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



*Dedicated to the  
freedom of the road!*



*Let those who ride,  
decide!*

**Mission Statement:**

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

## SAFETY TIP

From Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program

Riding in groups is fun, but it can be quickly go bad. A common mistake is getting distracted by another rider, whether they're ahead of you or behind you. Watch your mirror too long and a sudden situation could unfold in front of you while your eyes are elsewhere. Or stare at the rider ahead too long, you might just follow them into a very bad line. Spread out on group rides so other riders do not distract you.

### Looking at starting Salem Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Please join in the conversation!

The meeting place has been confirmed:  
Abby's Pizza on River Road, the Garland Way N. side of the building. It's the side of the pizza place that's called the lotto side.

There's a 10% discount on a food ticket for having called in early for the reservation.

Date: September 24th 2023

When: 3:00 pm

Where: 3451 River Rd. N. Keizer, OR 97303

SPREAD THE NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Be Safe, Ride Safe!**



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**Come To The Meeting**



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**STATE BOARD MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 12:00 noon Redmond Moose Lodge #323, 541.788.4972  
 3199 N. Hwy 97 Redmond, OR q Ed Miller

**DOUGLAS COUNTY (DC)**

4<sup>th</sup> Weds 6:00 pm Round Table Pizza, 2040 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg 541.294.1123  
 Susie Wentworth  
 jsbecker11@yahoo.com

**HUB CITY (HC)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 6:00 pm social hr. Pop's Branding Iron, 901 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany 541.514.1393  
 7:00 pm meeting Adam Karch - Coordinator  
 karchadamj@gmail.com

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY (JoCo)**

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

**LINCOLN COUNTY (LinCo)**

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

**NORTH COAST (NC)**

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

**RIVER CITY (RC)**

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

**SOUTHEAST PORTLAND (SE-PDX)**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun 12:30 pm NEW! High Rocks Steak & Chops, 915 E. Arlington, Gladstone, OR 503.285.4329  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 12:30 pm NEW! Rotten Roger

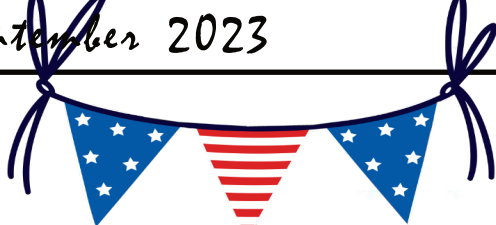
**TWO RIVERS (TR)**

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (WaCo)**

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

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



Contact A.B.A.T.E. to get involved!

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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.

**GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS

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

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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 Fossil Meeting  
@ 11am  
Cidicci's Pizza south, Albany, OR  
August 12, 2023  
Pledge of Allegiance led by RICK (RIVER CITY 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 V. Coordinator @ Large Jack Wingfield @ .1208 8 chapters were represented. 8 of the Ten (10) chapters in attendance were eligible to vote. Chapters Excused: DOUGLAS & N. COAST (Due to no ZOOM platform today) Unexcused:

Guests &/or first time attendees. CINDY HUFF

Welcome everyone.

BILL from the TWO RIVERS chapter motioned to accept the minutes printed in last month's ABATE newspaper. Seconded by BOB from the HUB CITY chapter. Corrections?/NO Acceptance? YES .

Note: (EB) = Executive Board

(EB) Coordinator: Joy Reyes [coordinator@abateoforegon.net](mailto:coordinator@abateoforegon.net) EXCUSED (OUT OF TOWN)

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield [vcal@abateoforegon.net](mailto:vcal@abateoforegon.net)

Opening comments: JACK MENTIONED THERE ARE FIVE (5) VACANT POSITIONS ON THE STATE AGENDA. ASK AT YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS IF ANYONE CAN FILL THESE POSITIONS. HE QUOTED FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SPEECH BACK IN THE 60's: "IT'S NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY?" ASK YOURSELF, WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION? ABATE?

(EB) Vice

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(EB) Vice Coordinator (E): Ed Miller (prom-tem) [vce@abateoforegon.net](mailto:vce@abateoforegon.net) THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TEDDY BEAR RUN ON SEPTEMBER 11th. IT IS THE 25th YEAR FOR THE TEDDY BEAR RUN. AS ALWAYS WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.

(EB) Recording Secretary: Deb Rheault-Kasner [secretary@abateoforegon.net](mailto:secretary@abateoforegon.net) 1) WE RECEIVED A THANK YOU LETTER FOR THE \$109.00 DONATION FROM THE ROCK FUNDRAISER DURING THIS YEARS FOSSIL CAMPOUT. THEY THANKED US FOR OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. 2) I FINALLY RECEIVED MAILING ADDRESSES FOR THE WINNERS OF THE ROCK FUNDRAISER FOR THE CARE & SHARE PROGRAM FOR THE MILWAUKEE ELKS LODGE. THEY WERE MAILED THURSDAY. 3) I RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM KATHY SAHLBERG REGARDING A LETTER SHE RECEIVED FROM A CLOSED BANK ACCOUNT AND A DONATION TO TWO SEPARATE BREAST CANCER ENTITIES THAT THEIR CHAPTER (AT THE TIME) HAD A FUNDRAISER FOR. I



## STATE BOARD MINUTES



ASKED HER TO FORWARD THE LETTER FROM THE BANK. AT THE TIME OF THIS AGENDA BEING EMAILED, I HADN'T RECEIVED MY REQUEST FOR THE LETTER FROM THE BANK. 4) THE N. COAST CHAPTER IS CHANGING BANKS. DUE TO NEW REGULATIONS, THEY (the bank) REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION THAN WE USUALLY HAVE GIVEN. KAREN HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THAT. I UPDATED OUR STANDARD FORM LETTER WITH THE NEW ADDITIONS FOR ACCOUNT SIGNING.

