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Vote for the Kennedy of your choice, but vote !"
-- Vaughn Meader



There is a certain brownness to November.
**NOVEMBER
2024**



Two Toy Runs This Month !

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Welcome New Members

Name	Chapter
Ron Wanless	Central Oregon
Carrie Wanless	Central Oregon
Jeremy Rollins	Central Oregon
Tonya Rollins	Central Oregon
David Pownall	Southeast Portland
David Joyce	Southeast Portland
Mark Hudzinski Sr	Washington County
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Nicole Nelson	Willamette Valley
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What is A.B.A.T.E.?

We are a State Motorcycle Rights Organization (S.M.R.O.) 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 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*.

Mission Statement

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

What is BikePAC?

Founded in 1988, *BikePAC* members track legislation, brief officials, and report to A.B.A.T.E. about issues affecting motorcyclists.

Missing Yer Paper ?

Contact our state membership secretary, who maintains the mailing list:

Glenna Glossen

at

membership@abateoforegon.net

A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC Legislative Victories

1977 – Oregon helmet requirement repealed.

1979 – Rider safety program proposed by A.B.A.T.E.

1981 – *Team Oregon* rider safety legislation passed.

1988 – Voter referendum reinstates helmet requirement.

" *BikePAC* formed for motorcyclists' legislative efforts.

1995 – Motorcycle helmet definition standardized. (HB-3422)

1997 – Adult helmet freedom of choice bill passed, vetoed by governor.

1997 – Federal court equates federal testing standards with Oregon helmet definition.

1999 – Motorcycle handlebar height regulation repealed.

2001 – Riders given choice to fuel bikes at service stations. (HB-3885)

2001–2013

Hostile capitol environment to motorcycle legislative efforts.

2015 – "*Dead Red*" bill passes. (SB-533)

Riders allowed to proceed if light not triggered after one cycle.

2017 – Reckless drivers held accountable for motorcyclist harm. (HB-2598)

2019 – Drivers can be held criminally negligent for motorcyclist injuries. (SB-810)

2019 Lane sharing bill didn't pass.

 | Lane sharing bill vetoed by governor.

2023 Lane sharing bill died in house transportation committee.

Legislators didn't give motorcyclists these victories.

We had to work hard together to gain or regain our rights.

Join us

Become a meaningful part of protecting your rider's rights.

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State Coordinator

Hello riders in the wind,

Well, autumn is here. Lotta beautiful colors on the trees in the mountains along the rivers, riding down the highway, or back roads is beautiful this time of year.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon was heard at the *Motorcycle Riders' Foundation (M.R.F.)* 40th annual *Meeting of the Minds* conference.

The conference was the most impressive, educating conference that I've seen with a group of folks from all over the country that represented A.B.A.T.E. organization.

I'm very happy to say that we did a presentation for the *Pacific Northwest Freedom Run (P.N.W.)* and had an Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana, and California meeting of the states for this event. Some changes were made to this event. All this will be discussed

at the planning session with ten-page packets for the *P.N.W.* Everything will be broken down and show what the event is focused on.

I'm glad that Oregon is just a piece of the pie for motorcycle rights, safety, education, and legislative action through states of the union. Over 315 bikers from all over the country represented A.B.A.T.E.

I come back with valuable information for our state on motorcycle rights and I come back with real enthusiasm and support for the *P.N.W. Freedom Run* as well.

State board nominations are coming up. It's really important that our volunteers try to step forward because without our volunteers, this organization would

not be able to continue to function with its mission.

It's important that our volunteers understand that if we don't try to work our positions to help make this organization continue to function

It's really important that we try to stick together. It's going to take **all** of us to help continue this organization.

We just need to try to work with one another as volunteers to help each other in our chapters and help each other on issues and events for next year.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers for this year's events.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone be grateful for what you do have. Do not worry about the things that we don't have. God



Joy Reyes
(541)-643-1798

bless!

Take care and be safe on the roads,

-- Joy Reyes
state coordinator

A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Central Oregon

Hello Folks

Fall is in the air and the amount of runs to partake in is slowing down.

I hope everyone was out burning up the roadways to get as many miles in as possible this year. I see some of our members are doing just that. Kudos to ya!

Deer season is upon us, as well as autumn steel-head and salmon fishing. I know some of our members are out getting their share of fish in the freezer.

It was an average year for our *Teddy Bear Run*. We delivered about 4,000 stuffed animals to the central Oregon area hospitals for them to hand out to any child who may have to visit the hospital. We are always well received. And besides being able to give a child a little something in unfortunate times, we make a very big positive impact on the community. Which helps promote

a positive image of our lifestyle as motorcyclists.

We did seem to generate some interest in membership at our *Teddy Bear Run* thanks to Captain Ron and Mike Tapscott. I have not seen the numbers as to give a good report on new members. But it seemed like everyone had a good time.

I want to give a big **thank you** to everyone who stepped up and help make another great year.

We were represented at *M.R.F. Meeting of The Minds* convention in St Louis. I'm sure we will soon have good reports on all the good things and bad things going on in our motorcycle world.

It seems we have some issues concerning *BikePAC*. I hope these get



resolved as we have not made much headway as of late.

Planning season is going to need to step up with and agenda and action items for things to move along. But it usually does good at keeping us going into next year.

That is all for now.

Ride fast,
Ride free,
Ride far,

-- Ed Miller
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter
ABATE of Oregon

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Central Oregon MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1200 (noon)
Moose Lodge
3199 N. highway 97
Redmond, Oregon

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Redmond OR 97756

A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Douglas County

The weather has changed and we are headed into toy run season.

We are thankful for a wonderful summer full of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events around the state. It's always special to ride and meet with our brothers and sisters in the wind, raise some funds, support those in need, and spread awareness about motorcycle safety and preserving our freedom of the road.

But it's not over yet.

November brings us another chance to recognize and honor our American veterans on November 11th. Ride in a parade, go watch one, and always take the time to thank a veteran. Without them we would have no freedom at all.

Thanksgiving brings a time to gather with family and friends, give thanks, and be grateful for all we have.

Don't forget all those in the southeast that have suffered such great and devastating loss. Perhaps consider a donation to one of the reliable charities helping them put their lives back together. It's going to be a long process.

Here in Douglas county we have two toy runs in December.

The *Rudolph Run* is hosted by *Cascade Community Credit Union* which benefits underprivileged kids through the department of human services.

The *Douglas County Toy Run* sponsored by *Black and Gold* is 14 December. It's a great ride and free lunch at the Myrtle Creek fire hall. And prizes too.

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Douglas County

MEETINGTIME and PLACE
4th Thur. at 1800 (6 p.m.)
Roundtable Pizza
2040 NW Stewart parkway
Roseburg
(541)–294–1123

POINT of CONTACT

Charles Darnell
(907)–360–1922

A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Hub City

Unfortunately repeated calls for more participation in *Hub City* have gone unanswered.

At this point we will be either closing the chapter or merging with the *Willamette Valley Chapter* out of Salem/Keizer.

We will be voting on the future of the chapter at the next meeting on Thursday, 14 November at 7 p.m. Please join us if you can!

-- Stinna Karch
secretary
Hub City Chapter



Members of Hub City, Two Rivers, and Willamette Valley chapters socializing, discussing chapter mergers.

photo by Stinna Karch

Hub City

MEETINGTIME and PLACE
Second Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
(socializing = 6 p.m.)
Cascade Grill
110 Opal court SE – Albany

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A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Josephine County

I cannot believe I am writing the article for the November newspaper already. What happened to July and August?

We are planning our toy run for 17 November this year. We will meet at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. Staging at 1 p.m. and ride begins at 1:30 p.m. All vehicles are welcome.

Decorate your bike or car with Christmas bling. The best decorated bike or car wins a \$50 gift certificate to *Taprock*.

Come ride with us!

Stay for the after-party. Food will be available for \$5 a plate.

Raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Please bring an unwrapped toy. (Don't forget the older kids.)

Spanky needs our help to obtain raffle prizes. He is now in a wheelchair and it is difficult getting around to ask for donations. Everyone is encouraged to help. Spanky has donation forms. (541)–659–8715

A.B.A.T.E. Thanksgiving dinner at our 21 November meeting at 6 p.m. Turkey and ham are provided by chapter. Please bring a salad, dessert, or side dish to share.

Happy Thanksgiving. Ride safe and beware of stuff thrown out of vehicle windows.

-- Janice Jensen
membership secretary,
newsletter

Note: See D.M.V. motorcycle test question samples on page 19.



Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Wednesdays at 1800 (6 pm)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale drive
Grants Pass

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A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Lincoln County

Autumn greetings from the *Lincoln County Chapter*,

There's not much to report this month.

By the time you receive this posting, we will have had the annual planning session in Cottage Grove.

Our *First Annual Beaver Creek Memorial Poker Run* was a lot of fun. Not too many bikes showed up, but for the ones who did, thank you.

