Report

# RIVER CITY CHAPTER

Our annual Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run held in conjunction with the Northwest Cherry Festival on April 22 continues to be a work in progress. We anticipate The Dalles bridge to be open but unsure of the condition the surface will be in so our route may keep us on the Oregon side this year. Hoping all of our motorcycle family will be able to join us for this great season opener!

Our bi-annual road clean-up on March 12 went well. We collected around 10 bags of trash and a couple piles of waste for pick up. We had 5 hearty souls make it out. We stayed dry and mostly warm. The item most found seemed to be mini alcohol bottles. We went to lunch after and had a fun time swapping stories about bad roads and bad weather while traveling on our bikes. We will plan another outing in September. Come join us if you missed your chance this time and want to get in on the fun and excitement.

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023!

May the wind be always at your back.... Laura "Dilli" River City Chapter Secretary

The River City Chapter of ABATE of Oregon meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.
Location: The Shilo Inn Suites The Dalles, 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way.



### SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

### Legislative:

An amended version of SB 422 (SB 422A),

passed out of committee with a do-pass recommendation. When the bill goes to the floor for a vote, it will be time to contact your state Senator and voice support.

The self-serve fuel bill is moving forward as well.

Social media:

Our Southeast Portland Chapter Instagram Page launched on 03/08/23. We currently have 54 followers. It is growing daily. It can be found by searching Portland abate on Instagram.

**Public Relations:** 

Thanks to Roger, Rena, Craig, Rob, Jack & Lori, Brad, Crow, Glenna & Cooper from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

(And anyone I forgot in my pain-addled stupor) for helping making the roadster show outreach a great success. Also, Lorely, Dave & Steve from vote before tolls, and the rest of the No Toll Army for their help. We are invited back to the 2024 roadster show as well.

We will need volunteers for staffing our booth at the PIR Auto Swap Meet Thursday March 30th, Friday March 31st and Saturday April 1st.

If I overlooked anyone or anything, I apologize and will make amends as soon as possible. Or, by the next chapter meeting.

Together, we are moving forward.

Dave

# Two Rivers Chapter

Our updated membership shows that we have 11 paid members and are very much needing more. We still have no chapter fundraisers for 2023 due to lack of members. if a member from another chapter wants to pay the extra \$5 to join our chapter please do so. We need all the support we can get.

Will Foster hapter Secretary



### WASHINGTON CO. CHAPTER

Attention Wash. Co. Chapter members of ABATE: Our meetings on Monday nights are now scheduled to begin at 7pm! Hint to our lovely newspaper editor; Our regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd Monday, which is the Run Committee meeting and also the regular Wash. Co. Chapter membership meeting held on the 4th Monday will both be starting at 7pm. No longer 7:30pm!

Here I am writing this up and will probably forget and show up late feeling like - Uh Oh how did I forget that? It got voted on at the last general membership meeting. Hey Now, You're all invited to come and join in the fun.

Daylight Savings time starts Saturday night the 11th of March 2023 or Sunday morning the 12th to be technically correct. Spring forward one hour. Does it really change anything? Aren't we humans funny? We are such creatures of habit and are so easily manipulated. We will be used to the time change in a few days and before you know it we will be talking about the changes that take place in the fall and how we will once again set the clocks back an hour to Pacific Standard time.

Is it just me or do you notice that many people driving vehicles seem to be out of their minds? Just about every time I get out on the road I witness a driver being wildly reckless. I really try to just travel down the road to arrive safely at a destination but in so doing am often times a viewer of unsafe driving practices. Serenity now, serenity now!

Goody goody, soon the weather should warm up, dry out and be beckoning the two wheeled motorized cycle to come hither out on the hardtop funway. Just imagine riding toward the west at sunset in warm, dry weather with light

(or no) traffic and the music of that Vtwin serenade vibrating ecstasy into your itching ears. Oh Yeah!

Many props to those stalwarts who continue to ride all year long. If you are doing that here in the northwest you are tough. Thanks for the

example that you set.

Just learned this at our membership meeting at the end of February; ABATE will have a booth at both the Portland Roadster Show Fri., Sat. & Sun. the 17th, 18th & 19th of March

2023 and the PIR Auto Swap Meet to be held March 30th, 31st & April 1st 2023. Volunteers needed.

Sorry that you are reading this after the fact. Could I be so bold as to invite all members and friends to come to our meetings? We need you!

We are going to see a push in Salem to get a Lane Sharing/Filtering bill through both the House and Senate then signed by our new Governor. Won't that be nice?