(EB) Membership Secretary: Glenna Grosen [membership@abateoforegon.net](mailto:membership@abateoforegon.net)

THERE ARE 548 CURRENT MEMBERS. THIS INCLUDES INDIAN CREEK. WaCo END OF SUMMER RUN IS NEXT WEEKEND, 8/19.

(EB) Treasurer: Karen

Tolle [treasurer@abateoforegon.net](mailto:treasurer@abateoforegon.net)

COMBINED TOTALS ARE: 47,378.28

KAREN TOLD US THAT SHE WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE HER LAST YEAR AS TREASURER. SHE JUST HAS TOO MUCH ON HER PLATE AND DOESN'T FEEL SHE CAN GIVE 100% LIKE SHE HAS DONE IN THE PAST. SHE CAN START TRAINING SOMEONE NEW WHO STEPS UP IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE TAKE BACK AND ASK YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS.

(EB) Sanctioning Officer: Cindy Witmer [sanctioning@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sanctioning@abateoforegon.net) CINDY EMAILED NO REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Meeting of the Minds update (Karen). KAREN HAS HIS REGISTRATION, ROOM & PLANE TICKET TAKEN CARE OF.

2) Fall Swap Meet update (Jimmy) JIMMY HAS RESERVED THE ARMORY FOR THE FALL SWAP MEET. HE JUST NEEDS TO CONFIRM WHICH DATE WE WANT, SAT. NOV 4TH OR SUN. NOV 5TH. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE SAT. DATE OF NOV. 4TH WAS AGREED UPON.

3) ZOOM THERE WAS NO MEETING THROUGH THE ZOOM PLATFORM TODAY DUE TO NO COMPUTER. JACK NOTED THAT THE MORE WE DEPEND ON ZOOM, THE LESS WE ACTUALLY COME TO THIS MEETING.

4) Membership status for Indian Creek (Glenna & Karen) GLENNA STATED THAT INDIAN CREEK HAS ALWAYS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT.

5) Manned spot @ the State Fair SO FAR THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS VENTURE. WE CAN GO WHEN AVAILABLE AND PAY EACH TIME. WE HAD AN APPROVED MOTION FROM LAST MONTH TO SPEND UP TO \$100 FOR THIS EVENT TO PASS OUT A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. INFORMATION. ANYONE INTERESTED CONTACT JOY.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Possible New Chapter in Marion County (a representative from Marion county will be joining us at our September Board meeting)

2) Planning Session in October ROGER QUESTIONED DID WE ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS FROM LAST PLANNING SESSION. DEB SAID (from the minutes from last year) THAT WE DID. THE STATE & CHAPTER GUIDELINES WERE COMPLETED & OFFICERS WERE VOTED IN. THERE WASN'T MUCH ELSE ON THAT AGENDA. WE WILL PICK UP THIS DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

3) Nominations are being accepted for 2024 State Officer positions

State Auditor:

**VACANT** [auditor@abateoforegon.net](mailto: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](mailto:treasurer@abateoforegon.net)

Newspaper Editor: "T"

Velazquez [news@abateoforegon.net](mailto:news@abateoforegon.net) EXCUSED Out of town.

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Web Page Editor: James

Niece [webmaster@abateoforegon.net](mailto:webmaster@abateoforegon.net) No report

State swap meet Coordinator: Jimmy Kasner [swapmeet@abateoforegon.net](mailto:swapmeet@abateoforegon.net) A date of November 4th was agreed upon. I will get Sanctioning to Cindy and go from there.

FOSSIL Coordinator: Shirley Huff [fossil@abateoforegon.net](mailto:fossil@abateoforegon.net) SHE HAD QUESTIONS. Venue costs, entertainment and such were discussed. Wood seemed to be an issue. She's open to suggestions on how to simplify that. September 9th will be the next Fossil meeting @ 11am before the BOD meeting.

Products Director: **VACANT** [products@abateoforegon.net](mailto:products@abateoforegon.net) Deb is storing the products in her storage in Newport. She'll get in touch with Dave Meeker to see where he ordered pins and stuff from.

Education Director: "T"

Velazquez [education@abateoforegon.net](mailto:education@abateoforegon.net) EXCUSED Check out the upcoming classes from Team Oregon.

Legislative Director: Bob Thomas [legislative@abateoforegon.net](mailto:legislative@abateoforegon.net) HB2316, was signed by Governor Kotec August 1, so that bill expands DUII to include other intoxicating substances including mushrooms, along with other substances.