The property owners of the long running *Beaver Creek Run* (over 30 years), have both left this world to ride forever in the sky. We thought it was fitting to start having a memorial ride to honor their

memory.

I personally have some great ideas for next year's ride which I will run by my chapter at our next meeting. Stay tuned and plan on joining us next year for an adventure to remember.

We hope you have a great autumn season.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you from all of us.

Many blessings.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

-- Deb
secretary, (with too many hats)



We meet on the **third Tuesday** of every month at **6:30 p.m. (1830)** at the *American Legion Hall* - Post 116 on 424 Olive street in Newport, Oregon.

Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)
American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

River City

Our bi-annual road clean up went well. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Our *Sees Candies* fundraiser is coming up the end of November – December. Planning has begun and volunteers are needed. Come to the next few meetings to find out more and how you too can bring some holiday cheer to our communities.

We will also start discussing our end of the year party. Would love to see everyone's faces for that.

River City Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon voted "no confidence" for Frank Saxton as the executive director of *BikePAC*.

And finally, Gene M. won \$75 in our membership drawing.

Next month the pot will be \$5.

Next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, 05 November 2024.

May the wind be always at your back,

-- Laura "Dilli"
chapter Secretary
state sergeant-at-arms (east)

The *River City Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* meets the **first Tuesday** of every month at 7 p.m.

Location:
Portage Grill at the *Columbia River Hotel*
3223 Bret Clodfelter way
The Dalles



River City

MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Columbia River Hotel/Portage Grill
3223 Bret Clodfelter way
The Dalles

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A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Southeast Portland

Hello everybody,

Summer wound down very quickly. I hope you all had a good time.

I've been hearing great stories of awesome trips and good times this summer.

Now we are into the autumn season with the leaves changing color and falling to the ground. Watch out for those slippery leaves!

I want to get a good ride in the Columbia river gorge and see all the autumn colors before the leaves are all gone.

We had a really great picnic this year. This is my favorite event of the year. It is the only time that we can kick back as a chapter and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting. We are always working and it is good to slow down and catch up with each other.

Much thanks to everyone who came. A picnic is not a picnic without people. LOL.

Thanks to Brent for smoking up some tasty pork shoulder and for bringing an awesome cooker. Thanks to Stan for flipping burgers and hot dogs. (He is pretty good at it.) Thank you Rena and Lee for getting food organized. And Anna much thanks for bingo and a lot of cool raffle prizes, Craig for the great ice cream which has been a long tradition. And thanks to all those who brought a dish or whatever. It was great. And Mary, thank you for that awesome pinata for the kids. That was cool a pinata and the kids had a great time with it. What a fun day we had.

Our next event is the *45th Annual Shriners' Toy Run* on 07 December. We leave from the *Fred Meyer* headquarters at noon. Check out the flier in the center of this



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Southeast Portland

MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1st & 3rd Sundays at 1230 (12:30 pm)
High Rocks Steaks & Chops
915 E. Arlington -- Gladstone

POINT of CONTACT

Rotten Roger
(503)–285-4329

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P.O. Box 90233
Portland, OR 97290

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<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

newspaper. Thanks to Diesel Dave, it will be very easy find on social media as well.(Dave does such a good job with advertising one would have to live under a rock to not know something is happening.)

We are making plans for next year already.

- We are planning a swap meet at the armory in April.

- Then starting in June we will have *Second Sunday Swap Meets* again.

- We'll have a poker run thrown in the mix too.

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A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Two Rivers

At our 23 October chapter meeting, we accepted nominations for 2025 chapter officers. Most of our mandatory officers will need to be replaced.

Our treasurer was told three years ago that his position was only temporary. Big thanks to him for staying with us and doing an extraordinary job! But he needs a break too.

We have six local members and two of them will be stepping down as mandatory officers.

Our total chapter membership currently stands at seventeen.

Douglas County and *Willamette Valley* chapter members were

expected to attend October's meeting. Hopefully, this newsletter **paper** will go out before our meeting.

This report will be sent out to all chapter members before October's month meeting.

Thank everyone in *A.B.A.T.E.* who has supported us since August of 2021,

-- Bill Foster
coordinator

**Two Rivers**

MEETINGTIMES and PLACE
4th Wednesday at 1800 (6 pm)
Abby's Pizza
1967 Echo Hollow road
Eugene

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Eugene, OR 97404

A.B.A.T.E.chapter reports

Washington County

If you are reading this, you've made it through the summer of 2024 and into the fall harvest. Congrats. Hope that you rode your butts off over these last few months.

Throughout the state of Oregon there are some very nice roads to putt on. I feel fortunate to reside in a small rural town in Washington county (Oregon) where I can point my bike in any direction and be cruising in the wind with lovely views all around.

Interesting thought: Whenever you leave Oregon for business, pleasure, or family responsibility, do you always look forward to coming back here? Yeah, neat isn't it?

Our biggest event of the year is coming up soon. The *Stan Johnston*

Memorial Toy Run is scheduled for Saturday, 16 November 2024. It will start and end at the *Elks Lodge* #1862 located at 7553 NE Quatama street in Hillsboro.

The group ride leaves at noon. Come early. (See the flyer in this newspaper.)

And remember that some lucky person will be the winner of a brand new stainless steel .45 ACP handgun. Tickets are only a \$1 each and the drawing will take place after the toy run riders get back to the *Elks Lodge*.

Not to confuse you but we also are selling tickets to benefit the toy run for \$1 each. Proceeds and donations benefit families in Washington county.

Here's hoping that you are



already registered to vote. If you're not, it's too late to vote in this hugely important presidential election. Here is a plug to ask if you would be interested in being involved with your local precinct committee?

On the topic of riding a motorcycle this time of year, we

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Washington County

MEETINGTIMES and PLACE
2nd Monday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Prime Time Restaurant
4450 Pacific avenue
4th Monday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Elk's Lodge
21865 Quatama street
Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
(503)-502-6785

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P.O. Box 202
Cornelius, OR 97113

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

Willamette Valley

Hello from the *Willamette Valley Chapter*,

Autumn is here.

Hope everyone is getting some nice autumn weather riding in. And for the people who can't or don't ride, we hope you're getting some nice autumn weather travels in.

Willamette Valley is going to have their meeting and a Halloween party combined. This should be fun! We're hoping the rest of the chapters are able to have some spooky fun also. :)

Willamette Valley is in the process of getting a road/street to clean up

regularly and help promote *A.B.A.T.E.*

Willamette Valley wishes all the other chapters a nice Thanksgiving. And hope there is a local toy run you can participate in, whether you ride in or drive in. Let's help the kiddos. :)

Take care and respects.

Ride safe,

-- Diane
chapter secretary

**Willamette Valley****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

Last Sunday at 1500 (3 p.m.)

Abby's Pizza

3451 N. River road

Keizer

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Salem, OR 97301

Douglas County

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All in all it's been a good year. However, we have seen and experienced far too many motorcycle crashes and fatalities.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon founded *Team Oregon* and has always been a leader in motorcycle safety and awareness. We have, and some chapters still do, awareness talks in high school driver education classes.

But there are other issues at hand, one I believe some of us as riders deny or ignore. (You may get a bit peeved at me for this one.)

One of these issues are rider responsibility and/or rider error.

We have had at least two fatalities here in Douglas county recently that were drivers making left turns in front of the bike, which is not the rider's fault. On our rural roads this is a constant threat to riders, so maybe slow down a little, especially at dawn and dusk, and be vigilant.

Secondly, (and I am guilty of liking to ride a bit faster than what's posted) getting in a hurry, being behind a string of cars on a windy two-lane, and passing over a double yellow. A few days ago I was driving on a country road and was faced with two bikes passing three cars, on a curve over a double yellow line. On their side was the river, on mine was a cut bank. I slammed on my brakes to give them room as I got as close to the edge as I could. There was literally nowhere to go.

Please, please, be wise.

I love going fast in the twisties too, but I really like having you all around. Live to ride another day.

Happy fall y'all and blessings,

-- Becky Garino
secretary

Southeast PDX

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There are a lot of toy runs popping up. Be sure to attend as many as you can.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, 02 November. The meeting after that is on Sunday, 17 November.

Be sure to renew your membership.

Your chaplain,

-- Mike

SE-PDX Family Picnic Pics



A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

12 October 2024

Ciddici's Pizza – 859 Belmont avenue – Albany, Oregon

Meeting called to order – 12:13 p.m.
(1213)

Pledge of allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for any downed brothers and sisters and our military.

Role call of chapter representatives.

Eight chapters were represented.

Eight of ten chapters in attendance were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters – *River City, Central Oregon*

Unexcused chapters – None.

Guests and first time attendees –
Frank Saxton on *Zoom*.

Welcome everyone.

Executive Board Officer Reports

Coordinator – Joy Reyes Joy welcomed everyone. She said her eyes were really opened at this year's Meeting of the Minds. She'll have her report at the planning session.

