

# Newsletter

JULY , 1982

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FOSSILIZED 82'

This year we combined the basic ingredients of 600+ people, good food, plenty of liquid refreshment, two hard driving rock and roll bands and a prime location and we came up with a success all the way around for our Spring Opener and ABATE of Oregon state run.

Mother nature of course had a few surprizes in store for us but even that didn't slow down the partiers that stayed at it all night to keep the bands company. I have to admit I can't remember when we've had that many different types of weather in so short of time, but thats Oregon for you, right.

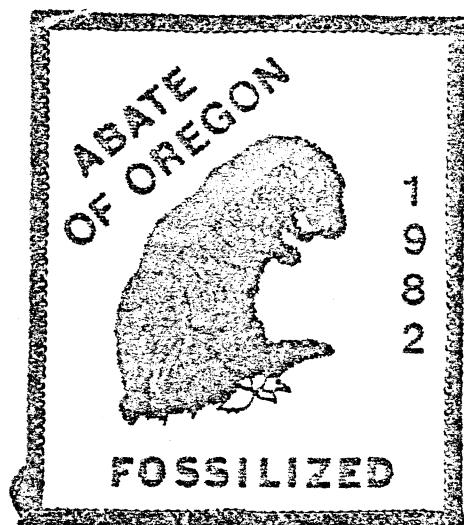
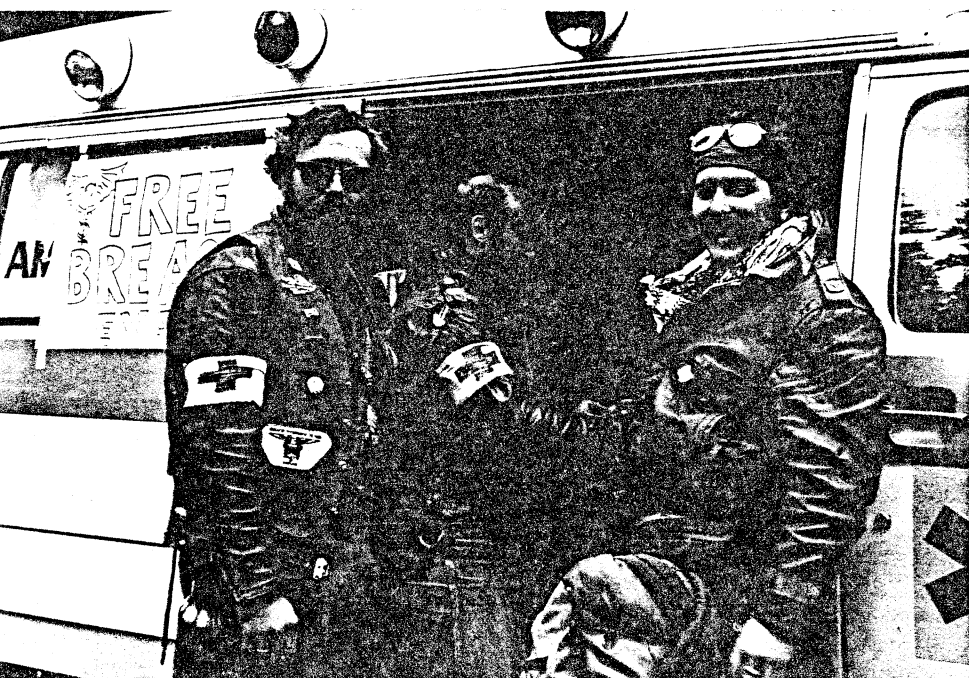
For all general purposes Fossil 82 was a giant success, although we had some minor problems during the three days everything all-in-all went off pretty smoothly and was a real learning process for all of us. Next year, with this years lessons fresh in our memories, everything should go off even smoother yet.

I would like to thank all of you people that worked so hard to make this run a success. I can't start to name all of you, but you know who you are, so from ABATE of Oregon and myself, I give you a heartfelt "THANKS."