HB2426, expands self-service gas pumping, unless you have been under a rock you now know as of August 4 you can legally pump your own gas. As motorcyclists we have been able to take the handle from the attendant and pump our own gas. Now you need no attendant to hand you the nozzle. And of course, it applies to all vehicles. I wish to encourage all members to take advantage of the half off tuition to train

with Team Oregon. As your representative to the Governor's Advisory Committee in Salem, I am offered accident reports for the month on motorcycle fatalities. Quite a few of these are us killing ourselves. Please drive responsibly, don't drink and drive and please take advantage of our great training offered in this State. 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 officers of BikePac about the position. Please take time to fill out the survey on the BikePac website and please watch the BikePac Facebook site for alerts, stay tuned! Bob Thomas Legislative/BikePac Rep. for ABATE: Bob Thomas [www.bikepacoforegon.com](http://www.bikepacoforegon.com) SEE ABOVE

MRF Representative: Bill

Foster [MRF@abateoforegon.net](mailto:MRF@abateoforegon.net) SEE HIS REPORT IN THE AMERICAN BIKER JOURNAL. WE ARE CLOSE TO LOSING OUR RIGHT TO RIDE OUR "COMBUSTION ENGINES" (OUR MOTORCYCLES). BECOME AN MRF MEMBER TODAY AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. BILL APPRECIATES BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEARS MEETING OF THE MINDS. HE ALSO NEEDS HELP WITH COMPUTER ISSUES.

Sergeant at Arms (N): Jimmy Kasner [sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net) NOTHING TO REPORT

Sergeant at Arms (S): Bill Foster [sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net) HE'LL BE AT ALL STATE EVENTS

Sergeant at Arms

(E): **VACANT** [sgteast@abateoforegon.net](mailto:sgteast@abateoforegon.net)

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Kasner [historian@abateoforegon.net](mailto:historian@abateoforegon.net) Please forward me any pic's for the books.

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

Motions: #1 SHIRLEY (LINCOLN CO.) MADE A MOTION TO SEND \$500 WITH BILL TO THE MEETING OF THE MINDS. SECOND BY RICK (RIVER CITY). IN FAVOR 8. AGAINST 0. MOTION PASSED. Closing comments: WE THANKED JACK FOR RUNNING THE MEETING. ROTTEN ROGER SAYS ALL ABATE MEMBERS NEED TO STEP UP & BE INVOLVED IN HELPING OUT AT ALL STATE EVENTS. BILL ADDED THAT IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ABOUT ABATE, YOU NEED TO BE RESPECTFUL TO THOSE AROUND YOU. YOU ARE SPEAKING FOR AN ORGANIZATION, NOT JUST YOURSELF.

Announcements: 8/26 OTTER RUN (not an ABATE event) in OTTER ROCK. 8/26 IS SE POKER RUN. 9/16 IS LINCOLN COUNTY POKER RUN. 9/16 IS CENTRAL CHAPTER'S 25TH TEDDY BEAR RUN. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE EVENTS AT [www.abateoforegon.net](http://www.abateoforegon.net) THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS: Sept. 9th

Stay up to date at our website: [www.abateoforegon.net](http://www.abateoforegon.net) Motion to adjourn made by SHIRLEY (LINCOLN CO.) Second by BOB (HUB CITY) .

Adjourn @ 2:50PM

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

## STATE COORDINATOR

Dear Riders in the wind ,

There has been so many motorcycle accidents this summer in the state of Oregon and so I want to express that has been a few of our Abate members as well in motorcycle accidents. This is why we have other foundations for helping out all motorcycle riders in Oregon.. such as Team Oregon for motorcycle safety and awareness, we also have Riders Down foundation, Riders needing assistance. I know a lot of motorcyclist in Oregon went to Sturgis this year.. and I know sometimes as we get older sometimes we have to learn to adjust on how we ride our motorcycles let alone maybe change out our motorcycles and buy something a little smaller or maybe easier to ride. The important thing is motorcycle safety and awareness and how you fit and ride your bike.

I am happy to announce that we will have a new chapter in the Salem area which will be Marion county. We are all very excited and welcome this new chapter for Abate of Oregon. We are needing new officers by the end of the year up on the state board. I would like to express that all chapters. Please consider these positions that will be coming up in October at our planning session. We are excited about new folks wanting to step up into positions to help Abate of Oregon as a whole, to still continue to be the organization for what it stands for the state of Oregon.

I want to Big shout out to all of the volunteers in this organization , to help make it possible for all of the events throughout the year in all of our communities in the state, because without our Volunteers, ABATE of Oregon would not be possible for the last five decades in the state... thank you so much for all your help.

State Coordinator, Joy Reyes



## STATE MEMBERSHIP

July welcomes eight new members! Justin Kennedy (Central Oregon), Ila Pett (Hub City), Erika Marion (Hub City), Jacole Calhoun (Josephine Co), Gordon Petty (Lincoln Co), Steve Deignan (SE PtInd), Carl Tannock (SE PtInd), and Fred Herrie (SE PtInd). ABATE had successful campouts this year, with more good rides scheduled before summer is gone. Come ride, volunteer and meet up, have a good time.



July roll call is recorded at 558 members with 13 in multiple chapters, for a total membership of 545.

