

Congress' assault on 'outlaws'

Sponsored by Robert Walker (R-Pa.) and 11 other people, 4 of whom are from California.

"Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should establish a Federal strike force and a program in each United States judicial district to investigate and prosecute crimes committed by members of outlaw motorcycle gangs.

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs have become a major criminal element in our society; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs are united in an organized international criminal association with a single network of leaders; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs, as organized criminal groups, have employed terrorism, extortion, threats, and murder as methods of attaining illegal gains; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs, as organized criminal groups, are involved in the kidnapping, enslavement, and physical abuse of women; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs, as organized criminal groups, are receiving enormous profits from drug-production, drug-trafficking, gun-running, theft, and murder by contract; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs have systematically abused public welfare programs for personal gain; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gangs have used their illegally gained profits to take control of legitimate business enterprises and to drive lawful business owners out of business; and

"Whereas outlaw motorcycle gang members, through their size, power, and ability to cross State boundaries, pose formidable and overwhelming problems for local and State law enforcement officials; and

"Whereas an immediate effort must be made on the Federal level to recognize outlaw motorcycle gangs as an organized criminal threat throughout the United States; and

"Whereas the President and the Attorney General have the authority to coordinate the national fight against organized crime: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the President—

"(1) should establish a Federal strike force to investigate Federal crimes committed by members of outlaw motorcycle gangs, to prosecute members of outlaw motorcycle gangs who commit such crimes, and to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation and prosecution of members of outlaw motorcycle gangs; and

"(2) should implement a program in each judicial district of the United States to investigate Federal crimes committed by members of outlaw motorcycle gangs and to prosecute members committing such crimes."

The AMA held a meeting with Mr. Walker to inform him that 80% of the AMA members that commented opposed HCR 220, mainly because it does not define "outlaw motorcycle gangs," and suggested that the resolution be dropped. Walker commented to the House of Representatives on Feb. 15 that Resolution 220 should not "be considered as reflecting adversely upon the more than seven million of our responsible and law-abiding citizens who use motorcycles for fuel-efficient transportation and recreation. In fact, the damage done to the welfare and public image of this overwhelming majority of motorcyclists by a small percentage of persons involved in outlaw motorcycle gangs is one more reason the Resolution should be adopted."

It sounds like Mr. Walker missed the point.

Ed Armstrong of ABATE of Chicago suggests writing to the House Judiciary Committee, and "tell them this Resolution is totally wrong, that it is unconstitutional (under equal protection of the law) and that there are already laws to go after any criminal the law wishes to go after. It appears this resolution will open the door to "striking...about any meeting of motorcycle 'gangs.'"

Send letters to:

Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (chairman, House Judiciary Committee)
The U.S. Representative from your District (see following article)
Robert Walker, sponsor of HCR 220

and if you are a letter-writin' maniac, write to other members of the House Judiciary Committee, and to the AMA (especially if you are an AMA member).

The main point of your letter should be, that you want the Resolution dropped. Other ideas:

Terrorism, extortion, murder, kidnapping, drug dealing, etc. are already illegal and have law enforcement agencies to deal with them.

How do you define an 'outlaw motorcycle gang'?

California and the Feds are coming down on the Hell's Angels. It looks like this resolution is aimed at making it easier for law enforcement agencies to concentrate on clubs, and give them the right to harass any motorcycle organizations and individuals belonging to them.

The House Judiciary Committee members are:

P. Rodino, Chairman; R. Matsui (Cal); J. Brooks (Tex); A. Mikva (Ill); R. Kastenmeier (Wis); M. Barnes (Md); D. Edwards (Cal); R. Shelby (Ala); J. Conyers (Mich); R. McClory (Ill); J. Seiberling (Ohio); T. Railsback (Ill); G. Danielson (Cal); H. Fish (NY); R. Driman (Mass); M. Butler (Va); E. Holtzman (NY); C. Moorhead (Cal); R. Mazzoli (Ky); J. Ashbrook (Ohio); W. Hughes (NJ); H. Hyde (Ill); Sam Hall (Tex); T. Kindness (Ohio); L. Gudger (NC); H. Sawyer (Mich); H. Wokmer (Mo.); D. Lungren (Cal); H. Harris (Va); J. Sensenbrenner (Wis); M. Synar (Okla).

a note from the chairman...

WHAT NOW?

Well, I think we've all been hibernating! I feel myself waking up and thinking I shouldn't have dozed off.

