

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy all the other holidays that happen at this time of the year. Welcome to ABATE of Oregon's version of the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" newsletter. We are in a transition time of switching editors and this issue is the result. We did not want you to miss out on all the news we have to share so please bear with us.

Weather permitting the next BOD meeting will be held at Cidicci's Pizza in Albany on the second Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon with a Fossil meeting starting at 11:15. If you want to hear what's going on with Fossil, or if you have something to contribute, please plan on attending. As is our tradition, Pizza and drinks will be provided by the BOD.

Start Date	Name	Chapter	Start Date	Name	Chapter
10/9/2023	Diane Yu	Central	11/5/2023	Brian Zabner	SE PDX
10/23/2023	Mike Tapscott	Central	11/5/2024	Fawn Hubbard	SE PDX
10/5/2023	Trista Sanders	Hub City	11/5/2023	Brian Zabner	WaCo
10/1/2023	Virginia Knoles	Josephine Co	11/16/2023	Colleen Sargent	WaCo
10/23/2023	Kirk "Hardtail" Willard	Two Rivers	11/5/2023	Fawn Hubbard	WaCo

# A FEW WORDS FROM OUR STATE COORDINATOR

Dear riders in the wind: I just want to say something right out the gate, We have had some issues in our editing department. Please be patient with us and we will get this all worked out next year. I also want to address the planning session, and that everyone thought that it went really well. It was the first time in a long time were we went through different issues about the organization to help improve not only our events for next year, but also the organization as a whole.

I'd like to present the PNW/ The Pacific Northwest Regional Rally, that I am hoping will happen for 2024 or 2025. Either way this event will help bring in other folks that are motorcyclist in every category to be at this event. We will have two highlights of attractions from the MRF and the AMA. We will have a Motorcycle raffle, and live bands. Also I want to emphasize this rally is going to be educational. Even some classes will be available. We will have open enrollment for ABATE, MRF, and AMA. We will have winning prizes as well. Lots will be going on. This event will create enough public advertising throughout all four states for the Pacific Northwest to have ABATE announced again on what it stands for, and the educational and awareness and safety for all motorcyclists. I also was told that the state of California would like to come in on this. I was told that North Dakota the Sioux nation

has a great big chapter for ABATE over there that would like to come in to the rally as well. A lot of folks are starting to get interested and some big sponsorships are starting to be offered. As far as I know, this should be a great event.

I would like to take time out again to thank all of the volunteers for this organization, because without our volunteers, ABATE of Oregon, would never have survived all these years and all these decades later. I also want to address that we will soon have another chapter added, which is the Marion County chapter. I will be emphasizing on our Oregon laws for motorcyclists on different issues that are there in the capital Salem area and I like to welcome these folks.

Like I said, a lot of this has to do with folks stepping up and coming into the organization as volunteers. We're all volunteers, and I think that's very important, and we need to treat each other as such and respect each other because of this. We need to work together as diplomatic as possible to help this organization achieve its purpose and what it stands for. I think that's really important here to understand that we are all volunteers in this organization. Again, I want to thank all of the volunteers for ABATE of Oregon. Thank you very much

Miss Joy Reyes State Coordinator for ABATE of Oregon God bless everyone. Happy Holidays

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3rd Thurs 6:00 pm social hr. Pop's Branding Iron, 901 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany 541.514.1393 Adam Karch - Coordinator 7:00 pm meeting karchadamj@gmail.com JOSEPHINE COUNTY (JoCo) 541.659.8715 Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Dr., Grants Pass 3rd Wed 6:00 pm LINCOLN COUNTY (LinCo) 541,265,7586 3RD Tues 6:30 pm America Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive St., Newport NORTH COAST (NC) Moose Lodge, 420 17th St., Astoria 3rd Tues 5:30 pm RIVER CITY (RC) 541.298.5502 Shiloh Inn, 3223 Bret Codfelter Way, The Dalles 1st Tues 7:00 pm SOUTHEAST PORTLAND (SE-PDX) High Rocks Steak & Chops, 915 E. Arlington, Gl;adstone, OR 503.285.4329 1st Sun 12:30 pm NEW! 3rd Sun 12:30 pm NEW! TWO RIVERS (TR) Abby's Pizza, 1976 Echo Hollow Rd, Eugene 541 729 5785 4th Wed 6:00 pm Bill Foster WASHINGTON COUNTY (WaCo)

2ND Mon \_7:00 pm NEW! Prime Time Restaurant, 4450 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove 2<sup>ND</sup> Mon 7:00 pm NEW! 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

# **October BOD Meeting Minutes**

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
State Board Monthly Meeting
9am-11am
Cottage Grove Inn
845 Gateway Blvd
Cottage Grove, OR
October 28, 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 @9AM.

