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#### 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**1977** - Oregon's mandatory helmet law is repealed.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.

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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 STATE BOARD MINUTES

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. State Board Monthly Meeting Noon Executive Board Meeting @ 1100 Fossil Meeting to follow Cidicci's Pizza south, Albany, OR September 9, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance led by BILL (TWO RIVERS), 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 12:15 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. KATHY & CINDY Welcome everyone. BOB from the HUB CITY chapter motioned

to accept the minutes printed in last month's ABATE newspaper. Seconded by BRAD from the SE PORTLAND chapter. Corrections? N Acceptance? Y. Note: (EB) = Executive Board (EB) Coordinator: Joy

Reyes <u>coordinator@abateoforegon.net</u> Opening comments: WE RECEIVED 2 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. 1 FROM FALLEN HEROeS AND 1 FROM THE AMA. (EB) Vice

Coordinator (N): VACANT vcn@abateofore gon.net

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VACANT vcs@abateoforegon.net (EB) Vice Coordinator (E): Ed Miller (protem) vce@abateoforegon.net THE TEDDY BEAR RUN IS COMING UP. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN GOOD.

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield <u>vcal@abateoforegon.net</u> NO REPORT

(EB) Recording Secretary: Deb Rheault-Kasner <u>secretary@abateoforegon.net</u> I NEED TO KNOW WHO IS WILLING TO CONTINUE THEIR POSITION(S) AS A STATE OFFICER FOR NEXT YEAR (2024). UNLESS SOMEONE WANTS TO BE RECORDING SECRETARY, I'LL DO IT FOR ONE MORE YEAR IF YOU WANT ME TO. I ASKED EACH OFFICER IF THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT THEIR CURRENT POSITION(S) FOR NEXT YEAR (2024)? HERE ARE THE ANSWERS: COORDINATOR: YES V. COORDINATOR N: OPEN

V.COORDINATOR S. OPEN V. COORDINATOR E: ED MILLER

V. COORDINATOR AT LARGE: YES REC. SECRETARY: YES MEMBERSHIP SEC: YES TREASURER: NO

MEMBERSHIP SEC: YES TREASURER: NO OPEN SANCTIONING: NO AUDITOR: OPEN

SANCTIONING: NO AUDITION: OPEN NEWSPAPER: UNK. PR: UNK. WEBMASTER: YES SWAP MEET: YES FOSSIL: YES PRODUCTS: OPEN EDUCATION: UNK. LEGISLATIVE: UNK. MRF: UNK. SGT. SOUTH UNK SGT. NORTH YES SGT. EAST: OPEN HISTORIAN: YES QUARTERMASTER OPEN (EB) Membership Secretary: Glenna Grosen <u>membership@abateoforegon.net</u> St ats August 2023

Less Members of Multiple Chapters 15 Hub City gained two supporters. Actual Members 570 SHE IS SENDING CURRENT EVENT FLIERS IN THE NEW MEMBER PACKETS (EB) Treasurer: Karen Tolle treasurer@abateoforegon.net COMBINED TOTALS ARE: \$45,854.48 (EB) Sanctioning Officer: Cindy Witmer sanctioning@abateoforegon.net RE PORT FROM SANCTIONING, EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL, BECAUSE OF THE UNSEEN DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PLACE OF THE EVENT VENUE, THE SWAP MEET HAD TO BE CHANGED TO A NEW VENUE. THE ARMORY DID NOT HAVE THE DATE AVAILABLE THAT WE HAD INSURANCE ON, SO WE HAD TO TAKE OUT A NEW POLICY WITH EVENTHELPER.COM AT THE COST OF \$171.00. AS WE ARE NEARING THE END OF THE YEAR, I STILL

**Total Active 585** 

NEED SOME FLYERS AND SANCTIONING FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED. OLD BUSINESS: 1) Nominations for Officers

DONE

2) New Chapter forming in Marion county

A MEÉT & GREET IS SET FOR SEPT. 24TH AT ABBY'S PIZZA IN KEIZER. 3451 RIVER ROAD AT 3PM. ENTRANCE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING. ALL ARE WELCOME.

3) Planning Session? Dates? THE PLANNING SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH IN COTTAGE GROVE.

