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NEWSLETTER



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NE PORTLAND CHAPTER

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

THE HELMET LAW!!

WHAT IS ABATE OF OREGON DOING ABOUT IT?

We lost a major battle, but we did not loose the helmet war. We have not given up. ABATE of Oregon will continue to fight for freedom of choice as long as there are bikers in Oregon willing to support us.

IMMEDIATE PLANS:

Help defeat the seat belt law in the November election. If this law goes down to defeat, we will have a valuable tool to use in our fight against discriminatory legislation. If the voters reject a seat belt law which supporters say is supposed to save millions of dollars in medical costs and thousands of lives but slap unfair legislation on motorcyclists to save an average of 30 lives and estimates of thousands of dollars of medical costs, the helmet law is clearly a discriminatory law against motorcyclists.

LONG-RANGE PLANS:

We have joined with AMA, AMO and ROB to form a collation of state-wide motorcycle organizations. The goal is organized resistance to the mandatory helmet law!!

There will be a lot of hard work and we are looking for people who are very dedicated to freedom of choice and who want to work hard to get the helmet off of our heads. If you are that person, please sign up for one of the committees listed below. The person to contact is listed after each committee. Please, sign up!! We need you desperately.

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|---|--|
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COORDINATOR'S CORNER (continued)

LONG-RANGE PLANS: (continued)

(Note: All phone numbers not preceded by a "1" are Portland phone numbers.)

There will be ORGANIZED RESISTANCE TO THE HELMET LAW!!

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

ABATE has contacted seven attorneys. They all have the same answer. There is no legal challenge to this law. State law prohibits suing either individual state legislators or the legislature as a whole if someone is killed or injured because of a helmet is defective, the helmet manufacturer could be sued.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

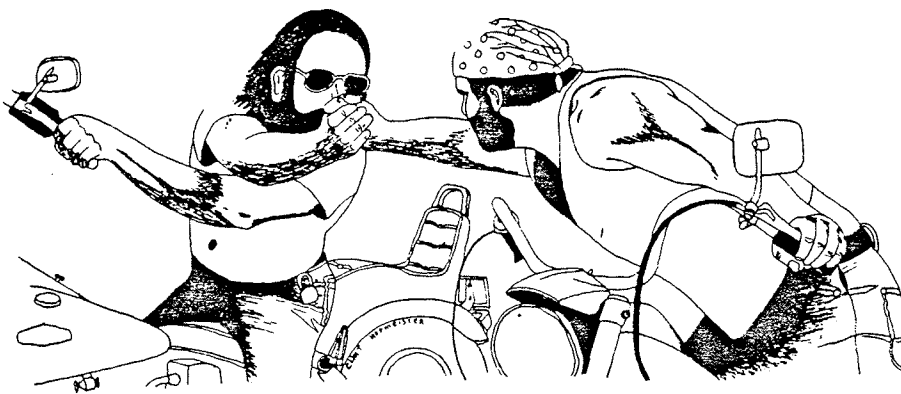
Continue to fight for FREEDOM OF CHOICE!!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Chapters need to find out how the candidates in their area feel on the two main issues coming up on the November ballot, the Seat Belt Law, and the No-Smoking Law, and also find out how they feel about the Helmet Law, so that we can urge our members and others to elect those candidates that will help our fight. It is easier to fight them now than to fight them once they get into office.

Also, help us by donating time, expertise, or money. Join with over 800 concerned bikers statewide to repeal the helmet law. For more information, contact Roger at 289-0153 or Mother at 255-7793 (both Portland).

Citizens For Freedom Of Choice has filed with the Secretary of State and received confirmation to continue the Political Action Committee to fight Ballot Measure 3, the Seat Belt Law. This Friday, August 5, C.F.F.O.C. will purchase an argument in the Voters Pamphlet, and ABATE of Oregon is also purchasing an argument. I cannot stress enough that we need your help. Please, sign up for a committee, and help us. We need you. We need our freedom. We can do it. Till next month, Rotten Roger.



WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE, RIDE, AND WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR FREEDOMS!!
LET'S DO IT!! LET'S KEEP TOGETHER.

JULY 9, 1988 STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The July State Board Meeting was held on July 9, 1988 the Sundown Station in Creswell, Oregon. The meeting was called to order by Roger Hendricks.

Roll call was taken with all chapters present with 2 voting reps.

The new chapter, Central Oregon was presented with their charter. Present at the meeting was Dave Weiser from Madras.

Guests were Dr. Dave, Rick, Steve and Rich, the Shriners Run riders. They had a send off at the Shriners Hospital in Portland that morning and stopped in Creswell on their way to Medford for the first day of their around the country ride. They had already raised a little under \$5,000.00 in donations.

Membership for the state is 809 members as of July 1. The chapter totals are as follows:

Douglas County: 58	Lincoln County: 64	SE Portland: 134
Indian Creek: 42	Mt. Hood: 44	St. John's: 52
Jackson County: 102	NE Portland: 136	Washington Cty: 50
Klamath Falls: 22	Salem: 55	Yamhill Cty: 24
Lane County: 64		

Carolyn needs to know before each State Board Meeting if any of the chapters need membership forms or packets.

Newsletter Editor: Vicky needs all chapter input by the 15th. She will not be holding the newsletter anymore for late reports.

Education: The surveys need to be in to Carolyn by September 1st. It would be best if they could be brought to the next State Board Meeting. The next meeting of the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee will be August 4th in Woodburn. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Steering Committee: A meeting was held June 18th with reps from Christ Disciples, AMA, AMO, ABATE, and Rural Oregon Biker (ROB). They formed a coalition to spearhead the repeal of the helmet law. They need interested and dedicated people to serve on the various committees formed to handle the different aspects of the repeal effort. This will be a long process, and those people should be willing to commit for at least two years. The committees and their chairpersons are listed in the Coordinator's Report.

Anyone interested in finding out about these committees or helping on one should contact one of those people listed.

Now is the time to have candidates speak at your meeting to find out how they stand on mandatory laws. If those opposed to our way of thinking are not voted in, we won't have to fight them later.

STATE BOARD MINUTES (continued)

Lee from Salem Chapter requested a loan to Salem of \$250 to fund their Fox Creek Run, payable after their run at the next State Board Meeting. The Chair entertained the motion and it was seconded by Ron from Jackson County. Motion passed.