10 chapters were represented. 10 of the 10 chapters in attendance were eligible to vote.

Chapters Excused: NO

Unexcused: NO

Guests &/or first time attendees. JOEY TAYLOR, CINDY HUFF, LAURA

DILLY

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 Opening comments: welcome everyone. Joy has heard complaints regarding volunteers not helping @ chapter events. All chapters are having the same issues. Let's work together.

(EB)Vice Coordinator(N): VACANT (EB)Vice Coordinator (S): VACANT (EB)Vice Coordinator (E): Ed Miller

(pro-tem)

People are more interested in off road riding.

The Teddy Bear run was great. They got invited during the run to join the hospital staff at their picnic. All riders were welcomed. One of the staff commented that over the 25 years of doing this run, Central chapter have donated around 2500-3000 new teddy bears for children at 2 hospitals.

Vice Coordinator @ Large: Jack Wingfield

Our organization functions under the guidelines, put forth and Roberts rules. This includes how we interact with others within the organization, and persons and bodies outside of our organization.

Secondly, we have officer positions that have not been filled and should be. Apathy has its own reward. It will destroy our organization.

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

We have a very busy day today so let's give each other the respect we deserve. Please keep your comments/questions to a minimum and stay on topic. The nominations list below is what was discussed last meeting. If there are any new nominations for officer positions please write them in on the sheet provided. Thanks.

COORDINATOR: Joy Reyes
V. COORDINATOR N: OPEN
V.COORDINATOR S: OPEN
V. COORDINATOR E: YES

V. COORDINATOR AT LARGE: Jack

Winfield

REC. SECRETARY: Deb Rheault-Kasner MEMBERSHIP SEC: Glenna Grossen

TREASURER: OPEN SANCTIONING: OPEN AUDITOR: OPEN NEWSPAPER: OPEN PR: Theresa Velazquez WEBMASTER: James Niece SWAP MEET: Jimmy Kasner

FOSSIL: Shirley Huff PRODUCTS: OPEN

**EDUCATION: Theresa Velazquez** 

LEGISLATIVE: YES MRF: Bill Foster

SGT. SOUTH: Bill Foster SGT. NORTH: Jimmy Kasner

**SGT. EAST: OPEN** 

**HISTORIAN: Deb Rheault-Kasner** 

**QUARTERMASTER: OPEN** 

# (EB)**Membership Secretary**: Glenna Grosen

Appears the powers that be, might be returning to a community based focus. Saturday, November 18th is the Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run, with police escort. Paul with the WaCo chapter was successful in obtaining a parade permit. This is going to be a good one! See you there.......

Jackie will be in the membership chair at the "rescheduled" planning meeting.

Swap Meet is Nov. 4th. Looking forward to an indoor event for this time of year. Bring mad money and savings, let's support our vendors.

# (EB)**Treasurer**: Karen Tolle **COMBINED TOTALS ARE**: **\$44.682.91**

Karen tracked down the 2 cashier's checks from the Jackson county fundraiser from couple years ago that were never cashed. It was agreed that this money should go to the charities it was raised for. See under motions.

(EB)**Sanctioning Officer**: Cindy Witmer

No report Bob from Hub City said their mall show had no insurance this year. He takes full responsibility for this mistake and said to thank Cindy for all her help.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Elections** - AFTER LUNCH

Membership STATS there are 88

lifetime members

Bylaws update not much to report. Deb asked the directors if she could combine the Bikepac rep for Abate & the legislative director into one position. They all said yes.

<u>Steam</u> - T said she's not able to do it. She would be willing to help out. Deb

volunteered to help.

Fossil Report - Shirley handed out possible flyer designs. She'd like to see the same design on the flyer and on the shirts. Cathy from Joco volunteered to help with vendors. T will do the poker run again. Since the port-a-potties are serviced every day, we could probably get by with a few less. There was talk about a preregistered gift. Tote bags? Deb will go thru the remaining year pins and order accordingly. Firewood is complete.