Fossil 83 is already in the planning stages and to make the run next year we need the suggestions of you the membership on what you feel will make 83 a bigger success than Fossil 82 was. Remember you people are "ABATE" and it takes you to make this and any other event we plan a success. Once again let me offer "THANKS" on behalf of myself and the organization, by helping us you have enabled us to help you.

Thanks Again  
See You Next Year,

Mike Button



## AWARDS AND DOOR PRIZES OF FOSSILIZED 82

We had several nice items donated to us this year for door prizes. Due to circumstances beyond our control (namely) weather the raffle was called off Sunday since most folks were packing up and heading out.

So we held the raffle at a later date and mailed the prizes to the winners. Vic Wright of Portland won the leather cap, and Linda Spencer of Hermiston won a nice Harley-Davidson mirror. Both of these items were donated by Harley-Davidson Motorsports of Portland.

Preston Shaw donated a new drive chain, Bear of Albany got that.

Ken Ponce in Portland won the Harley fender that Rotten Roger donated.

Marie Parodi in Dillard and ? Haney in Roseburg both got T-Shirts. Ken Larsen and Donna DeYoung received magazines. Austin Wyatt in Peterson, Washington got a Harley decal. These and others were donated by Yalreh's Harley in Klamath Falls.

Mary Diess of Roseburg won a handmade scarf donated by Belva Botton.

Rooty Poot of Winston won a tire tool. These are just some of the door prizes.

To all the winners - "Congratulations" !  
And to all of those who made donations - "THANK YOU!" You helped make Fossil '82 a good one!

THANKS ,  
Belva Button

### THANKS TO ALL HELPERS

To all of those people who helped on the cooking and serving committee's at Fossil this year. I would like to take this time to say "THANK YOU!" for all of your help. I don't know what we would have done without it.

To the Christ's Disciples a very Special thank you. You were a tremendous help and always there when I needed you. Thanks Guys!

Belva Button

P.S. I have a notebook full of good notes to turn over to the one(s) who wants to take on the job next year. It really was fun.



## STATE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The June State Board Meeting was held at the Carnival of Foods in Eugene. Representatives from NE Portland, SE Portland, River City, Coos Bay, Lane County, Douglas County, Madras and Klamath Falls were present. Jackson County did not have any representatives.

The Treasurer's report shows that we have \$1,137.51 in the treasury. All bills have been paid except for the new patches. There is still money outstanding from Fossil, but all Fossil bills have been paid. We cleared approximately \$1,100 on the run and spent \$3,896.55.

If you have any suggestions for the run to make it better for next year, let your State Rep know. If you have a run pin coming and have not received it, tell your State Rep.

Lane County Chapter's charter was rescinded and a new chapter formed which is called Emerald Empire. Dave Duryea is the new coordinator for Emerald Empire.

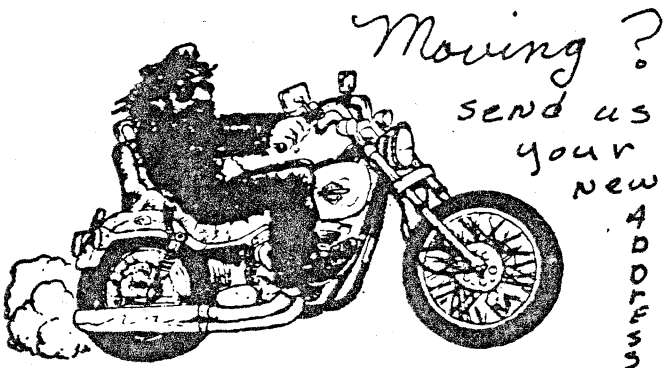
The newsletter crew, with Mike Blair as editor will need all submissions for the newsletter by the fifteenth of each month. Your local chapter secretary is responsible for sending in all news from your chapter and advertising. Reports must be typed.