Treasurer: \$2,407.78 in checking, \$58.15 in savings, \$117.44 in postage. Final figures on Fossil are \$12,354.39 - income, \$8,477.55 - expenses, and profit \$3,876.84.

There was a question on how much the state spends in a month, so Joy said we would have a breakdown of the expenses for an average month to run the State Organization.

Announcements were made. Dennis Jones from Yamhill County won a drawing prize.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned....Vicki

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The folks at DJ's donated an information booth for ABATE at their last swap meet in Portland. As a result of that booth and some persistent persuasion by Neil from NE, we signed up 12 members and the donation jar for C.F.F.O.C. netted \$43.00 and some change to help fight unfair mandatory legislation. Thank you Scott from DJ's. Folks like you make it a lot easier for the rest of us to get the word out about ABATE.

CHAPTER	JUNE 1 88 GAIN/LOSS	TOTAL JUNE 1 88	NEW/ TRANSFRO MEMBERS	EXPIRED/ TRANSFRO MEMBERS	JULY 1 88 GAIN/LOSS	TOTAL JULY 1 88
DOUGLAS COUNTY	3	67	1	10	-9	58
INDIAN CREEK	-2	44	2	4	-2	42
JACKSON COUNTY	1	109	0	7	-7	102
KLAMATH FALLS	0	21	1	0	1	22
LANE COUNTY	0	23	5	2	3	26
LINCOLN COUNTY	-1	59	6	1	5	64
MT HOOD	-8	42	2	0	2	44
NE PORTLAND	7	135	4	3	1	136
SALEM	3	48	7	0	7	55
SE PORTLAND	-7	137	6	9	-3	134
ST JOHNS	-1	55	5	8	-3	52
WASHINGTON COUNTY	-3	50	0	0	0	50
YAMHILL COUNTY	6	24	0	0	0	24
TOTALS	-2	814	39	44	-5	809

WHY SHOULD I ADVERTISE IN THE ABATE NEWSLETTER?

ABATE of Oregon has over 800 members across the state to which newsletters are mailed the first week of every month. In addition, many members have family memberships, which means that the majority of newsletters are read by more than one person.

Our advertising rates are set to allow you the maximum amount of flexibility in purchasing advertising space in our newsletter, and we sell space on a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis. Our rates are listed as follows:

BUSINESS CARD SIZE:	\$ 25.00 - 3 months	1/4 PAGE:	\$ 44.00 - 3 months
	\$ 45.00 - 6 months		\$ 80.00 - 6 months
	\$ 75.00 - 12 months		\$133.00 - 12 months
1/2 PAGE:	\$ 67.00 - 3 months	FULL PAGE:	\$113.00 - 3 months
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	\$200.00 - 12 months		\$333.00 - 12 months

To allow even more flexibility, your advertisement may be changed each month for the duration of your purchased time. For example, if you run a business card size ad for three months, you can submit three business cards offering month long or limited time specials. Should you purchase ad space for a year, you could change your ad 12 times!! Advertising copy **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH** in order to appear in the following month in the newsletter and **MUST BE CAMERA READY**. To order your ad in our widely read newsletter, please submit the following information: Firm's name, address, telephone number, city, ZIP code, size of advertisement, time to run, state whether you want the same ad or a different ad copy each month, and name and title of person placing ad. Send it and your first month's ad copy, prepaid, to ABATE of Oregon, Inc., PO Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208. Please make checks payable to ABATE of Oregon, Inc.


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Please send to: State Coordinator, Roger Hendricks
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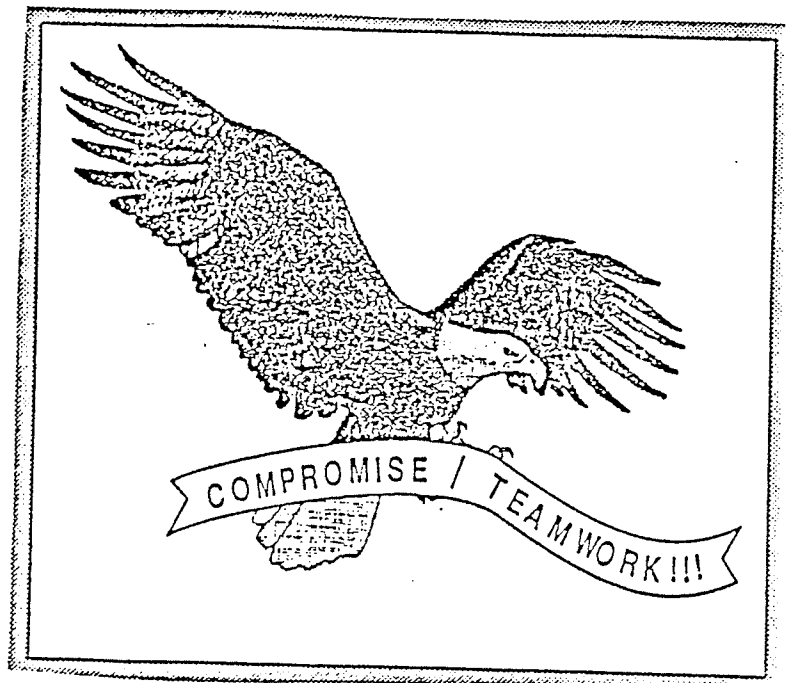
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**EVERY MEMBER
COUNTS!**

**EVERY DOLLAR
COUNTS!**

**SIGN UP A FRIEND
TODAY!**



MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thanks to those of you who got your reports in to me on time!! It really helped me out a lot. However, the reason the newsletter is late is not due to the reports this time, it is due to the fact that Willie Word Processor got soft in his software and blew a gasket in his hardware. So I had to reset the format up for the newsletter which took me FOREVER, having to rekey everything that I had stored permanently. The hardware took a dump and everything was lost that was keyed in for the year, since January 2, 1988. It was like living in the twilight zone. I lost seven months worth of work, both personal and business. It was a nightmare, I can tell you.

Anyways, we are set for the rest of the year, HOPEFULLY. Willie the Wonder is back at it again.

Again, thanks for getting your reports in, and thanks for all the nice comments I have been getting. Makes me feel good!! I may even show up at the August Board Meeting if R.R. takes his home on wheels. Either that, or I can sit on the handlebars, (hope he can see around my helmet!) since Mama rides behind him!!

The SUNDOWN STATION

Welcome's You to Creswell

NEW OWNERS - Doc & Sue

Live Music every Thur -

Fri - Sat nights.

