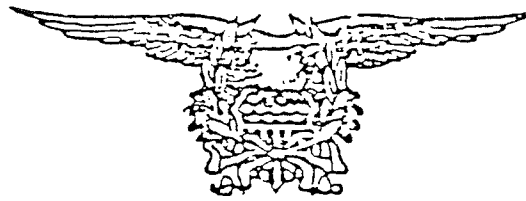


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NEWSLETTER



EDITOR:
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NE PORTLAND CHAPTER

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

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who worked so hard to defeat the Seat Belt Law and the No Smoking Law. Obviously, the hard work paid off.

We are now narrowing the gap toward getting the helmet off our head which has reflected the highs, the lows, the ups, the downs, the swings, the roundabouts, the time, the energy, the costs, all of which went into the experience for fighting for freedom of choice.

The Coalition which consists of ABATE, AMO, AMA and ROB, will meet on November 19 to discuss the most effective way to get the helmet off of our heads.

We have come a long way, but we still have a long hard road ahead of us. We need to tighten our Organization up so we can effectively work together and fight for freedom of choice, to repeal the helmet law.

Until next month, Rotten Roger...

"Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a chain
or freed a human soul..." Mark Twain

"In Germany, they came first for the Communists,
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist...

Then they came for the Jews,
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew...

Then they came for the trade unionists,
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist...

Then they came for the Catholics,
and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

THEN THEY CAME FOR ME,
AND BY THAT TIME NO ONE WAS LEFT TO SPEAK UP...."

-attributed to Martin Niemöller

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

THE HELMET ISSUE - NATIONWIDE

Helmet issue - Positive approaches

- I. Issue appeals to legislature for motorcycle safety
 - A. For motorcycle riders
 - B. For automobile drivers
 - C. Education/training needed
- II. How can we be effective?
 - A. We are knowledgeable about motorcycles
 1. Offer to share our knowledge
 2. Lead by example
 3. Take education courses
 - a. Don't take 10 minutes of an 18 hour course out of context
 - b. Get involved with safety courses
 - B. Share information intelligently
 1. Committee hearings
 - a. Prove helmet laws don't make a difference
 - 1) Ten safest states to ride in
 - 2) All have education programs
 - b. Give committee members ammunition
 - c. Must be willing to compromise/flexibility
 2. Become a source of information about all aspects of motorcycling
- III. Get helmet information out
 - A. There are good helmets
 - B. Best are Snell approved, fiberglass or kevlar
 1. Work to upgrade helmet standards in state
 2. Make legislators understand their mandated helmets can kill
- IV. Get young riders trained to be good riders
 - A. Help keep our sport alive by passing our love of bikes on
 - B. The kids watching us ride will someday ride with us
- V. There is no problem without a solution
 - A. Solutions require decisions
 - B. Determine priorities
- VI. Take a good look at yourself
 - A. Am I contributing
 - B. Am I losing patience
 - C. Determine if it is time to continue or back-off

REMEMBER THERE ARE NO BETTER PEOPLE IN THE WORLD THAN MOTORCYCLE PEOPLE!

CHAPTER	TOTAL OCT 1 88	GAIN/LOSS NOV 1 88	TOTAL NOV 1 88
CENTRAL OREGON	27	-2	25
COOS COUNTY	26	6	32
DOUGLAS COUNTY	59	1	60
INDIAN CREEK	40	0	40
JACKSON COUNTY	106	-1	105
JOSEPHINE COUNTY	37	14	51
KLAMATH FALLS	22	1	23
LANE COUNTY	33	4	37
LINCOLN COUNTY	73	2	75
MT HOOD	52	-1	51
NE PORTLAND	136	-8	128
SALEM	69	-1	68
SE PORTLAND	142	-10	132
ST JOHNS	52	0	52
WASHINGTON COUNTY	42	-5	37
YAMHILL COUNTY	46	4	50
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	962	4	966

Minutes of the November 12, 1988 State Board Meeting

Chapter sign up was done before the meeting was called to order.
The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Rotten Roger.

Two new chapters were introduced and presented with their charters. They are Clatsop County and Columbia County.

