



Greetings My Fellow WaCos!!

Well Hellowoooo there, friends. It's been awhile! This winter certainly felt longer than most, for some reason. But, I see light at the end of the tunnel and nicer days are not far off. Considering our winter wasn't very 'wintery', it wasn't very inviting to spend anytime on the back of a motorcycle either. I, for one, am excited and eager to see drier and warmer days.

Washington County Chapter has a great year ahead of us. Planning for End of Summer has been underway since the last one ended. I'm looking forward to this year's campouts and finishing them off with the exclamation point that will be EOS!!! We will again be at the Columbia County Fair Complex in St Helens, OR. this year. And, with that being said...

I want to remind everyone that while we do have elected officials handling various tasks on the chapter's behalf, it is not just those official's responsibilities to promote ABATE. As an ABATE member, we all need to be involved and active in order for the organization to be successful. If you believe in ABATE, if you believe in what we are fighting for, if you believe that a grassroots organization like ABATE can make a difference...then get involved, lend a hand. A couple of easy and non-time consuming things YOU CAN DO: How many of you know a rider, that is NOT an ABATE member? Invite them to a meeting, give them a Tri-Fold or invite them to a poker run. Drop a few fliers or cards promoting ABATE events at your local watering hole or bike shop. Call or email your local government officials to see what they can do for us. Let your voice be heard. While one voice can get lost in a crowd, MANY voices are certain to be heard. Join us, be active and help us be heard!

In this issue of 'The Greasy Rag': Look for the "Important Dates" tear out to hang on your fridge, filing cabinet or toolbox. Read about this year's S.T.E.A.M event, courtesy of Linda Henderson. Also, check out what's going on with your local government that can effect YOU!

The last thing I want to mention here is... we miss you. If you are a current member please come out to a meeting and say HI! If you are an expired member...come out and say HI anyway (and renew). Our meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday at the Prime Time Sports Bar & Restaurant - 4202 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove. If you can't make a meeting and would like to renew, call our Membership Secretary, Stephanie Barnes @ 503.442.6819.

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Bills to Watch

Here are a few bills that I think warrant, not only our attention but our involvement. Keep your eyes on these and make sure to call your local representatives and let them know how you feel about them.

HB 3141 - Requires only persons under 21 years of age to wear motorcycle helmet while riding on or operating motorcycle.

HB 2787 - Prohibits public body from releasing information that identifies holder of or applicant for concealed handgun license.

HB 2797 - Describes "readily accessible" for purpose of prohibition on possessing readily accessible, concealed handgun within vehicle, when vehicle is snowmobile, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle.

For more information on these bills or others, please contact the Washington County Chapter Legislative Director, Steve Coffman. He can be reached at 503-614-2963 or legislative@wacoabate.info.

May is...

National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

To kick off the month, make sure to attend the 25th anniversary of BikePAC's 'May Awareness Rally', May 7th, 10am in front of the Oregon State Capital building in Salem, OR. The rally is vitally important to giving motorcyclists a face in the eyes of our elected officials. We need you ALL to attend.

In addition to the May Awareness Rally, if everyone could take the time to inform 3 people they know about the importance of LOOKING for and SEEING motorcycles on the road, and not just expecting they will see them if they are there, you could personally save a life!

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From Portland take HWY 26 to exit 57 then south to Cornelius)

Food Available. Pets not allowed in building.

2011 S.T.E.A.M Report

By Linda Henderson

Threats of ice and sub-freezing temperatures did not keep the intrepid WaCo's from their appointed missions. We were well represented both in attendance and in presenting classes.

The Treasurer Training was certainly an important 2-part course necessary for the organization and the turn out was good. The handouts were helpful and the information was good if you were just getting started in a treasurer position. Both the Treasurer and Auditor were willing to work with those who needed it on a one-on-one basis. There was good information available for the Quicken program and everyone worked together to share information about the program.

There were both State and National Legislative sessions. BikePAC and MRF members and officers were the speakers at these two sessions. The State session focused on the purpose of the mission statement and BikePAC's plans and tactics on the coming legislative session. Both the State and National Legislative sessions were informative and well presented, but discussion sometimes digressed. It was noted that Don Mason, Hub City, was a great motivator.

Another popular class was the Education session put on by Patricia Carner, who presented her PowerPoint production developed for school bus drivers. Of the members who attended this course, each one interviewed felt that they had taken away something from this course that will not only make them better riders in heavy traffic, around large trucks and busses, and in construction zones, but it will also make them more aware as cage-drivers as well. This course was probably the one that was most affected by the time frame change that was announced that morning. The courses were originally scheduled for one hour but were condensed into 45 minutes. (**..cont'd on pg 3..**)

(..cont'd from pg 2..) The other popular class as the Motorcycle Awareness Program put on by Geoff White. This course tied in very well with Patricia's Education session and attendees at both sessions came away with positive feedback of both sessions - kind of a one-two punch of awareness and motivation. The course was lively and the attendees had a great time. Because of the large numbers of attendees, there were not enough handouts but all in all this session had a good turnout and great participation.