The new state membership secretary, Al Cole, has everything computerized and is now giving same day service for new membership applications. If you have not received a patch or membership card, tell your local membership secretary and he will forward the information to Al.

New State Officers were elected. They are, returning for a second term, Mike Button, State Coordinator from Douglas County; Rotten Roger, Vice--Coordinator, NE Portland; Carolyn Meerzo, Corresponding Secretary, NE Portland; Ed Halkyard, Treasurer, Douglas County; Mike Neuzum, Coos Bay and Indian Bob, SE Portland, Sergeant at Arms, and Randy Harless, Run Coordinator, Coos Bay. The State Membership Secretary, Al Cole and Newsletter Editor, Mike Blair are both now appointed positions and are not voting members of the State Board.

The next state meeting will be at the Pizza Parlor in downtown Jacksonville, July 17 (Saturday) at 1:00. This meeting is sponsored by Jackson County Chapter of ABATE.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Meerzo, Corresponding Secretary, from notes taken by Vicky from NE Portland.



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## GOVERNOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Each month in the future it will be my intention to keep all of you informed as to the progress of our committee.

A lot of you probably aren't even aware that this committee exists, but in the future with any kind of luck at all, we will achieve notoriety in the public eye and therefore make people aware of us and our purposes and therefore make us really effective.

The basic reason for formation of this committee was the promotion of motorcycle safety and to be a sounding board and direct link between the people and the government in any important subject of concern to the Oregon motorcyclist.

Once a month a group of us get together for a meeting to discuss various topics of concern to the motorcyclist. In our last meeting some of the topics included; licensing requirements making the testing more effective, possible legislation regarding harassment by a motor vehicle carrying much stiffer penalties than it does now, the controversy surrounding it, the recognition of highway hazards, the implementation of our Motorcycle Rider Education course, the headlight, taillight modulator, just to mention a few. These topics were submitted by a committee member or by a member of the motorcycling populace, that's you folks.

On the last Thursday of each month we conduct our meetings in Salem, and we urge the people to submit any material of interest to the committee: For further information regarding time and location of the monthly meeting contact one of the members closest to you listed at the end of this article. Remember people if you don't tell us what you're concerned with, it makes it very difficult to represent you effectively.

Thanks,  
Ride Safe, Ride Free  
Mike Button

### ----- Chapter Report River City -----

We sadly report the death of one of our members, Dave Listenberger. Dave died in a motorcycle accident about 50 miles south of The Dalles on June 12. He died quickly, with little suffering. He had good friends among us, and will be remembered.

Our chapter is currently trying to keep its head above water. Our membership has dwindled to around 8 people. We have little happening but hope to be reactivated by fall or winter. We currently have no regular meeting time.



"Wouldn't it be simpler to fix the brake light?"

### **Bite Your Tongue**

When writing a letter of protest, remember, we are up against wealthy, slick, articulate professionals, who already have the lawmaker's ear.

Our best offense against this power is to be ourselves. What we want is just. The facts are on our side, so there is no need to be insulting or abusive, for all it will accomplish is to confirm the already low opinion he may have of chopper riders, and as a result play into our opposition's hands.

Insulting or crude letters will only harm our cause. So be specific and straight forward. Keep your letters short. Suggest positive alternatives. Talk to him—don't shout or cuss.

A.B.A.T.E. OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Local News in a Nutshell

Activity has been busy in Douglas County. Our biggest project and the one we have worked the hardest for is our efforts to send children to Easter Seals Camp. Throughout the year we have raised money through raffles to send as many children as we could. This year we were able to sponsor three handicapped children to camp. THANKS to Mike & Belva Button for all their help with this project. Mike donated his tattoo time for the raffles at the runs and Belva did most of the ticket sales.

Recently Muriel Pettit organized a Rummage Sale as a fund raiser for the chapter. It went off fairly well despite the heat. The leftover items will be moved to a location in the Southern area of the county for another sale later this year. THANKS Muriel for all your help.

