June/July 2023

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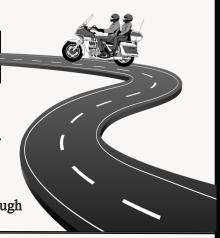
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Let those who ride. decide!

Mission Statement:

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



OREGON LANE FILTERING BILL (SB 422) FAILS

After passing the Oregon Senate 27-2, SB 422, which would allow motorcycles to lane filter on highways during traffic jams, died in the Joint Committee on Transportation after not receiving a committee vote, and did not go to the House floor where it was expected to pass. SB 422 received over 1,000 testimonial submissions in support of the bill, and only about 20 in opposition.

This is the 3rd time in 5 sessions that this bill passed the Senate, including last session when it also passed the House but was vetoed by former Governor Brown. This bill had broad bipartisan support in the Legislature. The bill was amended this session to address law enforcement concerns, but law enforcement, along with other special interests, still opposed the bill, and the bill died in the same committee it passed out of last session.

I am very proud of our team's efforts this session and all of the hard work of so many riders over the last 8 years that made this bill the most widely supported motorcycle bill in Oregon history.

Oregon's traffic congestion and infrastructure strain will continue to worsen and we will continue to support common sense solutions that will reduce traffic congestion and increase safety for Oregon riders. Since our first bill in 2015, three states (Montana, Utah, and Arizona) have joined California in allowing motorcycle lane filtering. Several other states have lane filtering bills pending.



Fossil shirts for sale. \$25. Tell us your size and color· \$3 more for XL and up. Hoodies, long sleeve or zip ups available. Call for prices.

Karen 541-660-8730

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

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



		MEET	

2nd Sat noon - 3:00 pm Ciddici's Pizza, Albany Join on ZOOM or call in: updated 4/19/23
Dial in number: 253.215.8782, Meeting ID: 329-149-1005 Passcode: 539829

CENTRAL OREGON (CentOr)

 2nd Sun
 11:30 am
 Redmond Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97 Redmond, OR q
 541.788.4972

DOUGLAS COUNTY (DC)

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

HUB CITY (HC)
3rd Thurs 6:00 pm social hr. Pop's Branding Iron, 901 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany

7:00 pm meeting

JOSEPHINE COUNTY (JoCo)

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

LINCOLN COUNTY (LinCo)

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

NORTH COAST (NC)

3rd Tues 5:30 pm Moose Lodge, 420 17th St., Astoria —

RIVER CITY (RC)

1ST 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
 503.285.4329

 3rd Sun
 12:00 noon
 Rotten Roger

TWO RIVERS (TR)

4th Wed 6:00 pm Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin, Eugene 541.729.5785

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Adam Karch - Coordinator karchadami@gmail.com

WASHINGTON COUNTY (WaCo)

2ND Mon 7:00 pm NEW! Prime Time Restaurant, 4450 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove 4th 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 **May 13, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brad (SE Portland chapter) ,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 Reyes @ 1210. Ten (10) chapters were represented. 10 of the Ten (10) chapters in attendance were eligible to

Chapters Excused: none
Unexcused: none
Guests &/or first time attendees. Jessie
Crawford from Douglas county.

Welcome everyone.

Bob from the Hub City chapter made a motion to accept the minutes printed in last month's monthly ABATE newspaper. Seconded by Jack from the Lincoln chapter. Corrections? No/ Acceptance?

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

Opening comments: Good turnout at the May Rally. Everyone who is a volunteer for ABATE of Oregon is important and appreciated. She read an excerpt from the ByLaws, in Article X regarding how we should treat each other.

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

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

(EB) **Vice Coordinator** (E): Ed Miller (pro-tem) <u>vce@abateoforegon.net</u> The weather is great. Ride safely.

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield vcal@abateoforegon.net you didn't ride today, you missed

(EB) **Recording Secretary**: Deb Rheault-Kasner

secretary@abateoforegon.net 1st-I need to leave here at 2pm today. 2nd- If we want these meetings to run efficiently and get us out of here in a timely manner, I need each Officer who has a report to give, (which is every listed Officer on this Agenda) to email me their report that they will be giving in advance. I can then scan the reports and have them added to the monthly Agenda ahead of time. I have requested this many times in the past with not much luck. I'm sorry but I'm tired of spending my day off at a meeting that seems to just drag on at times. I will send you an email the Sunday before the monthly meeting. If you have something to report or say regarding your position, type it up and email it to me. If you have nothing to report, type that up (nothing to report)



and email that to me. PLEASE!!! We need to work together here. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. 3rd-

We have a member who has volunteered for the Products Director position and he brings with him his current marketing experience in this area. Correspondence was forwarded to me. A letter from an inmate from Umatilla Prison needs attention. I will follow up after Fossil. Bob from Hub City chapter will check on the mail mid month and forward anything important to Karen or Glenna. (EB) Membership Secretary: Glenna Grosen

membership@abateoforegon.net 6 renewals, 28 recently expired. Total is 618 which includes those who are in multiple chapters.

(EB) Treasurer: Karen Tolle treasurer@abateoforegon.net Combined total is \$41,930.37. She had \$10,000.00 transferred from Savings to checking for the Fossil run. Report accepted.

(EB) Sanctioning Officer: Cindy Witmer sanctioning@abateoforegon.net Cindy has left "T" in charge of the Fossil run due to some unexpected health issues with Dave. (A Fossil meeting was held before the BOD meeting). Our Sanctioning and insurance is through the AMA.

OLD BUSINESS: The FOSSIL Meeting was at 11.

NEW BUSINESS: Products Director Gabe Storm, A member from the SE Portland chapter.

State Auditor: VACANT auditor@abateoforegon.net

Newspaper Editor: "T" Velazquez news@abateoforegon.net This is her 17th newspaper edition. Remember MAY is Motorcycle Awareness month. BREAK

Public Relations: "T" Velazquez (protem) pr@abateoforegon.net Send flyers to Sanctioning 1st. If posting on the ABATE facebook page, know that we will only post events that don't coincide with ABATE events.

Web Page Editor: James Niece webmaster@abateoforegon.net All site's are up to date. A quick discussion regarding the cut off date for pre-sale tickets to Fossil was 5/19/23 at 5pm. James will update that information today.

<u>swapmeet@abateoforegon.net</u>. He is moving forward. If you know any vendors, send them to Milwaukee on June 25th.

Kasner

State swap meet

Coordinator: Jimmy

FOSSIL Coordinator: Dave & Cindy Witmer fossil@abateoforegon.net She has forwarded all information to "T". The budget is within range. When asked how much of the budget has been used she said around \$13,500.00

Products Director: Gabe Storm products@abateoforegon.net Not present

Education Director: "T" Velazquez education@abateoforegon.net Team Oregon classes are continuing. Sign up for a class today!

Legislative Director: Bob Thomas legislative@abateoforegon.net

BikePAC Rep. for ABATE: Bob Thomas www.bikepacoforegon.com BikePac/Legislative report.

No BikePac meeting this month as it was the May awareness rally. Rally was good, but could have been much better with more people and riders. We need to work on competing events on the First Saturday in May. As it was I would guess there were 75 bikes and maybe 100 people at the rally. Some good speakers and it was over in any hour. Hub City had 5 members who rode!! Yeah!! Legislative:

SB422A had a public hearing in the Joint transportation committee on Thursday May 11. We had four very good speakers present our position. They kept it within the allotted 3 minutes each. We hear rumors that there will be a work session this coming Tuesday (they vote to send it to the House floor). We are hoping the committee has enough members present to have a quorum so it can move out of committee. If it gets that affirmative vote it will go to the House floor, so stay tuned for a call to email/call/visit your House Rep for the vote.

MRF Representative: Bill Foster MRF@abateoforegon.net The Biden Administration is said to approve the sale of E15 gasoline through the summer. Todd from the N. Coast chapter asked about whether Ethanol fuels would affect the Marine industry? Bill didn't know. Check out the accomplishments of the MRF at www.mrf.com

Sergeant at Arms (N): Jimmy Kasner sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net He will be at Fossil

Sergeant at Arms (S): Bill Foster sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net He will be at Fossil with a couple of extra security people.

Sergeant at Arms (E): VACANT sgteast@abateoforegon.net Historian: Deb Rheault Kasner historian@abateoforegon.net NO REPORT Still working on the albums. Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore quartermaster@abateoforegon.net No

report **Motions**: Bill from Two Rivers chapter brought a motion from his chapter to send the newsletter to all HD dealerships each month. Postage cost? Seconded by Curtis from Douglas county. After discussion regarding Harley dealerships only, it was tabled until the next BOD meeting so that this could be discussed at the next chapter meeting(s). Should it include all dealerships in regards to motorcycles or just Harley Davidson? **Closing comments**: Joy brought in a thank you plaque for the group to see. These printed wooden plagues are complete with your message for only \$10.00. June 17th @ 2pm is the memorial for Lane county resident Harlan Gronsdale at the Springfield Moose Lodge. PNW Rally is looking into the Hell's Canyon site for 2024. Announcements: June 3rd is Central OR Rock, Lakes & Bridges run. June 4th is JoCo Lakeside BBQ. June 11th is WaCo Roll & Ride. June 17th is N. Coast chapter 29th annual Ride around Saddle Mt. June 24th is the SE Portland chapter's Downed Rider run. June 25th is ABATE of Oregon's Summer Swap Meet. THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING IS: June 10th** Stay up to date at our website: www.abateoforegon.net Motion to adjourn made by Bob (Hub City) Second by Jack (Lincoln) .