Also, we will be advocating that IP4 make it on the ballot in 2024 to give us, THE PEOPLE, a chance to vote and show the State of Oregon government that we DON'T want tolls placed on our roads! Signatures are being gathered. We have the power to be heard. If we don't stand up and squawk no one will do it for us. ABATE can make a difference. The same goes for BikePAC. BikePAC lobbies for us. All riders can help by simply joining ABATE and BikePAC.

Thanks a bunch, Ride Hard Cooper



# **2023 ABATE EVENTS**

(dates and times subject to change)

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month - State Board Meeting at Cidicci's Pizza, Albany, OR

4/1	Lincoln County Run	Lincoln County Chapter
4/15	Spring Run	North Coast Chapter
4/13	Easter Run	Douglas County Chapter
4/22	Teddy Bear Parade & Poker Run	River City Chapter
4/23	Swap Meet	SE Portland Chapter
4/29-4/30	Swap Meet	Josephine County Chapter
4/28-5/30	Safety Banner	Hub City Chapter
5/1	May Awareness Rally	State of ABATE Supported
5/20	Poker Run	SE Portland Chapter
5/25-5/29	Fossil Camp out	State of Oregon ABATE
6/3	Rocks, Lakes and Bridges	Central Oregon Chapter
6/4	Picnic	Josephine County Chapter
6/11	Roll and Ride	Washington County Chapter
6/16	The Don Mason Memorial	Hub City Chapter
0/10	BaseballGame at Goss Stadium OSU	Trub City Chapter
6/17	Around Saddle Mountain Run	North Coast Chapter
6/24	Thundering Water Run	Douglas County Chapter
6/24	Downed Riders Poker Run	SE Portland Chapter
6/29-7/17	Safety Banner	Hub City Chapter
7/15	Roll and Ride	Hub City Chapter
7/15 7/15	Scavenger Hunt	Washington County Chapter
7/13 7/28-7/30	SOS Campout	Josephine County Chapter
8/5	Run to the Coast	Josephine County Chapter
8/5	To Broke For Sturgis Run	North Coast Chapter
8/11-8/13	Beaver Creek Campout	Lincoln County Chapter
8/19	End of the Summer Run	Washington County Chapter
8/26	Poker Run	SE Portland Chapter
9/16	Teddy Bear Run	Central Oregon Chapter
9/16	Poker Run	Lincoln City Chapter
9/23	Picnic	SE Portland Chapter
10/7	Toy Run	Josephine County Chapter
10/7	Annual Planning Meeting-Cottage G	
11/18	Toy Run	Washington County
11/18	Spaghetti Feed	North Coast Chapter
12/9	Chili feed and Run	North Coast Chapter
12/3	Cilii leed dilu kuli	North Coast Chapter











A.B.A.T.E of Oregon **Southeast Portland Chapter** 

**Motorcycle Swap Meet** 

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Elks Lodge 142

13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie OR 97222

Admission \$5 per person

Vendors Setup 8:00AM to 10:00AM \$30 for each 10 X 10 space Tailgaters \$20 per space

Contact: Roger 503-285-4329 Email: swapmeet@abatese.net Visit our website: www.abatese.net

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> A.B.A.T.E Josephine County Chapter 25th Annual

SOUTHERN OREGON **MOTORCYCLE SWAP** 



Saturday April 29th - Sunday April 30th, 2023

Pottsville Museum - Home of Oregon Memories 2400 Pleasant Valley Rd - Merlin Exit 61 off I-5

Free Bike Show - Saturday American & Metric Registration 10 AM - Noon

Show Noon - 3 PM

**NEW & USED PARTS LEATHER GOODS CLOTHING / GIFTS** 

ENTRY FEE \$ 5.00/DAY

Fri: setup: noon - 7 pm Sat: Gate open 9 am - 7 pm Sun: Gate open 9 am - 5 pm

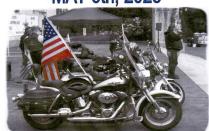
General Info: Call Karen 541-660-8730

Vendor Info: Call Cathy 541-659-8206

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Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Rally MAY 6th, 2023







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

**Southeast Portland Chapter** 

# SPRING POKER RUN

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

# M &M Restaurant & Lounge

137 N Main Ave, Gresham, OR

10am check-in, 11:00 last bike out

\$5 per Hand \* Raffle \* 50/50





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# A.B.A.T.E. MRF REPRESENTATIVE

My name is Bill Foster, I am the new MRF rep for Oregon. I will try to put a report in the A.B.A.T.E. newsletter when I have new information about what is going on legislatively on the federal level. My hope is that all of the chapters in A.B.A.T.E. would become sustaining members of the MRF.