4) Operations Manual/ByLaws

update I WASN'T ABLE TO HOOK UP WITH BILL. NO FAULT OF HIS. I'LL FIND TIME IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

5) MOTM (check for Bill & checks to be presented)

NEW BUSINESS: NONE BREAK State

Auditor: VACANT auditor@abateoforegon. net KAREN REMINDED US THAT THE CHAPTER TREASURERS STILL NEED TO FORWARD THEIR MONTHLY BANKING INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR EACH MONTH. SHE IS PRO-TEM UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED SO SEND YOUR MONTHLY BANKING REPORTS TO HER @ treasurer@abateoforegon.net Newspaper Editor: "T" Velazquez news@abateoforegon.net SHE IS DOING BETTER SINCE HER ACCIDENT

DOING BETTER SINCE HER ACCIDENT RETURNING FROM STURGIS. SHE SPOKE ABOUT NEW ADVERTISERS FOR THE PAPER.

Public Relations : "T" Velazquez (protem) <u>pr@abateoforegon.net</u> NO REPORT Web Page Editor: James

Niece webmaster@abateoforegon.net HE NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 20,000 ATTEMPTS TO HACK THE WEBSITE SINCE



THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. HE IS UPGRADING THE SITE. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE E-COMMERCE PLATFORM FOR THE ONLINE STORE. THE MOST

VISITED SECTION ON THE WEBPAGE IS THE MEMBERSHIP LINK.

State swap meet Coordinator: Jimmy Kasner <u>swapmeet@abateoforegon.net</u>

THE FALL SWAP MEET IS HAPPENING AS PLANNED ON NOV.4, 2023, A SATURDAY, AT THE KLIEVER MEMORIAL ARMORY AT 10,000 NE 33RD DR. PORTLAND OREGON .WE HAVE INSURANCE .I WILL BE GOING UP TO PORTLAND THIS MONTH TO GET FAMILIAR WITH THE SPACE AND MAP OUT THE STRATEGY WE WILL USE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AS ALWAYS WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND WE NEED TO TRY TO BRANCH OUT AND GET MORE AND VARIED TYPES OF VENDORS . I THINK IT'S GONNA BE FUN. SEND ME IDEAS AND CONTACTS ANY INPUT ON MAKING IT A REALLY GOOD SWAP MEET. MY PHONE AND EMAIL IS IN THE NEWSPAPER. THANK YOU. KEEP THE RUBBER ON THE ROAD ,A SMILE ON YOUR FACE, AND YOUR RADAR ALWAYS ON . JIMMY KASNER SWAP MEET COORDINATOR FOSSIL Coordinator: Shirley Huff <u>fossil@abateoforegon.net</u> BULLET POINTS FROM THE MEETING: SHE'D LIKE TO ADVERTISE THROUGH OTHER ABATE STATES NEWSLETTERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THERE EVENTS IN OURS. EQUIPMENT? WE POSSIBLY NEED A STORAGE UNIT IN FOSSIL. TALKED ABOUT THE GARBAGE **ISSUE & POSSIBLE DUMPSTER. RUN PINS?** SANCTIONING THRU THE AMA. TICKETS & WRISTBANDS ARE IN THE TRAILER. WAIVERS ARE THRU THE AMA. VENDOR **REGISTRATION & CLEANING FEE. EACH** CHAPTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AT LEAST 7 DOOR PRIZES. LINCOLN COUNTY WILL RUN THE GAMES AND BRING THEIR OWN GAME EQUIPMENT. "T" WILL RUN THE POKER RUN. SHE NEEDS SOMEONE TO DO THE MOTORHOME RESERVATIONS AND SOMEONE TO DO THE VENDORS. WE NEED TO GO THRU THE TRAILER AGAIN TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE ENOUGH SAFETY VESTS THAT FIT AND COMPLETE FIRST AID KITS AVAILABLE. WE TALKED ABOUT A SIMPLIFIED WOOD DELIVERY SYSTEM. SHE NEEDS ALL SGT. AT ARMS ON DECK. Products Director: VACANT products@abateoforego <u>n.net</u> Education Director: "T" Velazquez education@abateoforegon.net STEAM IS SET FOR MARCH 9, 2024. LOCATION TBD. Legislative Director: Bob Thomas legislative@abateoforegon.net NO REPORT THIS MONTH, OTHER THAN JOIN **BIKEPAC!** BikePAC Rep. for ABATE: Bob Thomas www.bikepacoforegon.com SEE ABOVE MRF Representative: Bill