**NEW BUSINESS**: New Chapter application (Marion County (Salem)

NO SHOW TODAY

State Auditor: VACANT

Newspaper Editor: "T" Velazquez T is stepping down in February 2024. Public Relations: T Velazquez (protem) she will continue doing PR. Web Page Editor: James Niece NO

**REPORT** 

# **State swap meet Coordinator:**

Jimmy Kasner

The November 4th swap meet at the Kliever Memorial Armory is rapidly approaching. We have been working out the details, and formulating a plan to make things go smoothly. We can use any volunteers we can get, especially help with unloading the vendors' merchandise on Saturday morning, and helping set up their booths. If weather permits we can have outdoor vendors in a secure area next to the load in doors.

Volunteers are needed in all areas so please help us make a list of people we can use for the various jobs that it takes to make this swap meet run successfully.

Products Director: VACANT
Education Director: "T" Velazquez
It's unknown if she can continue as
Education Director at this time.
Legislative Director: Bob Thomas

NO REPORT

BikePAC Rep. for ABATE: Bob

Thomas NO REPORT

Sergeant at Arms (S): Bill Foster

**NO REPORT** 

Sergeant at Arms (N): Jimmy Kasner

NO REPORT

Sergeant at Arms (E):VACANT MRF Representative: Bill Foster He thanked Abate for the opportunity to go to the Meeting of the Minds this year. Rick Prentice also went. He and Bill went to multiple classes. He'll have a full report in December when we convene. He got the president of the MRF, Kirk Hardtail, to be a member in his chapter. MRF & NCOM are now working together arm & arm. Check out the Facebook page for the National Council of Independent Riders.

Historian: Deb Rheault Kasner

# **Planning Session Meeting Agenda**

PLANNING SESSION WRAP-UP OCTOBER 28, 2023

# New officers elected:

The only positions that will change are sanctioning and the treasurer. Jimmy Kasner will be the new sanctioning officer. Tomorrow the person who will be replacing Karen will be here and that vote will take place then.

# RIDERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE. JOEY TAYLOR.

Joey came to see if we could help with getting the word out in other regions of Oregon about Riders Needing Assistance Please forward me any pics. **Quartermaster:** VACANT

Motions: MOTION #1 was made by Jack (Lincoln Co.) To delegate the money raised from a Jackson County fundraiser be forwarded to the charity it was intended for. Second by Bob (Hub City). In favor 10. Against 0. Motion passed.

Motion #2 was made by Bob (Hub City) to reimburse Joy Reyes \$271.00 for lodging at Washington State Steam meeting. Second by Jack (Lincoln Co.) In favor 10. Against 0. Motion passed.

# Closing comments:

**Announcements:** the planning session will follow this meeting.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS: DECEMBER 9, 2023 Stay up to date at our website:

www.abateoforegon.net

**Motion to adjourn** made by Jack (Lincoln Co.) Second Deb (Lincoln Co.)

Adjourn @ 11:00am 10/28/23 Deb Rheault Kasner

and what it is that they do. There was talk earlier in the year about Abate possibly taking control of their non profit with the current board staying on for training and a separate bank account within Abate. There were concerns about RNA being a 501 c(3) and Abate being a 501 c(4). What the legalities might be. After much discussion it was thought that more research should be done in order to do what's best for both groups.

PNW Rally. Joy Reyes

Joy passed around the updated flier. She has spoken to the other Abate states and they all are interested. She had possible venue areas to have this event. She had a breakdown of sponsorship businesses and dollar amounts donated vs what they would

receive for their sponsorship. She said she had the MRF interested in sponsoring along with the AMA. Still need to come together with a group mission statement. Proposed dates are early fall of 2024. More to come.

Budget. Karen tolle We went over the proposed budget for 2024, line by line. A consensus was reached. A new line item was added for state secretary office expenses. We'll vote to approve it tomorrow after the final draft is reviewed.

Motion to adjourn made by Jack. Second by Mike.