Vice-coordinator (North) –
(Vacant)

Vice-coordinator (South) –
(Vacant)

Vice-coordinator (East) – Ed Miller
(*pro-tem*)

Hey folks

You are reading this because I am not there again.

We had a successful *Teddy Bear Run*.

We will be once again cleaning highway 26. (Just so it looks good when you ride by in our central Oregon area.)

I was contacted by a couple members in concern of *BikePAC* and how things transpired at the last *BikePAC* meeting. All I can say is we **do not** have a place for past egos as it comes to trying to keep our freedoms as motorcyclists.

It could have been some Monday morning quarterbacking from people who sit on the sidelines in a chapter (*Indian Creek*) who choose not to participate in general discussions of *A.B.A.T.E.* or *BikePAC*. They want to

interject some here-say notions about taking over in the best interest of the organization.

Hmmmm.

Not the best way to get things done, in my opinion.

But I am sure it can be resolved with the people we have in place. Or some kind of recourse taken at the planning session.

We are all spread way too thin and in too many directions just trying to keep it together as a viable organization to let some hot-head jeopardize any possible progress we might have going. Please excuse my language, **but f*#k this drama s#*t.**

Have a wonderful meeting.

-- Ed Miller

temporary vice-coordinator (East)

Vice-coordinator-at-large –
Jack Wingfield had nothing to report.

Recording secretary – Deb
Rheault-Kasner

1. Don't forget to bring your Halloween attire for Saturday night's get-together after the planning session meeting. Bring your change for some friendly "dealers choice poker games". Prizes await.

The state provides the eats that evening, so if you plan on having a cocktail, bring yer own.

Let's have some frickin' fun!

We're doing a clothes exchange, so go through your closets. Any clothes left over after the exchange will be donated to a local charity.

2. All chapters – Send events lists you plan on having in 2025 with proposed dates with your chapter representatives to the planning session so we can get them to the insurance company.

There will also be sanctioning forms available to fill out.

Membership secretary – Glenna
Grosen

Active members = 602

Expired = 30

New members = 12

Total = 607



Treasurer – Aurora Josephson noted that the combined totals are \$31,195.13

Sanctioning officer – Jimmy Kasner states that sanctioning is all but done for this year.

He can send a link to the insurance company so you can print any certificates of insurance you may need.

Chapters get your dates together now so your new sanctioning officer will have an easier time getting all the proper insurance coverage for your events.

I'm outta here after the planning session.

Best of luck, be cool, and keep the shiny side up. Catch you in the breeze somewhere down the line.

Yer old sanctioning guy,
-- Jimmy Kasner

Unfinished Business

1. Nominations for state officers. Some positions are open.
2. Planning session next weekend.
3. *Pacific Northwest Freedom Run*. (P.N.W.F.R.)

New Business

1. *BikePAC* executive director, Frank Saxton.
2. Plaques for the planning session.

Joy will be honoring some members at the planning session.

BikePAC of Oregon

-- Frank Saxon

Item 1 – *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* have an identical problem: steadily eroding membership

We all need to be talking to motorcyclists we know and meet on the road. Do they belong to any rider groups? If so, we need to try to address those groups. And to recruit solo riders we come across.

There are 200,000 motorcycle riders in Oregon. Many have the officer skills we need and a desire to get involved. But they need to be approached! Without young, eager, new members with fresh ideas, *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* will die.

Item 2 – Americans, and sadly, many bikers have lost their mojo.

Covid really highlighted how little many Americans value their rights and freedoms.

It's possible that the days of fighting totalitarian enactments are behind us.

Item 3 – I've spent most of my life promoting grass root activism to advance the interests of motorcycling.

I am steadfast that precinct committee person (PCP) activism is the key to legislative success.

Item 4 – Putting *BikePAC* on a steady, sustainable course will be a massive undertaking. So I'd like to clear the decks and issue a sincere *mea culpa* [apology] to anyone I may have offended in the past.

I am all about protecting our hard won rights and freedoms.

If any listener isn't interested in their rights and freedoms and does not value them, I think that is sad. People have every right to not give a crap about the benefits of being an American that were earned by the blood and sacrifice of others, if they so choose.

I do try hard to motivate people to participate in their own governance but if they truly don't care, that's a personal decision that I will always honor and respect. If I've ever made anyone feel otherwise, I sincerely apologize for that.

I hope you will accept that while my style may have offended you, my motives were clean and honorable.

I'm humbly asking for your forgiveness and very much hoping we can

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work productively moving forward.

I can't promise perfection, only that I will do my very best.

Thank you.

Glenna mentioned that at the *BikePAC* web site that there isn't any information regarding exactly what they do. There only seems to be a bunch of different links to other organizations.

She's hoping for some selling points that she can use to help promote *BikePAC* as the *A.B.A.T.E.* membership secretary.

Officer Reports

Auditor – Karen Tolle (*pro tem*) said there was a mix up with the Oregon department of justice about "also know as" (A.K.A.) and "doing business as" (D.B.A.) Karen will be handling that on Monday morning. She will e-mail Joy and Deb with a report when completed.

Newspaper editor – Rot Path thanked everyone attending the board meeting. Please get your monthly chapter articles in. Still missing three of them as of this morning.

Remember that what you send in is being printed for the following month. Example: article sent in by the 10 October will actually be printed in the November newspaper.

Rot Path will be on the *Zoom* during the planning session.

When people are sent to conferences at *A.B.A.T.E.*'s expense, they need to submit report for the newspaper sharing information that will help *A.B.A.T.E.* in its efforts, not just an outline of what panels took place.

The November paper may be delayed in order to include planning session information.

Public relations – Michelle FitzHenry had nothing to report.

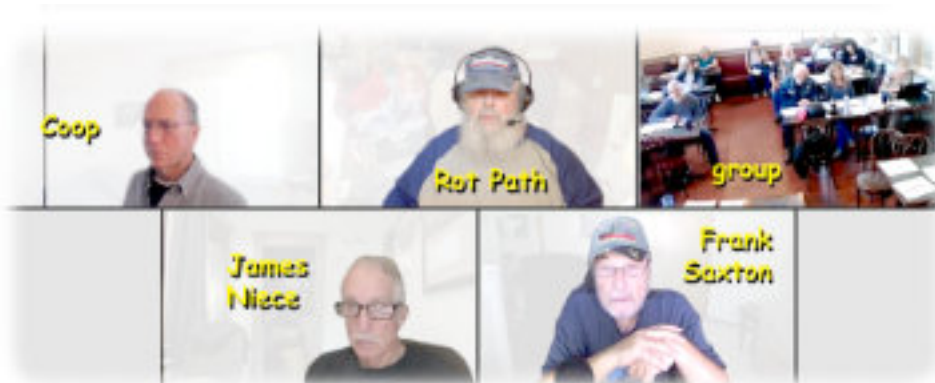
Web page editor – James Niece

1. The state and the *Fossil Campout* web sites have been updated. The sites look the best when viewed on desktop or laptop computers. Both sites have special backgrounds that do not show when the sites are viewed on a small device or smartphones.

2. Each site has pages that have "share" buttons. Site visitors have been sharing the pages to *Facebook* and other social media platforms. Sharing the pages to various social media platforms is a very good way to promote *A.B.A.T.E.*

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

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3. I think that we should consider buying a portable wi-fi hotspot device with a service plan that is offered by *Verizon*, *AT&T*, *T-Mobile*, and other carriers for the purpose of improving our *Zoom* activities.

4. I am planning on continuing as the web master in 2025.

State swap meet coordinator – Jimmy Kasner said that we had our fall swap meet at the *Benton County Fairgrounds* on 28 September. It was not what we had hoped for. Everyone had a good time hanging out. Maybe next year. It's a nice place to have an event. The date unfortunately was the same day as the *75th Annual Downtown Craft & Arts Faire*.

Fossil Campout coordinator – Shirley Huff thanked everyone for being here.

She needs to know which t-shirt design you want for *Fossil Campout* next year so she can get started on the fliers and other matching items.

She also is still looking for chapter volunteers to help run the gate.

Diane (*Willamette Valley Chapter*) asked about admission to the run discounts for those volunteering.

Shirley explained that we, as volunteers, are not able to take any payments for services rendered through our by-laws. Each chapter is given two complimentary tickets for *Fossil Campout* each year to do with what they see fit. She mentioned that they could possibly hold a drawing between their members and that might be an incentive to help out.

Shirley said that the *Lincoln County Chapter* has volunteered at *Fossil Campout* for years. They run the bike games and the bike show.

Shirley asked the group who would be willing to help out at the gate this year? Shirley and Deb raised their hands.

If you take on a position at *Fossil Campout*, it is **your** responsibility to come up with your volunteers for that position.

Examples: The information booth, front gate, or the poker run.

More will be discussed at the planning session.