The term of our current Board of Directors is due to expire the end of June. We have not chosen a new Board in the traditional manner (election at a statewide meeting). The reason for this is a new set of operating rules developed by the Board during the last year. These rules were formally adopted by the Board on June 1 at a meeting in Portland. The new rules require each Chapter to elect two representatives to be on the Board. These representatives will then meet and form themselves into the necessary officer positions.

We have a new Chapter in the Roseburg area, Douglas County ABATE. This is an ambitious new Chapter with 26 members already. May they be an inspiration to us all.

The passage of the new Rules of Operation will be the beginning of a new and more democratic phase of our organization's existence. Let's all make it successful by getting to our Chapter meetings and getting involved!

The next Newsletter will introduce you to a new Chairman and other officers. I am going back to the education aspect, where I started.

Last pass,
Brian Stovall, Chairman

OUR FEDERAL CONGRESSMEN

U. S. Representatives are elected to two year terms. Terms for all representatives end Jan. 3, 1981, when the next Congress convenes for the first time, and newly elected officials take office. To be eligible to serve as a U. S. Representative, a candidate must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the U. S. for at least 7 years, and a resident of the state from which he is chosen.

U. S. Senators are elected to six-year terms. Each state is represented by two senators (while the number of representatives is based on population). Terms are staggered so both will not be up for election in the same year. To be eligible to serve as a U. S. Senator, candidate must be at least 30 years of age, a U. S. citizen for at least 9 years, and a resident of the state he represents.

Both Representatives and Senators receive the same annual salary.

This November elections will be held to choose Representatives and one Senator for the state of Oregon. See the map which follows to find out which District you live in. Here are the candidates:

REPRESENTATIVES

District 1

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Les AuCoin (D) | will be | Lynn Engdahl (R) |
| U. S. House of Representatives | opposed by | 10332 N. W. Alpenglow Way |
| Washington, D. C. 20510 | | Portland, Oregon 97229 |

District 2

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|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Al Ullman (D) | will be | Denny Smith (R) |
| U. S. House of Representatives | opposed by | 3285 Balsam Drive South |
| Washington, D. C. 20510 | | Salem, Oregon 97302 |

(note: Smith won on the Republican ballot by a larger margin than Ullman on the Democratic ballot)

District 3

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|------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Ron Wyden (D) | will be | Darrell Conger (R) |
| 4136 N.E. 27th St. | opposed by | 1309 S.E. 52nd St. |
| Portland, Oregon 97211 | | Portland, Oregon 97215 |

(note: Dist. 3 Representative is Robert B. Duncan (D). He was defeated in the May primary election and his term of office will end Jan 3, 1981.)

District 4

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|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| James Weaver (D) | will be | Michael Fitzgerald |
| U. S. House of Representatives | opposed by | Rt. 4, Box 15 |
| Washington, D. C. 20510 | | Brookings, Oregon 97415 |

SENATORS

Mark O. Hatfield (term will expire Jan 3, 1985)

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| Robert O. Packwood (R) | will be | Ted Kulongoski (D) |
| U. S. Senate | opposed by | 30303 Maple Drive |
| Washington, D. C. 20515 | | Junction City, Oregon |
| | | 97448 |