Adjourn @ 4:15pm Deb Rheault 10/28/23

# **FALL SWAP MEET**











MEMBERSHIP report - Jackie Kilpatrick for Glenna Grossen

Chapter	Active	Expired	Renewed	New	New Life Member	Chapter Totals
Central	35	3	4	2		44
Douglas Co	33	2				35
Hub City	73	5	7	1		86
Indian Creek	41	1	2			44
Josephine Co	53	1		3		57
Lincoln Co	31					31
North Coast	63	2	2			67
River City	33	1				34
SE Portland	146	6	2			154
Two Rivers	18		2	1		21
Washington Co	56	4	5			65
Totals	585	43	24	7	0	638

Total Active 585 Less Members of Multiple Chapters 11 Actual Members 574 It was noted that there are 88 life members

I reached out to a couple of Indian Creek members and they are back on the roster. Our members appreciate our calls and we appreciate our members.

# **NOV BOD Meeting Minutes**

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
State Board Monthly Meeting
9:30am-10:30am
Cottage Grove Inn
845 Gateway Blvd
Cottage Grove, OR
October 29, 2023
NOV. BOARD MEETING (held Sunday,
10/29 after Planning Session)

Called to Order at 9:30am. All Directors were present, 10/10. Aurora Josephson with the SE Portland chapter was our guest and was nominated for the State Treasurer position. Your new StateTreasurer will be Aurora Josephson starting in January 2024. (see under motions)

Karen presented the final draft of the 2024 State Budget. (see under motions). All chapter reps had copies. Copies will be available at the December BOD meeting.

After discussion and clarification of what RNA (Riders Needing Assistance) needs for now, it was decided that exposure is most needed. They need help with getting Oregonians to know who they are, what they do, and how motorcyclists who have been hurt can utilize this free service being offered. This part should be discussed within the chapters to see what they can do to help get the word out. It was mentioned maybe Poker runs? It was suggested we still do some research regarding the pros & cons for each organization and how it may affect the 501c(3) or 501c(4) status.

MOTIONS FROM 10/28/23 Planning Session:

#1 Motion brought by Jack (Lincoln Co. chapter), To pay printing invoice of \$169.40 for current Operations Manual. Second by Bob (Hub City chapter). 10/10 In Favor. Zero against. Motion passed.
#2 Motion brought by Jack (Lincoln Co. chapter), To reimburse Deb \$83.35 for food

purchased for the 2 day meeting. Second by Ed (Central chapter). 10/10 in Favor. Zero against. Motion passed. #3 Motion brought forward by Brad (SE Portland chapter) to table original request by RNA until researching possible legal ramifications. Second by Jack (Lincoln co. chapter). Motion withdrawn by Brad.

# MOTIONS FROM 10/29/23 Planning Meeting:

#1 Motion brought by Bill (Two Rivers chapter) to approve the 2024 Budget. Second by Mike (River City chapter). 10/10 in Favor. Zero against. Motion passed. #2 Motion brought by Bill (Two Rivers chapter) to accept and approve Aurora Josephson as the new State Treasurer. 10/10 in Favor. Zero against. Motion passed.

There was an Executive Board of Directors Meeting. This meeting and outcome is confidential.

Motion to adjourn by Bob (Hub City), Second by Ed (Central) Deb Rheault, Secretary 10/29/23



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## **CENTRAL OREGON**

Hello All,

I hope this gets to everyone, as we have had an interruption of service in our newspaper. I think we are proceeding forward to at least get an old school newsletter out. Thanks to all of those involved in making it happen.

Well here in Central Oregon, we are seeing a mixed bag of weather, and so far, it is not too bad. Still some riding days out there, to be taken full advantage of.

Our run dates were submitted at Planning Session. As not to be late getting whatever coverage we might need, and to check over lapping runs within the 100 mile limit.

We talked in length, at Planning Session, about a possible Pacific Northwest ABATE rally, combining Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. Which is to be discussed at Chapter levels for any and more input, as to make this a great event.

Fossil Planning is underway, However, WE, ABATE MEMBERS, need to step up and help in all areas to make this a great event. So a select few are not overwhelmed with all duties that need taken care of.

The same goes for State level officer positions, and Chapter level officer positions, that need filled to keep our organization moving forward.

Well That is about all I have at this time

RIDE FAST RIDE FREE RIDE FAR Ed Miller Coordinator, Central Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon

## **HUB CITY**

Writing this in early November the leaves are falling fast & there's quite a chill in the air. As you are reading this, who knows there may be snow on the road. Stay safe, but get all the wind therapy you can. Gotta keep our sanity during the winter months

This year Hub City was back at it helping to coordinate the beginning of the Albany Veterans Day parade. We all owe our vets a big thank you for their service.