Dec. 23, 2022: House passes House Resolution 366. Motorcyclist Profiling Resolution. 1st introduced in 2016 with only 18 cosponsors, now there are 103 cosponsors. Washington., Maryland, Louisiana, Idaho, and New Hampshire already have no-profiling laws. Also, the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed to a 1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill that funds the Federal government through September 2023. Attached to the 4,155 page is a request by Congress to learn more about the profiling of motorcyclists. As it is written, the committee is concerned that NHTSA may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

Feb. 18, 2023: The United States Capitol Building is open for business for the first time since January 6<sup>th</sup>. The public can visit again.

Feb. 20, 2023: Pressure mounts on the federal government to act on self-driving cars. Tesla will recall 362,000 vehicles equipped with its Full Self-Driving (FSD) Beta software. This comes after US regulators said that the driver assistance system did not adequately adhere to traffic safety laws and could cause crashes. The NHTSA said that the software may not respond to posted speed limits and may cause cars to drive through intersections in an "unlawful or unpredictable manner".

Before July 1, 2023: Each year the MRF seeks young people 30 years old or younger to apply for the Young Activist Scholarship Award. Successful applicants will receive a free trip to the Meeting of the Minds, airfare, hotel room and a one-year membership with MRF. Application form and related requirements are found at www.mrfae.org

Bill Foster MRF Representative A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon http://team-oregon.org/



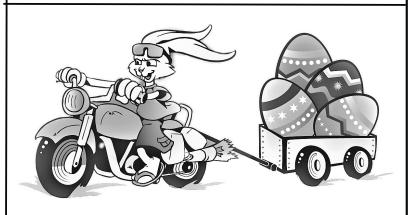
To celebrate FEMALE RIDERS and International Female Ride Day, TEAM Oregon has many female instructors who want to reach out to lady riders. We are planning on holding one ALL female Intermediate Riders Course (Road Riding Tactics) in Eugene Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, taught by TEAM Oregon's awesome female instructors.

# Contact me if you are interested as we don't have this online yet and space is limited!

You may see us at one of the many motorcycle dealerships promoting women riders and answering any and all questions regarding motorcycle training.

Never ridden before? No problem!
Always wanted to learn to ride? Here's your chance!
Have questions but were afraid to ask? We are here for you!

Theresa "T" Velazquez
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By Andy Tarnoff Published Feb 14, 2023 at 7:10 AM



It took a meandering route to get back its "home," but the original 1947 Harley-Davidson Knucklehead that Fonzie rode in the first season of "Happy Days" is on its way to Milwaukee.

The bobber, now owned by George Roeder, Jr. of Monroeville, Ohio, is coming to town for its first motorcycle show appearance this Saturday

and Sunday at Mama Tried. Roeder, himself a former flat-track racer, restored Fonzie's bike and is putting it on display at the event, which takes place at the Eagles Ballroom all weekend long.77.5K

Astute readers may be thinking that Fonzie <u>rode a Triumph bike</u> in "Happy Days," but he didn't in the first season. Actor Henry Winkler, who didn't know how to ride a motorcycle, found the original Knucklehead to be too large, so set designers swapped it for smaller bikes in the second through 11th seasons.

Additionally, the prop team modified the bike from a hand-shifter to a foot-shifter. "I'm sure Henry Winkler would've been been way out left field with a hand shift," says Roeder.

After Fonzie was done with this particular model, the bike found its way onto other TV shows and movies, including "M.A.S.H." and "Every Which Way But Loose."

So how did it get to Ohio?

Roeder had heard for years about the "Fonzie" bike in the possession of a racing engine builder, and after inquiring about it, the owner had offered it to him for sale. Roeder thoroughly vetted the bike through a chain of custody supplied to him by the former owner. Eventually, through a series of trades, it wound up in his hands

"I got a real good deal on it," says Roeder, who watched old "Happy Days" episodes to prep himself for the restoration. "I just happened to be in the right spot at the right time." Roeder says he doesn't consider himself a "Happy Days" super fan, nor does he think Winkler is aware of the bike's restoration, but he admits he did watch the show growing up, and as a life-long racer, he and his dad visited the Harley factory in Milwaukee as a kid.