Education director (Vacant)

Products – Deb Rheault (*pro tem*) will have a report about products at the planning session

Legislative director – Bob Thomas urged members to take the new *BikePAC* survey.

M.R.F. representative – Bill Foster has given a full report to our newsletter editor about *Meeting of the Minds* with pictures.

He and Joy had a good experience in St. Louis and will give you a complete in-person report at the planning session next weekend.

He got his shots before they left, but his son is sick.

Bill has sent his receipts with Karen to give to the treasurer.

Sergeant-at-arms (South) – Bill Foster stated that this is his last year being sergeant-at-arms. He will continue to be our *M.R.F.* representative.

Sergeant-at-arms (North) – (Vacant)

Sergeant-at-arms (East) – Dilli Middleton said good morning. *River City Chapter* had at least one representative at the October state board meeting, either Gene or Rick.

We will not have a representative for the planning session. We ask to be excused.

Dili has no report for this month and wasn't able to attend the October state board meeting or the planning session, asking to be excused.

Historian – Deb Rheault Kasner had no report at this time.

Quartermaster – (Vacant)

Motions

None.

Closing Comments

• Jack (vice-coordinator-at-large) asked how many chapters have open officer positions? Most reps present raised their hands.

He stated that you need to get those positions filled.

We can't be successful as an organization as a whole without all our positions being filled.

• In closing, Joy was impressed by the number of groups and clubs all gathered together at *Meeting of the Minds* for the same cause, our rights as motorcyclists.

Announcements

The annual planning session is 19-20 October south of Eugene at the *Cottage Grove Inn*, 835 Gateway boulevard in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

There will be a Halloween party after the meeting on Saturday. Bring your costume and your change and join the fun. Prizes, games, and a chance to just be together and enjoy each other's company, as friends and neighbors.

Won't you join us?

Stay up to date on upcoming events on our web site:

www.abateoforegon.net

Motion To Adjourn

Made by Adam (*Hub City Chapter*)
Seconded by Glenna (*Washington County Chapter*)

Passed by voice vote

Adjourned 2:21 p.m. (1421)

-- Deb Rheault-Kasner

secretary@abateoforegon.net

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session

Cottage Grove Inn

Saturday, 19 Oct 2024

minutes by Deb Rheault-Kasner

Called to order at 9:38 a.m.
(0938)

Joy welcomed everyone.

There were eight of ten chapter representatives at this meeting.

There was discussion about merging the *Hub City Chapter* with the *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

Bill from the *Two Rivers Chapter* needs help with his chapter. He is holding several positions on his own. After several discussions, Bill is open to also merging, possibly with *Douglas County*. *Two Rivers* meeting is this coming Wednesday.

Glenna mentioned that she too holds multiple positions in her chapter.

Deb suggested adding a new section in the by-laws about "what to do when two chapters merge". She asked Jack if he could draft something to that effect. He said he could.

Joy mentioned she might have a person to fill the state recording secretary position.

Sanctioning is retiring after this year. Jimmy explained how the process works with the event insurance company and how we have to go through the *American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.)* for sanctioning and insurance for campouts.

Do *not* use post office box numbers on sanctioning form.

Runs are "cultural gatherings", swap meets are "flea markets", raffles are "drawings" for insurance purposes.

Shirley talked about *Fossil Campout* and how she still needs a chapter to step up and help run the gate.

< Break > 10:19 – 10:52 a.m.

We discussed the entry fee being raised due to the cost of living and volunteers.

She is requesting that the budget be raised to \$19,000 dollars or even up to \$20,000.

Last year's expenses were \$19,596.27. Profit was \$1,884.21.

< Lunch > 12:01 – 1:36 p.m.

Joy spoke about the *Pacific Northwest Freedom Rally* for 2025.

A venue has been picked out at the Jefferson county fairgrounds.

She passed out a packet of information regarding this event.

It would be held on 01–03 August.

She has some volunteers signed up. She mentioned sponsorships and that this event is coinciding with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* 50th anniversary.

The nominations for state officers are on another page.

There was talk about positions available on the state roster and combining some of those spots. *i.e.* – The wording for legislative representative for *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC*.

Also some discussion regarding the number of vice-coordinators in the current roster. Do we really need three vice-coordinators at this time? Possibly lowering the number to one, even if only temporary. Jack believes we should leave it as is.

Adam made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Bill.

Adjourned at 3:34 p.m. (1534)

-- Deb Rheault-Kasner
state recording secretary

secretary@abateoforegon.net

Sunday, 20 Oct 2024

unofficial notes by Rot Path

Sunday session schedule to begin at 9:30 a.m. (0930)

[Rot Path late joining meeting because of long wait at golden arches drive-through.]

Lee Clark and Rot Path joined meeting via *Zoom*.

0950 – Bill Foster (*Two Rivers*) spoke about *M.R.F.*

0953 – State officer 2025 nominations.

Lee Clark (*Southeast Portland*) volunteered for state products director. (Note that she cannot drive long distances.)

1008 – **Motion-1** to temporarily reduce number of state vice-coordinators.

Jack (*Lincoln County*) said that we need all three to mediate problems in different parts of the state.

Ayes = 2

Nays = 5

Abstain = 1

Motion failed.

1015 – **Motion-2** concerning merging chapters.

Motion tabled.

1016 – Motion-3 to accept Lee Clark nomination for state products director.

Ayes = 8

Nays = 0

Abstain = 0

Motion passed.

1018 – **Motion-4** to delete state legislative position. Use *BikePAC* and *M.R.F.* liaisons for legislative information.

Tabled for rewrite.

Ayes = 8

Nays = 0

Abstain = 0

Motion passed.

1038 – **Motion-5** to adapt 2025 state officer nomination list as elected officers.

Ayes = 8

Nays = 0

Abstain = 0

Motion passed.

1039 – Lee Clark left meeting via *Zoom*.

< Break 1041–1102 >

1102 – Karen waiting for information and invoices.

- *Meeting of the Minds* convention was under budget for sending two people. (\$4,000 approved; \$3,600 used.)

- Budget for planning session = \$1,500.

- *N.C.O.M.* convention is about \$1,500 per person sent.

- *S.T.E.A.M.* will be about \$4,500.

- *M.R.F.* donation = \$1,000.

- Storage = \$125 per month.

- 2025 *Fossil Cultural Gathering* estimated to be about \$20,000.

- *Team Oregon* reimbursements are about \$1,500.

- Products for *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* 50th anniversary about \$1,500.

Pin design by Rot Path displayed. (Won't work for t-shirt.)

Summary

Expenses = \$58,775

(actual = \$52,000)

Income = \$39,095

Deficit = – \$19,680

Proposed 2025 budget = \$58,6--.

Ayes 8

Nays = 0

Abstain = 0

2025 state budget passed.

Adjourned – 1158.



Your Responsibilities As A Citizen

-- Frank Saxton



I read the latest "voter's guide" in the state newspaper recently. I'll confess that I have never favored lists like this or "grading" political office candidates based on whether they do or do not support a narrow band of issues that the publisher feels are important.

If an elector wants to know who they should vote for, try looking up the candidate's past voting record. Or sit down and have a conversation with them.

Setting Up A Meeting

Every Oregonian has two legislators in Salem: a house representative and a senator.

I would *strongly* advise requesting an in-person meeting, as a lot is lost when videoconferencing and especially when talking over the phone.

I recently sat down with my house representative. I was redistricted into his district and while I was familiar with his voting record, I had never met him.

Want to know how easy it is to

have a face-to-face chat with a sitting legislator or a candidate for office?

I just sent a polite message to his published e-mail address.

He agreed to meet me for twenty minutes.

I introduced myself as his constituent and his precinct committee person (P.C.P.)

What should you talk about during these meetings? It's perfectly fine to talk about motorcycling issues at some point, but I started our conversation by letting him do the talking.

People love to talk about things that they love. The meeting should be about finding common interests and establishing rapport. You can lobby them to vote for your favorite bill later.

Our meeting wound up lasting for almost an hour. Suffice to say that it was a delightful and very productive chat. He seemed to be aware of our *Biker Days* and invited me to drop in to say hello when we are down in Salem.

Will he vote with us on any bills coming down the pike?

Hard to say.

But clearly his door will be open to me to at least have a conversation about it.

My redistricting also put me in a different state senate district.

My new senator politely blew me off and declined to meet with me. She is clearly someone who does not want or deserve my vote.

Owning The Legislature

Want to know how motorcyclists can be a legislative powerhouse?

Imagine that just a dozen or even a half dozen *A.B.A.T.E.* members in each district ask for these meetings.

Do you know how many non-lobbyist, generic constituents take the time to ask to meet these folks one-on-one? Especially when they don't want something?

Close to zero.

My Message

- Take three minutes to fill out a precinct committee person application and take it to your party's county office. This will open a lot of doors for you.
- Go on the state government web site to see who is currently representing you in Salem and send them a note.