Reminder notices were mailed to 14 members, along with 21 late notices. Twenty-three renewals were received in July. Seventeen memberships received after July are not reflected in the count.

Mail was returned for C.T. Garrett, ABATE membership #21 in Indian Creek. If anyone knows our member, please reach out.

Please know we care and are thinking of you, Bud Selvy family and friends.

I was happy to assist my friend (former WaCo ABATE member) with the bike show slated for the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show. The parade with horses, log trucks, property owners and bikes is the best. It's home, it's Oregon. Not yet overrun by our nation's current administration with their hundreds of thousands of additional votes people. Sadly, Vernonia does share the nightmare that is Portland, techno noise and F-bombs over an extreme amplifier system permeated the entire valley Friday thru Saturday 24/7, with a spot light and strobe, mountain of garbage and RV's crossing every center line. Unimaginably intrusive, filthy and frenzied (until Sunday! I was lucky enough to have the time to camp an extra day and remember a small town's normalcy and peace). Attendance for the Jamboree was well attended after several years of government edicts. I've noticed everyone's events this year have been better attended. Happy to see the beginning of a come-back.

A camping weekend I look forward to is the 'Reunion of the Rainforest Run' in Forks, WA. An impromptu group that keeps coming back to a retired run. Third weekend in August, weekend after board meeting. Cycle Camp is on Mora Road on the way to Rialto Beach, an incredibly beautiful area.

Ride On,  
Glenna  
State Membership Secretary

### New Members

Start Date	Name	Chapter
7/31/2023	Justin Kennedy	Central
8/1/2023	Ila Pett	Hub City
8/1/2023	Erika Marion	Hub City
7/2/2023	Jacole Calhoun	Josephine Co
7/10/2023	Gordon Petty	Lincoln Co
7/2/2023	Steve Deignan	SE PDX
7/13/2023	Carl Tannock	SE PDX
8/1/2023	Fred Herrie	SE PDX

**THANK YOU  
MEMBERS &  
SUPPORTERS!!**

## CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Hello All Riders here in the ABATE World

Summer is in full swing with hot weather, forest fires, motorcycles on the roads. I hope everyone is getting out there and taking full advantage of it, because before we know it, Mother Nature will once again show us who is boss and introduce us to some changes. I am not sure if those changes will be to my liking or not, but none the less, they will come.

Central Oregon Chapter is counting down the days until our annual TEDDY BEAR RUN. I am hoping for another good turnout, and a good time had by all. Please come join us in our efforts, to bring a smile to a child's face if and when he or she has to go to the Hospital. I estimate a little over 2000 Teddy Bears and Stuffed animals that we will place at the four Central Oregon Hospitals for the children. We will be raffling off a Treager grill, so I hope you have bought your ticket. This is the largest group ride in Central Oregon so come be part of it.

Well, that is about all for now!

Ride Fast  
Ride Free  
Ride Far

Ed Miller  
Coodinator for Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon



## DOUGLAS Co. CHAPTER

Greetings from Douglas County Chapter. Hoping you are all having a great Summer! We have had a great season thus far, and have enjoyed lots of fun events. Our 2 poker runs, the ABATE swap meets, Josephine County Chapter SOS Run, and we still have MORE wonderful events coming up. WE'RE NOT DONE YET!

Since we have had such a great year, we are already talking as chapter about changing some things up for next year, and brining some new twists to Douglas County. Stay tuned for the planning for 2024. We have some great and creative members that have stepped up with some fun ideas.

Enjoy the sunny days ahead.

Ride safe, ride educated, ride sober.

Becky Garino

Secretary

Come explore the NEW

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## HUB CITY CHAPTER

Welcome to September!! This is really our last good riding month, sure we can get some really nice days in October, November and rest of winter, but September is usually nice and temperatures are usually not too hot or not too cold! So go riding!!

We had a real successful Roll-N-Ride in July. This ride is significant for ABATE because it is an Adventure ride and street ride! Yep, Hub City is embracing Adventure riders, in fact several of our officers and members have Adventure rides as well as street rides. ABATE is changing and Hub City is leading the charge to attract new members. We welcome all riders; we need all riders as an organization and to get motorcycle friendly legislation. Come join us on our next meeting September 21 at Pop's Branding Iron in Albany, meeting starts at 7PM, but come eat with us earlier.

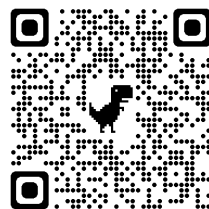
We are planning a giant event this year at the Albany Heritage Mall in October, check out the poster in this paper. It will host vendors and prizes along with Hub City members showing off their rides in the Mall. And who doesn't want a chance to ride inside the Mall??

Remember its not too late to sign up for Team Oregon training. You learn skills and improve your personal riding safety. If you join Hub City prior to taking the course, we pay half of your tuition and the State will pay the other half, WHAT?? FREE TRAINING!! OMG, why not join us? And help us grow the chapter and support legislative action.

We'll see you on the road somewhere, and keep two wheels down.

Bob Thomas

State Board Rep



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### Will you ask your Senators to protect the internal combustion engine?

Members of Congress are in the middle of a 6-week break away from Washington, D.C. While lawmakers won't return until after Labor Day, their staff are still working on several policy issues.