So, he's excited to bring the Knucklehead back to its "home," and will show off the motorcycle for the first time, complete with a cardboard cutout of Arthur Fonzarelli. But Roeder doesn't restore bikes just to look at them. Even though he recently acquired the motorcycle (when he got it, it resembled the version in "Every Which Way But Loose), he did take it out on the road last summer and plans to again when the weather warms up. "I'm pretty excited about it," says Roeder. "I built it to ride."

Mama Tried Motorcycle Show is an indoor invitational that has become the largest winter motorcycle rally in the country. Keeping the fire stoked all winter long, the show features more than 100 motorcycles (of all brands) from builders from around the world — flat-tracker, hill climber, chopper and bar hopper. In addition to the "Fonzie bike," the show will display the Danger Dans globe-traversing Pan American, and Japanese Builder Masao Inoue's 1941 Harley Davidson Knucklehead. The curated invitational showcases the commonality in road, race, chopper, stunt and all-around unusual custom builds. Tickets are available at mamatriedshow.com.

### 5 Tips for Riding a Motorcycle in the Rain

Because if done right, it can actually be fun! Does the thought of riding in the wet make your mouth go dry? Riding your motorcycle in the rain can be safe and—dare we say it—even fun, as long as you're prepared with the right skill set and gear. What exactly should you expect when riding in the rain, and what adjustments should you make as you ride?

Tip 1: Choose the right gear

Good waterproof apparel, like a rainsuit (twopiece or one), gloves, boots, and perhaps an electric heated vest, can keep you warm and dry in even the most persistent storm, which is the first key to enjoying a day spent in the rain. High-vis isn't the most stylish, but in conditions of reduced visibility it increases the chance that other drivers will see you, something to keep in mind as you shop for gear. Waterproof gear tends to add warmth on its own, but if rain is in the forecast, consider bringing multiple thinner layers that you can add if you get chilly. Another oft-overlooked piece of the gear puzzle is the helmet, which should be equipped with an anti-fog visor (i.e., Pinlock), a breath guard, or even a visor with electric defrost function. And either leave the tinted shield at home or bring along a clear spare; the last thing you need is a darkened view of a wet road. Keep your visor down and closed at all times if possible. Once rain or moisture gets inside it will be very difficult to defog.

Whatever combination of gear you end up with, make sure that it doesn't intrude on your riding or distract you in any way. For example, you can't work the controls with frozen fingers, but an extra-warm pair of gloves may be too bulky and not much better. Similarly, a neck warmer may be nice and toasty but limit you from turning your head enough for a shoulder check. You may have to search to find the right gear, but you should be able to find a nice balance between comfort and practicality for the conditions you intend to ride in. Finally, if your wet-weather riding includes commuting, keep a change of clothes ready at work—just in case.

Tip 2: Ride smoother and smarter

There is one word to remember when riding in the rain: smooth. When it's wet outside, everything you do on your motorcycle should be smooth, from throttle adjustments to braking to cornering. There's a reason today's motorcycles often include a Rain mode that cuts power and perhaps even smooths out the throttle mapping and/or increases ABS and traction control intervention.

Even with modern rider aids, roll on and off the throttle gently, and use your lean angle sparingly. Keeping your bike as upright as possible will reduce the chances of it sliding out from underneath you if you hit a slick spot. Increase your following distance and use your engine to help decelerate, braking smoothly (there's that word again) instead of stabbing at the lever.

### Tip 3: Be wary of intersections



Intersections are dangerous enough when you're on a motorcycle, and unfortunately the rain makes things worse. They're a collection of hazards: slippery oil spots where cars stop and idle, painted lines that can become like ice when wet (see next tip), and of course plenty of drivers who might not be paying as much attention as you.

Roundabouts are especially tricky, and can be slippery not just at the entrances and exits but also throughout the circle. Approach slowly to avoid having to brake suddenly, stay smooth, and limit your lean, and you'll come out the other side right side up.

Tip 4: Watch out for surprises.

When it's wet out, situations that are nearly harmless in the dry can turn into unpleasant surprises. Keep an eye out for manhole covers, sealer pavement (tar snakes), painted lines, and fallen leaves, all of which are like black ice when they're wet. If and when you do encounter any of these traction inhibitors, check first if there is a line that you could easily take around them. If not, resist braking or accelerating hard and roll over them without making any aggressive inputs.