Dance to STETZON.

#1 Country & Rock Band

in the Northwest.

BIKER'S WELCOME

Meeting place of the State Board
of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.

1135 Front Street, Creswell, Oregon

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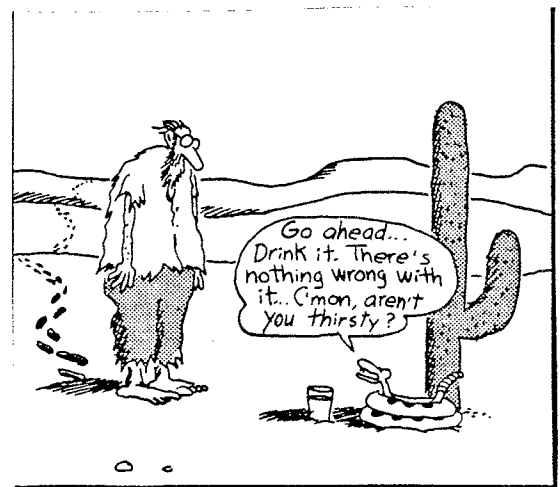
Motorcycle problem

People who think that motorcycle helmets are the solution to serious motorcycle accidents probably hope to find the fountain of youth some day.

A young person can buy a high-speed motorcycle and ride out into rush-hour traffic for his first and maybe his last riding lesson.

It looks to me like legislators have found a cheap way to cover up the real problem, lack of education for motorcyclists and motorists.

Lee Robinson
Salem



Venom pushers

NEWSLETTER REPORTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER

Yo! Are you out there?

JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER

Hey, JoLee! Guess what, the report we were talking about showed up. It was put in with the minutes and overlooked. So here we are!! You did a good job. Thanks for sending it to me on time. Sorry it was overlooked...Vicky

JUNE'S REPORT:

It's coming!! It's coming!! I'm going, how about you? I went last year even though rumors said it was cancelled, what a great time we had. You know, this happens just once a year. If i live to be 70 I will only be able to attend 35 more, I'm not going to miss it....THE JACKSON COUNTY RUN JULY 30 AND 31!!

Also, coming to you from the folks who like to have a good time, a Casino Nite out at Texas Baron July 9 at 7:30 p.m. A part of the proceeds are going to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland.

For more info, call Horizontal (the Voice) Frank at 664-1475.

Congratulations to Lucy Armstrong. She has been appointed to the "Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee." Our July 3 meeting is at Cantrell Buckley Park at 11 a.m. and on July 17 it will be at Texas Bar at 11 a.m. See you at the run...JoLee

JULY'S REPORT:

Well, at the time of this writing, we are very busy getting our Run together. You'll have to wait until next month to hear about all the fun we had. We held a Casino Nite with part of the proceeds going to the Shriners Children Hospital in Portland. Rick Fenimore and his friends said they had a great time, and appreciated our contribution. Our Board welcomes Sandra Hogue (Ways and Means Officer) and Patti Ibsen (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)--welcome!!

Next month we will be organizing our Toy Run and Senior Citizen Dinner.

And to all those out there who supported our Run, thanks!! JoLee

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER

No June meeting held in K Falls. Sorry!! Willow Lake, by the time you read this, you will or will not have gone. Those who did, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Lots of work, planning, etc. Those who didn't, sorry. It was the first for us in three years. You snooze, you lose. Fight the seat belts..even though they did screw us..No reason to screw ourselves. Our thanks to Jackson County, your help and participation is always appreciated..Keep the rubber side down...Bob Bitchin...

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KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER (continued)

From Murge:

Thankful are the members of K Falls for the small group of partying people. The camp is very nice with a lake that is clean and cool. I kept calling it "Little Fossil". We had a circle where food was served and the band played and the truck loaded with food and beverages. We all learned a lot about putting on a party, we used 1,000 lbs. of ice. Some of Sunday was a little foggy. I missed out on the goodbyes, so take them now and may all your parties go well organized and with enough help to make it enjoyable for all. Love and respect, and keep riding!! Mary Jane Gunter (Murge)

LANE COUNTY CHAPTER

July is here. August is coming faster. We would like everyone to mark their calendars for our Chapter Run on August 13 and 14 for a one nighter Howl In The Woods fun time. Our run will start with a Poker Run and end up for a party night with everything. We have some new members and have some good people with plans. We are planning a motorcycle run the Friday before Labor Day weekend to let Eugene know how we feel about the helmet law. All are invited. So Spring has sprung, fall has fell, Summer's here and it's hot wearing a helmet. Until we meet anywhere, ride safe and free. From Lane County, Lady Blue, Denise.

LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER

Beaver Creek Run is over for another year, but since I'm actually writing this before it's happened, details next newsletter. We are working on getting some stickers made to decorate our helmets indicating our "pleasure" in their wearing.

Now is the time to investigate the candidates running for office from your area, specially for the legislature. Find out which ones support our ideas of freedom of choice and support their campaigns and urge your members and friends to do the same. If those that want to restrict our freedoms never get elected, we won't have to fight their legislation later. Invite them to speak at a Chapter meeting and record their responses on key issues just in case they change their position after the election. Along this line, anyone voting within the legislative district of Don Butsch, who is running for re-election, we urge you to vote for him in November and support his campaign any way you can. He has been very helpful through the entire helmet issue and continues to support us. More next month...Vicki

MT. HOOD CHAPTER

What happened?

NE PORTLAND CHAPTER

You hoo from NE! It has probably appeared to some of you (especially the Newsletter Editor) that NE Portland just disappeared for two months. Well, we haven't, and we are back busy planning our Summer Run, along with SE Portland. It is scheduled for August 20 and 21 and should be great fun, so we hope to see all of you there.

NE PORTLAND CHAPTER (continued)

Well, as you know, the Four Corners Run, by four of our members went off without a hitch on July 9. We heard at our last meeting, July 20, that they were already in Miami, Florida, which was just 11 days from when they started. We are all anxious for their safe return and hope they were successful in collecting lots of donations for Shriners Hospital.

Our Chapter is growing in membership so quickly, that we have outgrown our present meeting place. We are currently looking for a larger establishment to accommodate the old and new members. However, you can still catch us at Gino's Pizza on 108th and NE Halsey, the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Rotten Roger is beginning the big push to defeat Ballot Measure 3 (Mandatory Seat Belt Issue) and has begun to write two arguments for the November Voters Pamphlet. As you know, is is one more freedom that we may lose, so do all you can to assist Roger in fighting this issue.