Roll call of chapters -

Central Oregon - 0; Coos County - 0; Clatsop County - 2; Columbia County - 2; Douglas County - 2; Jackson County - 1; Josephine County - 0; Klamath Falls - 2; Lane County - 2; Lincoln County - 2; Mt. Hood - 2; NE Portland - 2; Salem - 2; SE Portland - 2; St. Johns - 2; Washington County - 2; Yamhill County - 2; Total - 27

Roll Call of Officers -

Coordinator - present; Vice-coordinator - present; Secretary - present; Treasurer - present; Membership Secretary - present; Sgt-at-Arms No. 1 - absent; Sgt-at-Arms No. 2 - present; Ways and Means - absent; Historian - present; Legislative Director - present; Newsletter Editor - excused;

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report -

Checking - \$1619.88; Savings - \$54.84; Postage - \$398.47 Total - \$2073.19

Joy read a letter she had written to the chapter reps. She has compiled the information requested at last state board meeting and has reports ready for each chapter. However, since the completeness of her report is dependent on receiving information from the chapters, some information is not available. She feels that she has requested some the information repeatedly and not received it so she will not release the information to those chapters not in compliance with the rules of operation.

Those chapters receiving their reports are: Coos County, Douglas County, Klamath Falls, Lane County, Lincoln County, Mt. Hood, Salem, SE Portland, Yamhill.

Chapters not receiving reports are: Central Oregon, Jackson County, NE Portland, St. Johns, Washington County.

Membership - Membership as of November 1 is 966 members. Chapter membership is as follows:

Central Oregon - 25	
Coos County - 32	Mt. Hood - 51
Douglas County - 60	NE Portland - 128
Indian Creek - 40	Salem - 68
Jackson County - 105	SE Portland - 132
Josephine County - 51	
Klamath Falls - 23	St. Johns - 52
Lane County - 37	Washington County - 37
Lincoln County - 75	Yamhill County - 50

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Newsletter - Vicky was home sick, but Roger stated that the newsletter needs more ads. There is only one in the upcoming newsletter. He would like to see each chapter show up with at least one ad at next state board meeting.

Education - Carolyn gave a synopsis of the Governor's Advisory Board meeting. A more detailed report is attached to the agenda. Rider training is over for the year and will resume in the spring.

Legislative - The seat belt law and the anti-smoking law were defeated by the voters. There will be a coalition meeting on November 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the King's Table West in Salem. More information on the next move will be available after that meeting.

Historian - Honda Bob would like old flyers from the chapters to make a scrapbook for reference.

Special Committees -

Money is the most pressing need right now. We need to come up with a good money maker. Jay Leno will be appearing in Portland and Roger will be going back stage to give him a membership in ABATE of Oregon and to see if he would donate time or ideas for a major fundraiser.

We need to write letters on the positive issues and to write letters to the newspapers. It was suggested to have letter writing at your next chapter meeting.

Chapter Highlights were given with each chapter reporting on activities that have happened or are upcoming.

Break was called and Freedom Run II T-shirts were disbursed to the chapters for selling to raise money for CFFOC.

Old Business -

Vote was taken on the motion made at the October state board meeting by Lincoln County raising the quarterly percentage from 15% to 25%.

	yes	no	abstain
Douglas County -	2		
Jackson County -		2	
Klamath Falls -	1		
Lane County -		2	
Lincoln County -	2		
Mt Hood	2		
NE Portland -	2		
Salem -		2	
SE Portland	2		
St. Johns		2	
Washington County		2	
Yamhill		2	
Total -	11	12	0

Motion failed.

A polling of chapters was taken on the regional run proposal made at the last state board meeting.

	yes	no	abstain
Douglas County -	X		
Jackson County -		X	
Klamath Falls -			X
Lane County -	X		
Lincoln County -		X	
Mt. Hood	X		
NE Portland -	X		
Salem -	X		
SE Portland -	X		
St. Johns		X	
Washington County -		X	
Yamhill County -	X		
Total -	7	4	1

There was discussion if this was a motion and Ed said it was meant only as a proposal. Vicki pointed out that by the vote those chapters that voted yes could get together with another chapter that was interested in the regional run idea and put on a run together. Chapters wishing to put on a run together should be encouraged to do so.