Note that in case you do have to change your line or turn over a greasy section, it's important to keep your hands relaxed on the handlebars and don't lean the bike any more than necessary. Standing water is another potential hazard and is especially dangerous on the freeway where speeds may prevent you from slowing in time to avoid hydroplaning. Water will of course pool at low points, which on freeways is often the leftmost lane where the concrete barrier prevents it from draining. Avoid using that lane and watch cars ahead of you for signs of water spray so you can spot problem areas in advance.

Tip 5: Find a dry line

Although this may seem obvious, it is amazing how many people we see riding in an area of the lane that is wet even though an adjacent area is dry. Dry pavement offers superior traction and maneuverability, so make sure you continually place yourself in the driest section of the lane (typically where the car tire tracks are).

Over time, and as you practice these riding tips, you will find that rain riding (and even touring) can actually be satisfying, not to mention make you a better and more confident rider. Sure, each ride will vary, with city riding in stormy weather almost always being the most nerveracking, but just because the clouds roll in doesn't mean you can't ride almost every day.

### **The Most Dangerous Time to Drive**

As we 'Fall Back' to Shorter Days, Take Extra Care on the Road

Shorter days, fatigue, compromised night vision, rush hour and impaired drivers are some of the risks we face when driving at night. These risks become especially pronounced moving into the weekend, with fatal crashes peaking on Saturday nights, according to NSC analysis of NHTSA data.

When Daylight Saving Time ends – many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark, and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver.

Night driving is dangerous because, even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet (250 feet for normal headlights) creating less time to react to something in the road, especially when driving at higher speeds.

What should you do to combat darkness? Aim your headlights correctly, and make sure they're clean Dim your dashboard

Look away from oncoming lights If you wear glasses, make sure they're antireflective

Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time Compromised Night Vision

Night vision is the ability to see well in low-light conditions. As we age, we have greater difficulty seeing at night. A 50-year-old driver may need twice as much light to see as well as a 30-year-old. At age 60 and older, driving can become even more difficult, according to the American Optometric Association. Some older drivers also may have compromised vision due to cataracts and degenerative eye diseases. The AOA recommends older drivers: Have annual vision exams Reduce speed

Take a driving course; even experienced drivers can benefit from a refresher course Minimize distractions, like talking with passengers or listening to the radio Check with your doctor about side effects of prescription drugs

Limit driving to daytime hours if necessary Fatigue

A National Sleep Foundation poll says 60% of adults have driven while they were tired, and another 37%, or 103 million people, have fallen asleep at the wheel. Of those, 13% say they fall asleep while driving at least once a month, and 4% say they have caused a crash by falling asleep while driving. The reasons are many – shift work, lack of quality sleep, long work hours, sleep disorders – and it doesn't only happen on lengthy trips.

These staggering numbers are backed up by a report by NHTSA that 100,000 policereported crashes are a result of driver fatigue. Most crashes or near-misses happen at the times you would expect drivers to be tired: 4 to 6 a.m., midnight to 2 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., according to NSF.

Drowsy driving puts everyone on the road at risk. Losing two hours of sleep has the same effect on driving as having three beers, and tired drivers are three times more likely to be in a car crash if they are fatigued.

The National Sleep Foundation offers this advice:

Get seven or more hours of sleep a night Don't drive if you've been awake for 16 hours or more

Stop every two hours to rest Pull over and take a nap if you're drowsy Travel during times you are normally awake

Rush Hour



Evening rush hour (between 4 and 7 p.m. weekdays) is a dangerous time to drive due to crowded roadways and drivers eager to get home after work. In winter, it's dark during rush hour, compounding an already dangerous driving situation.

How can you make it home safely during rush hour?

Don't be an impatient driver; slow down Stay in your lane and beware of drivers who dart from lane to lane

Even though the route may be familiar, don't go on autopilot; stay alert

In unfamiliar areas, consult a map before you go and memorize your route

Don't touch your phone, eat, drink or do other things that are distracting

**Impaired Drivers** 

Nearly 30 people die every day in crashes that involve a driver impaired by alcohol, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Drivers impaired by prescription medicines and other drugs increase that number significantly. Impaired drivers are most frequently on the road after dark – particularly between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. on weekends.

While drunk driving has declined by about one-third since 2007, the number of drivers under the influence of drugs has increased. Between 2013 and 2014, 22% of drivers tested positive for a drug that would cause impairment, according to a roadside survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NHTSA also found that the prevalence of THC (found in marijuana) among drivers on weekend nights increased 48% since 2007, from 8.6% of drivers to 12.6%. Many states have not yet updated their impaired driving laws to address this growing problem. Stay Alert, Stay Alive

While we do only one quarter of our driving at night, 50% of traffic deaths happen at night. It doesn't matter whether the road is familiar or not, driving at night is always more dangerous. More than 42,000 people were killed in car crashes in 2020, according to *Injury Facts*. By taking some extra precautions, we can all contribute to reducing these numbers.