Earlier this year, the Biden Administration rolled out plans to shift this country to a majority electric vehicle market over the next ten years. In June, Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma introduced S.2090, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act." The bill would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on the sale of internal combustion engines, effectively trumping any state law that outlaws their sale. S. 2090 is the Senate's version of H.R. 1435, which recently passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. While the House version of the bill is moving, the Senate version of the bill still needs more cosponsors.

Will you ask your two Senators to protect the internal combustion engine? **Contact your Senators and ask them to support S. 2090.**

### About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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## JOSEPHINE CO. CHAPTER

Greetings from the Josephine County Chapter

The ABATE 2023 SOS Run was a lot of fun. The weather was perfect, the bike games were exciting, and the bands were great. We had a nice variety of vendors too. We tried a new spin at the bike show this year. All of the bikes in each class rode in a circle around the crowd, then lined up by the vendors. That gave everyone a good chance to see the bikes and their riders. The poker run was also a little different this year. Riders were given a map of a scenic route to ride, then return to the start and draw all five cards at once. The winning hand was a flush. If you missed the SOS run, you missed a fun weekend.

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> was our 45<sup>th</sup> annual Run to the Coast, poker run. Best hand \$400, won by Daniel Lovelace with three 7s, a Jack and a 10. 2<sup>nd</sup> best hand \$200, won by John Lawson with three 7s and a 4 and an 8. A very close game. Worst hand was \$75. The ride ended at Brookings Harbor, with Rogue River Smokin BBQ Grill on hand for lunch. Good food at a reasonable price. A special thanks to Spanky for coordinating The Coast Poker Run. He does it every year and it is one of the best runs of the summer.

Are you ready for Christmas? The Josephine County ABATE Chapter is busy planning our annual Toy Run. Save **Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>** for the Toy Run. Come support the kids of Josephine County. The Toy Run, as usual will start and end at the Fruitdale Grange. Bring a new, unwrapped toy, and enjoy a great potluck lunch.

We have new banners and bags for our Poker Runs. The banners should help you find the poker stops, and the bag will make drawing a card easier. The new bags are larger and easier to reach into and draw a card. It will also be easier to shuffle the cards.

*I don't know the question, but a motorcycle ride is definitely the answer*



## LINCOLN CO. CHAPTER

August/September 2023 Lincoln county chapter

Hi ya'll from Lincoln county.

Sure hope everyone is enjoying the summertime riding season. Our Chapter Coordinator, Shirley Huff is now your State Fossil Run Coordinator. Gonna have to get another hat... Congratulations Shirl.

Our next Poker run is September 16th. We'll start and end at the American Legion hall, 424 Olive Street in Newport. Kickstands up at 1030. Don't forget to bring some non-perishable food items for the Lincoln county Food Share program. We hope to see you there.

Be safe out there. Man, living in a tourist town really has its challenges. Cage drivers are not even trying to see what's around them this time of year, let

alone looking out for motorcycles. If we expect them to see us, then it is up to US to make that happen. I hate to say it but BE BRIGHT. BE BOLD. Choose to stay alive! Jimmy and I decided to add some extra LED lights to the front and back of our bike and when we are towing the trailer, it's lit up too. There are so many more people in this world today compared to the 70's era. With more people comes more irresponsible drivers. And with that comes more accidents and fatalities. May all your wind swept days be sweet memories for the scrapbooks!

Keep your knees in the breeze.

Deb

Chapter Secretary +(many other hats)

## 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

## RIVER CITY CHAPTER

All are welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual motorcyclists ice cream social in Shaniko, OR, September 23, 12-3pm. No host ice cream and goodies provided by Goldie's Ice Cream Parlor, located in the Shaniko Hotel. Ride or Drive, bring your families, support the community, and just hang out for a while.

Our Semi-annual Road cleanup will be in October. We will look at setting a date at our next meeting.

See's Candies sales fundraiser is back! Sales will be from Nov 24-Dec 23. Volunteer to man the trailer and sale the goods needed. Join us at our monthly meetings to get involved. 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.

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 the Shilo Inn.

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, Sep 5, 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.

## SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

Hello everybody! Keep in mind that our Chapter Picnic is on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at the Guy W. Talbot State Park. We should have something cooked up right around noon. The park is easy to miss and I have learned my lesson – and that is pie plates do not cut it as a sign. So expect to see a MUCH BIGGER SIGN. All kidding aside it is easy to get to. Go east of Vista House at Crown Point. Travel through the figure eight curves scraping your foot pegs or floor boards. Keep going until you get to the next cross street. On the left is the turn-off for the State Park. If you get to Latourell Falls Trailhead you have gone too far. Turn around and try again. There is only one road going north between Latourell Falls and those figure-eight corners. There will be a **BIG SIGN** to help guide you in. It is a nice park with plenty of shade. It will be great to see you.

The other big news is that we will be meeting at High Rocks Steak & Chops, 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR 97027. It is within a stones throw of Volcano Harley Davidson just behind the Safeway. We figure it will be a good location in case you need a quart of oil or that special Harley part. They have good food there. Our meeting time will be at 12:30PM which is a big change from our normal noontime meeting.