Coloring Books - Teach presented a proposal in writing which will be copied and sent to each chapter so it can be considered at the chapter meetings. Vicki said that Lincoln County has voted to donate \$150.00 toward the coloring books. There was interest from Clatsop County and Mel from AMO to get a copy of the proposal for getting estimates on printing from sources that they had contact with.

MRF in Witchita, Kansas - A 3 page outline is included in the agenda. The information at the sessions was very helpfull and there were new ideas presented.

Discussion was held on whether Joy's holding of the reports on the books for non-compliance with the rules of operation was in compliance with the motion made and passed at last state board meeting. It was pointed out that the information was available at the meeting, but the report was not being released to go back to the chapter with the state rep. Joy said she would mail out the information immediately upon compliance by the chapter.

Jackson County moves that the discussion of the books be tabled until next meeting. Second by Fuzz #2.

By hand count - Yes - 22 No - 4 Abstain - 1

New Business -

Election of new officers will be done at December State Board meeting.


Chapter elections should be held by December State board meeting.

Announcements were made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki J. Lechner, Secretary



GOVERNOR'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 20, 1988

TEAM OREGON: Rider training is over for the year. The OTSC is discussing a proposal for a combined media campaign for all safety programs. Steve Garets of TEAM OREGON has been working with DMV to update both the written and riding test for motorcycles and mopeds, held a License Examiners Training Workshop in Salem, and repainting all motorcycle test ranges in the state. Also, all skill test sites will change to the updated ALMOST and new MSF knowledge test.

Update on helmet compliance: A research firm observed helmet use and reported that 803 of 809 riders (99%) and 109 of 112 passengers (97%) in the Portland area were wearing helmets.

DMV UPDATE: The new Oregon Motorcycle Operator Manual was distributed. There are several errors in information as it applies to Oregon riders. The committee was asked to go through the manual for errors.

Waiving skill test for some out of state endorsed riders: it is possible to waive the skill test if the applicant came from a state that requires the same or a more stringent test.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The legislative concepts are back from the Governor's office. More work will be done on the concepts by the Legislative Subcommittee and in a meeting between OTSC and DMV.

MOTORCYCLE INFORMATION SURVEY UPDATE: Results are still coming in and an update on results will be out before the next meeting in December.

POSTCARDS: The Committee has been receiving postcard from motorcyclists stating that people will not be visiting this state because of the helmet law. Each card with a return address will receive a reply. Butch Harbaugh said that the AMO printed 1,000 of these cards and passed them out at Sturgis. About 500 have been returned. The Committee will forward a report on the cards and the reply to the OTSC and the Governor.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Dave Lawson of OSU Department of Health was asked if EMTs were trained in proper helmet removal. A report on EMT training and helmet removal will be given at the next meeting.

BORDER SIGNS: To notify motorcyclists of the new helmet law and the headlight on requirement are being investigated. A report will be given at the December meeting.

COMMITTEE GOALS: The Statement of Goals was re-adopted by the Committee.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, December 7, 1988 at 6:30 p.m. tentatively scheduled for Brack's Restaurant, 1390 North Pacific Highway, Highway 99E, Woodburn, Oregon.



THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE JOINTLY PREPARED BY ABATE OF CALIFORNIA (THE AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION), B.A.D.L. (BIPARTISANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION), B.A.M. (BIKERS AGAINST MANSLAUGHTER) AND THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHUCK BOOKHAMMER. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: B.A.D.L. DIRECTOR BOB MANNAH (415) 278-8808, B.A.M. NATIONAL DIRECTOR BILL BISH (800) 4-BIKERS OR BOOKHAMMER CAMPAIGN MANAGER MARK YOUNG (213) 644-5091.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8, 1988 -- Motorcycle riders suffered a political setback today when California Assemblyman Richard Floyd (D-Hawthorne) gained re-election to the 53rd Assembly District in spite of a concerted effort by the nation's motorcyclists to oust him. Floyd had infuriated the bikers by introducing and arrogantly pushing through AB-36, an adult mandatory helmet bill which was eventually vetoed by Governor George Deukmejian.

"Floyd swore that he would re-introduce AB-36 on the first day of the upcoming legislative session," said Harry Roach, chairman of the board for ABATE of California (The American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), "so our only recourse was to mount a campaign against him and try to get him out of office."