Adjourn @ 156

Deb Rheault Kasner

State Board Monthly Meeting Cidicci's Pizza south, Albany, OR Also on the ZOOM platform June 10, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance led by JACK (LINCOLN COUNTY), 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 Reyes @ 1220. NINE chapters were represented. NINE of the Ten (10) chapters in attendance were eligible to

Chapters Excused: NONE Unexcused: N. COAST Guests &/or first time attendees. RIVER CITY COORDINATOR RICK PRENTICE

Welcome everyone.

from the chapter made a motion to accept the minutes printed in last month's monthly ABATE newspaper. Seconded by from the chapter. Corrections?Y/N Acceptance? Y/N. NO JUNE PAPER.

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

Opening comments: Q/WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR "BIKE NIGHTS?" A- WHO EVER IS THE HOST. RICK COMMENTED THAT HIS CHAPTER HAS FUN RIDES.

(EB) Vice Coordinator (N): VACANT vcn@abateoforegon.net (EB) **Vice Coordinator** (S): VACANT <u>vcs@abateoforegon.net</u> (EB) **Vice Coordinator** (E): Ed Miller

(pro-

tem) vce@abateoforegon.net Central Oregon Chapter is moving the meeting place from Pappy's Pizza to Redmond Moose Lodge.

Rocks Lakes and Bridges run had a fair turnout. Good time had by all. That is all for now

Ed Miller

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield <u>vcal@abateoforegon.net</u> Th ose that did not go to Fossil this year missed a warm, dry weekend, in Fossil. The biggest improvement needed is the same coordinator from now through the event next year whoever that may be. Jack

(EB) **Recording Secretary**: Deb Rheault-

Kasner secretary@abateoforegon.net Another correspondence from Viking Cycle. Maybe we should reconsider this company. They want a link on our website. Could we have a link to theirs? I haven't responded yet. Suggestions?? Take it back to the chapters?? Message

STATE BOARD MINUTES

Hev there. I hope you are well and doing good on these days.

My name is Mark Stephan, Marketing associate of Viking Group, A California-

based company serving bikers for over 10 years with amazing products ranging from apparel to saddlebags and many more.

I visited your website randomly but I must say I like the content you guys are producing and the reason why I am outreaching you is that I am very interested in getting the links from your website. Our company is interested in a collaboration with your

Please share some information if there is any possible opportunity of working together for some links? Regards,

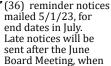
Mark Stephan

Viking Bags | Elite Sports | Born Tough **ALSO:** We received a letter from an inmate in Umatilla Correctional Facility. The contents related to a motorcycle fatality. I'm forwarding the letter to Christopher Slater. AND The Milwaukee Elks Lodge has concerns regarding open carry of Firearms. Their Bylaws state that no weapons of any kind are permitted inside their facility. At the SE Portland's swap meet someone, who according to the lodge, entered into the lodge with a firearm on their side. They are very upset about this. Jimmy assured them that it wouldn't happen again. Lastly, My rock raffle at Fossil made \$218.00. Half goes to the Fossil Museum at \$109.00. The balance of \$109.00 plus whatever we make at the swap meet will go to the Milwaukee Elks Lodge "Care & Share" program. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Thanks to all who actually emailed me their reports, it's appreciated! AS FAR AS VIKÎNG IS CONCERNED, I'LL SEND THEM MY STANDARD RESPONSE INVITING THEM TO ADVERTISE IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OR BE A VENDOR AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS. (EB) Membership Secretary: Glenna Grosen membership@abateoforegon. <u>net</u> May stats for JUNE paper

(4) New Members

Welcome ~ Ray & Alisha Soliz to Central Oregon Chapter Welcome ~ Shawn Hilliker & Alyssa Konecny to North Coast Chapter Hope to see you this summer! (61) renewals received

(1) member joining an additional chapter



renewals in the mail will be picked up. ABATE of Oregon is currently at 545 members, plus 13 supported/ additional chapters for a total of 558. Return postage is quite expensive. Penmanship counts. Thanks.

(EB) Treasurer: Karen Tolle treasurer@abateoforegon.net COMBINED TOTALS IS \$54,512.78

(EB) **Sanctioning Officer**: Cindy Witmer sanctioning@abateoforegon.n et June sanctioning report

I worked very hard on trying to find insurance for the Fossil Campout. After being turned down by every broker out there, even the brokers that covered other campout events. I went to AMA and filled out the sanctioning form to be referred to Donald Birdsong in Minneapolis. After filling out more forms I received an email with the picture of the Gypsy Joker Accident a few years ago. They wanted to know if we were sued over it. Even though we were not directly involved, the campout was indirectly involved. Poof everything was starting to make sense about being denied insurance. While researching insurance companies I did come across some very interesting information that needs to taken into consideration when deciding on how we need insurance coverage. Please let me know if you have not

received an insurance cert. I try to stay on top of everything but the last couple of months have been a whirlwind.

BRAD ASKED WHAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS BETWEEN SANCTIONING AND INSURANCE? IF YOU ARE HOSTING AN EVENT & THE ABATE NAME IS USED IT NEEDS TO BE "SANCTIONED". IT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT WHEN GOING THROUGH THE AMA FOR INSURANCE.

OLD BUSINESS: Answer from chapter reps regarding the motion to send newspapers to HD dealerships only or to send them to all motorcycle dealerships? NINE OF TEN CHAPTERS SAID NO.

NEW BUSINESS: Viking cycle's email. IACK WILL CONTACT THEM

REGARDING ADVERTISING. DEB WILL SEND A RESPONSE INVITING THEM TO BECOME A VENDOR AT ANY OF OUR EVENTS.

State

Auditor: VACANT auditor@abateofo regon.net

Newspaper Editor: "T"

Velazquez news@abateoforegon.net Sad to say my life got away from me and was overwhelming the last couple of weeks. I am sorry to say the June newspaper did not make it to print. I will combine June and July articles in a couple of weeks for the July print. Peace.

Newspaper Editor T SHE REMINDS US THAT THE CHAPTER REPORTS ARE STILL DUE BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH. JUNE & JULY NEWSPAPER WILL BE COMBINED

BREAK

Public Relations: "T" Velazquez (protem) pr@abateoforegon.net SHE'S BEEN BUSY KEEPING UP WITH THE FACEBOOK PAGE.

Web Page Editor: James Niece webmaster@abateoforegon.net My web report is as follows: The state website is up to date with the

Chapter and State event listings and event links. HE INFORMED US THAT THE SITE WAS DOWN THIS MORNING FOR ABOUT 16 MIN. HE ALSO INFORMED JOY THAT THE ZOOM PASSCODE SHOULD BE CHANGED. Please urge people to visit our website whenever you are talking to someone about Abate.

State swap meet Coordinator:

Kasner swapmeet@abateoforegon.net

The swap meet on June 25th is moving along well, with a few questions and conditions from the Elks Lodge leadership. Let me explain. The Elks Lodge leaders told Kelly, our contact person, that they had seen a number of M/C members. with patches (they called them 1%ers) inside the Elks Lodge. They said one of them was in the bar having a beer, while carrying a weapon. They expressly forbid weapons in the Lodge at any time. The person in question was never identified, and neither was the M/C. They were upset and wanted to cancel the swap meet. Kelly lobbied hard for our Organization, saying we were

always respectful and she liked us.

couple years.

saying she had known James Niece for

several years, and Deb and myself for a

And had always gotten along great with us. I personally saw nothing out of the ordinary at the last swap meet, and told them so. I told them we would add "No weapons allowed inside the Elks Lodge" to our fliers

And have some people stationed at the entrance to the Lodge to make sure no one enters the Lodge with a weapon. They want me to come in and talk to them before the swap meet starts to reassure them we will be on our toes and protect the sanctity of their Lodge. Fair enough I said. The future of this swap meet depends on how this one goes. They have also scheduled a "Cornhole Tournament on the same day , so parking will be tough. If we could park in the adjacent businesses, who are closed on Sunday, that would help too. Plus their swimming pool will be open, adding to the congestion. When it rains it pours.

We contacted Sweethome Choppers in Sweethome, or on our way to Fossil (they let me work on my bike in their parking lot) and they said they would be interested in hosting an Abate swap meet there next year.

Nice folks, who have a nice shop and do good work.