A group from Hub City are volunteering to help with a shift at Albany's Christmas Storybook land. It's a great seasonal tradition that's a lot of fun.

Our annual Don Nash memorial Chilly Buns ride will be February 18th. Meeting at the BiMart parking lot in Stayton, heading out to Dallas & ending at The Barn food trucks in Albany. Watch for a flyer with more details.

Casey Beighley
Hub City Run Coordinator

## JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Hello ABATE family! Can you believe it's already November? At our last meeting on October 18th, we discussed the upcoming nomination of officers for our local chapter. We sent out letters to the membership requesting nominations for the open positions this year. Unfortunately, only one member returned their nomination form,

which is pretty sad. We have openings for Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary.

Attendance at our meetings has been down too. ABATE represents us and fights for our rights as motorcycle riders. In Oregon, there is an attempt to follow in California's footsteps, which could lead to us losing all the rights we enjoy and take for granted. ABATE and BikPac are working hard to protect our rights. Some of the issues at stake include the right to work on our bikes, purchase aftermarket parts and have them installed by the shop of our choice, ride an internal combustion engine on our motorcycle, burn non-ethanol gasoline, or oppose the use of E-15 and higher blends of fuel that can damage our engine, and ride in the clothing that we prefer, not what Oregon mandates. Our apathy could lead to Oregon turning into "California North" regarding our motorcycle rights.

ABATE needs us to attend meetings, participate, volunteer, and be active in what is happening. May 4th is the official opening of the "Riding Season" and Motorcycle Awareness Month. We discussed having a Rally at the Courthouse on Saturday, May 4th, from 10:00 to 12:00. We would ride our bikes and have signs, flyers, and banners. Coffee, donuts, and water would be available. We want people to be aware of us on the road, get off their phones, and pay attention! No decision was made, but we will discuss it more at the November meeting. MOTORCYCLISTS LIVES MATTER. We have lost too many riders this summer.

Our Toy Run was a bit down. We hope that by changing the date to November 17th next year, more people will attend. Thanks to Spanky, who had to use his walker to get around and get donations this year, we were able to donate lots of toys plus \$3,000 from donations, sponsorships, and the silent auction to the kids in need in Josephine County.

We welcomed our guest, Jennifer, and member John, whom we haven't seen for a while. We hope to see them at future meetings.

At our November 15th meeting, we will celebrate the holidays with ham, side dishes, and pie. Our December meeting is a dessert potluck, so please bring a dessert to share.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale, G.P. at 6 pm. Guests and prospective new members are always welcome. Join ABATE, be active, and protect your rights as Riders.

Remember, new members and new officers bring new ideas for improving our chapter. Help us keep our chapter alive. Attend meetings, become a member, and participate. ABATE needs you.

It's amazing the number of great people in my life that I wouldn't have met if it wasn't for motorcycles.

Janice Jensen

# **LINCOLN COUNTY**

Happy HO HO HO from Lincoln County. We hope all who's reading this had a great Thanksgiving holiday. There's not much to report from us this month. We had our Chapter elections last month. The only change in Officers was our Treasurer. Our new Treasurer is Gordon Petty. Thanks Gordon for stepping up. We appreciate it. And a very special thank you to our outgoing, longtime Treasurer, Bob Highfill. Bob, your continued commitment (even when you didn't want to) was, and always will be, appreciated.

As we enter into a new year, remember to appreciate the gift we call life. Help those around you and always BE KIND! Life is

short and in a blink it could be gone. Let those you love KNOW you love them. Knees in the Breeze, please. Until next time.....

Deb, Secretary & many other hats RIVER CITY

# **RIVER CITY**

Our Semi-annual Road cleanup was on October 15. There were 9 hearty souls who showed up, thank you all for coming out. We had fantastic weather, went to lunch afterwards to celebrate, and enjoyed some great stories from Rick.

See's Candies sales fundraiser is back!
Sales will be from Nov 24-Dec 23, Tue-Sat.
Volunteer to man the trailer and sell the goods. The trailer will be parked on 2<sup>nd</sup> street in downtown The Dalles, near the post office. 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 planning a Holiday party this year!! Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Shilo. All are welcome. Bring a white elephant gift.