As any of you that attended the Fossil Run probably know, our chapter was in charge of security. In addition to that task, we were selling Fossil Run patches as a money making project. With the help of Milo who sold over 230 patches, our chapter made about \$180 profit. Milo would like to remind everyone there are still a few more patches left in case you didn't get one at the run. Write P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, Or. 97470 if you would like to buy one. They are available for \$1.00 each.

On display at the Fossil Run was our chapters new flag. Betty Blair did most of the embroidery- 5000 stitches in all- by hand. It looks great!! A special THANK YOU to Betty for all her work.

During the last month, we had a change in officers. Mike Button stepped down as local chairman. Dennis Haney (formerly Vice Chairman) is now the Douglas County chairman. Terry Allen (formerly treasurer) moved up to fill the Vice Chairman job. Judy Kreick was elected the new treasurer. We also had to elect a new historian as Dee Buckland resigned. The newly elected historian is Jim Johnson. CONGRATULATIONS to our new officers. In case any of you are in our area and would like to attend our meetings, we meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at Mr. Pizza at 11:00a.m.

For all of you Douglas County members, please remember to renew your membership if it has expired. Also if you move and change your mailing address, please let me know so you will continue to get your newsletters.

Well, that's Douglas County news in a nutshell. More next month---

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To The Editor:

This is to my brothers and sisters in A.E.A.T.E. everywhere. First I want to express my pride in being a member of A.B.A.T.E. It's refreshing to be involved with a group of people who believe in something enough to fight to preserve it.

My reason for writing this letter is to voice my opinion on the subject of what to tell people outside our organization when they ask what A.B.A.T.E. stands for.

I've heard many people say that it's a tough one to pronounce, and understand. How can we expect to successfully fight college educated legislators if we have trouble with our own name.

Politicians fully understand the meaning of "Totalitarian enactments." That is the kind that most politicians are best at. And I, for one, am tired of being enacted to death every time I turn around.

Many legislators don't like their voting records made public, and several attempts have been made in the past by our "illustrious" politicians to keep their voting records out of the eye of the voter --Yah!! They know all about totalitarian enactments!!

I've also heard several people state that A Brotherhoood Against Totalitarian Enactments sounds a little radical.

Everyone of us who ride bikes are considered a little radical by the cage drivers at large. And each of us who throw a leg over a chopper, cafe bike, a custom dresser, or any other firm of non-stock motorcycle have already made a radical statement in the form of the machines we ride.

Many of the laws that our politicians are trying to "protect" us with are quite radical to anyone who knows and ride bikes.

Not to mention a gross violation of our constitutional rights.

Why? Of the huge number of politicians we deal with, only a very few ride. And there's no way we can expect to be treated fairly by the vast majority of our politicians who don't ride - and don't even like motorcycles.

A.E.A.T.E. brothers and sisters have fought hard to protect and retain our rights to ride the machines of our choice, and to enjoy our own lifestyle. But we cannot let ourselves become complacent or back off even slightly in our fight for our rights and our rides. And the only way we can protect our freedom machines is with our full support of -----