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**Please report local road hazards**, using the google maps to identify the exact location. Then post as many specifics as possible.

ABATE of Oregon and BikePAC of Oregon Inc. are requesting local riders take some extra time to help us report area Road hazards, specific to motorcycle riders, that you may have noticed recently. Please remember it is important to report the EXACT LOCATION. For exact location, use google maps.

We're working with the Governor's Advisory committee on motorcycle safety, ODOT, Corvallis Public Works, as well as local Countie's bicycle/ pedestrian committees, to proactively address these hazards, before the riding season kicks off. But, we need the riding communitie's help.

What to include in your report:

exact location

type of hazard

how this hazard is specific to motorcycles

What to report:

- Sight obstructions at intersections
- unpainted medians and lane dividers
- Rough and bumpy roads, either from disrepair, construction work, or resurfacing efforts
- -Gravel on pavement.
- -Edge breaks. (two traffic lanes are different heights. This is not a big deal if you are driving a car, but can be problematic for unsuspecting motorcyclists, especially when traveling on the freeway at high speeds.
- -Expansion joints. Connection of two sections of a road together, or a section of a road to a bridge. They allow the road to expand or contract without cracking.
- -Open bridge joints. Open bridge joints hold sections of a bridge together. Some can be very wide, making it difficult for motorcycle riders to navigate.
- -Animals in the road
- -Slick surfaces
- \*leaves
- \*crosswalk lines
- \*trolley tracks
- \*painted surfaces
- \* anti-freeze, pooling de-icer, or oil.
- \*Mud
- \*ice and snow
- standing water
- Large gaps between Railway tracks and crossings.
- Debris or objects in the road, such as parts of tire treads, things fallen from trucks (furniture, tools, boxes), branches, or rocks

Thank You for taking an active role, in keeping our roads safer for us all.

### Motorcycle Helmet Technology – Smart Helmets From Law Tigers

Helmets have long been used as protective gear, going back thousands of years to the Bronze Age. Originally fashioned from boar tusks, helmets eventually evolved to metal in Greco-Roman times.

In the modern era, helmets made their appearances outside of war in the fields of firefighting, horseback riding, skiing, and football. However, it wasn't until 1953 that the first motorcycle helmet (made from rubber and cork) was patented. Since then, motorcycle helmet technology has evolved quickly, both in the use of materials such as carbon fiber and the incorporation of smart technology. In this brief article, we'll give you an overview of what's available and what's on the horizon.

### **Connect Your Smartphone to Your Helmet**

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past few decades, you've probably heard of Bluetooth, which is a wireless technology that connects different devices so that they can communicate. It was invented in 1994 and made its way to vehicles in 1999.

Bluetooth gives drivers of passenger vehicles a way to engage in hands-free communication and access to things like navigation, music, and the Internet without having to fumble with buttons or look down at screens. Now, the same technology is available in Bluetooth motorcycle helmets.

The built-in Bluetooth headsets give riders the following benefits (depending on the manufacturer):

- Listen to music, whether it's your favorite riding playlist, podcast or live FM radio.
- Make phone calls with voice commands and take incoming calls. You can also reject calls. Some helmets have noise control features included.
- Get guided navigation with GPS.
- Communicate with other riders in a nearby range.

### Access a Rearview Camera

This technology is not available for all helmets, but it's steadily making its way to the mainstream. With a rearview camera, there is no need to keep your head on a constant swivel. A rearview camera built into the helmet allows you to have eyes in the back of your head, giving you the power to see in all directions, including your blind spots.

Along these same lines, augmented reality (AR) will soon become standard. This advancement allows you to see images like your speedometer and GPS maps directly in front of you, eliminating the need to look down.

### **Emergency Response Capabilities**

Think of this helmet technology like OnStar® for motorcycles. With this feature, you can automatically alert your emergency contact if you're in an accident. The system will also maintain a recording of the minutes prior to a collision to help with evidence gathering for the police and insurance companies.

### **Helmet Technology Aesthetics and Functionality**

Not every helmet technology advancement has to do with electronics. You might also notice that helmets are starting to look sleeker and more futuristic. Even more important than the aesthetics, however, are the advancements being made in comfort and safety.