Well, that's all for now and we'll see you next month. Ride careful.

SALEM CHAPTER

This is the second month. Beware of the third!!

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

By the time you see this, the annual Summer Run will be just days off. We've got two of the best bands in Portland playing all night long, so you can boogie till ya drop. It's on August 20 and 21, same place as last year, so it'll be easy to find.

We finally had a winner for our drawing that WAS at the meeting. Bill Hartman won the \$30 prize. The kitty now starts again at \$20, so be sure to attend a meeting, you can't win unless you're there.

Finally, be sure to give your full support the fight against mandatory seat belts. If we can beat this, it's the first step to getting those helmets off of our heads. Now that all motorcyclist's rights organizations in Oregon are united, we have one heck of a clout!! See ya on the road, Phil

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER

Great job, Lincoln County. Super run. Sunburn and all, we had a good time. Sorry about the toy tracks, Gary (at least you know the scout still has it in her). Hope to see a lot of you at Silver Falls Run September 9-11. All you need is your bag, we do the rest. Lots of games, bike and carnival, games for all ages. Rain or shine. We always have a good time. Advance tickets available, limited bunks available so get your tickets early.

The Helmet Law has really got a lot of you bummed, to say the least. But don't quit. We need you now, more than ever. Till next time, Barb.

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER

Wouldn't you know as soon as the bucket bid was successful, the weather would turn around and it would become hot. Some times you just can't win. Sure would be nice to see some woman get out of her cage after just having a hair style and then having to put on a lid in 90° heat, hair sticking to her back, \$35 down the drain, you can bet she would vote a different way if she had it to do over and it affected her. They say justice is slow, but they didn't say it went backwards.

Washington County, like a lot of other chapters, tried having one meeting a month to ease the burden placed on some of the reps of the chapter. It didn't work. The only thing it did was create more apathy, attendance dropped, interest dropped, enthusiasm dropped. As a result, Washington County will once again hold meetings twice a month. They will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Sunshine Pizza in Cornelius, 8:00 p.m. We all try our best to create an atmosphere that will generate more interest along with more ideas, we tell ourselves it will be different with our chapter because we're whatever. It doesn't work, only a certain number of people will show and of that certain number, only a few will be active, we don't know why, it's just that way, so what do we do? Keep on doing what you're doing. If you quit, maybe that certain number that do show will go to the other camp because you and your thoughts weren't there. Cheer up and keep on digging. Thank you all.
Don

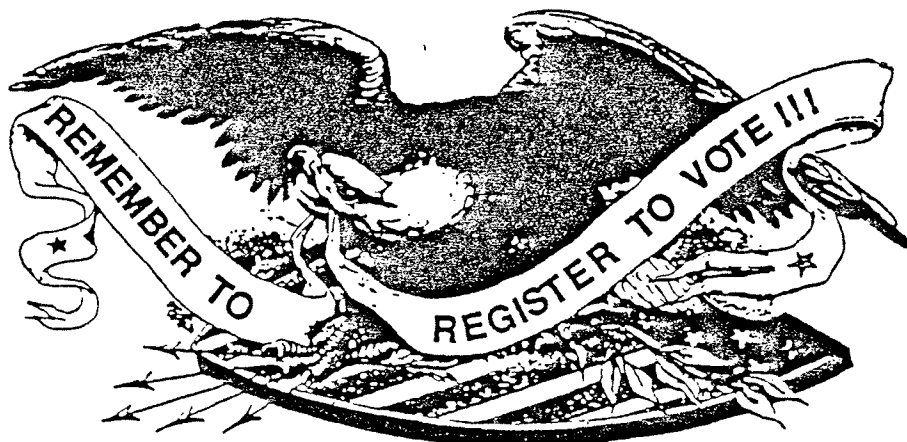
YAMHILL COUNTY CHAPTER

Our chapter has been involved in the parades around Yamhill County this summer. In the St. Paul Parade, we took first place in the Out Of Town category on the 4th of July. Also on the 4th, we received the 4th of July Trophy in the McMinnville Parade. It's been alot of fun for our members and the kids really enjoy the parades.

Our chapter is growing steady. Come visit us the first and third Sundays in Amity at the Trail's End, 2 p.m.

Welcome aboard goes to Mark Lewis, Vice Coordinator, Sandy Sharar, Membership Secretary, Larry Cole, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Credit and thanks go to a chapter member for his hard work and carpentry talents in the building the bed for the truck we used for our float in the Yamhill County Parades. My deepest regrets for this honest mistake. Special thanks to you, Dave Nelson. Please forgive me. it wasn't intentional or personal, I just goofed up. Ride safe, Patty.



STATE WAYS AND MEANS

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(I would like to hear from chapters
interested in State T'Shirts with
Chapter logo on front - Barb)

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ABATE Eagle Pins	\$ 5.00
Chapter Officer Rockers	\$ 2.75
Fossil Pins	\$ 1.50
10th Aniv. Pins-sale	\$ 1.00
Year Bars '83-'88	\$ 1.00
Orders of 10 or more	\$.55

ABATE pewter belt buckle,	
Freedom of the Road	\$15.00
ABATE leather belt, silver	
goncho	\$15.00
ABATE uplifted wing hat	
ABATE glass beer mug, 5	
color	\$ 5.00
Helmet laws suck stickers,	
small	\$.50
Helmet laws still suck	
stickers, small	\$.50
Let those who ride decide	
stickers, small	\$ 1.00

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Washington County Chapter
Cindy

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T-s Lincoln County	\$ 8.00
Tanks Beaver Creek	\$ 6.00
Long sleeve T's B.C.	\$ 9.00
Sweatshirts, hooded	\$16.50
Sweatshirts, Crewneck	\$11.50
T-s Harley Wine Cooler	\$ 7.50
Harley Cooler Hats	\$ 5.00

Independence Run Patches	\$ 3.00
Washington County Toy	
Run Patches	\$ 3.00

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ABATE Courtesy Cards 100	\$ 6.50
Year Pins	\$ 2.00
ABATE logo pins, gold,	
silver, pewter	\$ 5.00
ABATE Eagle Pins, gold	
silver	\$ 5.00
ABATE wing pin, silver	\$ 5.00
ABATE wing pin, uplifted	\$ 5.00
ABATE oval pin black, gold	\$ 3.00
ABATE #1 small pin 3 color	\$ 3.00

Beer Can Wrapper	\$ 4.00
ABATE scarves	\$ 4.00
License plate brackets	\$ 5.00

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ain't it great? Don't you just love the way your hair doesn't get all tangled by the wind? How about the way your head is kept warm all the time? And all that noise!! Woah!! Quiet as a mouse. You can't even hear a nasty old tractor-trailer when he is running three feet from you at 65 mph. Sure makes me feel safe to have my helmet on. Think about things as I go down the highway, things like Personal Injury Protection, Burial Insurance, Last Will and Testament, and what is in my blind spot. I also pray a lot. Religion comes easy when you are wearing a helmet. Thanks a lot Oregon. I could live a lot happier and ride safer without this skid lid.