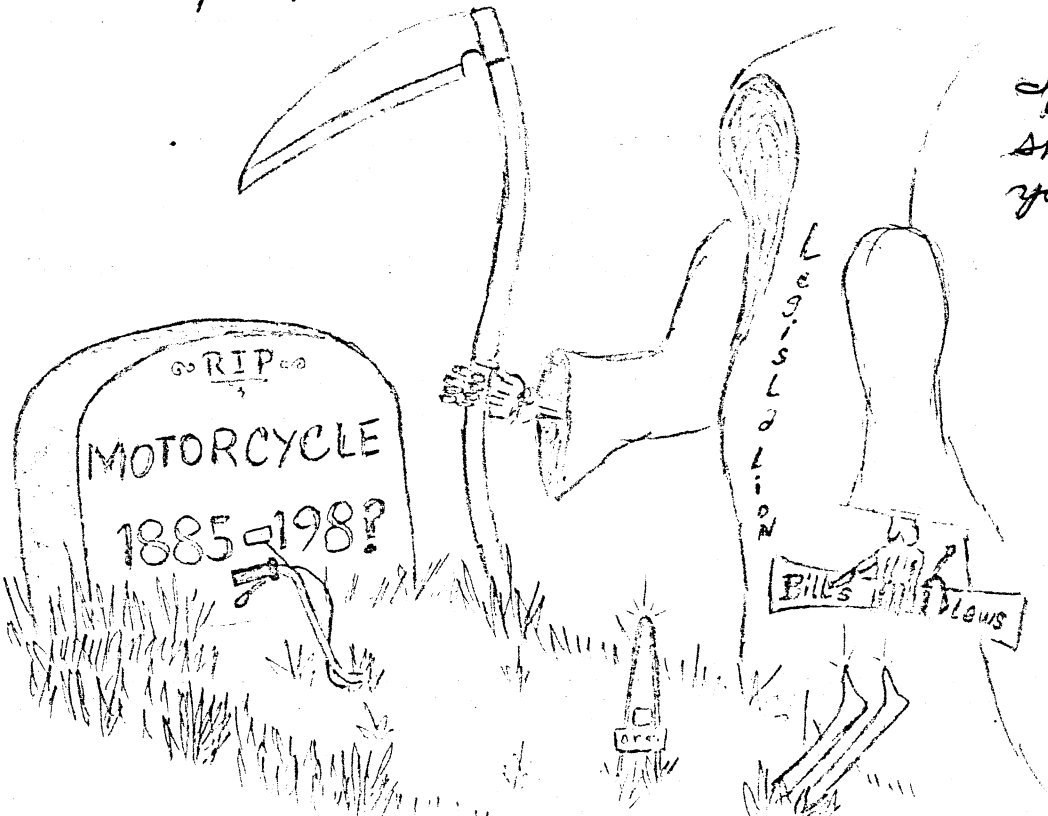
A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

Ride Free Bros,

Mike Blair

Sgt. at Arms - Douglas Co.

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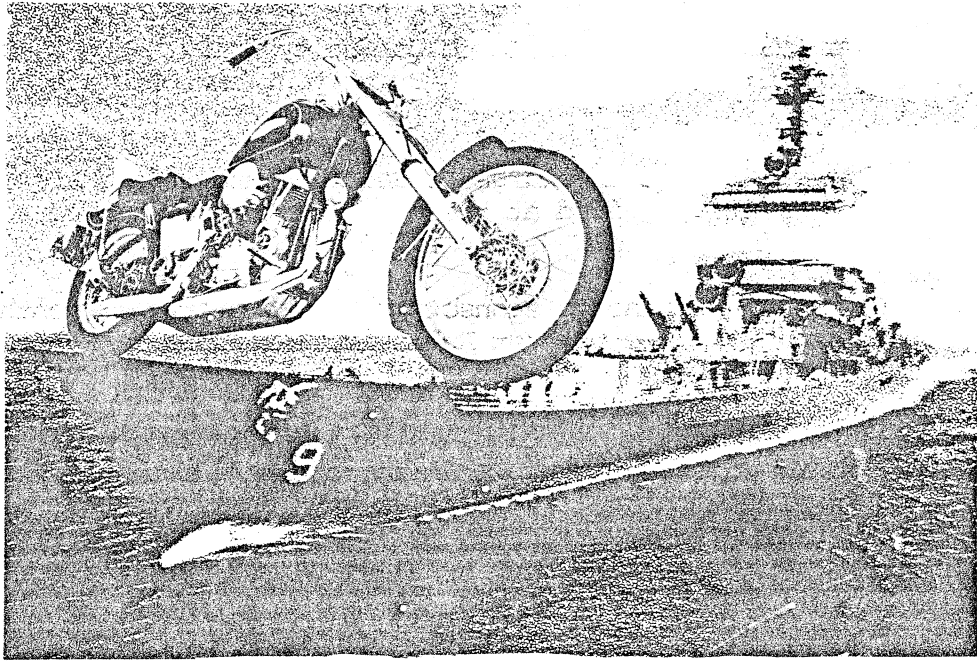
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----- North East Portland Chapter Report -----