A big thank you to S E Chapter and Brad, for their help and advice. And to our other members, remember we rely on and survive on volunteer labor for all our events. We never have too many, and rarely have enough to get The job done. So come on down and help out. Its fun and you get to meet good folks, see old buddies and maybe get some great parts. Milwaukie Elks Lodge, Sunday June 25th. Bright and early. See you there

<u>Jimmy Kasner, swap meet</u> coordinator

FOSSIL Coordinator: Dave & Cindy Witmer fossil@abateoforegon.net SHE WAS SORRY THEY COULDN'T BE THERE. IT'S SUGGESTED WE GET A FOSSIL COORDINATOR, SO THEY CAN



START TRAINING FOR NEXT YEAR, NOW. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S RUN. THINGS TO WORK ON, "TO DO'S & NOT TO DO'S". ITEMS NEEDED AND/OR REPLACED. RE-ORGANIZATION AND POSSIBLE NAME CHANGE DUE TO INFORMATION LEARNED THROUGH THE INSURANCE PROCESS THROUGH THE AMA THIS YEAR.

Products Director: Gabe Storm products@abateoforegon.net NO REPORT. DEB EMAILED HIM FROM THE MEETING

Education Director: "T"
Velazquez education@abateoforegon.ne
t NO REPORT

Legislative Director: Bob Thomas legislative@abateoforegon.net SB422, LANE SHARE BILL DIED IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. BikePAC Rep. for ABATE: Bob

Thomas <u>www.bikepacoforegon.com</u>
There wasn't a June BikePAC meeting so no report

MRF Representative: Bill

Foster MRF@abateoforegon.net Hello from Oregon, as a MRF rep, I have had to hit the ground running. Support for the MRF must start from the ground up here in this state.

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Please forward me any pic's from the
Fossil run for the books.

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Motions: #1 MOTION BROUGHT BY BILL (TWO RIVERS) TO HAVE THE \$300 LOAN, FROM THE STATE, TO HELP START THEIR CHAPTER BE FORGIVEN. SECOND BY CURTIS (DOUGLAS CO.) IN FAVOR 5. AGAINST 2. ABSTAINED 2. MOTION PASSED. LOAN IS FORGIVEN. #2 MOTION BROUGHT BY JACK (LINCOLN CO.) TO VOTE IN A NEW FOSSIL COORDINATOR FOR 2024. SECOND BY MIKE (RIVER CITY). AFTER DISCUSSION JACK AMENDED THE MOTION TO MOVE THE VOTE UNTIL THE NEXT BOD MEETING TO SEE IF ANY CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN BEING NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION. MOTION TABLED BY UNANIMOUS FLOOR VOTE.

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Announcements: June 11th is WaCo Roll & Ride. June 17th is N. Coast chapter 29th annual Ride around Saddle Mt. June 24th is the SE Portland chapter's Downed Rider run. June 25th is ABATE of Oregon's **Summer Swap Meet.** 6/29-7/17 is the ABATE safety banner placement from Hub City chapter. 7/15 is Hub City's Roll & Ride. 7/15 is WaCo Scavenger Hunt. 7/28-30th is IoCo SOS run & campout. THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS **MEETING IS: JULY 8th** Stay up to date at our website: www.abateoforegon.net Motion to adjourn made by BILL (TWO RIVERS) Second by BOB (HUB CITY) . Adjourn @ 2:51PM Deb Rheault Kasner secretary@abateoforegon.net 6/10/23





STATE COORDINATOR



Hello fellow riders, We had a great turn out for the May awareness rally!!! I would like to see

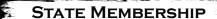
more folks get involved in raising awareness in our communities and help fight for our rights and laws of motorcyclists in Oregon. There were even a couple of politicians there and other organizations to help support our rights and awareness and safety and legislator through our communities.

I would like to address that I have heard all through the state in the last two weeks at least that I know of 12 motorcycle accidents throughout our state in just the last 10 days, so yes, the weathers getting nicer and a whole lot of folks are out on their motorcycles in Oregon. Please watch out for folks on motorcycles!!! They have a right to be out on the road just like everyone else. Abate of Oregon and its members are a big important factor here without our volunteers to come forward in the chapters and on the state board as well. We would not be able to help and be a supportive,

action and voice for all motorcyclists in Oregon.

I think we need to stand up and be more supportive towards each other as members and this is why I said what I said in the state meeting for the month of May. It's really important that we try to better communicate our skills to each other let alone the respect to our members is really important to the organization and how it functions having the respect for each other, and our positions in Abate of Oregon. That includes chapters and executive board members and the state board. We all have a part in this to help the organization proceed, and to help succeed in its purpose for the organization and what its mission statement stands for. I will always say I think all of Abate members and its volunteers for the chapters, meetings and events throughout the state each and every one of you are very important folks to your communities in the State of Oregon please always remember that and keep your mission statement alive for Abate of Oregon..

Miss Joy Reyes State Coordinator



(5) New Members in May,

Welcome ~ Ray & Alisha Soliz to Central Oregon Chapter Shawn Hilliker & Alyssa Konecny to North Coast Chapter Zachary Chapa to Douglas County Eric Grout, Jr. to Indian Creek

(14) New Members mid-June,

Welcome ~ Andrew, Kathryn, Ben & Alisia Sztymelski to Two Rivers

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Hoping to see you this summer!

- (61) May renewals received, (14) renewals for June and sure to see more.
- (1) member joined an additional chapter.
- (36) reminder notices to July end dates, and (32) for August end dates were mailed.
- (40) late notices mailed.

ABATE of Oregon May member count was 545 members, plus 13 supported/additional chapters for a total of 558.

Return postage is quite expensive. Penmanship counts. Thanks.

The helmet to burn on the FOSSIL fire was an epic fail this year. A 6-ft balloon didn't work well. Friendships and fun were made, and I hope interest was stirred for future helmet burnings. We're collecting broken tent poles. The Fossil compactor was more efficient and a lot quicker than I was at run's end. Save your broken tent poles, they have value to us, give me a call!

May and partial June New Members

/9/2023	Raymond Soliz	Central
/12/2023	Richard Catlin	Central
/14/2023	Zachary Chapa	Douglas Co
/6/2023	Jim Donnellan	Hub City
/10/2023	Bill W. Stroop	Hub City
/14/2023	Eric Grout, Jr	Indian Creek
/9/2023	Shaun Hilliker	North Coast
/9/2023	Alyssa Konecny	North Coast
/10/2023	Scott Vivlemore	North Coast
/10/2023	David Thornton Reed	North Coast
/1/2023	Duane Humble	SE PDX
/6/2023	Jon Jackson	SE PDX
/6/2023	Antony Adams	SE PDX
/12/2023	Raymond Courtright	SE PDX
/10/2023	Andrew Sztymelski	Two Rivers
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OREGON MRF REP REPORT

I gave a presentation at the May Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Rally. For those of you that couldn't make I the event, I'm putting a copy of my presentation in the newsletter. At present, we have BikePAC, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Central Oregon Chapter, North Coast Chapter and Brian Stovall as Sustaining Members of the MRF in Oregon. We have a total of 31 members statewide. Oregon can do better. In just a few years Harley Davidson will only be manufacturing electric motorcycles. If you want to continue being able to ride the bikes you have now, you need to support the MRF. Please join the MRF to keep the lifestyle we enjoy. Thank you. Bill Foster MRF rep for Oregon

Welcome to the 2023 May Awareness Rally, my name is Bill Foster. I have been a Life member of ABATE of Oregon for over 40 years. I am a past officer for Bike-Pac of Oregon. I am now the MRF rep. for every motorcyclist in Oregon. We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation are in a fight for our way of life on a daily basis. As motorcyclists, we fight for relevance and sometimes a simple acknowledgement that we exist when discussions around Autonomous Vehicles, Intelligent Transportation Systems, SMART vehicles, ZERO fatality initiatives come up in the Federal arena of politics and bureaucracy. It is also as clear as a bell ringing that we have a target on our backs with the growing and increasingly one-sided elimination of fossil fuels and combustion engines efforts in some in our local. state, and federal governments and this is on hyper speed in other countries governments. Staying relevant and protecting our right to ride a motorcycle when and where we want to ride is of course mission one at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To do that we need all the help we can get from our State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs, sustaining members, I in fact ALL members to not make it so easy for them to discuss eliminating us from the roadways of our great nation. Right now, Oregon has less than 1% of the motorcyclists in the state supporting what we are doing for every motorcyclist in America. Right now, the MRF is the best tool you can invest in to keep your bike on the road. Help me help you! We need your help, Oregon. I will be at your service over at the Bike-Pac information booth.

Thank you. Bill Foster

"It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas"

made national news. The story included this quote from former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas."

According to the Post's research, since 2021, there have 17 fatal crashes involving Teslas operating in Autopilot mode. Motorcycles were involved in four of the 17.