Be an amazing citizen. And teach your children and grands to be good stewards and to participate in how their government operates. You may not always get what you want from your government but at least you will be engaged and have an active voice in what's being done in your name.

Contrary to popular folklore, it *is* important *who* you vote for and not that you just go out and vote.

So there you have my recommendations for creating your own handy "voter's guide".

-- Frank Saxton
life member
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

2025 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon State Officers

Executive board

Coordinator – Joy Reyes
Vice-coordinator-at-large – Jack Wingfield
Vice-coordinator (North) – < Open >
Vice-coordinator (South) – < Open >
Vice-coordinator (East) – < Open >
State secretary – < Open >
Treasurer – Aurora Josephson
Membership secretary – Glenna Grossen
Sanctioning officer – < Open >

State officers

Auditor – Karen Tolle
Newspaper editor – Rot Path
Web site editor – James Niece
Public relations – Michelle FitzHenry
Sergeant-at-arms (N) – Toad
Sergeant-at-arms (S) – Curtis McCain
Sergeant-at-arms (E) < Open >
Products officer – Lee Clark
Education director < Open >
Swap meet coordinator – Deb Rheault-Kasner

State run (Fossil) – Shirley Huff
Historian – Deb Rheault Kasner
Quartermaster < Open >
Legislative liaison < deleted >
M.R.F. liaison – Bill Foster

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(again)

Our Future

Cone Cops

c.o.e. – 249

(Personal views of the editor. Not to be confused with reality or endorsement by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.)

Rot Path
crusty ol' editor
(again)



Planning or Housekeeping ?

Another *A.B.A.T.E.* annual planning session has been completed.

Or has it ?

The name of the event implies that we get together to plot strategies for the coming year that will further our mission statement efforts.

Instead we spent most of the time doing housekeeping chores.

S.T.E.A.M. was mentioned as the Saturday session was being wrapped up. It almost felt like there was a reluctance to begin planning for *Seminars To Educate And Motivate.*

In future planning sessions, how about spending the first two or three hours of Saturday morning planning what we're going to do and how we can get people excited about *A.B.A.T.E.* That will get the event started on a positive note.

The rest of the day can be spent approving the budget and taking care of business.

Go To A Conference, Share What You Learn

In going back through past newspapers of the last few years, yer crusty ol' editor (again) has noticed that *A.B.A.T.E.* has been funding people to attend national conferences about motorcycling rights, yet there don't seem to be any reports shared in print about what is being learned.

One of the requirements for making our hard-earned money available for members to go to such important gatherings is that they write a report upon their return for printing in the state newspaper and for presentation at the next state board meeting. That way we all benefit from their attendance and can focus our limited resources more effectively.

To help future convention attendees, a list of tips for convention goers is on page 18.

Ashamed of A.B.A.T.E.

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* had some of the biggest legislative successes they've experienced since coming into existence.

We essentially owned the political party in power at the time.

How did we do that ?

- *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* members got involved in the campaigns of candidates they could tolerate – putting up lawn signs, participating in phone banks, stuffing envelopes, all that kind of thing. (This worked at local and state levels.)

Elected officials never forgot those who helped get them into office. Their doors were always open for us when we had concerns.

- Members became precinct committee persons (PCPs).

Then somehow we seemed to have lost our focus and momentum.

We've had some successes getting non-controversial legislation passed, but the excitement, involvement, and drive seem to be missing.

Now as the twenty-fourth year of the new century winds down, we have someone from that earlier era coming back to us, offering to help reignite our energies in legislative action.

But instead of welcoming him back and offering encouragement, we have people actively disparaging him without offering any reason for their actions.

Okay, Here's The Thing . . .

Members have a right to their own personal feelings and opinions.

But when exercising their free speech rights, they have an obligation to justify their actions if they endanger the welfare of their larger group.

Several people and one chapter have indicated that they detest Frank Saxon and distrust him to lead *BikePAC.*

Why ?

If there is no legal reason to prevent you sharing your reasons for protesting

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NOVEMBER Cryptogram

CA OAT FWAI FXJUGZ EXGHQ MY CEWAM

CEY CAWVE; NY OATWQ CA EAUH JC EJZE.

JF OY NXYXR FXJCE MJCE TQ MEA HJY

MY QEXUU GAC QUYYD, CEATZE DADDJYQ ZWAM

JG FUXGHYWQ FJYUHQ.

--LAEG IVVWXY

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 22)

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21st Annual TOY RUN

November 17th 2024

We celebrate 18 years of supporting the youth of Josephine County. These are children who would have minimal or no Christmas if it were not for the direct effort of this event.



Raffle Prizes
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\$5 a plate

Please bring a new unwrapped toy. Don't forget the older kids!

*** LOCATION - Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale, Grants Pass**

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Come ride with us!
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and Flea Market
Saturday
28 September 2024
Bluebonnet County Fairgrounds
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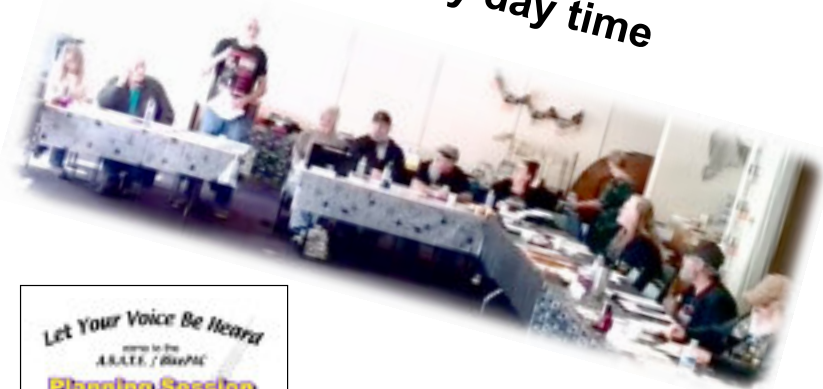
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2024 A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session

you shouldda been there



Saturday day time



Saturday evening

Let Your Voice Be Heard
 come to the
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Planning Session
 19 – 20 October 2024
 Cottage Grove Inn *
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photo by Cathy K



Sunday morning



photos by Glenna G

BikePAC Report



BikePAC is wanting to know what are your most important issues for the 2025 legislature session.

You will find the QR code here somewhere to take you to our survey. [page 25] Please take the five to ten minutes to fill it out.

We will work on those issues most important to riders.

We have limited personnel to volunteer at the capital. We try to host a legislative day at the capital where riders are encouraged to visit the representatives and other key legislators. This is fluid as we need to apply pressure when a key bill is up, but not be seen as there all the time.

Speaking of resources, have you donated to *BikePAC* yet this year?

Are you a member?

Membership is only \$15 (cheap) to have your voice heard! Donations are tax credits on Oregon state tax. (\$50 for singles and \$100 for couples.)

Pretty good deal: Give money to *BikePAC* and get it back as a credit on taxes.

Free money.

My mother is 94 and she donates every year for the tax credit. (Well, and she loves her motorcycle son!)

Lastly *BikePAC* has a new executive director, Frank Saxton. He stepped into the role and will do an outstanding job. Welcome, Frank.

In the end it is you who acts to protect your right to ride and without your involvement the ability to ride freely may disappear. So pitch in and rider safe out there.

-- Bob Thomas
state legislative representative
BikePAC representative

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Report



Our *A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator, Joy Reyes, and I made a successful trip to St. Louis and back for the 40th anniversary of the *Meeting of the Minds*.

Joy did a lot of networking while there and contacted a lot of people about the *Pacific Northwest Freedom Rally* to be held for the first time next year. Through her efforts and the help from many different organizations and sponsors, this event will include numerous surrounding states from the northwest and beyond. It is the first time an event of this type and magnitude will be held in the northwest.

Our hope is that everyone involved will spark a greater interest in motorcyclists rights and motorcyclists safety.

2025 will be a full legislative session in the Oregon capitol of Salem.

Our *BikePAC* lobbyist and legislative officers are getting geared up for a continued battle for our freedom to choose what we want to ride and how we want to ride in Oregon.

The *Independent Motorcycle After-market Network* must be offered to every shop in our state. No one wants the right to repair our bikes to be destroyed by the environmental protection agency.

As the entire world waits to see who will be running our country for the next four years, we, as motorcyclists, must be ready for whatever the future sends our way.

The *M.R.F.* is recognized worldwide as the leader in our fight to maintain our freedoms as Americans and motorcyclists. Please get out and promote the *M.R.F.* everywhere you go in your day. Most importantly, get out and vote!

Thank you,

-- Bill Foster
Oregon representative
M.R.F.