50/50 and membership drawings are back!! These are held at the end of the meeting, and you must be present to win. Lee E. would have won \$30 as his name was drawn but was not present to win. This will be added to the pot for next month. We are looking forward to planning events for 2024. Annual Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run April 20! Discussing future fundraisers, rides, and other social events. Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023!

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.

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

Laura "Dilli", River City Secretary

# **SE PORTLAND**

Hope this blustery weather is finding everyone safe and well. A few good riding days still ahead between the rainy and the windy days. Keep an eye out for wet leaves and the gravel on the road. We want you all to keep the rubber side down and enjoying the wind in your face.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming SE Portland ABATE Shrine Toy Run. December 2. Bring your NEW unwrapped toys. No stuffed animals, unless package by the manufacturer. Don't forget the teenagers. We will have a 50/50 drawing. Shriners will be at the beginning spot with Coffee & hot Chocolate. There will also be a reception at the hospital with beverages and treats, (Not inside the hospital though.)

It was requested by our awesome Coordinator to post the following memo;

<u>SE Portland Coordinators Comments:</u> Statement from Roger

At the last meeting Diesel invited a guest speaker and we had an outburst which was unfortunate. We want you all to understand that ABATE is A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. We started in the 1970's to protect our right to ride our motorcycles. There was all sorts of stuff going on in the country that was affecting our right to ride in a big way. ABATE was formed to counter that. Even here in Oregon we were having our issues. A person on a Harley or wearing a patch was guaranteed to be pulled over and questioned.

Over the years we have fought all sorts of stuff that has come at us. And we have had some great success. We have learned how the Legislature functions and we have learned that we need political friends to help us in our mission to maintain our right to ride. We have had a long history of inviting guests to speak to us. We have had people from the far left talk to us as well as people on the far right. We will listen to anyone that can help us along in maintaining our rights in this country.

We want to know what they are about. In order to know what they are about we must listen to them. Then we can make an individual choice whether you want to vote for them and we can make a decision as an organization whether we should support them. Then BikePac is made aware we have a new political friend to support.

We want you to be aware that sometimes a guest might be invited that you may not personally like or disagree with. You do not have to listen to that person. You can quietly leave the room and wait for the person to finish speaking and then come back in and take your seat.

We cannot tolerate drama. Nothing kills a volunteer organization like drama during a meeting. We are afraid we have probably already lost people because of last week. We hope not. We are not on different sides. We are all trying to accomplish the same goal of freely riding our motorcycles in this great Country.

# WISHING YOU ALL THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS

# **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Washington County Chapter members: You will be reading this after the fact. Our biggest event of the year happens on Sat. the 18th of Nov. 2023 in Hillsboro, Oregon. This is our annual Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run which will begin and end at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge #1862 located at 7553 NE Quatama St. in Hillsboro, Ore. 97123.

The group ride leaves at 12 noon. We will be fortunate this year to have a real parade like back in the day! Intersections will be blocked so that we can ride as one continuous pack. Oh Boy! Will we get to have good weather? Hope so, we don't like to ride in the rain.

I'm typing out this report a few days before the weekend of Veteran's Day. Thank you to all Vets for your service.

Thinking red white and blue causes me to mention how impressed I am that all ABATE meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. How awesome is that? "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Also, I've been reminded that the oath that we made when we joined the U.S. military is still in effect. Those promises we made at that time have not melted or gone away because of time. All that we swore to is still valid. We are responsible to follow through with those promises we made.

I am proud to be an honorably discharged veteran and feel grateful to be a member of a motorcycle rights group made up of men and women who are good, trustworthy citizens of these United States of America. Hallelujah!

In December we will have a Run committee meeting the 2nd Monday (Dec. 11th). Saturday the 16th of Dec. will be the End of Year party/last Chapter meeting of the year at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge. 6pm dinner, 7:30pm meeting. Please RSVP to Paul at 503-313-7129 if you plan to attend this.

A somber note late in November every year is the memory of the terrible assassination of one of the very good presidents of the United States. Can you remember where you were and what you were doing on November 22nd, 1963? The day a military coup happened here in America. Pres. John F. Kennedy was for us, the people, didn't want a war in Viet Nam and was very much pro-gun/2nd amendment (among many other positive traits). This was a HUGE devastating loss to the world.