Foster <u>MRF@abateoforegon.net</u> SEE HIS REPORT IN THE AMERICAN BIKER JOURNAL, PAGE 4. GO TO: <u>www.mrf.org</u> Bill thanked ABATE for allowing him to attend

this year's "Meeting of the Minds" in Pennsylvania. You can read his report in the November ABATE newspaper. Sergeant at Arms (S): Bill Foster <u>sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net</u> The State Grange is celebrating 150 years. They are against any toll roads in Oregon. Bill will forward that info to Dave Ganslein to give to the NO TOLL ARMY. Sergeant at Arms (N): Jimmy Kasner <u>sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net</u> NOTHI NG TO REPORT. ALL IS QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT SEPTEMBER 9,3023 Sergeant at Arms (E): VACANT <u>sgteast@abateoforegon.ne</u>t Historian: Deb Rheault Kasner <u>historian@abateoforegon.net</u> PLEAS E FORWARD ME ANY PIC'S FOR THE BOOKS. Quartermaster: VACANT guartermaster@ab ateoforegon.net Motions: 1. A MOTION MADE BY BOB (HUB CITY) TO MOVE THE PLANNING SESSION TO THE WEEKEND OF THE 28/29th OF OCTOBER. THE OCTOBER BOD MEETING & THE NOVEMBER BOD MEETING WILL BE AT THE PLANNING SESSION. SECOND BY JACKIE (JoCo). IN FAVOR 9. AGAINST 1. MOTION PASSED. Closing comments: ALL CHAPTER REPS. (THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS) ARE ÈXPECTED TO BE AT THE PLANNING SESSION. THERE IS NO VOTING BY PROXY! Announcements: THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS: OCTOBER 28th before the Planning Session. The Cottage Grove Inn, 845 Gateway Blvd. Cottage, OR Stay up to date at our website: <u>www.abateoforegon.net</u> Motion to adjourn made by BOB (HUB CITY) Second by GLENNA (WaCo). Adjourn @ 2:48 Deb Rheault Kasner secretary@abateoforegon.net 9/9/23

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#### Motorcycle Riders Foundation meets with NHTSA

At the end of July, key Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) board members held a meeting with half a dozen officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding autonomous vehicles. It was a frustrating meeting.

At the outset, NHTSA officials promised a safety report, likely to appear in the fall, which they say will shed light on how this new technology interacts with motorcycles. While they seemed optimistic about what the study will show, we remain concerned. One reason for the concern is what we believe to be a lack of urgency from the federal government to set guidelines and legal standards.

The MRF participants stressed a few key points. First, there is clearly a lack of knowledge by consumers about what these products can and cannot do. It seems all too often that misleading promotional material gives drivers a false sense of what these cars are capable of. While officials at NHTSA may know what the cars are designed to do, it seems obvious many of the people behind the wheel of these cars do not.

We also pointed out the growing number of crashes that involve Teslas and motorcycles. Earlier this summer, former NHTSA senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, told the Washington Post, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas." Disappointingly, NHTSA refused to comment on this, citing an open investigation into those crashes.

On a positive note, a member of Congressman Tim Walberg's staff attended the meeting and asked key questions about the rollout of the next level in autonomous vehicles. Congressional staff being present sends a clear message to the bureaucrats at NHTSA that at least some on Capitol Hill are worried about motorcyclists.

We are fast approaching a turning point in the development of autonomous vehicles. Currently, most of the autonomous vehicles on the road are "Level 2." This means "the driver is fully responsible for driving the vehicle while the system provides continuous assistance with both acceleration/ braking and steering." However, a huge jump is made with "Level 3." At this stage "the system handles all aspects of driving while the driver remains available to take over driving if the system can no longer operate."

To see NHTSA classification levels for automation click here.

Despite our frustration with the lack of action on this topic, the MRF remains in the fight. Meetings like this, while disappointing, keep us in their face. We are committing to holding manufacturers and regulators accountable for the safety of ALL roadway users.

#### STATE MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Collins (Two Rivers) New LIFE MEMBER:

THANK YOU

MEMBERS &

SUPPORTERS!!

New Members: Janice Jensen (Josephine County)

Jeff Matusak (SE Portland, w/support to Hub City) Canute Anderson (SE Portland) Andrew Krett (Lincoln County)



Shout out to these SE Portland members that we haven't seen for a while: Larry and Lee Clark

Michael Bloomer

Mailed 33 reminders and 56 late notices. Active members 585 out of 637, get those renewals in early, please. Two change of address notices were received from the post office indicating members have moved to other states. Go figure.

I made a push to complete ABATE tasks and repeated a 'late' mailing to members. Sorry 'bout that riders. Here's where my head was...

How to pack my bike, for all four seasons, when camping for a weekend in Oregon or Washington. From spring, immediately to summer intensity, then thrown into fall. Rode out of nearly 100-degrees, thinking I was prepared for cooler rainforest temperatures. There's a great outfitter store in Forks! Visited the 'tree of life' on the coast. Cycle Camp, in the rainforest, is at the top of my must do list.