Specifically, there's a new form of padding called Expanded Polystyrene (EPS for short) that enhances protection in the event of an impact. Further, a lot of modern helmets also include antimicrobial cheek pads that wick away sweat and can be removed for easy washing.

### **How Technology Makes Riding More Accessible**

There's a learning curve when it comes to getting on a bike and taking to the open road. While riders will still need to take time to learn how to ride and become acquainted with the rules of the road and safety regulations, helmet technology can take some of the challenges out of getting started. Features like audio navigation can help riders avoid the stress of being lost, and the ability to communicate with other riders can also be a big comfort for newbies. Here at Law Tigers, we are a team of motorcycle accident injury attorneys and avid motorcycle riders. To learn more, visit our website.

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### **NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

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# BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO PREVENT ICE BANS

U.S. Representative John Joyce (R-PA) along with more than sixty Republican cosponsors has introduced House Resolution 1435 "To amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines."

Titled the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," H.R. 1435 was introduced March 8 and is designed to protect Americans' right to choose the technology that powers their motor vehicles, and the measure was introduced in response to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) plans to ban the sale of new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles by 2035. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act would restrict the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing any waiver for new regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICEs).

The bill follows action in August 2022 by CARB which approved new requirements on automakers that would effectively ban the sale of new ICE cars and light trucks by 2035 in favor of so-called zero-emission vehicles, like plug-in hybrid, full battery-electric, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Lawmakers supporting H.R. 1435 say it is important that the EPA does not permit CARB's ZEV (zero emissions vehicle) mandate to take effect, as it could lead to 17 other states that have followed all or part of California's previous clean-car rules adopting similar proposals.

H.R. 1435 has been referred for consideration to the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee.

# EU LAWMAKERS APPROVE 2035 BAN ON NEW FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES

The European Parliament has formally approved a law to effectively ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the European Union from 2035, aiming to speed up the switch to electric vehicles and combat climate change

The landmark rules will require that by 2035 carmakers must achieve a 100% cut in CO2 emissions from new cars sold, which would make it impossible to sell new fossil fuelpowered vehicles in the 27-country bloc.

EU countries agreed to the deal with lawmakers last October, but still need to formally rubber stamp the rules before they can take effect. Final approval is expected soon.

The car CO2 law is part a broader package of tougher EU climate policies, designed to deliver the bloc's targets to slash greenhouse

gas emissions this decade.

**STATES** CONSIDER ANTI-PROFILING. LANE SPLITTING AND HELMET LAWS Legislatures are a hotbed of pro-motorcycle activity from coast to coast, with many states considering laws to prohibit

anti-biker profiling by law enforcement, allow motorcyclists to filter between traffic lanes, and doff the lids.

Tennessee, for example, has two such legislative efforts: SB 1450 would create a four-year pilot program excluding adults 21 and older from wearing a helmet unless they are insured under the state's Medicaid program (companion bill HB 0042 failed in House subcommittee); and companion bills HB 1454 and SB 0298 which "authorizes two-wheeled motorcycles to be operated between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane on certain limited access highways and interstate highways when the speed of traffic is 25 miles per hour or less."

For most riders in the U.S., lane splitting is considered illegal, but more and more are considering legislation that re-examines the scope and possibilities of such maneuvers, such as Colorado's HB 23-1059 that seeks to fund a feasibility study to determine what a safe lane splitting law for Coloradans might look like.

The bill is titled "A Bill for an Act Concerning Studying Permitting Motorcycles to Drive Around Motor Vehicles Traveling in the Same Direction" and, if passed, the study would be conducted jointly by the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State

A new lane filtering bill is under consideration in Oregon again in 2023, and the text of SB 422 is substantively identical to a broadly bipartisan bill that was passed in 2021 to allow riders to operate between lanes of slow-moving traffic on a highway, but that bill was vetoed by then-governor Kate Brown. The biggest difference between then and now, is newly-elected Governor Tina Kotek, although she has not stated her position.

Lane splitting would still not be allowed in Missouri, but low-speed lane filtering in certain situations would be fine if HB 1046 passes. According to the legislative language, lane filtering "between rows of slow-moving



vehicles" would be allowed within the state, but lane splitting between fast-moving traffic would not.

The introduction of this bill comes about two and a half years following the repeal of Missouri's state helmet law. Nebraska has hopes of becoming the 32nd state with partial or no

helmet laws, with the introduction of Legislative Bill 91 on January 5, 2023, which would exempt riders 21 or older who have passed an approved rider training course.