You may remember that NHTSA recently opened investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcycles. One occurred in Utah, when a motorcyclist on Interstate 15 outside Salt Lake City, was struck from behind by a Tesla in Autopilot. "The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike," the Utah Department of Public Safety said.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in May that Autopilot is not an appropriate name "When the fine print says you need to have your hands on the wheel and eves on the road at all times." The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising this issue with federal officials for years. Just last month, MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard and Vice President Jay Jackson, met with safety officials at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on this very topic. The two MRF leaders stressed the concerns of bikers about the deployment of this new technology. Additionally, in the coming weeks, MRF senior officials will meet with leaders at NHTSA to seek answers on this troubling report.

These meetings with Biden Administration officials come on the heels of the MRF's Bikers Inside the Beltway (BITB) annual event. During BITB, riďers from across the country met with Members of Congress seeking action on self-driving cars as they relate to motorcyclists.

The MRF has been, and will remain, vigilant on this subject that effects ALL motorcyclists. Increased media scrutiny, along with the thousands of voices demanding action, is turning the heat up. Let's keep the pressure up and protect bikers on our nation's roadways.

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A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Hey Folks,

I hope everyone has been taking advantage of the weather as it begins to get better. I how ever did NOT ride over for the May Awareness Rally at the Capitol, 38 degress and raining on the pass. However, I did attend the Steel Stampede, Vintage motorcycle annual event, for the Trials competition on Saturday. I enjoy watching the guys and gals, maneuvering over and around obstacles while trying not to put a foot down and loose points. The rain and hail held off until the competition was finished, so I raced home to get the yard mowed before the down pour started. And yes, I did discuss ABATE to fellow riders at the event, most were concerned about the races and did not seem whole heartedly interested. But all in all, I spent a good day with fellow riders. This is a two-day event, if you are into vintage dirt racing you should check it out.

We will be doing our annual Roadside clean up on May 20th, followed by our, meeting and BBQ, at Greg and Anne Dale's place. It is to have members with a place to hang out after we put in a hard day's work cleaning the roadway. WE used the park in Sisters for a lot of years, but with population growth, it seems to be crowded anymore.

I think we have everything in place and covered for our Rocks Lakes and Bridges run on June 3rd, if the weather holds out we should have a great turn out.

With Summer approaching, maintain your motorcycle to be safe as you travel through our state and other states. You are out there to enjoy the ride, not be on the side of the road wondering WTF.

Well Fossil came and went, Rocks Lakes and Bridges came and went. Now, on to summer riding. The greatest time of year.

We had a good turn out for Rocks Lakes and Bridges run. Good to see old faces and new riders come together for a great day in the Central Oregon sunshine, to raise money for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. I would like to thank all those who came out to ride, as well as those who joined in to help make it all go smoothly.

We had a small turnout for our annual Roadside clean up Adopt-A- Highway. However with a small crew, we still kicked ass and cleaned up our section, and finished with a BBQ at Greg and Anne's place.

With the ever growing population in our area, please be on the look out for the un-aware drivers that seem to not see us, or care if we share the same roads, we had another hit and run fatal the other night here in Redmond.

Trying to work out details for Teddy Bear Run on September 23rd.

Our new Meeting place will be the Redmond Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N HWY 97, Redmond, OR 97756

Easier access is from NW 10th St, to UPAS Ave, which leads into the Moose Lodge Parking lot.

Hope to see, everyone there, to help us keep things running smoothly

RIDE FAST RIDE FREE RIDE FAR

Ed Miller

Coordinator for Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of OREGON

DOUGLAS CO. CHAPTER

Greetings from Sunny Douglas County.

Like many of you we are looking forward to much more riding, thanks to the weather shift. Many of us were able to attend the Josephine County Chapter Swap Meet at Pottsville. This year's event did not disappoint. There were many vendors and the event met up to it's usual standards for organization and friendliness. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a wonderful weekend.

Thanks to everyone that attended the Awareness Rally at the State Capitol. Our legislators need to be reminded that motorcyclists are interested, involved and we vote.

Douglas County Chapter is having a great summer! Thundering Waters Poker Run is in the books, and a big Thank You to everyone that participated. Here in Douglas County we are busily planning for the upcoming Thundering Waters Poker Run. We are made some changes this year, with one being that we won't go all the way to Diamond Lake. Feedback last year said some folks felt it was too far and too long due to the heat the last 2 years. But fear not, it was still a great ride up the beautiful wild and scenic North Umpqua River. We will ended at Splitz on Diamond Lake Boulevard. The run benefited the Safehaven Maternity Home. Soon we will be planning next year's events and our desire is to go bigger and better. Stay tuned, there may be a surprise before then!

Things are hopping all over Oregon with Chapter events – North, South, East and West. Next in our local area is Josephine County's SOS Run. Always a great event, good times and good people! Support your home events and support your neighbor's events too. Together we are stronger. (And it's fun!)

Just a quick reminder....cage drivers are CRAZY! Don't know if you noticed, yeah, I know you have. Few are traveling anywhere near the speed limits, they think nothing of changing lanes with no notice, trucks especially. It's like they start to change lanes, nearly cutting you off and then put on their signal. Especially when there is a line of them going uphill and some are slow. SO...just a reminder...KEEP ALERT!

Until next month.

Ride safe, ride sober and ride educated.

Becky Garino, Secretary

HUB CITY CHAPTER

The warm weather events have started in full force despite the continued cool and overcast weather this spring. Our Spring Roadside clean up was on April 29th for the Adopt-A-Highway program and it was a success. There were 12 members who showed up to help clean up our two mile section along both sides of Hwy 34 near

Tangent. We finished with 16 full bags, one box, one big rig mud flap, one contractor pole, and a few tires and trash can lids. Thanks to all the members who pitched in to help keep Oregon green!

The group ride to the State Capitol on May 6th for the Annual Motorcycle Safety

and Awareness Rally went well and we had a good turnout. Thanks to all who showed up and participated, rumor has it that Hub City had the largest group of ABATE members at the rally this year, but I don't know if there was an official count.

Please come join us and watch the Corvallis Knights for the Don Mason Memorial Baseball Night – June 16th at 6:00pm – Meet at Goss Stadium parking lot. Tickets at the door \$9 each.

Hub City Roll -n- Ride is July 15th and you don't want to miss out this year! We have two routes on this ride, one for off-road and another for street bikes. Meet up at Philomath Ace Hardware; ADV riders - KSU at 9am, Street riders - KSU at 10am. There are 2 stops along the way and it ends at

Vinwood Taphouse in Philomath. Tons of fun and lots of great prizes for this one! There are a ton of ABATE events all across our great state this summer so get out there have some fun and support other chapters whenever you can. Keep the shiny side up!

Stinna Karch Hub City Chapter Secretary





JOSEPHINE CO. CHAPTER









Last minute push to pull all the details together, all the last-minute tasks. SOS Run is right around the corner and all team members are busy doing what they do. Toilets have been ordered. Bands have been contracted. Venue is set. Vendors are lining up. Website is buzzing. Advance tickets are selling. July 8, 9 and 10. Glendale Oregon.

Rockwork Orange is playing Friday night. Saturday we will be featuring Albi with Brisbane Project and Trouble No More. Rebel Ink Studio will be on site to add that new tattoo you've been wanting to get. Bike Show, bike games. Lots and lots of fun. See you there. Tell your friends.

Ride to the Coast will be the first Saturday in August. We take a leisurely ride from Grants Pass out to Brookings. Enjoy a beautiful ride that ends with burgers and sausages at the beach.

Our chapter is building up members, working together. Please come join us. We meet the third Wednesday each month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. 6 pm. See you there.

Karen Tolle Chapter Coordinator













Page 12 additional text to correct SOS run information and to add additional Chapter information. Corrections submitted by Karen Tolle on July 1, 2023

Our Lakeside Meet, Eat and Ride was a big success this year at Lake <u>Semac</u>, in Selma. We had a good turnout, and the weather was perfect. It was great to see old friends again.

Next on the agenda and coming up fast is the S.O.S. run on the weekend of July 28-July 30, 2023. Gate opens at noon on Friday. Join us for a weekend of camping, bike games, poker run, bike show, and good old fashion fun. This event will be held at the Martin Land and Cattle Company, 7331 Azalea Glen Road, Glendale. Follow the signs. Everyone is welcome, and we have plenty of room for camping and RVs. Dry camping only, no fires. We will have venders, food, and live music. Bikers for Christ Service will be held at 9am on Sunday. Cost is \$45 for a weekend pass, Veterans and ABATE members \$40, and \$25 for day passes. This is a family friendly event, and we hope to see you there.

If you are traveling this summer, prepare yourself for the heat. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion come on fast in very hot weather and can ruin your day, and more. Be sure to hydrate before and during your ride. By the time you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated. Drink water and sports drinks but avoid coffee, alcohol, and sodas. Snack on salty snacks rather than sugar and chocolate. Stop often and avoid riding during the hottest part of the day. Wear long sleeves and sun protection. A cooling vest works well but only if you wear it under your jacket or vest. Ice cubes in a zippered bag, worn under your jacket can help to keep you cool. If you start to feel lightheaded, dizzy, or get a headache, get off the road asap. Go to a shady spot, or better yet a business with air conditioning to rest and cool off. Don 't let peer pressure ruin your day, or possibly even your life. Passing out on your bike will do more than delay plans.