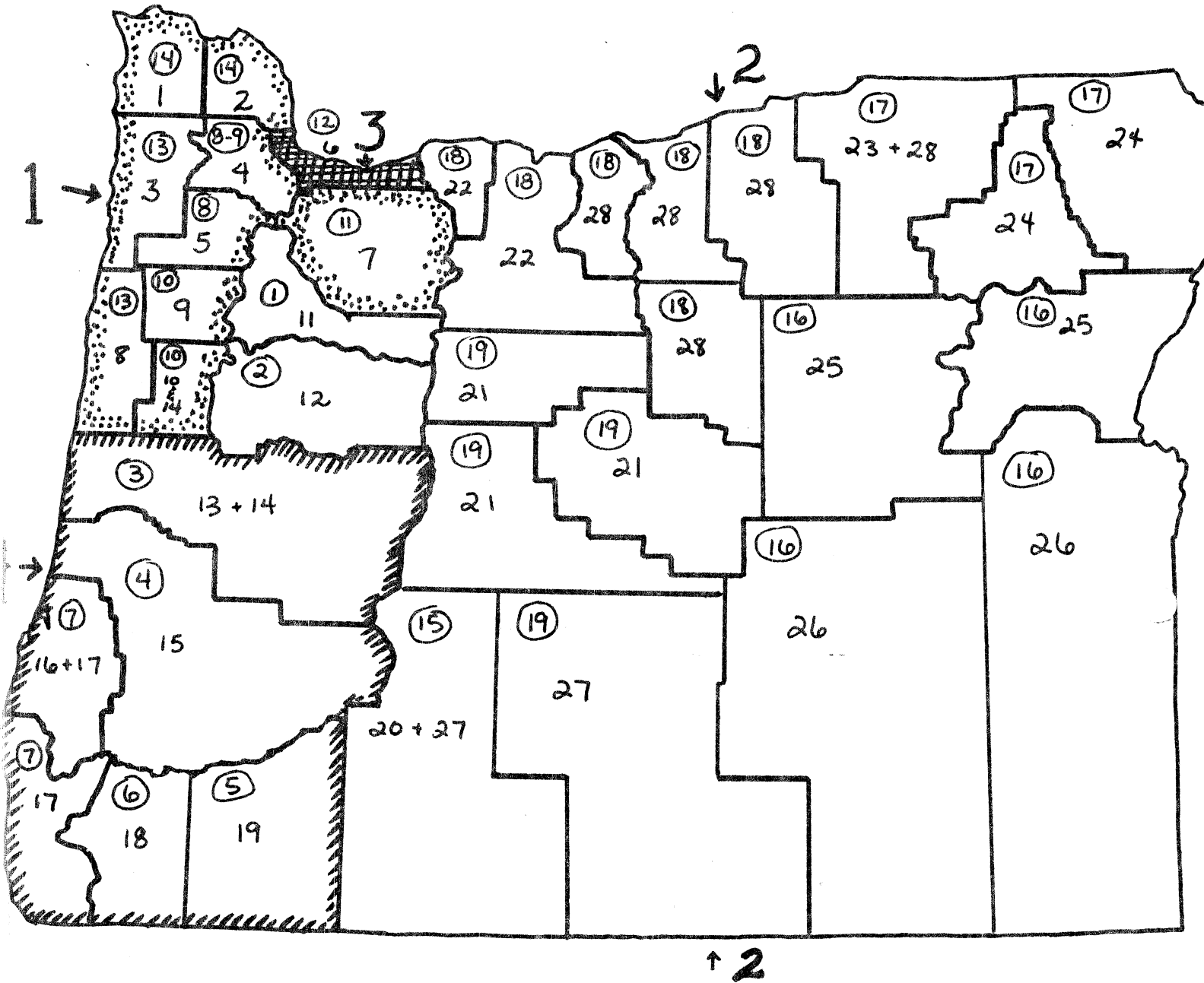
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| Mark O. Hatfield (R) | Sen. Hatfield will not be up for re-election |
| U. S. Senate | until 1984. |
| Washington, D. C. 20515 | |

KEY TO MAP

Large numerals.....U.S. Congressional Districts (U. S. Representatives)

Small Numerals.....State Congressional Districts (State Rep's)

Circled Numerals.....State Senatorial Districts



Chapter News

DOUGLAS COUNTY ABATE, P.O. Box 1722, Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Yes, folks, we have a new chapter in the Roseburg area! Their first meetings were held April 12 & 13. The first meeting, held Saturday night, drew an estimated 80 persons, mainly on word-of-mouth advertising. The meeting was too big to keep order, so a second meeting was held Sunday morning, with 34 people attending. It is a pretty interested group that will come out early Sunday, hangover and all, to talk business...

Their second monthly meeting on May 4 was attended by 29 people. Ed reported on a mail mix-up which had delayed arrival of cards and patches. Milo and Ed gave a report on the Fossil Run, "a very mellow time with no hassles and there was good food."

Legal officer Rich Cremer gave a talk on street harassment:

1. Refuse to be searched--don't give consent.
2. Police will try to trick you into getting into the car.
3. Police only have the right to search to protect their safety, but don't give permission.

Rich Cremer is a public defender in Douglas County. He may in the future submit articles on legal tips to the newsletter.

Members of Douglas County ABATE plan to start a "road service," an exchange of phone numbers to be called in case of breakdown on the road. Numbers will be listed with consent of the people who own them, and lists will be sent to Douglas County members. Hopefully this list will soon be extended statewide.

Officers of Douglas County ABATE

Chairman--Howard Campbell

Vice Chair--Milo Anderson

Secretary--Ed Halkyard

Legal Officer--Rich Cremer

Treasurer--Chris Rechain

Sergeants-at-arms--Joe Smario

and Dave Muser

Newsletter Secretary--Pat Smario

RIVER CITY ABATE, Rt. 4, Box 46, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

The monthly meeting held May 5 had 12 members attending. The report on the Fossil Run indicated that it was a definite success, and made some money this time! A lot of suggestions were made and recorded on how it can be improved next year.