Meanwhile, bills to restrict the profiling of motorcycle riders by police are under consideration in Oklahoma (HB 2426), Kansas (SB 108), Missouri (SCR 3) and Texas (SB 616).

BANISHING KIDS FROM MOTORCYCLES While some states require that a passenger's feet touch the footpegs in order to legally ride on the back of a motorcycle, indicating adequate physical stature, New York and Georgia are attempting to take it a step further by restricting passengers by a minimum age.

A2690 in New York would "Prohibit children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle," while SB71 in Georgia states; "Manner of Riding Motorcycle; motorcycle passengers shall be no younger than 16 years of age," and both bills have been referred to their respective committees where staunch opposition can be expected from rider groups.

### WORLD'S LARGEST CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE SHOW A HUGE HIT

"The Success of Motor Bike Expo 2023 Will Be Remembered," say organizers of the 'world's largest custom motorcycle show' reporting an attendance of 160,000 people and showcasing 720 companies from 35 different countries spread out over 100,000 square meters of indoor/outdoor exhibition space!

This homage to our industry also used 7 pavilions, 5 outdoor areas, and hosted breathtaking shows with "hundreds of demo rides, more than 100 scheduled events and more than 3,000 motorbikes on display."

Motor Bike Expo is "a trade fair that focuses on motorcyclists and the use of motorcycle components, accessories, clothing [and more]," held annually in Verona, Italy.

NCOM CONVENTION RISES IN PHOENIX

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so plan now on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world. To be held over Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes all motorcyclists to the "Valley of the Sun" for a convention of ideas on how to address issues of common concern.

Concerned riders are encouraged to attend and participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate. Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only, and you can preregister online at <a href="https://www.ON-A-BIKE.com">www.ON-A-Www.ON-A-BIKE.com</a> or by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "We only have to look at ourselves to see how intelligent life might develop into something we wouldn't want to meet." ~ Stephen Hawking (1942-2018), Theoretical Physicist & Cosmologist

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— As
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ability to repair your own motorcycle or seek out an independent mechanic may get restricted as manufacturers do not make repair information or parts available for purchase. Consumers are facing this problem with almost every product they own, from their phone to their tractor and for AMA members, their motorcycles and ATVs. This issue is collectively known as "Right to Repair" and put in the simplest terms, right to repair is the idea that when you buy something, you have the right to repair it or seek an independent repair shop to do the work and manufacturers must make the parts and

information needed for these repairs available to the public for a fair and reasonable price.

Fortunately, the U.S. House of Representatives has reintroduced the REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair), *H.R. 906*, for the 118th Congress. The bill would ensure that motorcyclists and independent repair shops have access to the information, tools, and parts needed to repair motorcycles.

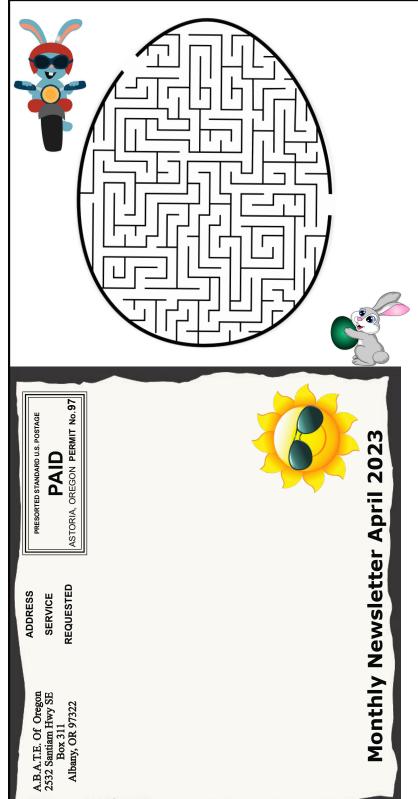
The AMA is asking you to *tell your Representative to co-sponsor this bi-partisan bill* and protect your right to repair. If you would like to learn more about Right to Repair, you can read the Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress from May 2021 "*Nixing the Fix*" which details the ways some manufacturers limit repairs by consumers.



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



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

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# 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.

# What is BikePAC?

BikePAC of Oregon is the political lobby for motorcyclists in Oregon, and works with ABATE of Oregon and other concerned citizens and groups. BikePAC is a direct voice for you as a rider at the Oregon State Capitol.