ABATE continues to work for us and our rights. Support ABATE.

ABATE Josephine County Chapter 541-660-8730 freeflitterfly@msn.com

LINCOLN CO. CHAPTER

Summer time fun from Lincoln County chapter Well hopefully you had a great time at Fossil this year. We sure do enjoy putting on the bike games for everyone. A special thank you to all the Veterans for their service to our country. A quick update to the Beaver Creek run. As of writing this article, we still haven't acquired a venue yet, not for the lack of trying. We'll keep you updated as we get closer.

Enjoy the sunshine and all the upcoming riding days and chapter events, etc. that are scheduled for this year. Be kind to one another and those you meet. It's free!

Keep your knees in the breeze. Until next time... Deb

Chapter secretary

Have an article you'd like to share?
We'd love to hear your stories and see pictures!
Send to:
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It's illegal, but some motorcyclists still lane split in Washington

by Denise Whitaker, KOMO News Thu, May 18th 2023, 10:21 AM PDT

SEATTLE — As the summer months creep closer, drivers around the Puget Sound region are starting to notice they're not just sharing the road with more vehicles. They're also seeing a lot more motorcycles on the roads.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) told KOMO News they're hearing from drivers every day who are frustrated or angry with motorcycle riders who lane split, which is when a rider drives between two moving vehicles, squeezing by to get ahead in traffic.

"If we can stop them, obviously we do, but it's just such an unsafe thing for the motorcyclist to be doing," said WSP Trooper Rick Johnson.

"There's a talent to lane splitting, to live through it," said Mike Correll, owner of Bellevue MotoSports, who said he's riding and selling motorcycles for decades. "For intersections and that sort of thing, I'm all for it rolling up to the front like on the ferry boat."

It's not only legal for motorcyclists to go to the front of the line at Washington State Ferry terminals, it's also expected. However, lane splitting on Washington roads is illegal. State lawmakers have failed twice to pass a bill to make lane splitting legal, a fact that has slipped by some riders.

"There was some gossip going around motorcycle communities that [the bill] passed, that it was legal because we have motorcycles using the shoulder for lane splitting," said Johnson. "I stopped [a motorcyclist] myself for it, and he was like, 'Well the law passed.' I carry documentation in my car to show them, well, this wasn't passed."

Johnson said a WSP lieutenant spotted a motorcyclist lane splitting on northbound State Route 167 Wednesday morning and attempted to stop the rider.

"He hit his lights, tripped the siren, motorcycle takes off, tracks doing about 20 (MPH), takes off on the shoulder, and he's probably doing 80 or 90 and then takes an exit," said Johnson.

At that speed, the lieutenant had to end his pursuit. The trooper told Johnson the rider got away on a bike that also had no license plates.

"We get some road rage incidents because somebody gets mad at this person doing what they shouldn't be doing," explained Johnson.

"Some drivers don't like it, some drivers don't care; some drivrs maybe come from California and live up here now that are used to seeing that a lot," said Mike Correll's son Cole Correll, who is also a rider.

Cole Correll admitted to lane splitting on his bike, and he said he's angered a few drivers along the way.

"They roll down the window, and they yell at it if it gets to an altercation or something, I guess just kind of look at them and go," he said.

In addition to the potential danger, anyone caught lane splitting could face a \$136 fine, or worse. "If they're driving in an erratic manner and potentially putting other vehicles in danger, it could be a negligent, possibly even a reckless driving citation," said Johnson.

While Cole Correll told KOMO News customers at Bellevue MotoSports often ask him about lane splitting, his dad said most customers he sells bikes to ask a different question. "The number one question is, 'How do I get my endorsement?' Take the safety courses, that's how you do it," Mike Correll said.

Even though he's been riding since the 1970s, Mike Correll said he took the safety course with one of his sons. Motorcycle courses, offered for riders of all skill levels, teach safe handling and riding and includes information that lets riders know that riding between lanes or on the shoulder is against the law in Washington state.

Lane splitting is only legal in California. Certified Motorcycle Instructor Kevin Tusler told KOMO News that a few other states allow different types of maneuvers for motorcyclists.

Utah allows lane filtering, which allows a motorcyclist to move between stopped cars.

Arizona's lane filtering law allows riders to maneuver between vehicles, as long as both are traveling at 15 mph or less.

Hawaii allows motorcyclists to ride on the shoulder when there is traffic congestion.

Montana allows motorcyclists to travel no faster than 20 mph to pass stopped vehicles or those that are traveling 10 mph or less.

NORTH COAST CHAPTER

Howdy from sometimes sunny, sometimes ever so wet North Coast!

Except for the last week of APRIL how fantastic12and the start of May looks good. Let's take advantage of this weather but remember safety and watch out for everybody else, somebody at home needs you to come home.

State insurance for sanctioned events when will the waste of funds end? We need the state's support, let's not kick the can down the road for another decade.

We are happy to report a great run on April 15th our Spring Fever run, the weather was awesome and almost 30 bikes were there to have fun. Thanks for all the out of town folks that showed up to support our chapter. And thanks to all the members who stepped up and helped out with the event.

We will have a CCA presentation of a check and road clean up in June. Date to be announced.

TOO Broke for Sturgis, aren't we all !! with the present administration, on August 5th we will have a run, everybody is welcome, more details next month. But Mt St. Helens is on

the list lets have fun. Clothing optional (really) lets have fun and make this run a BLAST!!! Get it (Mt St. Helens a BLAST!) You never know.

I cannot stress it strongly enough--keep your bikes in good safe working
order, tires, lights, horn etc. There are
a bunch of nuts out there on the road
and we need to watch out for them,
start with a look in the mirror at
yourself, and at your bike to make
sure you are ready for the road
beyond. If You are rusty from the
winter lull of minding your couch take
it easy 12. Get your biker legs back
before you run too fast.

A few weeks later...

Where did this weather come from? Let me guess global warming. Well it sure makes for good bike riding. Take advantage of it BUT PLEASE BE SAFE 12

I am including this in the state submission just as a reminder to all chapters to step up and help out in their local chapter and state level, that is how this organization keeps on keeping on. Thanks in advance for all those who go the extra mile.

<u>"Reminder"</u> the year is almost half over; we need some good willing folks

to step forward for board positions. Coordinators, Treasurers, secretaries and all other board positions. What can you do to help make your chapter the best? These jobs go much smoother when one is given a chance to job shadow for a bit and learn the ropes! Please consider taking a turn on these and other positions so as to help and prevent burnout of the volunteers who have stepped up.

We will have a CCA presentation of a check and road clean up on June 3rd. Presentation of check at 10 Am followed by the ever so exciting semi-annual road clen up. Don't miss it. All are welcome.

For everybody who survived the beautiful weather at Fossil this year get ready because less than three weeks later is the infamous and always fun

REMEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

"AROUND SADDLE MOUNTAIN RIDE"
KSU @ Bubbas at 10AM.

78 E Harbor Dr Warrenton, breakfast available. Registration starts at 9 AM \$20 registration, includes one poker hand! Ends at Astoria Moose, Pulled pork sandwiches and slaw for \$12. Raffles and Games!! Come and

support this great cause and enjoy

support this great cause and enjoy a beautiful country ride to Vernonia and back.

"TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS" and aren't we all !! August 5th . Details next month of the route.

I cannot stress it strongly enough---keep your bikes in good safe working order, tires, lights, horn etc. there are a bunch of nuts out there on the road and we need to watch out for them, (and ourselves) start with a look in the mirror at yourself, and at your bike to make sure you are ready for the road beyond. If You are rusty from the long winter lull of babysitting your couch, take it easy 12.

Sincerely; keep the shiny side up

Allan NC Chapter Coordinator









Our annual Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run held in conjunction with the Northwest Cherry Festival on April 22 was great fun! We had around 50 riders in the parade and 20-30 participated in the poker run. The weather was perfect, the scenery outstanding and the riding was superb! We collected 80 stuffed toys for the hospital, thanks to you all! Our hospital volunteers asked us to remind everyone to please, only donate small to medium sized toys next year, they noted there were a few that were a bit too large.

We discussed having another end of the year ice cream social in Shaniko, as last year's was a great time and the community could use the support. We'll keep you updated.

We hope everyone got out and supported all the great events in May and we look forward to even more participation in June. The riding season is underway folks. Hopefully you have been able to get the cobwebs cleaned off your bike and your riding skills, by participating in that wonderful wind therapy.

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Our Semi-annual Road cleanup will be in September or there about. We will look at setting a date at our next meeting.

Sunday rides are back! Join us every Sunday for a ride to wherever you want to go. Meet at 9:30 AM, KSU 10 AM. We meet at the Chevron station near Shilo Inn.