M.R.F. 2025 Legislative Goals

Number One Top Priorities

- Autonomous vehicles
- Crash avoidance
- Data recording
- Definition of motorcycle
- Emission regulations
- Helmet regulations
- Maintaining the internal combustion engine
- Profiling
- Renewable fuels
- Right to repair
- Vulnerable roadway user terminology

Number Two Medium Priorities

- Gang, club, and other languages
- Lane filtering/lane splitting
- Surface transportation reauthorization (highway bill)
- Taxes

Items to Monitor

- Distracted driving
- Electric vehicle incentives
- Exhaust systems
- International partnerships
- National studies
- Opponents
- Sound testing
- Tariffs
- Tolling

Crusty ol' editor (again)

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his involvement, then you owe it to the rest of us to speak up.

By undermining volunteers' efforts to do their jobs, you show disrespect for the rest of us. And you are jeopardizing the future of motorcycle rights in our state.

With critical thinking, it's not enough to point out what's wrong. Possible alternatives need to be offered as part of a solution.

So if you have a problem with someone who has offered to volunteer for a job, who are you going to recommend as an alternative ? Will **you** do the job ? Can you find someone who will ?

How will anyone take you seriously if all you do is knock down fences instead of mending them ?

Cone Cops

In 1990, yer crusty ol' editor (again) was deployed to an air base in northern Japan at Misawa.

Oddly enough ramp security for the Navy P-3 *Orion* aircraft was ~~inflicted~~ provided by the Air Force using their own strange protocols.

Part of their procedures involved a red painted circle around each aircraft parking area with a small break

marked by orange traffic cones which was supposed to be the only ingress/egress point allowed to aircraft. (Kinda tough to squeeze a fuel truck or sonobuoy cart through such a small opening.)

Air Force ramp security rigidly enforced their red circles. If you stepped across a red circle, you were detained and grilled about your parents.

We began referring Air Force ramp security as "*Cone Cops*".

At some point yer c.o.e.(a) became so fed up with their antics that he was inspired to write a multi-verse epic entitled, *Cone Cops*.

The closing line comes to mind when thinking about how some members of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* have behaving lately:

"*They also serve who skulk and hide,*

(But not we suspect with any pride)

Could they be working for the other side ?"

Washington County

(Continued from page 7)

need to be acutely aware of what those rubber tires roll over. Specifically, *wet leaves!* Yes, those colorful things that flutter down from the limbs of trees hanging over the roadways everywhere, especially where it's wet and shady. A reminder that rolling over wet leaves is almost like riding on ice. Beware!

Can you believe how the time does fly by so fast? All at once we are into the holiday season: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then a new year.

Our *Washington County Chapter End of Year* party will be on Saturday, 14 December at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. Plan now to attend.

Our run committee still meets the second Monday of each month at the *Prime Time Restaurant* in Forest Grove (7 p.m.)

Our regular membership general business meeting meets on the fourth Monday at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge* (7 p.m.)

Let's end this on a light note:

Over coffee, two ol' ladies were discussing somewhat obliquely the intimacies of sex.

"Tell me", asked one, "have you ever eaten anything you shouldn't have?"

"No," replied her friend, "but once I woke up being fed something I hadn't ordered."

-- *Easyriders* magazine

Don Lindal

Winnipeg, Canada

Ride hard,

-- Cooper

2024 Meeting of the Minds Report

-- Bill Foster (*Two Rivers*)

[*Meeting of the Minds*, sponsored by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, was held 26-29 September 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri at the *Renaissance Airport Hotel*.]

This year forty states were represented and the final head count was 358 attendees.

Thursday

Thursday night was the *Meet the States* slide show.

I didn't send any information from our state.

At the end of the presentation, I got permission to address the people in attendance. I let them know that during the year, *Oregon BikePAC* changed their rider survey to be more in line with the *M.R.F.*'s concerns and goals.

Friday

Friday morning

After the presentation of the colors and the invocation, Kirk Willard gave his opening comments. On a chalkboard he drew a wagon wheel to represent how each of the spokes were like the different organizations and entities that combine to create and support the *M.R.F.* If one of the spokes become weak or broken, then the wheel stops functioning.

Our *M.R.F.* lobbyist "Rocky" Fox spoke next.

He needs a republican congressperson to co-sign the *Autonomous Vehicle Bill*.

State and federal awards were presented next.

Ohio, Louisiana, and Kansas all got awards for protecting the internal combustion engine.

Federal awards were presented to:

- Indiana for getting Jay Jackson on the federal motorcyclist advisory committee.
- Texas had the largest response to a *Call to Action* in 2024.
- Wisconsin's *Call to Action* in

2024.

• *N.C.O.C.* for preservation of the motorcycle, awarded to "Double D" and accepted by Russell Radke.

M.R.F. financial report was given. The treasurer needs an assistant. She asked that all the different states please send her \$500 to help pay for her software.

M.R.F. A&E young activist scholarship

A young sister from Nebraska was presented the free scholarship.

State of the safety training programs

Jay Jackson presented the the *Ron Shepard Safety Award* to Robert Axton for his "mobile simulator" to teach riders.

Friday afternoon.

I attended the legislative strategies session and voted for Oregon.

There were eleven number one legislative priorities that all forty-two state and eligible organizations voted unanimously on.

There were four medium priorities voted unanimously on.

There were nine items to monitor.

To read these legislative issues, go to the *M.R.F.* web site and look under *Legislative Goals for 2025*.

After a break I went on to the *M.R.F.*'s representative meeting.

I got updated on how to do my job more efficiently for Oregon.

Saturday

morning.

Opening comments by Jay Jackson.

Talked about the last forty years of *Meeting of the Minds*.

Then Russell Radke gave his *Club World* update.

N.C.O.M. talked about unity of purpose.

The *National Council of Informed Riders* asked every motorcyclist to join their organization for

free. Go to:

www.nationalcoir.org

for more information.

Next was a panel consisting of seven members that included, Guido Zucconi the lobbyist for *Harley-Davidson*, "Double D" Devereaux representing the *N.C.O.C.*, Bob Kay and Tara Pierce as representatives for *Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network*, Ed Schetter *N.C.O.M.*, and Kirk "Hardtail" Willard. A lot of quality information was heard.

afternoon.

After lunch I went to *Gilligan's Island* about recruiting, inspiring, and retaining your *S.M.R.O.*'s cast of characters.

Then off to *Fundamentals of Being a M.R.F. State Representative*.

I was joined by Joy Reyes for this last session.

After the social hour.

The ringing of the bell for the riders who passed on since last year.

Appreciation awards.

Aftermarket Award, *Thomas Paine Award*, *Deb Butitta M.R.F. Representative of the Year Award*, *Founders Award*, *Lifetime Achievement Award*, *Lifetime Achievement*, *M.R.F. Hall of Fame*, and *John "Farmer" Eggers Award*.

Kirk gave a speech about how *M.R.F.* total vigilance on the hill depends on all of us.

Then, all the state representatives stood in line to give the donations from their *S.M.R.O.* to the *M.R.F.* I was the first one in line. Unfortunately, no picture was taken, I guess I was too fast. Oregon gave \$2,300 to the *M.R.F.* this year with two sustaining memberships from *Southeast Portland Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

2024 Meeting of the Minds Overview



Hello everyone,

My experience of going to the *M.R.F. 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds* conference was the most amazing educational experience that I've ever been to about motorcycle rights, safety, and awareness.

There were a lot of different speakers and a lot of different types of sessions offered during the conference.

I only attended sessions that I thought that were most important to myself and my state. I recommend this to anyone of our members who go to this event.

One of sessions that I attended was leadership. How to advocate and network for your organization, meetings, events, etc.

Another session was how to be an *M.R.F.* representative for your state, how to advocate for *M.R.F.*, and what it stands for.

Another interesting topic was called, *What Keeps You Up At Night For Motorcycle Rights ?* I thought this was a very good session because it involved many different topics about motorcycle crashes across the U.S.A.

One topic was about new electric cars, electric scooters, and electric motorcycles coming into play under the new infrastructure that's coming in the next five years.

The big important question is, what does it mean to you as a motorcycle rider on issues of motorcycle regulations, safety, and education for all riders in your state ? There was more people at that session than any other sessions they had for the three days of the conference.

Topics were how can we keep our roads safer when the new infrastructure does come into effect and what states need do to help regulate small combustion engine along with electric cars, scooters, and motorcycles.

Another session was about the *Right-to-Repair Act*. All repair shops need help to stay in business during the infrastructure change and after.

"Big" was what I experienced in my time at *Meeting of the Minds*.

While I was there, I did a lot of networking for Oregon concerning the *Pacific Northwest Freedom Run. (PNW)* I also got to talk to a lot of other states about their motorcycle regulations.

It's really important to support other organizations in Oregon, such as *Team Oregon, BikePAC*, department of transportation, the *M.R.F.* because they can help support us on motorcycle rights and statutes in the Oregon legislation.

I recommend this conference to any of our members. It is well worth the trip, information, education, and a brotherhood of supporters. Different organizations across the country actually support *A.B.A.T.E.*

Thank you so much,

-- Joy Reyes
state coordinator

Tips For Conference Attendees

-- Rot Path

- **Take along a small notebook.**

Jot down important information and items of interest.