I'd like to end this report by making a reminder that can't be taken for granted: Please, Watch out for wet leaves! This is being said to help me remember how slippery the road surface can be at this time of year.

Best of everything to you and yours this holiday season.

Ride Hard Cooper Washington County

## **BIKEPAC REPORT**

BikePac has reserved the courtyard across from the Capital for the May awareness rally already! Mark the date as May 4. Put that one in your calendar and spread the word to other groups so everyone comes to the rally not competing events! We need to show solidarity in protecting our rights to ride, both on and off road. And we need to show that we ride internal combustion engines. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget the great rally for our freedom. Again 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 donationyou 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 our legislation effort. Activities that I have heard are being

Activities that I have heard are being worked on are reducing helmet violation law to a zero or lowest fine possible, allowing motorcycles to use bus lanes to save traffic and one other action that slips my mind as I write this. Several of our friends in the legislature have decided not to run for office again, so we are working on those who are still in legislature to support our bill efforts.

Bob Thomas Abate/BikePac Rep

# **PLANNING MEETING**













# **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Greetings from Douglas County December is here!

First, let me say to all our ABATE family around the State, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you find this special season filled with warmth, happiness and wishes fulfilled.

We are so excited to be joining our two local Toy Runs as holiday festivities abound. Our very own Douglas County member Robert Quamme will again be Santa for the Roseburg Rudolph Run (Saturday 12/9), as well as in the DC Toy Run (Sunday 12/10). Come on out and bring some toys for the kiddos (don't forget the teens), say "Hello" to some friends and meet some new folks. Don't forget to mention ABATE to the new folks you meet.

REMINDER...DOUGLAS COUNTY ABATE MEETS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA, GARDEN VALLEY BLVD, ROSEBURG. PLEASE JOIN US.

Membership – on another note, There are a number of ways to join or renew an ABATE membership: 1) you can attend a meeting; 2) do it by mail (you should receive a reminder in the mail); 3) or you can renew online at: <a href="https://www.abateoforegon.net">www.abateoforegon.net</a> and go to the link at the top of the page, you will find all the information you need there. And...don't forget to tell your friends.

A final point about membership in ABATE and supporting/protecting motorcyclists rights in Oregon and Nationally. You **do not** need to ride or own a motorcycle to be an active ABATE member, all you need is interest and willingness.

Blessings to all of you and those you love, Becky Garino, Secretary

# MRF Meeting of the Minds Report

I want to thank ABATE of Oregon for trusting me to go to this all important event called The Meeting of the Minds. The MRF family is strong in these hard times after Covid hit. The National Council of Clubs, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, the National Council of Independent Riders, the Motorcycling Profiling Project, the Specialty Equipment Marketing Association, and the American Motorcycle Association are all working hand in hand with the MRF to keep our motorcycles on the road the way we want to ride. During Daytona Bike Week this year, the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network was formed to keep independent motorcycle shops from being put out of business by the EPA and other government entities. This new organization will keep the MRF informed as to what the government is doing to the independent dealers and repair shops around the country. The MRF has agreed to formally serve as the lobbying arm for the I.M.A. In 2024, the MRF will be lobbying for the right to choose our own safety equipment and when we can wear it nationally, having an accessible fuel supply that motorcycles require, preserving the choice of internal combustion engines, the Right to Repair and Right to Modify our motorcycles, the profiling of riders, the genuine concern that Autonomous vehicles are a hazard to motorcyclists, and establishing the Motorcycle Advisory Council that serves to educate federal organizations that oversee roadway design and related issues that affect

Additional EPA regulations, the California Air Resources Board draconian measures that are spreading to other states, the End of Life directives that the motorcyclists in Europe are fighting against, and fines being imposed on motorcycle parts manufactures and those that install them, original equipment motorcycle manufactures and their dealers no longer offering performance upgrades out of fear of

bikers.

suppression, the ramping up of fines, and negative publicity for their shareholders. This is not the future, this is Now!!!! If you don't start supporting the MRF now and what it is doing, you will be sitting on your hands instead of your motorcycle seat. Now is the time to get involved on the National Federal Level to keep our motorcycling lifestyle. Please join the MRF and help keep us on the road. Stay informed!!!!! Thank You, Bill Foster, MRF rep for Oregon