Due to the July 4th Holiday, we will not hold a meeting. Enjoy your week and join us for one of those Sunday rides!

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 1, 2023!

May the wind be always at your back....



River City Chapter Secretary

The River City Chapter 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

some.

It was nice seeing so many new AND old faces at the Swap Meet. It was a great success, even if we did have a little bit of a downpour. It only lasted a short time and did not dampen any spirits. Everyone was walking around with big smiles on their faces, while looking for those treasured items to get their bikes all purring like kittens again. (Or grunting like HOGS). Thank you, Brad for taking on the leadership of this event. You did a fantastic Job. A Big thank you to James Neice for all his years of dedication in putting this event on. You left some big shoes to fill. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you that helped to make this event a success. We truly have a great group of "hard working" members.

We have several Poker runs in the works for the rest of the summer. Hoping to see lots of new and old faces on these events too. We are trying to work out routes that cover different geographical areas so that other chapters will be more willing to join in. Please note the dates below, and mark your calendars.

It appears that the "Tolling" situation has been put on hold. Our guess is the "Powers to be" cannot get much support or backing to push this bill through. BUT DO NOT stop gathering signatures on your petitions. We still need to get it on the ballot so it does not get slipped in to the verbiage on some other bill. Our government is notorious for that!! Go to VOTEBEFORETOLLS.ORG to download petitions OR you can always come to a meeting a get some.

Membership names drawn at the meetings and how much they lost for not being at there. Omar Johnson \$75.00. Lori Barringer lost out on \$5.00. The anti goes up \$5.00 each

meeting it is not claimed. (With a max of \$75.00).

Looking forward to seeing more of your faces at the upcoming meetings. Meetings are at the M & M Restaurant and Lounge 137 N Main Street in Gresham, on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at noon.

A month later..

By the time you read this summer will officially be here. The riding weather has been really nice, minus a few days here and there for some needed rain. It has been awesome to see so many new, as well as old, faces at the meeting. We are slowly growing again. We are keeping our meetings short as possible and then going for a planned ride afterwards. Come and join us.

Come check out the meeting. Lots of legislative information being discussed. And speaking of legislation, HB-422, the lane sharing bill, DID NOT PASS. Please pass the word out to all you know or see riding. It seems like there are a lot of "Young Ones" splitting lanes. Maybe they did not get the memo. It would be nice to get those YOUNG sport bike riders to get involved with our motorcycle legislation. Invite them to a meeting.

We have a couple more Poker runs in the works for the summer. Downed Rider Poker Run will be June 24 starting at Calamity Jaes on NE 108th & Halsey. Check out the flyer in the newsletter. Also, The Spring Poker run will be held on August 26 starting from the M & M Restaurant & Lounge on Main Street in Gresham. Hoping to see all of your smiling faces come and support our chapter.

HB-2316 expands DUII to include "ANY" substance, Including prescriptions. Be carefull, while driving, if you are taking prescriptions that are "determined" to Impair you. Please continue to get petitions signed to keep tolling off our highways. Go to VOTEBEFORETOLLS.ORG to download petitions OR you can always come to a meeting a get

BikePac is requesting everyone to complete a survey. Go to BIKEPACOFOREGON.COM. They are compiling pertinent Motorcycle related data for legislative info. It only takes a few minutes of your time.

Here is a list of our upcoming events, please mark your calendar.

Anna's Poker Run: August 26, 2023 Family Picnic: September 23, 2023 ABATE Shriner's Toy Run: December 2, 2023

Please take the time to check out the ABATE Facebook AND Instagram sites for more info.

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Anna Dahl - Chapter Secretary......Chapter Coordinator is Rotten Roger - 503-285-4329









TWO RIVERS CHAPTER

Greetings from the Lane County area.

Our last meeting was short, due to a school band playing their instruments in the pizza parlor. We had six members out of eleven in our chapter attending. We lost an old Lane County Chapter member in a motorcycle accident on April 27th. If you have ever been to a Rhody Run in Florence, then you met Harlin Grondsdale selling run t-shirts across from the boat docks. His lady, Karen, will be running his booth this year at the event. Please drop by and give her your support. We set up a info booth at the Springfield Cycle Gear Bike Night on the 9th of this month and gave away all our extra newsletters and got a lot of riders interested in ABATE.

We didn't have a chapter newsletter report last month, due to a computer malfunction. We are continuing to set up our info booth at local events and are doing our best to get new members. See everyone at Fossil and ride Safe this new riding season.

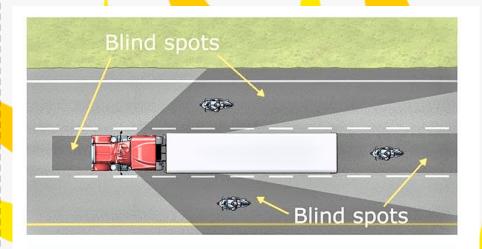
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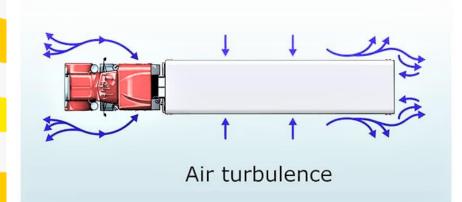
This month we are pleased to announce that 4 new members have joined us. We voted in a new Membership Secretary, one of our newest members Casey Pack. He will be going through Officer Training through the end of June. Lefty, our old Membership Officer, will be teaching Casey the ropes. Our Chapter Coordinator Bill, Casey and I went to Fossil and had a great time. Our chapter has 5 bike nights every month in Lane County to get the word of A.B.A.T.E out there. We are looking forward to this riding season. Stay safe and keep up the maintenance on your vehicles.

Will Foster Chapter Secretary



Riding Pro Tip:
Know when you're in a blind spot!
It's up to you to be in the best
position to be seen.





Our first roll n ride of the season will be held on Sunday the 11th of June 2023. Meet at the Prime Time Restaurant, 4450 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove, Oregon 97113. Kickstands up at 11am. This is called "Roll-N-Ride" and dice are used rather than poker playing cards. A good route has been mapped out with three stops along the way. Final stop at the restaurant destination. So, with a first roll at Prime Time, 3 rolls along the route and a roll at the end makes five chances for the highest or lowest hand. Profits will benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Donations of nonperishable food (cans or boxes) gladly accepted.

The May Motorcycle Awareness Rally went well. The turnout could have been higher perhaps if there wasn't a threat of rain. And also, other biker activities on the same day took some folks away.

Remembering a friend who started riding motorcycles later in adulthood has caused me to think about the way we ride. My friend was having a hard time with cornering. I chuckle as I write this because of the obvious. We take for granted many things having to do with motoring down the highway on two wheels. Whatever vehicle a person is being transported in or on will have to be able to negotiate corners. We don't get to just go in a straight line from one place to the next. There will be turns in the road. Cornering is much different on a 2 wheeled bike versus an automobile or truck. An experienced driver of cages who is very used to going around corners in the family station wagon may never consider that traveling the same roadway on a motorcycle will require a different technique altogether. There will be more to it than just turning the steering wheel.

Back to the new rider: Other friends and I gave pointers on ways to improve his cornering abilities. It does seem backwards when trying to explain to the student to push on the handgrip in the direction one wants to go. If turning right - push on the right handlebar grip. Left, vice-versa. Throw in a little bit of body lean and around the corner you go.

On a recent ride I found myself going through the motions of the mechanics of all this and mentally/literally pulled the opposite handlebar grip, i.e., If turning right, push on the right grip and PULL on the left. And then turning left - push on the left grip and PULL on the right (also, with a little leaning in the direction of turn).

I tried an experiment to see what would happen. I tried to turn right, while traveling at a reasonable speed, by simply applying pressure to the handlebars, forcing the bike to turn in the direction of choice, in this case right. I also tried left. Have you done this before? It DOESN'T work! So, my thinking was; Maybe many new riders have this same problem. Unless someone helps educate the novice how will they know?

Experienced instructors will be thinking, yes, Cooper is talking about things that we take for granted and yes we do teach the newbies how to corner. Thank you Team Oregon.



One month later...

How could it be summer already? Well, I'm writing this the 2nd week into June. Officially the 1st day of summer is the 21st day of June. Wow, the longest day of the year?

I happen to have the Mariner's baseball game on. They're in L.A. playing the Angels. The theme for the game is Christmas in June! Time is going by so fast that I'm afraid to blink. It will be December before you know it. But for now we can ride in nice weather.

When you read this we will have already completed our first roll n ride of the season. Last year rain interfered with the run. Not so this time.

If you have followed the court case in Oregon over the implementation of the horrible ballot measure 114 that the government claims had enough signatures to be put to the voters and then passed by a margin of 50.6% then you know that it was challenged in court and was in federal court this last week. I understand that the court portion is over but the results are not yet public.