Don't think that you'll remember every little detail by the time the next state board meeting rolls around.

Concentrate on collecting information that your group can use to increase their effectiveness.

- **Business or calling cards.**

Your organization may have informational business cards that you can take with you so you can exchange information and network with others. If not, consider designing your own calling card with your name and contact data. (Many copy centers can print such cards for you.)

- **Look at the conference schedule.**

Often it is posted on-line prior to the event beginning.

Read panel names and descriptions, decide which would be most beneficial to your group's interests.

If more than one person from your organization is attending, divide up panel sessions between yourselves to cover more topics.

- **Take photos, if possible.**

Get as close to the subject as possible, even if it means getting out of your chair and moving towards a stage. (You're a photo-journalist now.)

Pictures from across a room showing tiny blobs mean nothing except to the person who took them.

Write down photo information

while still fresh in your mind. (Who, what, where.)

- **Write up your report as soon as possible.**

If possible, begin writing a rough draft during the conference using your notes and memories.

If you wait until several days after your return to begin writing, too many memories will have faded.

- **Do your duty each day, then party.**

After the daily panel sessions and your write-ups are completed, it's time to relax.

This is a time when attendees get to talk among themselves, sharing experiences and information. There may be brain cell casualties, but it's worth it.

- **Make your reports.**

Write up the final draft of your report, checking with others who attended about details.

E-mail a copy of your written report to the state newspaper and state secretary.

If you can't attend the next state board meeting, have your chapter representative read your report into the minutes.

- **Be proud of what you've done for your group.**

Take quiet pride in how you've helped your organization with the information that you've brought back.

Know that you've made a positive difference.



Oregon DMV Motorcycle Test Sample Questions

Most of us have been riding for many years, but when did you last look at the Oregon department of motor vehicles motorcycle test?

Here are a few questions from the sample test. See how you score.

These are real questions and answers on the DMV practice test.

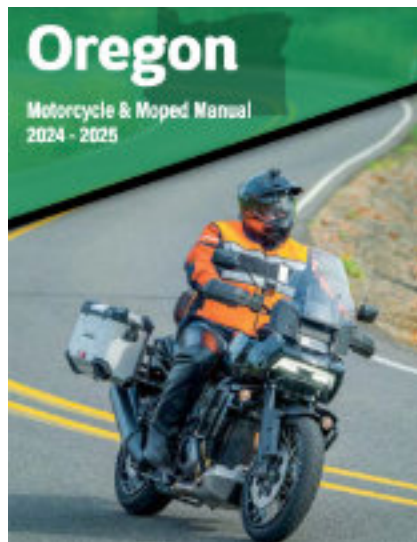
I did not make them up.

-- Janice Jensen
(Josephine County)

- A _____ second following distance leaves a minimum amount of space to avoid a crash at low speeds.
 - 5
 - 1
 - 3
 - 2
- If you suspect the driver ahead of you does not know you are behind his or her vehicle, you should,
 - Increase your following distance to 5 seconds.
 - Decrease your speed and ride in the left lane position.
 - Move into the center lane position to increase visibility.
 - Try to pass the vehicle as soon as possible.
- Which of the following helps avoid fatigue while riding?
 - Protecting yourself from the elements
 - Limiting your daily driving distance
 - Taking frequent rest breaks
 - All of the above.
- Because motorcycles accelerate faster than other vehicles on the road, you must:
 - Flash your headlights when accelerating.
 - Make eye contact with other drivers.
 - Leave a larger space cushion.
 - Be careful not to run into the vehicle in front of you.
- When being passed from behind, what position of the lane should your motorcycle be in?
 - Right
 - Center
 - Left
 - Any

Answers

- (d) This leaves room to see potholes and other road hazards. Two seconds may not give you enough time to stop.
- (c) Move to the center lane position.
- (d) All of the above.
- (d) Be careful not to run into the vehicle in front of you.
- (b) When being passed, maintain a center-of-the-lane position, and beware of side mirrors and stuff thrown out of the window of the passing vehicle that could hit you.



Have you noticed ?

The Oregon DMV bicycle manual says that they have a **right** to use the road.

Yet for powered vehicle users road use is a **privilege**.

How did pedal pumpers pull that off ?



In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

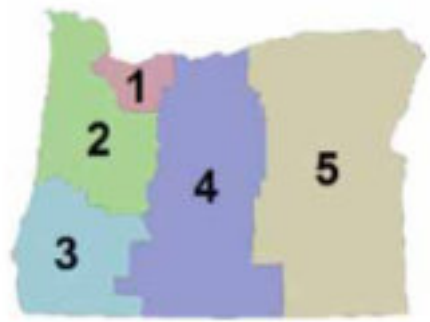
McCrae's friend and former militia member, Lt. Alexis Helmer was killed in the second battle of Ypres.

His burial inspired the poem, *In Flanders Fields*, which was written on 03 May 1915.



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon (2022) version
Duffy's Revived Road List

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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North Coast area										
Carl Earl	(503)-791-3584	North Coast	X	X	c/p	X	X	X	X	X
Doc Holiday	(503)-791-8829	North Coast	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Bruce Westerland	(503)-468-8248	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
Nick Cames	(206)-409-6112	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
Jake Kelly	(503)-791-9200	North Coast								
Craig Jones	(503)-739-6020	North Coast	X	X				X		
Mick Innias	(503)-791-0146	North Coast	X	X	X				X	
Central Coast area										
Jack	(541)-272-0789	Toledo	X						X	
Jim & Deb	(541)-563-3125	Seal Rock	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Shirley	(541)-563-6526	Seal Rock	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Geoff	(541)-270-9845		X	X		X	X	X	X	
South Coast area										
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X			
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Bob Kudma	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lary Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point						X		
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Chuck Jeffcoat	(503)-649-7344		X	X						X
Gordon Sahnov	(503)-784-0737	Vernonia	X	X	X					X
Ted and Jill Tracy	(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yamell	(503)-810-0625		X							X
Portland area										
Roy Kirk	(503)-730-69983	Portland	X	X			X		X	
Ken	(503)-860-2793	Birkenfeld	X				X		X	
James Niece	(503)-775-2203	Portland	X		X		X			
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Richard Ives	(503)-960-2407	Milwaukie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Salem area										
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X			
Rot Path	(503)-ppp-nnnn	Independence				X	X			
Willamette Valley area										
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-0728	Sweet Home	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted	(541)-338-8380(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich "Snake"	(541)-929-4589	Philomath	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Nic	(541)-487-5570	Alsea areea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gary	(541)-974-7056	Millersberg	X	X	X			X	X	X
Southern Oregon area										
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Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Rogue River							X	X
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other areas										

Chapters
 Please update your areas

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Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-383-0121

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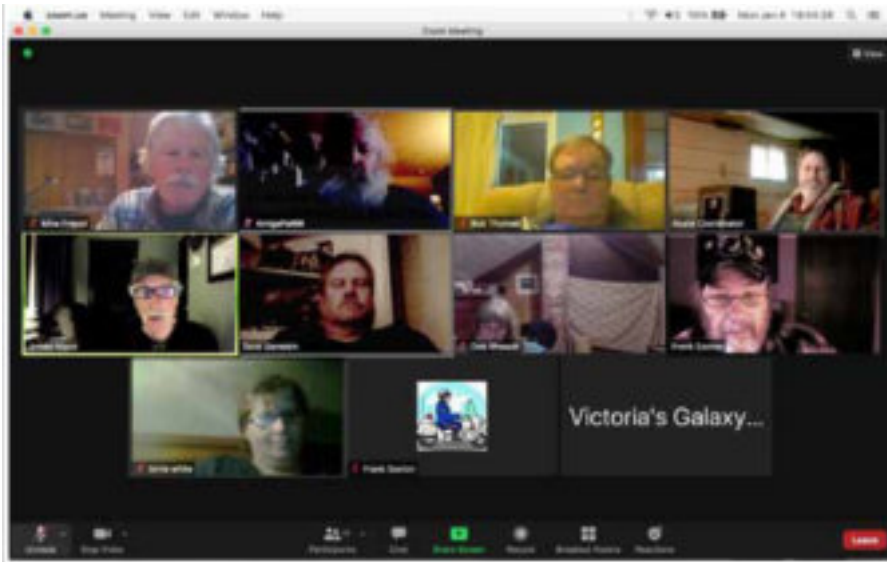
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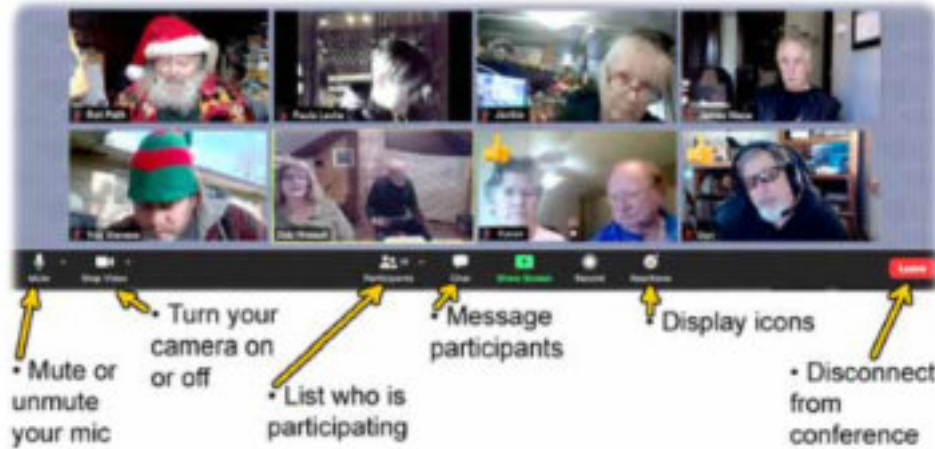
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- Board of directors – Second Saturday at noon (see web site)



Zoom Controls



Increasingly, one of the video conferencing tools of choice is *Zoom*.