#### New Members

Start Date	Name	Chapter	
8/22/2023	Jeff Matusak	Hub City	
8/22/2023	Jeff Matusak	SE PDX	
8/22/2023	Canute Anderson	SE PDX	
8/23/2023	Larry Clark	SE PDX	
8/23/2023	Lee Clark	SE PDX	

#### A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon

#### CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

#### Hey Folks

September is here, Fall is on its way. I hope everyone had a great summer riding wherever the road took you.

Short report. Let's get to planning for next year.

#### Ed Miller

Coordinator for Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon



#### DOUGLAS CO. CHAPTER

As summer has drawn to a close and fall is upon us it's time to ride, ride, ride while the weather holds! We have had some wonderful adventures this season! Although we travelled separately, four of us made the trip to Sturgis. Charles and Vanessa Darnell, our Vice-Coordinator and Treasurer respectively, and my husband Don and I. Funny, we didn't run into each other there, but it was a bit of a crowd. We had a wonderful ride! For us it was not a ride out, ride back trip. We did some riding and sightseeing going and coming, and met lots of awesome people.

Time to start gearing up for the seasonal toy runs. In most communities the toy runs benefit underprivileged kids. Seems like there are so many kids in need. Let's all be as generous as we can. And please, it's not just the littles that have needs and wants. Shop and contribute for the teens as well.

See you down the road....

Becky Garino

#### JOSEPHINE CO. CHAPTER

Welcome fellow A.B.A.T.E. members and future members. Can you believe that it is October already? The weather is still good, the kids are back in school, and the tourists are mostly gone. Time to ride. We have had an overabundance of motorcycle accidents and deaths this year. Have you asked yourself why? It seems that a lot of them have been speed-related. SLOW it down, watch for deer and distracted drivers, and be careful out there. Live to ride again another day.

The Josephine County A.B.A.T.E Toy Run is coming up on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope you and your friends will join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and Raffles! Every year we support children in Josephine County who would otherwise have little or no Christmas. Please bring an unwrapped toy. Don't forget the older kids too. All vehicles are welcome, get into the spirit and decorate your bike or car in Christmas bling and join us for a ride around Grants Pass. Location: The ride

starts at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale, in Grants Pass. We will stage at 1:00 p.m. with kickstands up at 1:30. After a ride through Grants Pass, we will return to Fruitdale Grange. Food is available for \$5 a plate, and a raffle will be held. All proceeds will go to support the local kids in Josephine County who need your help. Come ride with us and support our kids.

A.B.A.T.E. supports our community with motorcycle awareness, safe riding, and Team Oregon's rider education programs. We support and donate to BikePac which fights for your rights in Salem. BikePac has fought for and won the right to pump our own gas for our bikes. They have eliminated the handlebar height restrictions, made it legal to proceed through a "Dead-Red" light, passed the "Vehicular Assault" law for reckless/careless drivers who injure riders, reduced police harassment by defining a motorcycle helmet in simple, easy-tounderstand criteria, and they continue to fight for lane sharing and the choice to wear a helmet or other riding gear. BikePac opposes the addition of ethanol in our gasoline. It is proven detrimental when used in small engines, including motorcycles. They support having at least one pump of non-blended fuel available at all gas stations and oppose the E-15 or higher "blends" from becoming a mandatory standard. Support BikePac. www.BikePACofOregon.com

It is not too late to sign the petition to Vote Before Tolls. Right now, ODOT can put a Toll Road anywhere they want to, and there is nothing we can do. We want the right to vote on the Toll Road before it is created. We want to amend the Constitution to: *prohibit "highway" (defined )fees/tolls after December 31, 2017, unless voters in nearby counties approve.* Toll Roads raise money for road construction but, They can also be a hardship for low-income commuters. Toll Roads divert traffic from highways into neighborhoods, causing increased traffic, noise, and safety issues for our children. For more information, and a copy of the petition, go online to Vote Before Tolls

You are invited to join us for an A.B.A.T.E. meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at the Fruitdale Grange at 6:00. New Members are happily welcomed. Join ABATE, volunteer, and help to make a difference.

Motorcycles are like deer, if you see one, there may be more. Watch for motorcycles.

### A.B.A.T.E. Of Oregon North Coast Chapter

Howdy from the picturesque Oregon North Coast! As the dry summer continues we are experiencing some of the best riding weather. Our fun run "Too Broke for Sturgis" a.k.a. "Moose Loop," was a hit (Saturday Aug 5) along with local Bike Nights. The next fun run is planned for Sept 16, titled, "Just Because."