This is a case of the government attempting to make what is our RIGHT into a privilege by mandating that purchasers of firearms get training and permission from local law enforcement before being able to purchase firearms (among other restrictions on magazines and many guns being made no longer legal to own).

The state of Washington is also at this time engaged in a huge 2nd amendment fight where the government is trying to put restrictions on firearms.

It is nauseating to have to be constantly battling with our time, energy, talent and money over rights that are supposed to be guaranteed. Also, the government has no problem using taxpayers money to pay for their (government) expenses. We give them money to use against us. It's just not FAIR!!!

Sorry about whining. By now you've heard that the Lane Sharing Bill is dead. It didn't make it out of committee.

How grateful I am to be able to get out there in the wind to escape to a special place even if it is only temporary.

Ride Hard, Cooper

































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Roll & Ride

Saturday, July 15th

Vinwood Taphouse

ADV BIKES OUT AT 9am, LAST BY 10am

1736 Main St., Philomath
ADVENTURE BIKE FRIENDLY EVENT
TWO ROUTES
ALL STOPS ARE MINOR-FRIENDLY

STREET BIKES OUT AT 10am, LAST BY 11am

~ Last Stop ~
Vinwood Taphouse
1736 Main St., Philomath
Last Bike In by 3 pm
Food and Beverage Available

\$10 Per Play \$100 High Roller \$50 Low Roller

A PLAY CONSISTS OF THREE ROLLS OF FOUR DICE PER STOP

(MAX POINTS POSSIBLE: 72 EACH STOP)

Great Door Prizes - 50/50 & Raffle

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It's illegal, but some motorcyclists still lane split in Washington

by Denise Whitaker, KOMO News Thu, May 18th 2023, 10:21 AM PDT

SEATTLE — As the summer months creep closer, drivers around the Puget Sound region are starting to notice they're not just sharing the road with more vehicles. They're also seeing a lot more motorcycles on the roads.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) told KOMO News they're hearing from drivers every day who are frustrated or angry with motorcycle riders who lane split, which is when a rider drives between two moving vehicles, squeezing by to get ahead in traffic.

"If we can stop them, obviously we do, but it's just such an unsafe thing for the motorcyclist to be doing," said WSP Trooper Rick Johnson.

"There's a talent to lane splitting, to live through it," said Mike Correll, owner of Bellevue MotoSports, who said he's riding and selling motorcycles for decades. "For intersections and that sort of thing, I'm all for it rolling up to the front like on the ferry boat."

It's not only legal for motorcyclists to go to the front of the line at Washington State Ferry terminals, it's also expected. However, lane splitting on Washington roads is illegal. State lawmakers have failed twice to pass a bill to make lane splitting legal, a fact that has slipped by some riders.

"There was some gossip going around motorcycle communities that [the bill] passed, that it was legal because we have motorcycles

using the shoulder for lane splitting," said Johnson. "I stopped [a motorcyclist] myself for it, and he was like, 'Well the law passed.' I carry documentation in my car to show them, well, this wasn't passed."

Johnson said a WSP lieutenant spotted a motorcyclist lane splitting on northbound State Route 167 Wednesday morning and attempted to stop the rider.

"He hit his lights, tripped the siren, motorcycle takes off, tracks doing about 20 (MPH), takes off on the shoulder, and he's probably doing 80 or 90 and then takes an exit," said Johnson.

At that speed, the lieutenant had to end his pursuit. The trooper told Johnson the rider got away on a bike that also had no license plates.

"We get some road rage incidents because somebody gets mad at this person doing what they shouldn't be doing," explained Johnson.

"Some drivers don't like it, some drivers don't care; some drivrs maybe come from California and live up here now that are used to seeing that a lot," said Mike Correll's son Cole Correll, who is also a rider.

Cole Correll admitted to lane splitting on his bike, and he said he's angered a few drivers along the way.

"They roll down the window, and they yell at it if it gets to an altercation or something, I guess just kind of look at them and go," he said.

In addition to the potential danger, anyone caught lane splitting could face a \$136 fine, or

worse. "If they're driving in an erratic manner and potentially putting other vehicles in danger, it could be a negligent, possibly even a reckless driving citation," said Johnson.

While Cole Correll told KOMO News customers at Bellevue MotoSports often ask him about lane splitting, his dad said most customers he sells bikes to ask a different question. "The number one question is, 'How do I get my endorsement?' Take the safety courses, that's how you do it," Mike Correll said.

Even though he's been riding since the 1970s, Mike Correll said he took the safety course with one of his sons. Motorcycle courses, offered for riders of all skill levels, teach safe handling and riding and includes information that lets riders know that riding between lanes or on the shoulder is against the law in Washington state.

Lane splitting is only legal in California. Certified Motorcycle Instructor Kevin Tusler told KOMO News that a few other states allow different types of maneuvers for motorcyclists.

Utah allows lane filtering, which allows a motorcyclist to move between stopped cars.

Arizona's lane filtering law allows riders to maneuver between vehicles, as long as both are traveling at 15 mph or less.

Hawaii allows motorcyclists to ride on the shoulder when there is traffic congestion.

Montana allows motorcyclists to travel no faster than 20 mph to pass stopped vehicles or those that are traveling 10 mph or less.

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

CORNHUSKERS REMOVE LID LAW

"Nebraska becomes 33rd state to repeal mandatory helmet law!" blasts a headline across the top of the ABATE of Nebraska website (www.abatene.com), heralding the passage of Legislative Bill 91; which was amended to transportation measure LB138, overwhelmingly approved 30-5 and then signed into law by Governor Jim Pillen (R) on June 1, 2023.

"Glad to have played a role in allowing the riders of Nebraska to ride free," Facebooked State Senator Ben Hansen (R-Blair) who carried LB 91 through the unicameral legislature, touting that people should be free to decide if they want to take the risk of riding without a helmet.

Under Sen. Hansen's bill, any motorcyclist or passenger over age 21 who has completed a basic certification course by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation would be able to ride without a helmet, effective on January 1, 2024.

Riders from out of state could also ride without a helmet if they have taken an equivalent course and carry proof of completion. The bill would also require riders and passengers to wear protective glasses or have a windshield on their bikes.

CALIFORNIA SENATE APPROVES EXEMPTION FOR SIKH RIDERS FROM HELMET LAW

Sikhs and others whose faith requires them to wear a turban or patka could soon be allowed to ride motorcycles in California without a helmet as mandated by state law, as the State Senate voted 21-8 on June 1st to grant a religious exemption for the headwear.

"Freedom of religion is a core foundation of this country," said State Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), who sponsored Senate Bill 847. "We, as Americans, have the right to freely express our religion and I believe that right should equally extend to everyone."

Sikh turbans and patkas are considered articles of faith for believers.

"Although other countries and our own military make accommodations for Sikhs' deep beliefs, out of the U.S. states that require helmets, none has exemptions for Sikhs or any other group based on religious practice," according to Sen. Dahle. SB 847 now moves to the Assembly.

WASHINGTON STATE TO PROTECT VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

House Bill 1112, signed into law on May 16, 2023 by Washington Governor Jay Inslee (D) creates a new gross misdemeanor penalty for negligent drivers who kill "vulnerable user victims," which can include pedestrians, cyclists, and people riding tractors, horses or motorcycles on the roadway.

The traffic infraction of negligent driving in the second degree with a vulnerable user victim is renamed negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim in the second degree, and effective January 1, 2025, following a public awareness campaign, the scope of the infraction will be modified: A person commits the

infraction if the person "operates a vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and proximately causes great bodily harm or substantial bodily harm of a vulnerable user of a public way."

Negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim is punishable by up to 365 days in jail, a \$5,000 fine which may not be reduced below \$1,000, or both. A person convicted of this crime will also lose their driving privileges for 90 days.

The bill was a bipartisan effort by State Rep. Paul Harris (R-Vancouver) and will allow judges, at their discretion, to hold negligent drivers to greater accountability and impose criminal penalties to protect vulnerable victims of accidents.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE PARITY ACT

U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Bob Casey Jr. (D-PA) announced that they would introduce the Electric Motorcycle Parity Act in the Senate which, if enacted, would expand available tax credits to riders who purchase qualifying electric motorcycles in the U.S. with the same qualifications required for four-wheeled electric vehicles that previously passed into law as part of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act.

In the United States, electric motorcycle purchases that met certain conditions were previously eligible for tax credits before the 2022 calendar year, but unfortunately for riders those tax credits expired at the end of 2021. Although some individual states have opted to offer tax incentives for electric motorcycles purchased in 2022 and 2023, nothing has existed at the federal level for the past year and a half.

According to Sens. Casey and Baldwin, the Electric Motorcycle Parity Act of 2023 would make vehicles with fewer than four wheels (potentially two- and even three-wheeled vehicles) eligible for the clean vehicle tax credit that is part of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which awards up to \$7,500 to customers if both the vehicle and the taxpayer meet certain requirements.