We are losing Roger as our Chapter Coordinator and so we are looking for a new one to start effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Perhaps that person is you?

Our chapter contact is Rotten Roger – 503-285-4329. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12:30PM at High Rocks Steak & Chops, 915 E Arlington St, Gladstone, OR 97027.

May the Good Lord keep you and bless you,

Mike Friend

Chapter Secretary (interim)

Chapter Treasurer

& Chapter Chaplain

Effective immediately Southeast Portland Chapter A.B.A.T.E of Oregon is no longer meeting at the M&M Lounge in Gresham.

There will be no chapter meeting on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Regular chapter meetings will resume on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 12:30 pm.

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## TWO RIVERS CHAPTER

We had a good meeting in July. Our chapter has 16 members, and all of our officers show up to the chapter meetings. There was talk about changing our meeting place. The one we have is too noisy. Until next month, stay safe and keep the rubber side down.



## WASHINGTON CO. CHAPTER

Hope you had a great time at our "End of Summer Run". A huge thank you to Paul Hering and Lynn Reilly for spending a lot of time and energy on this and for hosting the Bar-B-Que at the end. Thanks also to other ABATE members and non-members who helped make it happen and for attending.

Yes, end of summer! The days do fly by. Can you notice that the days are gettin' shorter? it's almost football season.

I was sooo looking forward to the opening pre-season NFL game scheduled for Thurs. the 3rd of August 2023. What a let down to see NFL players slouching & acting bored during the singing of our National Anthem! Since childhood I have been taught to stand at attention with right hand placed over the heart whenever the Star Spangled Banner was performed. To see adult men professional athletes openly not showing respect during this brief opening ceremony gripes me. And those who choose to lock arms as a sign of solidarity caused me to ask WTF? What the hell is going on? The NFL can shove it!

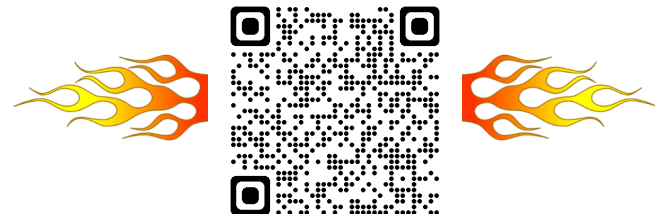
This would be a good opportunity to say how I do appreciate that at the beginning of our ABATE meetings we stand and give our pledge of allegiance. Thank you ABATE.

Since I'm whining I may as well spout off about my opinion on the latest gobble-de-gook crap coming from the body double imposter in Washington, D.C. about the very much exaggerated climate change hoax emergency. This is being used as a power play to put more government restrictive regulations in place. It looks like we will be hearing a lot more about our need to restrict travel in order to reduce carbon emissions. Over reacting? Yes! Well, we witnessed the same government over reach during the covid-19 fiasco. Our united attitudes about being a brotherhood against totalitarian enactment can go much further than how we ride our motorcycles.

Next big event for us: The Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run is to be held the third Saturday of November 2023, Nov. 18th.

Thank you,  
 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

9/16	Teddy Bear Run	Central Oregon Chapter
9/16	Poker Run	Lincoln City Chapter
9/23	Picnic	SE Portland Chapter
10/7	Toy Run	Josephine County Chapter
<b>10/21</b>	<b>Annual Planning Meeting-Cottage Grove</b>	<b>State of Oregon ABATE</b>
11/18	Toy Run	Washington County
11/18	Spaghetti Feed	North Coast Chapter
12/9	Chili feed and Run	North Coast Chapter

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Lincoln County Chapter



### LINCOLN COUNTY POKER RUN



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Central Oregon Chapter

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**Washington County Chapter  
Stan Johnston Memorial  
Toy Run  
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**SUICIDE CLUTCH.... THE REAL STORY**

And he's sticking with it! by Buck Lovell 7/7/2023



I've seen the term "suicide shifter" used in describing a plain old ordinary tank shift. I've also heard people referring to a stock rocker clutch as a suicide clutch. Simple ignorance allows that term to be used incorrectly. There is no such thing as a "suicide shifter." Nobody has ever died because of using "hand shift." There is however such a thing as a "Suicide Clutch."

The term suicide clutch came into being when choppers were born. I'll tell ya why. Back in the good old days, a long time before foot shift was standard equipment, tank shift with foot operated -clutch was original equipment on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Let's use the Harley-Davidson motorcycle of the 1950s as an example. The foot clutch was of the rocker type, meaning it could be "rocked" to the disengaged position, and it would stay in that position until the rider nudged it with his or her foot in the opposite direction.

Harley-Davidson motorcycles were "heel down" disengaged, Indian motorcycles (no R is the way Indian Motorcycle Company spelled it) operated with toe down disengaged motion. The rider could and would control the RATE of engagement with his or her foot.

In other words, the clutch was not totally spring loaded like the clutch in a car. Clutch pedal engagement is/was determined by foot position. If the rider slid his foot off the clutch pedal while it was in the disengaged position it would stay disengaged.