The Capitol is having a 50th birthday party October 1. How about ABATE should show up.

Marvelous Mel and Sharon

Hello everyone from "Mexico" Tom Thumb:

Thanks to the special efforts that ABATE takes to make sure your newsletters get to Carol, my wife, and I. We are truly saddened to hear that the helmet law went down. Living as Americans in another country has its problems sometimes, but have truly now no regrets about being here. Being in a situation where you are affected, not in the least by all the mandatory this and that, you can surely see the outcome of what is happening to the "free" people that Americans are supposed to be. Don't get me wrong, we love being Americans and Mexico may be a bit backwards, but they could care less about trying to make your life difficult. Accidents are minimal here due to very defensive driving. You are given the basic right to live your life in any fashion you desire. "You have the right to decide." Mexico should be seen by more politicians so they could see that life does go on very well without all the bull. Carol and I are sorry our votes couldn't be counted. But I will hunt up a brain bucket for the Summer Run, because yes you couldn't keep me from it. See you all there.

Tom (Thumb) and Carol Brown
Puerto Vallarta
Jausco, Mexico

Dear Tom:

Thanks for the picture of you and Carol. However, if I printed it in the newsletter without paying out bucks to have it done special, it would have ruined it and wouldn't show up. Pictures just don't do well unless done special. Anyways, we are putting the picture in the photo album that the NE Chapter Historian has, since you are NE members. However, it would be neat to have one to put in the State Historian Book, so if you get time, bring one along or maybe take one of you and Carol at the Summer Run so we have a State picture. It would be kinda neat to have one of you guys by some historical monument or something that show Mexico too. Thanks....Vicky

HEY GUYS! SORRY IF THERE'S ANY MISPELLED
WORDS — WILLIE WONDER WAS TIRED —

TEAM OREGON COURSES - 1988

Albany (Linn-Benton Community College)	967-6108
Oregon City (Clackamas Community College)	657-8400
Salem (Chemeketa Community College)	399-5125
Eugene (Lane Community College)	726-2252
Portland, Sylvania Campus (Portland Community College)	273-2810

August

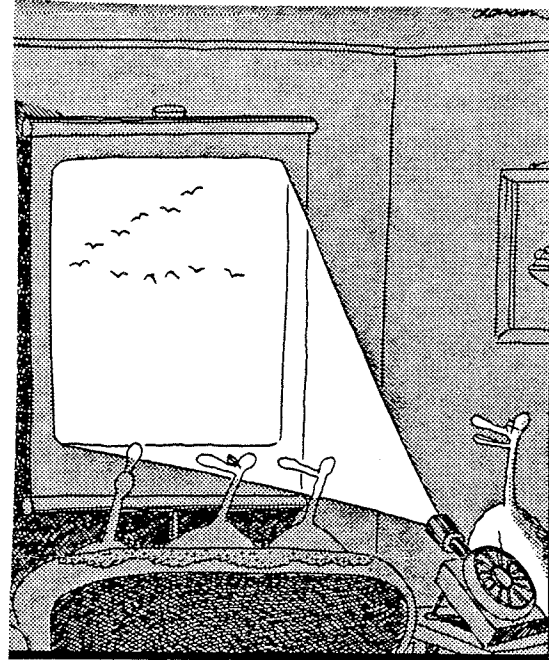
4-13	MRC (novice), Salem-optional
4-13	MRC (novice), Eugene
4-13	MRC (novice), Portland
14	Experienced, Salem
14	Experienced, Eugene
14	Experienced, Portland

September

7-17	MRC (novice), Oregon City
8-17	MRC (novice), Eugene
8-17	MRC (novice), Albany
8-17	MRC (novice), Salem
18	Experienced, Oregon City
18	Experienced, Eugene
18	Experienced, Albany

October

2	Experienced, Portland
5-15	MRC (novice), Oregon City
5-15	MRC (novice), Eugene
6-15	MRC (novice), Portland
16	Experienced, Albany



"And here we are last summer going south. ...
Wait a minute, Irene! We went *north* last
summer! The stupid slide's in backward!"

1988 STATE RUN CALENDAR

August 20-21	NE and SE Summer Run	Trash	287-5031
August 27-28	Douglas County Windy Creek	Joy Hoover	672-5415
September 9-11	St. Johns Silver Creek Run	Barb Gallaher	289-2250
December 3	Portland Toy Run-Shriners	Mike Hodge	659-9205

CLASSIFIED ADS

NOTE: ALL ABATE MEMBERS CAN RUN THEIR ADS FREE FOR 3 MONTHS

FOR SALE: 1974 750 cc Honda '78 rebuilt motor, new paint, new tires, extended front end. \$700.00. Call 942-2720 (9-88)