Spearheaded by ABATE, Bipartisans Against Discriminatory Legislation (B.A.D.L.) and Bikers Against Manslaughter (B.A.M.), the motorcyclists launched an unprecedented grass roots effort to unite riders nationwide behind their endorsed candidate, Chuck Bookhammer. Motorcyclists actively backed Bookhammer, pouring thousands of dollars into his election bid and doing much of the campaign legwork, largely because of his Freedom of Choice platform and his stated concurrence with the spirit and intent of the governor's veto of AB-36.

"All too often, government by Nanny tends to step on personal rights in its misguided attempt to protect society from itself," declared Bookhammer, adding that, "My defeat could still be viewed as a victory for the motorcyclists because, although they've been traditionally portrayed as non-involved individualists, this campaign served as a catalyst to bring them together for a common cause -- and I am proud to have earned the support of those who are willing to stand up for their rights."

An optimistic Bob Mannah, Director of B.A.D.L., was quick to point out that the democrat Floyd admitted spending over \$600,000 on his re-election campaign, nearly double Bookhammer's expenditures, yet won by a margin of only 3-2 in a district that boasts more than twice as many registered Democrats as Republicans.

Noting that an incumbent has not lost an Assembly seat in California since 1982, Mannah said, "We have to look beyond what happened in the 53rd district and concentrate on our successes. Our combined organizations raised nearly \$15,000 from motorcyclists throughout California and across the country, allowing us to endorse 14 other candidates and contribute to their campaigns. ABATE, B.A.D.L. and B.A.M. worked hard to organize bikers into a voter bloc that could influence these elections, resulting in victories in 12 of those races."

According to B.A.M. National Director Bill Bish, "Floyd had some very uneasy moments and it was due in a large part to our efforts. We lost this battle, but we made a strong statement in Floyd's area that the 'biker lobby' is alive and active in California."

Leafing through a recent edition of the San Francisco Examiner, Bish refers to an article which begins, "Are bikers emerging as California's newest unlikely political force? If the race in Los Angeles County's 53rd Assembly District is any reliable gauge, the answer is yes."

CONGRATULATIONS!

December 1988

Dear ABATE members: (Winners of NO SEAT BELT LAW FOR ADULTS)

THEY told us: "it couldn't be done", and **we did it !**

We want to express our special thanks to your organization for your dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of our campaign to maintain FREEDOM OF CHOICE. From the time we began collecting signatures to stop the 13-month trial period for seat belt use, your members were involved in circulating petitions, working long hours at fairs and public gatherings promoting our "common cause". Heartfelt thanks to everyone for whatever your contribution: money, rallies, letters, media and candidate contacts, circulating flyers, telephoning friends, putting up lawn signs, talking about the issue, speaking before groups, and MOST OF ALL, **believing in the cause.**

Thank you is not adequate to celebrate your investment but we do want you to know we are grateful for your commitment to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

Now that this effort to invade our privacy is behind us, at least for the moment, we turn our energies toward your determination to overturn Oregon's helmet law which violates your right to be in charge of your life. Please be advised that we shall invite our membership to rally behind your efforts to overturn the law through whatever peaceful process seems feasible.

The unofficial count is 56% NO, 44% Yes. With over a million people voting, we maintained CHOICE by a vote of 681,429 to 525,723. Several people with ABATE groups around the nation were awaiting the results.

BUCKLE UP IF YOU CHOOSE -DON'T BUCKLE UNDER !

What a great way to celebrate the holidays, rejoicing in the knowledge that "No one can terrorize a whole nation unless we are all accomplices." (Edward R. Murrow) It's been a long, strenuous campaign but success is sweet. It's been a heartwarming yet humbling experience for the Committee to work with all of you.

Greetings of the Season and revel in the fruits of our combined labors. Keep in touch, keep the faith and Bless you all in the New Year.

Dorothy Gage, Treasurer

Paid for by No Seat Belt Law for Adults Committee, PO Box 19495,
Portland, Oregon. (1-503-591-7661) V 12-88

ITS OVER, ITS OVER--Thank god it's over! (Election day, that is) Time to sit back and congratulate ourselves on the defeat of the Seat Belt initiative--that sounds good doesn't it? Yes it sounds good, but it also sounds defeatest too! Quite frankly, I was surprised at the margin, 55% to 45%. That's not exactly a landslide!