Fund raising ideas were discussed, with a garage sale and bottle drive being suggested. Stamp fund collection got \$8.36.

Election of officers for 1980-81 was held; term of office is July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981.

Chairman--Mark Pellissier
Co-Chairman--Darrell Gosson

Secretary--Martin Richelderfer
Treasurer/Sgt.-at-arms--Dan Smith

Committees:

Local Newsletter--Jean Palmateer, Teresa Hepker

Safety & Education--Brian Stovall, Robin Olds

Legislative--Jean Palmateer, Teresa Hepker, Dave Jackson (honorary consultant)

Inspiration--Terry Humpherys, Brian Stovall, Curt Elliot

Arrangements have been made for use of a WATS line every Wednesday night from 7 to 8 o'clock ONLY. This number can be called for ABATE business. River City Chapter will be paying for this time, and we encourage ABATE members with ideas and energy to use it. One of the biggest problems ABATE has is slow exchange of information. Let's communicate! 1-800-452-8577 from Oregon only.

COMING EVENTS

June 7 East Portland Chapter 200-mile Poker Run 288-9550 (Portland)
June 14/ Washington State ABATE Spring Opener--Lake Cle Elum;
15 also meeting for State Coordinators for Regional organization
at 13-14 meeting.
~~July 26/~~ River City ABATE Lake Run (place not yet decided)
27 298-4534 (The Dalles)
Aug. 29, 5th Annual Labor Day National Rally & Family Reunion, Lake
30, 31 Perry, Kansas.

Letter to the Editor...

FOSSIL

The 3rd Annual Fossil Run & Stew Feed, put on by River City Chapter of ABATE, was on the weekend of April 26-27. It was held at Shelton Wayside State Park, near Fossil, Oregon. We made approximately \$360, 25% of which will go to the State treasury.

Everybody had a great time. There were about 200 persons present, including ABATE members from Roseburg, Ore. and Longview, Washington, among others. We are planning a bigger party next year, so everybody plan to come!

The attempted tug-o-war(s) was a gas---the rope kept breaking. A guy from Hermiston (Steve) won the impromptu bike show, and received \$11 from the entry money. Eight kegs of beer and gallons of stew were consumed. And, the weather was beautiful all weekend.

There were every good relationships developed with the Fossilites. They were very friendly and welcoming, especially the Fossil market where we ordered much of the food, and the Chevron gas station, which opened on Sunday especially for us, which helped mucho. Also, thanks to Kramer's Market in Dufur for ordering the stew meat, and also all of you other nameless helpers.

Darrell Gosson,
Fossil Committee Chairman
and J. P.



Magazine Order Form

Enclosed is my \$9.00 for twelve monthly issues of *KICKING BACK*. I am printing the information below so that you will be able to read it and I will have no problem receiving my magazine.

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Address.....

City.....

State..... Zip.....

**MAIL TO: GROUND LEVEL ENTERPRISES
P.O. BOX 2827
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68502**

"Kicking Back" is available by subscription only. Contributions by various organizations and individuals will be the backbone of the magazine.

Subscriptions are the financial support this magazine needs--send yours in today!

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR VIET NAM VETERANS

If you have been feeling ill within the past couple of years, you may have had contact with a chemical used in Viet Nam. There is an organization that is dealing with this problem now. "Agent Orange Victim International" is seeking out victims. The organization has tried to get a listing of Viet Nam veterans but was refused the information under the Right to Privacy Act. A lawsuit has been filed against the chemical companies with possible trial hearings in about 6 months.

Tom Sloan is an ABATE of New York member and (Agent Orange) victim. We are passing on the word to help him and other veterans. Many bikers are veterans from Viet Nam. Please help by passing on the word or reprinting this information in any publication that you have access to.

Please contact: Tom Sloan
40 Burt Avenue
Auburn, N.Y. 13021

"We have all been down the road of trying to come up with an organization that will represent us at the national level in Washington, D.C. It seems that we always have come to a deadend. The one thing that constantly comes up is the open line of communications between the states rights organizations. Even though many of us print a monthly newsletter & try to mail it to everyone else, the word is still not getting out to everyone. The news is received by a few of the groups officers and just a small portion if any gets to our members.

"After a year of consideration and planning, I am now personally going to fund a monthly magazine called 'Kicking Back'. The first issue will be Vol. 1, No. 1, April 1980.

"Information received at the first of the month will be printed and mailed by the 15th, spreading the news quickly between our organizations and members." Compare that to the 3 and 4 months it takes to prepare the regular bike mags.

--Aldis Augstums

or National Director
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