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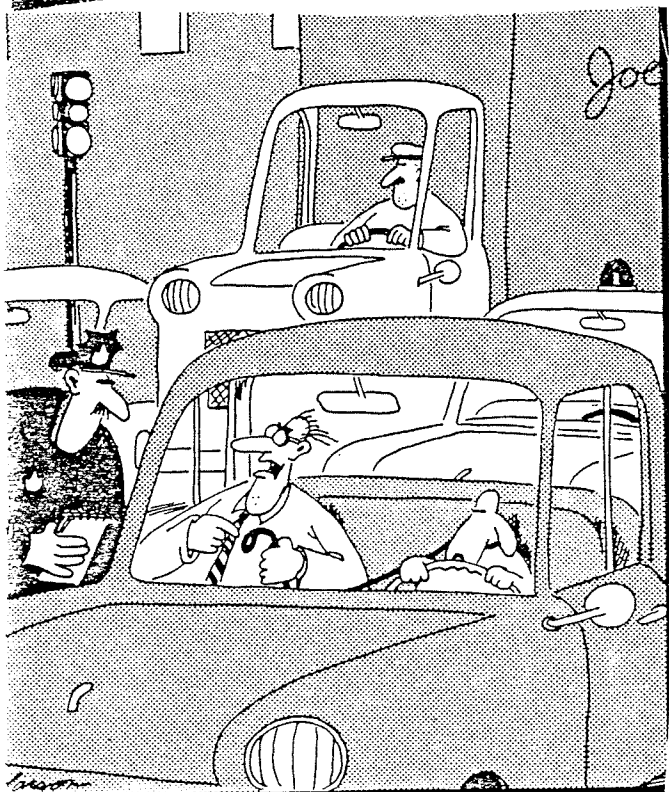
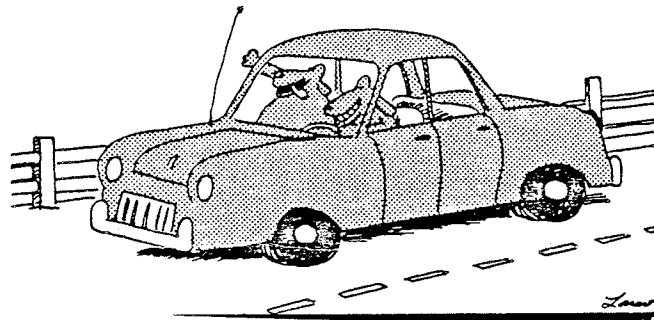
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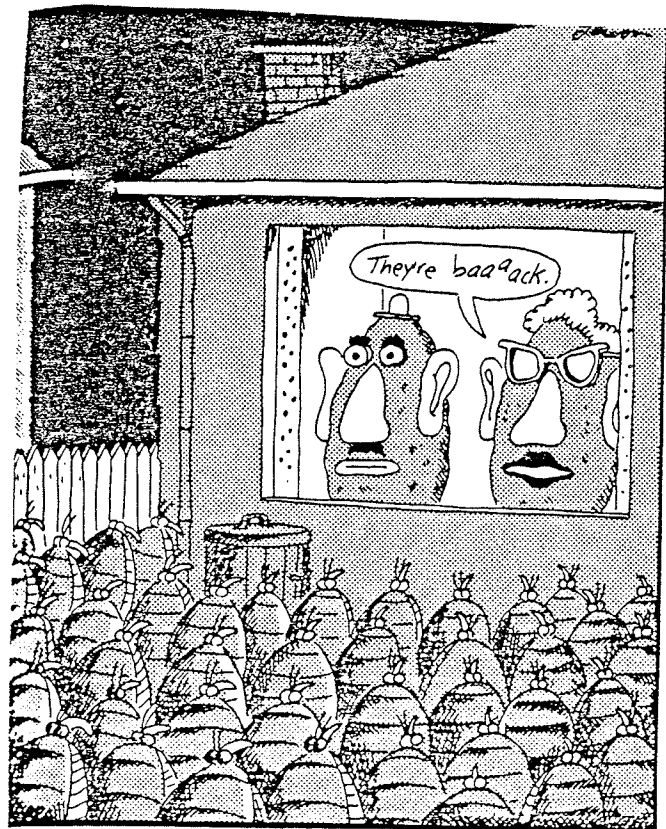
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FREE: Pit bulls, female, six (?) weeks. Call 942-3131. (9-88)



"Hey, I'm not crazy ... sure, I let him drive once in a while, but he's never, never off this leash for even a second."



Night of the Potato Bugs

VOTE "NO" - BALLOT MEASURE 3

Measure No. 3 would require Oregon drivers to "buckle up." This Measure suggests that through fear, intimidation and punishment, adult drivers will be molded into conformity. The State of Oregon historically is committed to education as a process to enlighten citizens. Measure No. 3 is an attempt to mandate safety in our "best interest", but takes away our freedom of choice.

Measure 3 would force all adult drivers to: 1) buckle up while driving or riding in a vehicle, 2) be subject to a \$50.00 fine if stopped and not buckled up. A greater priority for police skills should be in pursuit of the criminal element.

The statement that "seat belt saves lives" may at times be true. However, there is rarely an acknowledgement that they sometimes aim and kill. If as much money were expended on an intensive education campaign for drivers to be safe, courteous and responsible citizens, the rewards and benefits would exceed any legislative mandates. Lives are saved through the competence and stability of the driver. it is the LAW which is objectionable. Safety imposed is freedom lost! Without the law, you have a "choice."

This Measure is an effort to divert your attention from the fact that this law would profit the auto industry. Millions of dollars have been spent to secure mandatory seat belt laws in 32 states to avoid the installation of passive restraints in passenger cars. Twenty-six states are in the expensive process of trying to repeal their mandated seat belt laws.

Oregon is an unique state and has long been admired for its integrity, independence and leadership. Just because neighboring states have mandatory seat belt laws is no reason to compromise our independent thinking and spirit. BUCKLE UP!! DON'T BUCKLE UNDER!!

Do not be deluded by the sponsors of the bill who claim that your insurance rates and your taxes will decrease if you vote FOR mandatory seat belts.

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 3 AND RETAIN YOUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE!!



Road runners

In about the middle of his San Francisco-to-Boston run, Doug Walker is accompanied Monday by his dog, Tango, and Atlanta Falcons football player Buddy Curry along Missouri 350 north of

Unity Village. Curry is one of the celebrities helping Walker's "Run to Daylight," which assists the National Head Injury Foundation. A reception awaited them in Lee's Summit.

NOTE: THIS WAS TAKEN FROM
THE FOCUS PAPER.

THESE GUYS ARE IN TRAFFIC.
NO SAFETY HELMETS!!

TOTALITARIANISM

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
Benjamin Franklin — 1759

Vote "No" Measure No. 3

On November 8, 1988, the registered voters of this State will decide whether or not to impose a \$50 fine on adult drivers and passengers in automobiles for not wearing seat belts in Oregon. The wording on the ballot is biased, misleading and inaccurate, but this is how it will appear on the ballot Tuesday, November 8, 1988.

Measure No. 3 Requires the Use of Safety Belts

Question: Shall law, effective December 8, 1988, require safety belt use by motor vehicle drivers and passengers over 16?