BIPARTISAN CALL TO RE-ESTABLISH MAC AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Several members of the U.S. House of Representatives are urging Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to re-establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Committee (MAC). The MAC was supposed to be re-established within 90 days of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act of 2021 becoming law, expanding membership seats to include manufacturers, motorcyclists rights organizations and safety professionals, yet over a year has passed since its enactment with no action thus far by the DOT.

In the joint letter to the Transportation Secretary, the group of Congressmembers write in part; "Unfortunately, despite the requirement that the MAC be established within 90 days of enactment it appears no such action has been taken. While we understand the many priorities you manage at the Department of Transportation, this critical Council must be instated to ensure the safety of motorcyclists."

"DANGEROUS" AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES A former federal transportation safety advisor warns, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas" in a Washington Post article acknowledging the vehicle's Autopilot driver-assistance program "has been involved in far more crashes than previously reported."

The June 10 article notes that "The number of deaths and serious injuries associated with Autopilot also has grown significantly... The most recent data includes at least 17 fatal incidents," with four of those involving a motorcycle.

Last year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened two consecutive special investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcyclists.

Former NHTSA senior safety adviser Missy Cummings, now a professor at George Mason University's College of Engineering and Computing, called the surge in Tesla crashes "troubling" and said the number of fatalities compared to overall crashes was also a concern.

An uptick in crashes coincides with Tesla's aggressive rollout of Full Self-Driving, which has expanded from around 12,000 users to nearly 400,000 in a little more than a year. In February, Tesla issued a recall of more than 360,000 vehicles equipped with Full Self-Driving over concerns that the software prompted its vehicles to disobey traffic lights, stop signs and speed limits.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE MARKET EXPERIENCING DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH

Sales figures for the first quarter of 2023 are in for the European PTW (Powered Two-Wheeler) market, and things seem to be looking up for the international motorcycle industry. In total, there was a 15.5% increase across the top five European markets as compared to the first quarter of 2022.

It goes without saying that the European motorcycle market is considerably more diverse than what we see in the U.S. With a wider selection of motorcycles due to stricter licensing parameters, manufacturers need to expand their model ranges with bikes in the 125cc, 300cc to 500cc, and 650cc+ categories. On top of that, more and more people are hitting the road on electric motorcycles.

Italy leads the pack with an impressive 31.1% growth versus the first quarter of 2022, with runner-up Germany experiencing 13.2% more moto- sales than the same period of last year. In third place, France marked a 7.1% increase over Q1 2022, while fourth and fifth places went to Spain and the U.K., respectively.

The European motorcycle industry appears to be rebounding from a rather lackluster 2022, and should the current trend continue, could result in an excess of one million new motorcycles sold there by year's end.

ABOUT AIM / NCOM: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is a nationwide motorcyclists rights organization serving over 2,000 NCOM Member Groups throughout the United States, with all services fully-funded through Aid to Injured Motorcyclist (AIM) Attorneys available in each state who donate a portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into the NCOM Network of Biker Services (www.ON-A-BIKE.com / 800-ON-A-BIKE).



TEAM OREGON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM For more information on classes and locations please visit http://team-oregon.org/ or call 1-800-545-9944

Endorsement Courses

For new and unlicensed riders, a Team Oregon endorsement course is required by law. Getting your endorsement is done in three steps:

- Take the course
- Pass the test
- Go to DMV

eRider Basic Rider Training is an approved endorsement course all riders. No experience is needed.

Students receive eight hours of on-bike training over 2 days. Training motorcycles are provided. The classroom portion is done online at home. This course meets Oregon's mandatory training requirements for all new license applicants.

Basic Rider Training (BRT) is an approved endorsement course for all riders. No experience is needed.

Students receive eight hours of on-bike training over 2 days. Training motorcycles are provided. Classroom sessions are done in-person, on-site over 3 days. (Note that face masks may be required in the classroom.) This course meets Oregon's mandatory training requirements for all new license applicants.

eRider Intermediate Rider Training is an approved endorsement course for riders 21 and older who can already operate a motorcycle. You must be able to smoothly get underway, turn, shift and stop. Students receive four hours of on-bike training. Training motorcycles are provided. The classroom portion is done online at home. This course meets Oregon's mandatory training requirements for new license applicants 21 and older.

<u>Intermediate Rider Training (IRT)</u> is an approved endorsement course for riders 21 and older who can already operate a motorcycle. You must be able to smoothly get underway, turn, shift and stop.

Students receive four hours of on-bike training. Training motorcycles are provided. The classroom portion is done inperson, on-site. (Note that face masks may be required in the classroom.) This course meets Oregon's mandatory training requirements for new license applicants 21 and older.

Advanced Training

ADVANCED TRAINING IS NOT JUST FOR EXPERTS. IT'S HOW RIDERS BECOME EXPERTS.

For endorsed riders, the Team Oregon suite of advanced courses will help you tune up, smooth over, sort out, dial in and nail down your riding skills. Join us!

For endorsement courses for new, returning and unlicensed riders, click here.

RSP Road Riding Tactics (RSP) is for endorsed riders who want to raise their skills to a higher level, focusing on low-speed control, effective braking and precision curve skills. Tuition is \$99. 4.5 hours

Advanced Braking Clinic (ABC) is a short course for endorsed riders to refine braking skills in normal and emergency situations at real road speeds. Learn to use that ABS! Tuition is \$79. 3 hours

Cornering Clinic is taught on a kart track and focused on curve skills. Learn where to look, body position, selecting lines and linking turns. Trikes and reverse trikes welcome! Tuition is \$79. 2.5 hours

Precision Maneuvering Clinic (PMC) is a slow-cone course for endorsed riders modeled on police motorcycle training. Participants master low-speed balance and control, tight turns, U-turns, group riding and parking techniques. Tuition is \$99. 4.5 hours

Advanced Riding Techniques (ART) is designed to refine strategies, decision making, braking and cornering skills on the tight turns and curves of kart track. Trikes and reverse trikes welcome! Tuition is \$179. 7 hours

Adventure training Team Oregon does not offer adventure training, but partners with RIDE Adventures in Bend, Ore. RIDE Adventures provides world-class adventure bike training, rentals and tours to street riders ready to expand their skills off-pavement. Beginner ADV riders are welcome, but the course is an eye opener even for experienced ADV riders. Learn more.

Track Days Team Oregon does not offer track days, but partners with MotoCorsa to provide entry-level track-day training at racetracks in the Pacific Northwest. More details and a course schedule coming soon!

BikePAC of Oregon 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



BikePAC needs more motorcyclists to take the RIDER SURVEY You can find it on the BikePAC of Oregon website www.bikepacoforegon.com or with this QR code.



Well, here you are in July and I write this with a heavy heart. The Lane Sharing bill which we have worked on for at least 5 years died in the Joint Transportation committee. We are not exactly sure what took us out, it could have been there were not enough Legislators there to vote in committee or the JTC just didn't support our bill. Either way we are done for this legislative session.

The takeaway from this is we got over 1000 pieces of testimony from all sorts of riding community and others, more than 90% favorable. We made some new friends in Legislature and the group working on

Lane Sharing is already gearing up to submit another bill next long session. There are a few groups we need to listen too to see if we can address concerns, specifically LE. But hey that is the fun part of legislation, listening to people and coming to agreement! Thank you each for all you are doing to advance the safety of motorcycling in Oregon.

Bill Foster reminded me there are a couple more bills of interest. HB2316, expands DUII to include other substances. It is scheduled for second and third reading in Senate for mid-June. HB2426, expands self service gas pumping. It is currently scheduled for second and third reading in mid-June also.

We are still desperately trying to find an Executive Director for BikePac. If you want to know the duties, ask myself or any of the officer of BikePac about the position. Please take time to fill out the survey on BikePac website and please watch the BikePac Facebook site for alerts, stay tuned!

Bob Thomas

Legislative/BikePac Rep















BikePAC was formed from Abate of Oregon to provide direct lobbying of the legislature in Salem. Most of its funding comes from Abate of Oregon BikePAC members.

The organization of BikePAC consists of an Executive Director, Lobbyist, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership officer. Currently the Executive

Director position is vacant and our current lobbyist is looking for an assistant to learn the ropes and eventually take over. Elections are usually held in May and take effect in June.

Duties of the Executive Director are to preside over BikePAC meetings, set priorities of legislative action, provide budget input to the Treasurer and generally provide oversight to activities.

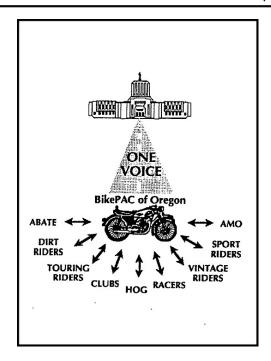
If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact BikePAC via their website at www.bikepacoforegon.com.click> ABOUT > OFFICERS AND CONTACT > fill out the message form



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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 A.B.A.T.E.?

We are a State Motorcycle Rights
Organization 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 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.