In Klamath County it's margin was much greater, 64% no/ 38% yes. Lake County was 61% no / 39% yes, about the same. I was not able to get the breakdown for the rest of the state because I had to work for the 2 days following the election. If anyone has the totals for more of the Rural and Metropolitan areas of the state, please publish them next month! It would seem that mainly Rural areas are very much against it.

What's going to happen in two years, four years, six years, etc.? I'll tell you. We will have it shoved down our throats again, and again, and again! And the Pro-seat belt fanatics will have big bucks behind them! Why? Because the Federal Government has mandated that 38 states must have mandatory seat belt laws in the near future or Detroit and Japan will have to install air bags in all new cars. They are talking at \$2000 per car extra. At these price increases, they will lose a lot of customers. And those customers mean billions of dollars!

So you can bet the Auto manufacturers and dealers will support any Pro-seat belt law in a generous way--it's tax deductible and they know which side their bread is buttered on!

With a 55%--45% margin, only 5% of the voters have to be persuaded to change their minds. If our stat legislators get the chance to ram it down our throats again, I shudder to think of the result. The last time they voted, it was almost too close to call. Imagine what a couple of million dollars to the "Right" legislators from special interest groups could do! (all in strict accordance with existing lobbyist laws and ethics, of course.)

If we can find out areas where our efforts are needed most to combat seat belt laws, it could be a big help. We don't have millions of dollars to spend. I'm not saying to cease all efforts in areas that seem secure. But concentrate our big guns on the fronts where they are needed most! Because if we have a mandatory seat belt law in Oregon, I'll take bets at 8 to 5 that we will continue to have a mandatory helmet law, - and at those odds, you'll be getting cheated!

THE ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

HARLEY
Harley
ABATE OF K-FALLS

NEWSLETTER REPORTS

CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Hello from Central Oregon.

Now that the Seat Belt Law failed the hard work starts-getting rid of helmets.

I hope I'll get this figured out soon, so I'll have more to write about next month. Till then, Terri....

CLATSOP COUNTY CHAPTER

We're new!! Thank God someone thought Clatsop County needed an ABATE chapter-thanks, Helen.

We have a goodly membership already, and lots of people I'm sure who will join.

We're already working on a fund raiser. We'll be having a toy run on December 11 from Seaside to Astoria. Anyone who's interested can come on down, bring a toy or some canned food. Nothing big, but every little bit helps, eh? We're also working on a woodcutting deal to benefit both ourselves and the local Senior Citizens.

Winter on the Coast puts a cramp in people's style, so don't expect to many motorcycle-oriented things from us until Spring...Sorry...

Also, thanks to Kelley to her timely recovery from early burnout. Her help in the printing of our first paperwork was invaluable!! See ya next time...Skye

COOS COUNTY CHAPTER

One small step for mankind. It seems the good citizens of Oregon have decided they want the right to make their own decisions regarding the use of safety equipment in their 4 wheel vehicles. Hopefully those of us on 2 wheels will soon be accorded that same right.

On the home front-we in Coos Bay have successfully completed our first run and Thanksgiving food drive. We had a great day for it, blue skies and sunshine. My only regret is that the run was too short. Next year we'll have to pick a longer route.

Our thanks to ICBA who co-sponsored the run and the CMA riders who came along for the ride. We also appreciate the use of the Gypsy Jokers Clubhouse for our potluck and party. Those of you who didn't show missed a good time. Ride safe!! Until next month, Coos County over and out.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER

Yes, we're still alive and well here in the greater Roseburg area. At our last meeting we held a calendar art selection so we should be able to get brand new 1989 (my, how time flies when you're having fun) calendars from Douglas County available, maybe before Dec. 31. Our Toy Run was a great success, especially for our first one. About 25 bikes were there in the rain, 40 miles of it.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER (continued)

A lot of toys were collected and given to the Salvation Army to distribute. Good news coverage on TV. Ed Halkyard was Santa Claus and rode the whole day without a helmet.