Our next road cleanup is coming up in October along with our next donation to Clatsop Food Bank. November is our annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction held at the Moose Lodge in Astoria. This event has been very successful in the past; it is our primary fundraiser which takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving. Our last poker run of the year is three weeks later in December; the "Holiday Run." Join us for any or all. We're a fun loving group of community oriented riders.

Until next month, take care of yourselves and your BIKES!

Linda Madden, NC Chapter Secretary

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

Hoping you all had a nice summer of riding. The weather has been good, sometimes a little hot, but not much rain. Definitely looking forward to some more nice, fall days, for riding.

Speaking about riding, hop on your bike and try to make it to the next meeting that is now being held and The High Rocks Restaurant and Lounge. It is located right off of I-205 behind Volcano Harley Davidson and the Safeway Store. 915 E Arlington Street Gladstone Oregon. There is lots of secure parking. They have a great menu with breakfast served until 2:00 plus a great lunch menu. Prices are reasonable and the service is great. And the beverages hit the spot.

Come to a meeting and go riding with some of us afterwards. There is generally always a ride of some sort planned.

If some of you are not getting phone call reminders, I have been advised that a large amount of the phone numbers we have, are not correct. Please come to a meeting and get your information corrected. If you want copies of the minutes emailed to you, please be sure I have your correct email address on file. You can email me at: harleyanna13@comcast.net with your correct email address. Please include your first and last names in the email so I can set you up properly. Add your phone number also if you would like to!

The SE Chapter POKER RUN was a success. We would have loved to see more of our 166 members show up and support the chapter though. We had 44 bikes. It was a nice route going through the backroads of Clackamas County. A big THANK YOU to Mike Friend and Ron Dahl for leading the group to each of the awesome stops. We had lots and lots of really cool door prizes. I don't think anyone went home empty handed. Another big THANK YOU to: The M & M Restaurant, Chesters Bar, The Hanger in Carver, The Redland Café and Watkins Pub. We thank you, so very much, for your support and generosity. Please support these business's while out and about. They all have an excellent menu.

By the time you read this our family picnic, on September 23, will have come and gone. We Planned lots of fun things for members and their family and friends. Bingo, Door Prizes, Pinata' for the kids and lots of yummy food.

Officer nominations are coming up soon, for next year. Please come and throw your name in the hat to take on a position. Roger is taking some time off and will not be Director next year. We know a lot of you have the ability to take on some tasks, so don't be shy. Come and volunteer.

Hope to see you all soon.



Anna Dahl, SE Portland ABATE Secretary





#### NHTSA Investigates Tesla Again...

In a letter made public this week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking answers from Tesla on the company's "Autopilot" system. The letter sent on July 26th states, "Recently, NHTSA became aware that Tesla has introduced an Autopilot configuration that, when enabled, allows drivers using Autopilot to operate their vehicles for extended periods without Autopilot prompting the driver to apply torque to the steering wheel."

As the letter notes, the ramifications of this feature are worrisome. "Relaxation of controls designed to ensure that the driver remains engaged in the dynamic driving task could lead to greater driver inattention and failure of the driver to properly supervise Autopilot." It is unclear whether Tesla responded by the August 25th deadline noted in the correspondence. However, this action by NHTSA comes on the heels of several other investigations of Tesla. Most important for motorcyclists is the investigation, started nearly a year ago, concerning the deaths of three bikers in crashes involving Teslas believed to be in autopilot mode.

Stories like this one are why the Motorcycle Riders Foundation continues to press federal officials for safety standards on selfdriving cars and how they interact with motorcyclists. As the summer riding season comes to a close, don't forget the words of former NHTSA senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas."

Ride Safe and Ride Free.

September 17, 2023

Well, all of us motorcyclists have one or one million reasons to ride.

What about the rest of 'em? What practical, utilitarian reason and purpose could one recommend to a person who doesn't ride a motorcycle or does not even know how to ride a motorcycle?

**1. Convenience :** Its smaller than a car, gee whiz! Whiz past in smaller lanes and country roads too.

**2. Savings :** Costs less to own and maintain. Yes, the engine and power consumption is less as well. So you get more bang for your buck, more miles per gallon.

3. Friends among strangers : Motorcyclists seem to have a community irrespective of year and make of their vehicle, unlike most car enthusiasts who have limited engagement of car or travel club / group. Just wave and see the enthusiastic response from a biker.

**4. Natural Joyride :** Its a natural anti-depressant. Many pilots have mentioned riding a motorcycle as being the closest thing to flying. Plus, your senses have no distraction and thus no worries while riding.

5. Next Level Gaming : Well, how about learning off-road or endurance riding? Compete with friends or as an amateur.

**6. Skill development :** You learn to be more handy with mechanical breakdowns. Plus learning to ride a motorcycle will boost your motor skills, mental agility and self-confidence as well.