The stock/standard rocker clutch did have a spring that would pull the pedal towards the engaged position only after the clutch was "rocked" out of the disengaged position. Safety first for this style clutch. Early Chopper builders modified the rocker clutch so it would not, and could not stay "rocked out" in the disengaged position. This allowed for much faster clutch action. It also meant that the rider had to maintain constant foot pressure on the clutch to keep it disengaged unless he was in neutral.

NO big deal! BUT!..... Many early chopper builders/riders/outlaw bikers also decided to remove the front brake. This was done not only for cosmetic reasons, but also because removing the front brake also lightened the motorcycle quite a bit.

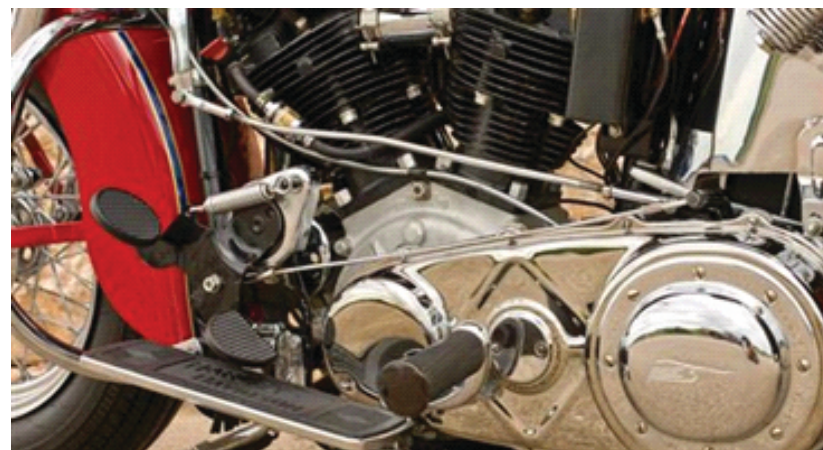
If you look at most old chopper photos from the 1950s and 1960s, even through the 1970s, many times you'll see custom bikes or choppers with a clean, lean looking front-fork that has no front brake. This is when the suicide name caught on. That shift lever looks like it is connected to a ratchet-top doesn't it? It is not. It is being used as a clutch pedal, a slippery one.

A motorcycle rider while riding steep hills such as found in the city of San Francisco was subject to traffic lights like all the other traffic. If that rider was riding a chopper equipped with no front brake, hand shift (jockey shift or tank-shift) and a clutch that was modified to act as a spring loaded clutch, that rider could not easily stop and start at traffic lights located at streets located at the top of a hill.

If the rider stopped at light on a steep hill using the right foot on the brake, the transmission would need to be neutral (remember the clutch could NOT be rocked into a disengaged position and stay there). The right foot would be holding the brake engaged the left foot would be on the ground with the left leg holding the bike upright.

It took speed and coordination to quickly put the right foot down to hold the bike up,

then the left foot to push the clutch pedal down, the left hand would slam the tranny into first gear, and the rider could then let the clutch out and go. This sequence of events was virtually impossible to do on a steep hill, so riders took to running the yellow or early red traffic lights rather than attempting a stop on the hill. More than a few were killed running the light. And that, my friends is how the suicide clutch got his name. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!



Enough riders were killed for other riders (and the cops) to consider it suicide to ride a motorcycle equipped as described. But then again, all the macho guys went

straight to the suicide set-up, for macho reasons alone. Back in the good old days real bikers shunned the wearing of leather. Back then, only sissies wore leather. Also, if a jockey-top is mounted rather than a ratchet-top (four speed transmission only) when hand shifting, blazingly fast power shifts can be made, and wheelies will happen. It's more fun than a high speed chase!

I rode a rigid frame Panhead for years with a foot-operated clutch, jockey shift (jockey top transmission), and no front brake. I purchased the motorcycle so equipped and once I got familiar with it, I saw no reason to change. I also always wore a heavy leather jacket; I like my skin too much, I guess.

When myself and friends rode up to San Francisco to cruise the Haight Ashbury and North Beach districts, the guys that had motorcycles equipped with front brakes rode behind the guys without front brakes, and held them in place on the steep hills at traffic lights by putting their front wheel against mine and others' rear wheels.

Another suicide clutch...

That's what friends are for. Hardly anyone runs without a front brake these days, but there are a few diehards out there. Foot clutch, no front brake, and hand shift. The owner/riders usually make a point of riding it exclusively on flat roads or road with stoplights on the hilly parts. I don't blame them, anything else is beyond scary. Then again, I miss my old Panhead; I must have put 200,000 miles on that bike without committing suicide. Came close a few times though. I'll tell ya about one of those later on.

--Buck Lovell  
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Hi all,

I am pleased to report that my meeting this morning with Julie Parrish went exceptionally well.

She survived the bar, her schedule (for now) is fairly light, and she is enthusiastically engaged. IP-4 is a passion of hers that aligned with a longer term interest in regaining fiscal control of Oregon by giving the taxpaying voters a more active and impactful voice by increasing their ability to vote on issues!

Our first focus is fund raising and she's already on it.

Next will be reviewing and databasing the existing signed petitions so we can be smart, focused, and efficient as we prepare our first (of many) targeted postal mailings with potions and a donor envelope.

We're working on the Clackamas and State Fairs.