For sale by owner, 2019 Indian Scout Sixty. 61 c.i. (999cc) engine. Black paint. Has saddle bags and mini Apes on it. Less then 4500 miles. Battery has been upgraded at the dealership to a 245 cold cranking amp model. Comes with owner manual and factory reccomended battery tender. Title is clear \$9500 firm. Registration current. (541) 997-9694

# WaCo Toy Run 2023



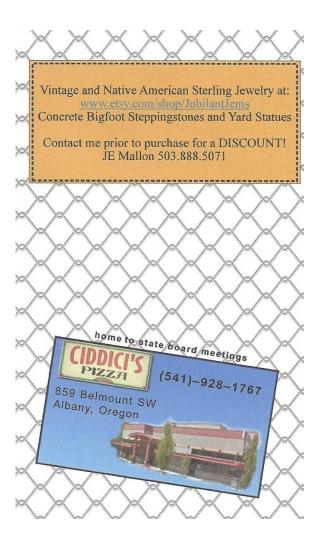














North Coast ABATE's famous



Proceeds to Benefit Local Food Bank Programs



Saturday December 9th Astoria Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Pastor Bob's Delicious Chili 2:00 PM

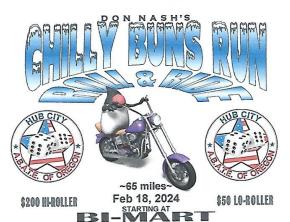


\$15 includes Chili & Poker Hand or \$5 for Chili only 50/50 and Raffle Tickets Available

Please bring a Raffle Item to contribute, a little something different this time, we'll draw tickets for winners, it should be fun.

Meet at Buoy 9 in Hammond at High Noon, KSU at 12:30 for a leisurely ride and then to the Moose Lodge for the 2:00 PM Food and Fun.

For more information Call Allan Schumacher 971.320.0862



1701 Shaff Rd. Stayton, OR

First Bike Out - 10am, Last Bike Out - 11am Last Bike In At Endpoint By - 2:30pm \$10 per Play

A play consists of three rolls of four dice (max total possible: 72).
Highest and Lowest Totals Win!

New Morning Bakery 788 Main St. Dallas, Or.

Door Prizes & 50/50
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOTH STARTING AND END POINT

ENDING AT

The Barn at Hickory Station

640 Hickory St. Albany, Or. Food and Beverages Available

All current CDC protocol for Covid-19 will need to be followed.

Proceeds support Motorcycle Rights and Education - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon - www.abateoforeg
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# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Shriner's Toy Run

Saturday, December 2nd

Meet at Fred Meyer Corporate HO 3800 SE 22nd Ave., Portland, OR 97202 (22nd & SE Powell)



**Bring New Toys!!** 

Please bring packaged toys only for all ages Please no stuffed toys...

# Bikes Leave at Noon

To save money and police resources this will be a self-directed ride. The Hospital will be hosting a reception for us.





ALL RIDERS





Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon. Contributions or gifts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**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.

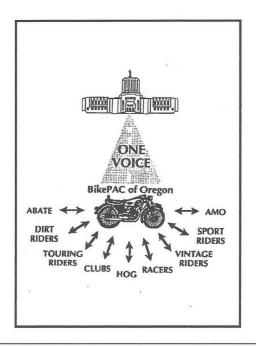
If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact BikePAC via their website at www.bikepacoforegon.com.click> ABOUT > OFFICERS AND CONTACT > fill out the message form



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"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

State of 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, unlessyou 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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### Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF) Membership Form q 3-Year Individual Membership \$95 q Annual Individual Membership \$35 q 3-Year Joint Membership\$140 q Annual Joint Membership \$60 q Sustaining Membership Club \$100 q Annual Sustaining Membership \$100 q Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$\_\_ q Annual Industry Council Membership \$100 Phone: 202.546.0983 Motorcycle Riders Foundation mrfoffice@mrf.org www.mrf.org PO Box 250 Highland, II 62249 Name It's time you did something more to protect your rights! Address Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation... City, State, Zip q New Phone . Email\_ Referred by \_\_ q Visa q MasterCard q AmEx q Please Check if you are a US Citizen CVV\_ q Check here to NOT receive Patches and Pins Card Number \_\_\_ q Check here to NOT receive MRF Email Alerts Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ q Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email) Date\_ Signature \_



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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.?

Monthly Newsletter November 2023

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