Explanation: Referred to voters. Approval enacts law requiring that motor vehicle drivers wear safety belts and secure passengers under 16 with safety belts, harnesses, or small child safety systems. Passengers over 16 must secure themselves. Requires vehicle owners to keep seatbelts in working order. Driver, owner, passenger violations are Class D traffic infractions. Provides exemptions. Law takes effect December 8, 1988. Voter rejection means prior law, requiring safety restraints only for passengers under 16, is effective.

Do You Really Want \$50 Seat Belt Fines?

Where Will It Stop? What Personal Activity Is Next?

- Nebraska and Massachusetts have successfully repealed their mandatory seat belt laws and report that *their highway fatalities have declined 8.5%* since mandatory seat belt laws were repealed.
Raised public awareness and education is credited with the reduced fatalities.
Raised public awareness and education is the answer to increased auto safety — not punishing laws.
- North Carolina, which was one of the first states to impose a seat belt law had an 8.8 % *increase* in highway fatalities because public safety information and education became lax *after* the mandatory seatbelt law was passed.
- In Oregon we still have the Freedom of Choice! Stop this erosion of our rights to choose. Vote "No" on Ballot Measure No. 3. Be sure you are a registered voter.

We want an Oregon where adult citizens choose to use their seat belts through education, where adult citizens are responsible for their own individual safety, where more dollars are available for police to spend their valuable time on community and public safety — catching criminals — not fining auto passengers \$50 who have not yet learned to use their seat belt 100% of the time.



Ed Youngblood

President

Thanks, Senator

You've got to hand it to the folks at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). They've struck out twice in their campaign to get sportbikes off of America's roads, but they're still swinging away.

After funding and publishing a study that was called "fatally flawed" by one of the leading researchers in the field, then promoting a piece of federal legislation that was later abandoned by its sponsor, IIHS officials still haven't given up. This time, however, they're playing the game according to their own rules.

You see, the IIHS has now determined that the easiest way to carry on its campaign against sportbikes is to simply blacklist those machines through the institute's sponsoring insurance companies.

Several insurance companies are distributing to their agents a tough, restrictive position toward writing motorcycle coverage that adheres strictly to the concepts advanced by the IIHS in its 1987 study. That study, which prominent motorcycle-safety researcher Harry Hurt called "fatally flawed," purported to show that "racing-design" motorcycles, those machines that the rest of us call sportbikes, are more dangerous to ride than other styles of bikes.

If you've been reading this magazine over the past year, you already know that the study proved no such thing. But the IIHS has forged ahead regard-

less, promoting its viewpoint to the insurance companies that write motorcycle coverage. And that misguided campaign is having an immediate effect.

One of the major companies adopting the IIHS' position is State Farm. That company recently sent a bulletin to its agents blacklisting all brands and displacement categories of sport motorcycles. As an example of how far this silliness has gone, consider that the list of uninsurable machines even includes the BMW K100RS, apparently because it seems to fit the silhouette drawing that the IIHS provided to depict its idea of two-wheeled danger. In fact, two pages of the State Farm bulletin are photocopied right out of the IIHS study.

I think it is unlikely that State Farm will be the only or last major company to use the bogus research it helped fund as justification for plans to charge more, give less, and exclude long lists of models from coverage. We've already heard of several other companies adopting similar policies, all based precariously on the IIHS' unsubstantiated claims.

What we have here is the birth of a whole new style of regulation at the national level. If the leaders of the insurance industry don't get what they want from safety experts and legislators, they simply take matters into their own hands.

Another example of this regulatory style concerns Geico Indemnity and its refusal to insure motorcyclists who admit that they own a radar detector. In spite of the fact that the Maryland Insurance commissioner has told the company that such issues should be decided in the state Legislature, Geico has publicly reaffirmed its intention to supersede legislated law any time it sees fit in a puritanical crusade to make Americans operate the kinds of vehicles that Geico likes in a fashion that Geico approves.

All of that is the latest and most ominous fallout of a year that has produced some of the most serious hazards ever to confront the motorcycling community. It all began almost exactly one year ago when Sen. John Danforth (R-Missouri) introduced his Motorcycle Safety Act of 1987, which proposed limits or even an outright ban on high-performance motorcycles.

That piece of legislation, introduced in anticipation of the IIHS study (and, indeed, based on information secretly leaked from that uncompleted study), aroused the motorcycle community. The storm of protest and pressure that followed swiftly killed the proposal, and fortunately helped redirect the efforts of an important, safety-conscious senator toward more useful and productive ideas.

But in spite of the dangers our sport faced, I think it's also possible to argue that, for his part, Danforth did the motorcycle community a favor. I don't feel terribly comfortable saying that, because the incident is still vividly remembered as a truly harrowing experience. However, in retrospect it is clear that Danforth's actions held a mirror up to our industry and forced it to see itself as many of the voters, mothers and policymakers of America see it.

The result of this unwelcome self-analysis has been largely positive and beneficial to motorcycling. Consider the following developments of the past 11 months:

- The Motorcycle Industry Council has approved a voluntary advertising code for its members. This had been proposed by some thoughtful leaders prior to Danforth, but his bill made the manufacturers realize it was time to stop the debate and pop the responsibility cake in the oven. It is very unlikely that you'll see future advertising campaigns glorify speed, acceleration, asphalt-melting burnouts and pants-messing performance, as they have in the past.

- The American Coalition of Recreational Publishers (ACORP), which includes the publishers and editors of leading motorcycle magazines, has begun to deal responsibly with the issue of editorial tone. These discussions have moved much more slowly because of the First Amendment concerns involved, but ACORP has begun a tough-minded struggle with the role of a free press in creating an image for motorcycling in the minds of the non-motorcycling public.

- Lines of communication opened by the Motorcycle Safety Act of 1987 have caused the federal government itself to reconsider its position on motorcycle safety. In fact, with the encouragement of Danforth himself, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has re-established motorcycle safety as a national priority for federal funding, a spot it had not held for five years.

These are all significant and positive developments, and I maintain that they would not have happened without Danforth to force us to take a good look at ourselves in the hard light of public opinion.

Once challenged on the philosophy and content of the Motorcycle Safety Act of 1987, Danforth readily listened to the facts. In the long run, successful politicians always do. And he also opened our eyes to a powerful coalition within the insurance industry operating with the firm conviction that it is above the facts, above elected officials and above the law.