Both the Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary sessions had very small turnouts but there was information shared, questions answered and Chapter notebooks handed out if needed. Even though some of the attendees may have held those positions for a few years, they still learned a thing or two and there was good participation among the attendees.

The Events session was more about How to Put on Fossil but would be a good starter for people interested in some of the very basic procedures for putting on an event. There was a lot that was not presented about the nuts and bolts of putting on an event and handouts of procedures would have been helpful.

Another disappointing session was the Public Relations session. The attendees said there were some good points made but, once again, not enough of the nuts and bolts about promoting ourselves and our events. It seemed to be more about "this is what we tried once".

There was good feedback on the State Board Rep session, though. The attendees have been in the organization for a number of years so they may have missed on the light bulb going off moments when things clicked, but they could see where this could happen for others. The presentation was good and there was a good description of the job, though they felt handouts would have been helpful.

The Leadership session reminded the multi-year member of a number of things he had forgotten - all the more reason why members are encouraged to return year after year! They felt it was a good refresher course for members who had been around and a great way to show someone what it takes to be a good leader for the future. There was discussion about how not to embarrass people, handouts were reviewed but probably could have been expounded upon, had time allowed. There was also good audience participation.

All in all, there was exceptional turn out for a cold winter's day with members coming from the South, the North and the Coast. Central Oregon was not well represented, most likely due to weather. That is the chance we take when we try to get together in the winter. We can certainly be proud of the WaCo members who worked to put the event together and of the members who took the time to attend and participate in the courses offered. I am especially thankful for the input given to write this article. Everyone who was approached responded with what I believe to be their sincere opinions of the courses they attended. STEAM only comes around once a year (and not every year) but it is certainly worth the effort to attend. This event is designed to keep us focused on our mission statement and to help us achieve our mission statement, as well as have us function as a productive, cohesive organization. Like any other family, we may falter momentarily, but then we reach out to each other and help ourselves back onto our feet.

If you wish to see course information, some is available on our State website. Trace has been working to include the information that has been filtered to him to meet these requests. If you cannot find the information, please give me a call on the toll-free number and I will try to get handout information to you.

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“When liberty is taken away by force it can be restored by force. When it is relinquished voluntarily by default it can never be recovered.” ~ Dorothy Thompson



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Picnic Lunch
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Sign In:
10am

Depart:
11am

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Need More Info?
Washington County Chapter - Run Coordinator
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ABATE of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.
This event is sanctioned by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.
Proceeds from this event benefit motorcycle rights and education.
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Washington County Chapter

Upcoming State &
Washington County
Events for 2011

May 7th
BikePAC of Oregon
May Awareness Rally
at the State Capital in Salem

May 27th – 30th
ABATE Fossil Campout

June 18th
WaCo Roll-N-Ride

July 30th
WaCo Mid-Summer Poker Run

July 31st
ABATE All Motorcyle
Mid-Summer Swap Meet &
Bike Show

September 16th – 18th
WaCo End of Summer Run
Columbia County Fair Complex
St Helens, OR


November 19th
WaCo Stan Johnston Memorial
Toy Run

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<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

We're on FaceBook!

Did you know that Washington County Chapter, ABATE of Oregon has a FaceBook.com profile? We do, and if you do also, we should be friends! It sure would be an easy way to get information out to our members. You wouldn't have to go searching for dates and updated info on chapter happenings. We could just make announcements that would appear on your profile newsfeed. You'd get an email alert from FaceBook that there has been a comment on your page or you would just see it next time you popped into your FaceBook account. Go on, check it out! Search for 'Washington County ABATE' the next time you are on. I can imagine quite a few of you don't already have a FaceBook profile set up. So, now is it a good time to join and create your own FaceBook page. It's pretty straight forward and is a great way to keep in touch with family, friends and ABATE!

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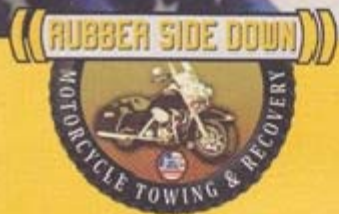
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Have an idea for a newsletter article? What about some information you'd like to pass on to your fellow Washington County Chapter members? Perhaps just an announcement? Heck, even if you just want to call to tell me the newsletter stinks, I want to hear from you. Reach out and say howdy.


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2011 Notable Dates

BikePAC May Awareness	May 7 th
Spring Road Clean-Up	TBA
Fossil Campout	May 27 th - 30 th
Roll-n-Ride	June 18 th
Mid-Summer Poker Run	July 30 th
Swap Meet & Bike Show	July 31 st
End of Summer Run	September 16 th -18 th
WaCo Toy Run	November 19 th

If you need any information on these runs or others
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