The June 2 meeting was opened by our new Coordinator, Rader. He thanked Preacher Jim and Roger. The May 19 minutes were not read because the new Secretary was late.

Treasurer's report: \$10 was made from May 19 raffle. We have a total of \$405. ST is donating \$100 to state Abate fund. We voted to donate \$100, also.

Roger gave the state report. The state now has all our names and addresses for the newsletter so it should be brought up to date soon. We decided to meet at 9AM Sunday to go to the June 6 state meeting in Eugene.

ABATE of Washington has invited us to come to their state run at Cle Elum Lake, Washington June 25th - 27th.

ABATE membership patches are being sent out to all members who are paid up.

Gene's legislative report: 1) The gun law in Georgia protecting people from having their guns taken away went into effect today. 2) Marijuana is being mixed with dry dung to make it weight more resulting in salmonella poisoning (a form of botulism). 3) Congressman Ron Wyden will be at the Wilshire Methodist Church Saturday, June 5 for a town meeting to answer our questions; Rader plans to attend.

Wed. June 9 the run committee will meet at Rader's Rusty will contact SE to get a few people to help. Dessel invited everyone else come by later to help celebrate his birthday.

The Eugene swap meet will offer 110 spaces at Lane Co. Fairgrounds. The Supreme Court is passing a law expanding the search of automobiles to bypass former search warrant requirements; now just stopping the car justifies a search. Rick brought up the fact that the police can even break locks on your trunk. Larry will report more on the search law next meeting.

Rader asked for a motion for a membership drive prize. Rusty made the motion that we have the drive, Choke seconded it and the majority voted in favor with no opposition to it.

Three OMI representatives presented a tape to us regarding legalizing personal use of marijuana. It said we should not be fined for growing or smoking it only for selling it. They encouraged us to help obtain the necessary 80,000 signatures by July 2 (40,000 are in already). Ken Keezey's main concern is that we adopt this law to prevent people from becoming criminals and getting sucked into channels of dealing cocaine, etc.

He says there is 500 million floating around underground as a result of marijuana being illegal too long. He says we can pull the rug out from under their feet by legalizing the personal use of dope. He cautioned that we must be registered voters to sign the petition and stated that only people who've been convicted of a felony or are incarcerated cannot vote. The rumor that if 1 signature is invalid the whole page is thrown out is false; if, by random sample checks, a certain percentage of signatures will be removed from that total petition. He said that marijuana was first made illegal in the mid 1930's by Harry Anslinger after the movie Peefar Madness in which jazz musicians used marijuana.

Choke said Mike Futton wants suggestions to improve Fossil next year; Loreta suggested having it later for warmer weather.

Rader asked for a motion to adjourn, got it, and the meeting ended abruptly..



Coos County Monthly Report

Our meetings are held every two weeks on Wednesday nights at the Manatee Tavern. Located on Highway 101 North bound, one block past Sambo's restaurant.

We are having a beer and pop can drive to raise money for our treasury. So far we are getting a good response.

Susan Walter has a leather halter top, that she is taking to the Redwood Run, to sell for \$25.00. In which she is going to donate the money to the organization. If it shouldn't sell we will be selling raffle tickets to raffle it off at a later date.

We have a gas collection fee at every meeting of .50¢ in which it is used strictly for going to state meetings. This was voted on and approved.

The Manatee Tavern has let us place a donation jar in their establishment.

Our membership is still growing. We now have 45 members, with more planning to join soon.