We're working to finally meet with The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce and join forces with their muscle with regard to visibility, marketing, and business connections.

In terms of messaging, we discussed being a bit more "in your face". More to come. Signs and banners are in our future!

There is renewed life in our program!

So many thanks to each of you for getting us this far. We started out as very grass roots and now we're moving from childhood into adolescence. Watch out Oregon!

Dean

—  
Dean Suhr  
President, Vote Before Tolls Committee  
Chief petitioner of IP-4, the Vote Before Tolls initiative

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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 in-person, 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 all-volunteer 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](http://bikepacoforegon.com)



BikePAC needs more motorcyclists to take the RIDER SURVEY You can find it on the BikePAC of Oregon website [www.bikepacoforegon.com](http://www.bikepacoforegon.com) or with this QR code.



HB2316, was signed by Governor Kotec August 1, so that bill expands DUII to include other intoxicating substances including mushrooms, along with other substances.

HB2426, expands self-service gas pumping, unless you have been under a rock you now know as of August 4 you can legally pump your own gas. As motorcyclists we have been able to take the handle from attendant and pump our own gas. Now you need no attendant to hand you the nozzle. And of course, it applies to all vehicles.

I wish to encourage all members to take advantage of the half off tuition to training with Team Oregon. As you representative to the Governors Advisory Committee in Salem, I am offered accident reports for the month on motorcycle fatalities. Quite a few of these are us killing ourselves. Please drive responsibly, don't drink and rive and please take advantage of our great training offered in this State.

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.

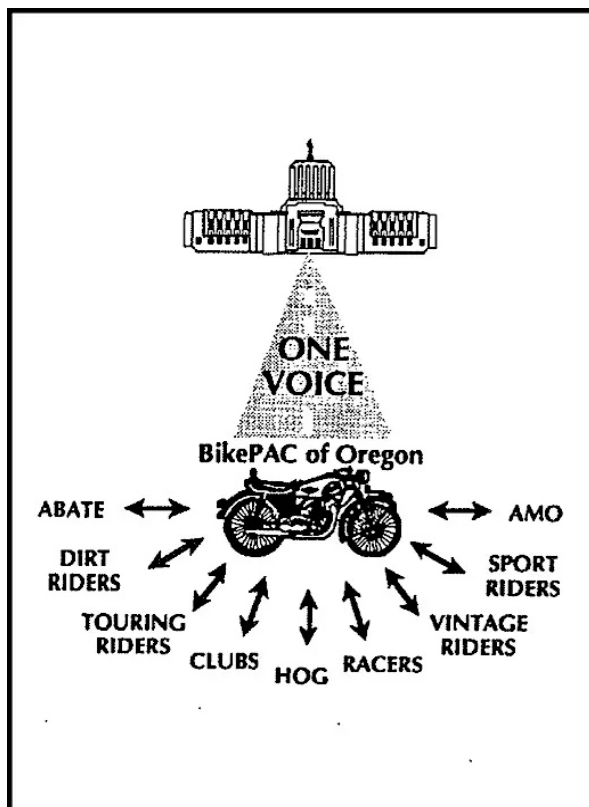
If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact BikePAC via their website at [www.bikepacoforegon.com](http://www.bikepacoforegon.com). click> ABOUT > OFFICERS AND CONTACT > fill out the message form

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“IF I WERE TO REMAIN SILENT,  
I'D BE GUILTY OF  
COMPLICITY.”  
— ALBERT EINSTEIN



**BikePAC Membership Application**

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

*please mail completed form to:*  
  
**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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I am in state representative district \_\_\_\_\_

# Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF) Membership Form

- Annual Individual Membership \$35
- Annual Joint Membership \$60
- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



- 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Riders Foundation  
PO Box 250 Highland, IL 62249

Phone: 202.546.0983  
www.mrf.org      mrfoffice@mrf.org

**It's time you did something more to protect your rights!  
Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation...**

- New
- Renewal
- Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

- Please Check if you are a US Citizen
- Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins
- Check here to NOT receive MRF Email Alerts
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## A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Form

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Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Plus-1 and/or "more family" under 18 residing at same address:  
Plus-1 name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Individual	Plus-1	Family (minors)	Supporter / Business
1 yr	\$ 30	\$ 45	\$ 5	\$ 100
2 yr	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$10	
3 yr	\$ 80	\$ 125	\$15	
5 yr	\$ 125	\$ 200	\$25	
Life	\$ 400			

**Membership benefits:** membership card, A.B.A.T.E. patch, AD&D insurance, event discounts, 50% off Team Oregon

Supporting organization/business benefit: Certificate of appreciation

referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # members \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Join additional chapters \_\_\_\_\_  
( \$ 5 each per year)  
Donation to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send your application here →  
or bring it to any Chapter Meeting  
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A,B,A.T.E. Of Oregon  
Attn: Membership  
2532 Santiam Hwy SE, box 311  
Albany, OR 97322



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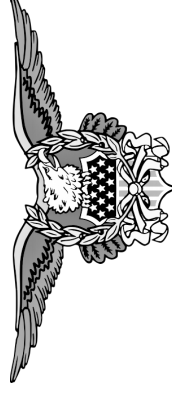
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## Monthly Newsletter September 2023



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



## 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.