7. **Travel light, move more :** More adventurous way to pursue tourism, weekend getaway, a picnic at the park or beach, or just ride to the nearest gym.

And for the millennials — all of the above is true and applicable even for your electric motorcycle !

RIVER CITY CHAPTER

Our Semi-annual Road cleanup will be October 15. We will meet at the Deschutes River Bridge between Celilo and Briggs, Oregon, starting at 9 AM. We'll plan on going to lunch afterwards to reward ourselves for all the hard work.

See's Candies sales fundraiser is back! Sales will be from Nov 24-Dec 23. Volunteer to man the trailer and sell the goods. Join us at our monthly meetings to get involved. We will meet one hour prior to our monthly meetings for planning. Stop by the trailer or contact a River City Chapter member and stock up on candy for everyone on your gift list. Fundraiser helps support a family in need at Christmas.

We are going to start planning for a Holiday party this year. Planning on December  $19^{th}$ . All are welcome. Details TBD.

Sunday rides will continue as long as the weather holds. 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 the Shilo Inn.

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 3, 2023!

May the wind be always at your back.... Laura "Dilli" 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.

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#### Two Rivers Chapter

We have a new meeting place. We will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM at Abby's Pizza in Eugene. The address is 1976 Echo Hollow Road. Come by and visit with us.

#### **BMW Issues Stop Sale Notice**

Just yesterday, BMW directed its North American dealers to stop the sale of all new and used motorcycles. The directive only effects motorcycles using internal combustion engines. BMW electric motorcycles are not impacted by the order.

BMW stated that, "This temporary stop sale is not safety related and BMW owners may continue to ride their motorcycles as normal." The fact that the order is not related to safety and does not impact electric motorcycles has led to much speculation. One possible reason for the move by BMW could be emissions related. The focus on both new and used motorcycles hints that is a long-standing issue BMW is trying to address.

It's unclear how this order will impact BMW owners who may face recalls, or other maintenance situations. Regardless of the "temporary" status, being that this information focuses on "internal combustion engines" and offers electric motorcycles as a replacement, it certainly has our attention. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will track this developing story and update you as the more information becomes available.

Motorcycle Rider Foundation

#### WASHINGTON CO. CHAPTER

On Saturday the 19th of August 2023 Twenty-four stalwart motorcyclists gathered at the Draggin Pipe Motorcycle Performance + Repair in Forest Grove to participate in our "End of Summer Run". This would be the last big event of the season. How could the time go by so fast?

The weather was just how we like it, at least 1st thing in the morning. Cool and sunny. Later it would warm up enough to make you sweat if you were not moving in the wind. First stop; Wapato Car Show in Gaston. Always nice to get to browse through the grassy baseball field covered side by side and bumper to bumper with some of the coolest custom cars, trucks and a few motorcycles in the northwest.

The route would take us next to Jewel, then to Vernonia and then to the end stop, Paul and Lynn's place south of Cornelius where Bar-B-Que awaited us.

Something has to happen on a run like this doesn't it? Today was dying battery day for one of the riders. He would have been stranded if this had happened while riding alone. The battery on his bike just died and was done for! Couldn't be jumped or charged. The battery had to be replaced. Thank you fellow riders and friends in need who were able to get a replacement battery at the auto parts store in Vernonia.

Brian Coulston from Battleground, Wash. followed me on this run and I noticed as we were approaching the Vernonia stop that he was lagging behind. He had acquired a slow leak in his rear tire. I learned something new: That is, some newer bikes now have sensors (located in the valve stem on the tire's rim) that can determine if the tire pressure changes. The sensor sends a signal to the onboard computer and then will trigger a warning light to Flash! "Low pressure in rear tire" cried the computer. A sharp piece of metal had cut into the rear tire and a slow leak was letting air escape. Brian aired up at the Standard station in Vernonia and headed home by way of Scappoose.

Good run, good food and good friends made for a memorable End of Summer Run.

A note about the charity we donated to. Joan and Mike from 'Rebuilding Together Washington County' informed us about how this group helps homeowners with problems by helping them with a hand up.

The ABATE State Board meetings for both October and November will be held at the planning session the weekend of 28 & 29 Oct 2023. NO state board meetings will be held on the second Saturday of October or the second Saturday of November. Mark your calendars.

Our Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run will be held on Saturday the 18th of Nov. 2023. The plan is to get approval from the city to have a continuous parade of bikes run the route which means not

having to stop at intersections! HOOOORAY!