Thanks, Senator, we needed that. ✕

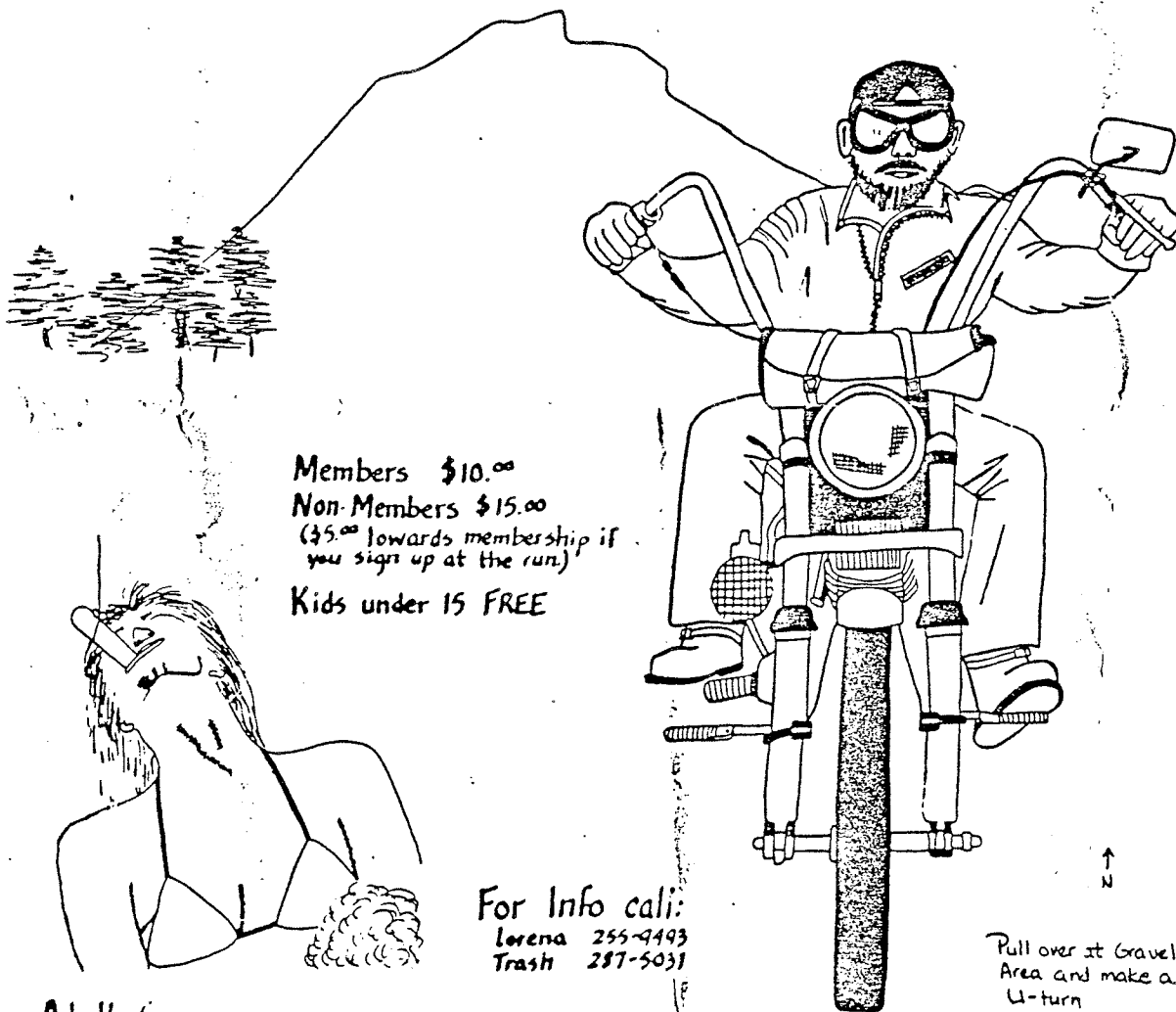
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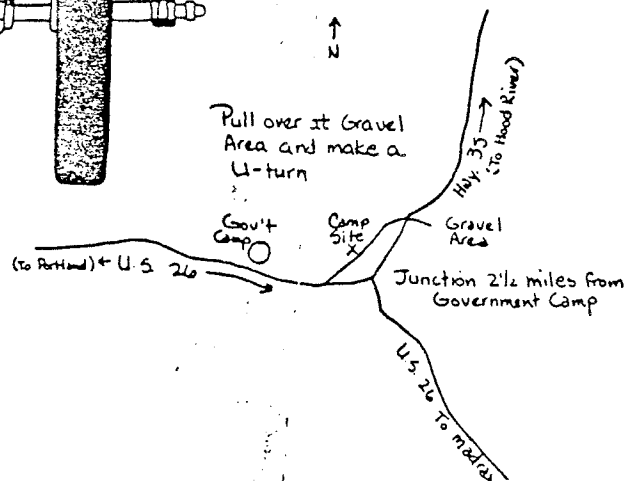


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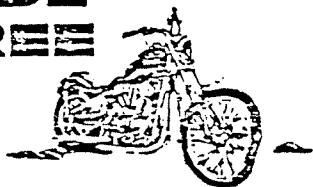
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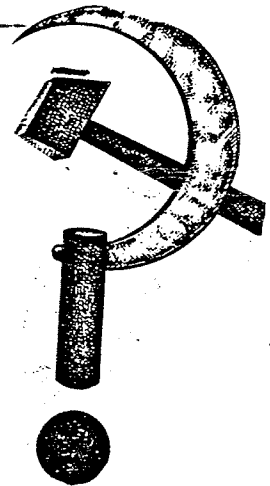
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1st & 3rd Tues: ST. JOHNS: At 7 PM, Prefetto's Pizza, April thru Sept. At 8 PM, Sunshine Pizza, Cornelius. At 7:30 PM, Gino's Pizza, 108th & NE Halsey. At 7 PM, Casey's Pizza, S Commercial. Call Russ 585-6518 or Jack 585-4231 for info.

2nd & 4th Sun: LANE COUNTY: At Noon, Sundown Tavern. At 8 PM, The Pizza Barron, SE 122 & Division. At Inga's Cheese Haus, 4023 S 6th, 6 PM. Call Preston at 882-7070 or Bob at 884-9709 for info.

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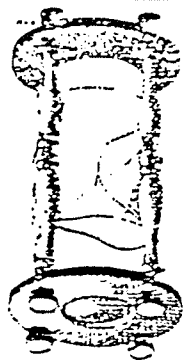
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