Small icons across the bottom of the user's screen can be clicked on to provide information or to affect how your own video and audio are displayed to others. (Or not.)

Of primary use during conferencing is the microphone icon in the lower left corner.

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Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

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Cryptogram Answer

To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-- John McCrae

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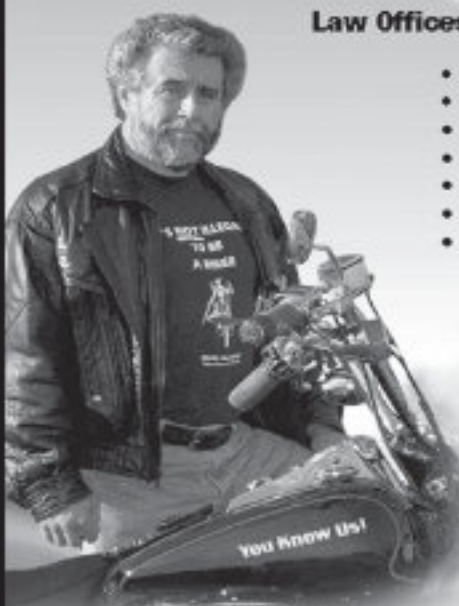
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The organization of *BikePAC* consists of an executive director, lobbyist, secretary, treasurer, and membership officer. Currently the executive director position is vacant and our current lobbyist is looking for an assistant to learn the ropes and 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 web site at:

www.bikepacoforegon.com

Click on "ABOUT>OFFICERS AND CONTACT" then fill out the message form.

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BIKEPAC OF OREGON

"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.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail _____

I am in state senate district _____

I am in state representative district _____

Members' Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1975 Harley-Davidson shovelhead

Under 11,000 miles on new motor, new mustang seat, two oil coolers, gel battery, new chain and sprockets, new wheels and tires, new oil tank, new gas tank, SS carb, has oil thermostat, and throttle lock. All graphics are stickers and can be removed. 86CI Manual transmission. If you have any questions, please contact Gil at: **(541) - 778 - 4817** No emails. **\$5,000** or best offer.

History of bike

This old shovelhead was the *Harley* shop owner's personal bike in Klamath Falls, Oregon. In 1983 he went out of business. He took the bike to *Dick's Harley* in Medford. Marve Eastman bought it. He made it new again at some point. In 2005 I bought it and made it new again. Sandy Bennet rebuilt it both times. He was the bike mechanic for C.H.P.

For Sale

Black & Decker valve grinding and a valve seat grinding machines. Very good shape with new stones. The seat grinding machine comes with an electric motor and includes pilots and stones. Both for **\$600**. Call Rotten Roger **(503)-285-4329**
[June2024]

Oregon BikePAC Motorcycle Rider Survey



These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Business will need to place paid advertisements. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) news@abateoforegon.net
Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.
Note: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements. (Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V) or A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. att. Member Ads
2532 Santiam Hwy SE, box 311 Albany ORegon 97322

Police Stop Form (Helpus track why motorcycists get pulled over – prevent profilingand harassment)

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-227-2024 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Christopher A Slater (A.I.M. attorney) - 1321 NW Hoyt street – Portland, OR 97209 ATTN: chief of staff cslater@pnwlawyers.com

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? **(YES) (NO)** IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)** If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN _____ VERBAL _____ BOTH _____
If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? _____ If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? **(YES) (NO)** If no when is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ _____ COUNTY \$ _____ CITY \$ _____

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)** If modified describe: _____

You may request copies of all reports and materials, including video and audio tapes, within 72 hours of a traffic stop.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2024

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator (president) [EB]			
Joy Reyes	(541)–643–1798	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Debbie Rheault	(541)–563–3125	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
(OPEN)	(aaa)–ppp–	vcn@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
(OPEN)	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	vcs@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
(OPEN)	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	vce@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator at large [EB]			
Jack Wingfield	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	vcal@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Aurora Josephson	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Glenna Grossen	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	membership@abateoforegon.net	
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Jimmy Kasner	(541)–819–9434 (Text only)	sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			
Karen Tolle	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)–838–6893 (?)	news@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
(O P E N)	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	sgtnorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Bill Foster	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	sgtsouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
Laura Middleton	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	sgteast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director			
Debbie Kasner	(541)–563–3125	products@abateoforegon.net	
Education director			
Michelle FitzHenry	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
(O P E N)	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Shirley Huff	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
James Niece	(503)–775–2203	swapmeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Debbie Rheault	(541)–563–3125	historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
James Niece	(503)–775–2203	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
(O P E N)	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Bob Thomas	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Bob Thomas	(541)–961–1933	bikepac@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Bill Foster	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	mrf@abateoforegon.net	

(Return address)

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
 att. MEMBERSHIP
 2532 Santiam Hwy SE
 box 3 1 1
 Albany OR
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 NAME OF CHAPTER: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership / Renewal

Name _____

Renew ? _____

E-mail _____

New ? _____ Member # _____

Address _____

Chapter _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Primary phone (_____) _____

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			

Total # members _____ Date _____

Membership benefits: membership card, A.B.A.T.E. patch, AD&D insurance, event discounts.

Join additional chapters _____
 (\$ 5 each per year)

Supporting organization/business benefit: Certificate of appreciation

Donation to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. \$ _____

referred by: _____

Total included \$ _____



NOVEMBER 2024

Meetings, events, runs, moon phases...

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November					1  new moon	2 
The ninth month of the Roman calendar. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the beginning of the Roman calendar. November's birthstone is topaz (particularly yellow) which symbolizes friendship. November meteor showers include: • Andromedids, which generally peak around 09-14 November.					Native American Heritage Month	
3 	4	5   • Election Day • Guy Fawkes Day	6	7	8	9  
10 Standard Time Begins  Chapter Reports Due	11   Veterans' Day	12	13 Sadie Hawkins Day	14 	15 	16  National Fast Food Day
17  	18	19 	20 	21	22 	23
24 	25 	26	27  Tie One On Day	28  Thanksgiving	29 Buy Nothing Day	30

STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 09 Nov 2024

1200 – noon

Ciddici's Pizza-South
859 Belmont avenue SW-Albany

> Check web site to confirm. <

Have A Smart Phone?

(Or a reasonably intelligent communications device?)

QR code for Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



2024 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

(boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event / sponsor:	Location:	Contact phone:
16 Nov	Stan Johnson Toy Run / Washington County	Hillsboro	(503)-502-6785
17 Nov	Toy Run / Josephine County	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
07 Dec	Shriners' Toy Run / Southeast Portland	Portland	

2025

11-13 July Pacific Northwest Freedom Run

PR = Poker Run
BN = Biker Night
SM = Swap Meet
Contact phone:

CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1200 (noon)	Moose Lodge; 3199 N. highway 97; Redmond	(541)-754-4972
Douglas County (DC)	4 th Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Roundtable Pizza; 2040 NW Stewart parkway; Roseburg	(541)-294-1123
Hub City (HC)	2 nd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Cascade Grill; 110 Opal court SE; Albany	(541)-514-1993
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	1 st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	(Zoosm video conference)	
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3 rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-866-6666
River City (RC)	1 st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Columbia River Hotel; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	1230 (12:30 p.m.)	High Rocks Steak&Chops; 915 E Arlington; Gladstone	(503)-285-4329
Two Rivers (TR)	4 th Wednesday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Abby's Pizza; 1967 Echo Hollow road; Eugene	(541)-324-3784
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd Monday 4 th Monday	1900 (7 p.m.) 1900 (7 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove Elk's Lodge; 21865 NW Quatama street; Hillsboro	(503)-ppp-nnnn
Willamette Valley (WV-2)	last Sunday	1500 (3 pm)	Abby's Pizza; 3451 N. River road; Keizer	(503)-390-2088