Our officers are as follows:

Coordinator-----Dale Bottoms  
Vice-Coordinator-----Randy Harless  
Secretary-----Birgit Rice  
Membership Secretary-----Richard (Sarge) Gill  
Sargent of Arms-----Ron Newell  
State Representative-----Mike Nuzum  
Randy Harless  
Alternate State Rep.-----Neal Lawson  
Larry Emerson

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Choke brought the May 19 meeting to order.  
Roger asked about the NE banner; Tina will check into it and report at the next meeting.  
Tim reported that we made \$300 on Fossil T-shirts. There are some large and extra large left. Total amount in treasury is \$480.

Radar gave the legislative report. OMI petitions are due soon. Radar has 1 for signatures. There will be an OMI meeting at Reed College May 20.

Don reported we have a new state membership chairman, Al Cole. Al owns a computer so we can expect action. Don collected names of people who have not received newsletters or membership cards.

Preacher Jim opened the meeting for nominations (Dave Ruby announced SE chapter's birthday party June 26 and donated 1/3 of their profits from the munchie stand to the state treasury; NE will decide at our next meeting if we want to donate money also.)

Nominations for chapter officers: (voting was done by a show of hands)  
Coordinator: Radar and Dr. Dave - Radar was elected.  
Treasurer: Tim was reelected.

Secretary: Jan and Anna - Jan was elected.

Membership Secretary: Don and Neil - Don was reelected.

Sgt. at Arms: Diesel Dave and Chuck - Diesel Dave was elected.

Legislative Director: Radar and Lean Gene - Lean Gene was elected.

State Representatives: Choke, Carolyn, and Dr. Dave - Choke and Carolyn were elected with Dr. Dave being an alternate.

Officers will take over the first meeting in June.

Mike Button will be notifying winners of door prizes from Fossil this week.

Roger announced a sign up sheet for the Screaming Eagles Bike Show Sat. July 10.

A run committee was formed by volunteers: Rusty (chairman) Choke, Tina, Anna, and Charlie. They will coordinate with SE.

Preacher Jim thanked everyone for their cooperation this past year and turned the meeting over to Radar.

We decided to have a patch for the chili feed. We will have a contest for the best design submitted.

Radar asked for motion to adorn the meeting. A wallet and a frisbee were raffled. Rick won the wallet which was made by Dr. Dave.

Wed. June 9, 1982. Run Committee NE ABATE  
at Radar's

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Patches available.

Signs at the park - Charlie

Design for patch - Choke

Food - all women (ask for volunteers at next regular NE meeting) spaghetti suggested

Security - Diesel and Reba

Music - Ruby will get live music

Tickets - Ruby and Reba

Games & Events - (ask for volunteers at next meeting)

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2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
3. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside.
4. When at meetings, vote to do everything - then go home and do nothing.
5. The next day, find fault with the officers and members.
6. Take no part in the organization affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk it over with a friend.
8. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
9. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
10. At every opportunity, threaten to resign, and try to get others to do the same.
11. Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
12. If asked to help, say you haven't the time.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
14. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to this committee.
16. If you receive a renewal notice, ignore it.
17. Don't do any more than you have to and when the others willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help the cause, howl because the organization is run by a clique.

"GUILTY ANYONE?"

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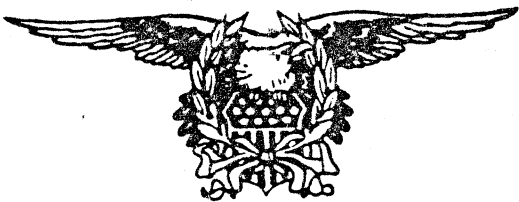
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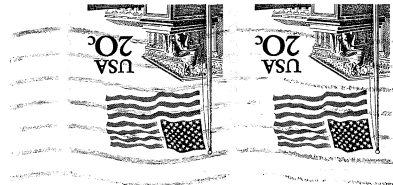
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