Ride Hard, Cooper

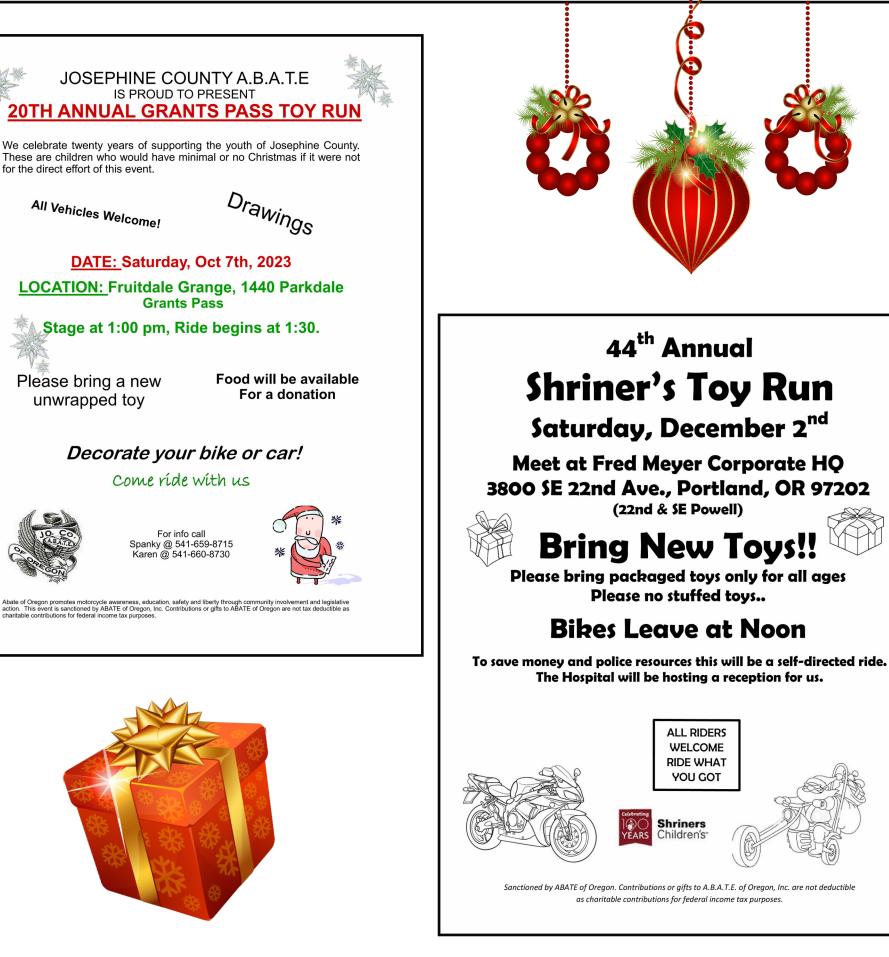
#### **2023 ABATE EVENTS**

(dates and times subject to change) 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month - State Board Meeting at Cidicci's Pizza, Albany, OR Also on ZOOM when available

	<b>~****</b> NO BOARD MEETING October 14 <sup>th</sup> or November 11 <sup>th</sup> **** Board Meeting will be during the planning session			
10/7	Grants Pass Toy Run	Josephine County Chapter		
10/28-29	Annual Planning Session -Cottage	Grove State of Oregon ABATE		
11/18	Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run	Washington County Chapter		
11/18	Spaghetti Dinner	North Coast Chapter		
12/2	Shriner's Toy Run	SE Portlabd Chapter		



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#### HEALTH BENEFITS RELATED TO MOTORCYCLE RIDING

Chances are you've heard how dangerous it is to ride a motorcycle. How you are just risking your life being on your bike and you must have a death wish. For the most part, motorcycle riding is safe. It requires you to be extra attentive and aware of your surroundings. You have to think more, but you are still able to relax and enjoy the ride.

Whether you're going to the grocery store two blocks away or driving through open mountains in the fall, any rider will tell you, there's nothing like the rumble of the bike beneath you and the feeling of being "one" or "whole" with your bike.

It is a lifestyle and a passion, and it also has numerous health benefits you may not have known you've been gaining. You can soak in these benefits regardless if you prefer to street ride or off-road ride. The benefits come from both types of riding.

#### **Mental Outlook**

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When people think of health, they often see health in strict terms of the physical body and tend to overlook mental health. Motorcycle riding is beneficial for physical as well as mental and emotional health. There is an array of benefits and they are not limited to these listed. Riding off-road or on streets is a great way to enjoy physical exercise and clear your head for a while. But the big thing is, it helps your brain.

It improves your mood. Plain and simple. Riding makes you happy and boosts endorphins.

Riding increases energy levels and your mental outlook. This does wonders with regards to helping you increase your happiness and mental health, which in turn, increases your life span. Who doesn't want to enjoy living a little longer so you can keep riding?

#### Core Strength and Stability

Just riding and enjoying a scenic view or riding to the grocery store down the street can improve core strength. Think about it. You have to work out your core just to keep yourself upright on a bike. Factor in some wind, and you are definitely working yourself out a lot more.

Maintaining the correct posture while riding also helps to keep your body in shape and can improve muscle tone because it's a low-impact exercise.

#### **Neck Strength**

Riding can also improve your neck strength. For some, this may not seem like a big deal, but for others with back problems or neck problems, it's almost like a therapy to the neck and back. Make sure your bike is fitted and adjusted to fit you correctly. Craning or straining your neck will do the opposite and you don't want to do any damage to your body.

#### **Stronger Knees and Thighs**

It can also help strengthen your knees and thighs. Individuals with knee or thigh issues will find riding a motorcycle is a kind of physical therapy. It requires you use your knees and thighs, but without straining them too much. Over time, you'll build muscle while eliminating any pains.

#### **Calorie Burning**

Have you ever thought you're getting your daily exercise just from your motorcycle seat? Riding takes effort, especially compared to driving in a car. Just being a passenger on a motorcycle you can burn 50 calories, but as a passenger in a car? It increases your insulin sensitivity too. This helps your metabolism, which will help you burn calories and store less fat.

Riding is fun. It's an experience. You can enjoy these health benefits without even trying. You can't complain about that. Now go out and ride!

By Clint Lawrence, founder of Motorcycle Shippers. Helping give riders more freedom to enjoy the bikes they love. <u>clint@motorcycleshippers.com</u>

**The Price of Apathy** by Mark Buckner Executive Director, Motorcycle Riders Foundation

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came



before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please, to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing

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nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are – like it or not - in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without

being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe software being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of ABATE of Oregon and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and – without a strong MRF - could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/

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#### H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act Passes the House!

On Thursday, September 14th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act, with a final vote of 222 to 190. H.R. 1435 would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively trumping any state law that prohibits their sale. 214 Republicans were joined by eight Democrats in favor of the bill, while no Republicans voted against it.

The Republican majority in the House of Representatives has been pushing back on policies supported by the Biden Administration and Democratic state governments aimed at restricting the sale of internal combustion engines. As Thursday's near party line vote demonstrates, this has become a highly partisan issue. The focus now turns to the Democrat controlled U.S. Senate. That chamber has a companion bill, S. 2090. That bill, with just 10 Senate cosponsors, faces an uphill battle.

Nevertheless, the action by the House today demonstrates that some lawmakers have heard the concerns of their constituents regarding the government-sponsored push towards electric vehicles.

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#### **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.

Intermediate Rider Training (IRT) 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!

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#### 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 <u>www.bikepacoforegon.com</u> or with this QR code.



BikePac report is kind of slim this month, we all are busy with riding and summer activities! But now is a great time to sign up or renew your BikePac membership! It only cost \$15 and you can do it online, easy as can be.

Even better sign up as a donation, you can take a \$50 credit off your Oregon taxes in the spring, or even better as a couple \$100 tax credit. Just donate the money and then Oregon gives you credit for up to \$50 per person or max of \$100 for two on your 2023 tax bill. Its free money and it helps in legislation effort.

So, who else is looking out for your rights in Salem as a motorcyclist? Well, there are some individuals, but BikePac is there all the time, letting legislators know we are here and want our right to ride, support us.

Bob Thomas

Abate/BikePac Rep



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**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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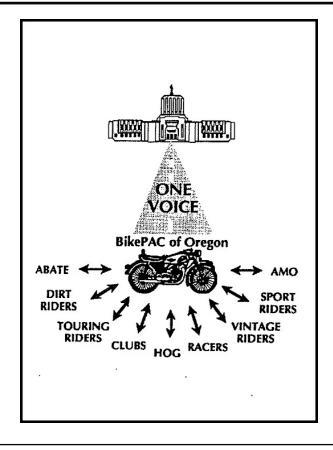
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#### **BikePAC Membership Application**

Individual\$15Family/Household\$30Group/Business\$50

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**BikePAC of Oregon** 4601 Carnes Road Ste 8, #167 Roseburg OR 97471-4600

You may publish my name YES NO

#### **Tax Information**

Your contribution will be directed into the *BikePAC* general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following: Put \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle friendly candidates.(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 for individuals or \$100 for couples.)

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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.