Our next meeting is on Sun. Dec. 4 at Round Table Pizza. We will be having new officer nominations and elections forthcoming. By the way, congratulations to Milo and Joni Anderson on the birth of their 7 lb beautiful baby daughter on Oct. 5. Milo already made a TV commercial with Danielle Brooke Anderson in it for Oregon Till and Supply. Yes, Milo still goes to great lengths to promote the new Oregon Tool on Diamond Lake Blvd. Especially after suffering the total loss of a destructive fire the night of Aug. 30. But 6 days later he was back in action at a new location 100 yards down the street with all brand new tools. Thanks to a lot of help from a lot of good friends. That's all for now folks, Almost Ex-Coordinator, Milo...

JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER

No report from you this month. Are you out there?

JOSEPHINE COUNTY CHAPTER

Josephine is down there someplace. Missed you this month.

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER

In Klamath County membership is still low but steadily on the increase. Last month's meeting consisted of only 3 people. We had 52 leftover "vote no on 2," the helmet law sign that we revamped to say "vote no on 3" for the modest cost of well under \$10. These were placed on lawns in the K Falls area, but many did not survive. Halloween vandals and wet cold weather took a grisly toll (glue doesn't work real great on plasticised cardboard). Harley....

(Look for a full page report from Harley. It's very interesting. Be sure to read it. It's elsewhere in the newsletter...Vicky)

LANE COUNTY CHAPTER

What happened to you guys this month?

LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER

Our Toy Run is December 4 at the Sandbar Tavern in Newport. We will be having a pool tournament and possibly some bike games, depending on the weather. Donations will be going to Mrs. Santa, helping her provide Christmas for those less fortunate.

Lincoln County has helmet stickers for sale. They have various wordings and are white with red lettering. Contact Gary Lechner at 563-3520 if you would like some. They're .75¢ a piece or 3 for \$2. We should have different stickers with graphics on them, available soon. New officers will be elected by the time this appears in print, so I hope this will be my last report...Vicki L.

MT. HOOD CHAPTER

Hello from Mt. Hood. Sorry we missed our news last month. We were pretty disillusioned due to lack of participation from members and were forced to cancel our famous Care Run November 12, but thanks to our ever faithful members that do participate and know they want our Care Run, to be able to care and share with people in need, we are making it happen after all. The date changed to December 17. Mark your calendars and please don't forget, we promise a good time, good music and good company. A good time for all. Our flyers are out now, so try and find one and join us. Also, for all who voted against the seat belt laws, thanks. Sure didn't want that extra confinement and loss of freedom. Till next month, happy Thanksgiving to all. Ride safe, Angie.

NE PORTLAND CHAPTER

Well not too much has happened since last month, other than the obvious, ELECTIONS!! Okay, the Seat Belt Measure was defeated, so now let's work even harder to get the Helmet Issue back on the Ballot in 1990. I think the defeat of Measure 3 is paving a path for us to get these buckets off our head.

Thanks to all of you who supported the East Portland Chapter's Halloween Benefit for Shriners Hospital at the Stage Coach Saloon. It was a big success and brought in over \$600 for the kids.

Don't forget December 3 our Toy Run.

Please join us in extending our best wishes and congratulations to John and Kelly Carter on their recent marriage and upcoming birth of their baby next spring.

All of us in Northeast want to extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and Carla Hodge in the recent death of their son.

Well, see ya next month. Ride careful...Barbara

SALEM CHAPTER

Happy holiday range riders...Sure hope your adobes are as filled with holiday cheer and happiness as ours. With our bellies full of the thankful bird; the Salem chapter dug in there and started getting all things in motion for our toy run to the Oregon State Hospital. Besides the usual stuffed animal, such type toys our chapter donated was a large playhouse to the children's ward. The look of joy on the faces of all those little cowboys and cowgirls makes the holiday worth celebrating.

Looks like we're in for a long wet winter. Keep your eyes wide open for those hellcats in cages on wet roads. The bite they take out of you can sure limit your Iron Horse time next spring and summer.

Well, Teli Anne is calling from the Ranch House. Must be time to finish the last nog and start putting the new chrome on the scoot. Have a great New Year.

Vayo con Dios, partners...Tex (Tex, you write the most colorful reports!! If I didn't know any better, I would say you were from Texas...Keep it up. It's great...Vicky)

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

Hi from SE. I'm writing this just after election day and am feeling proud that Oregonians finally came awake and saw what the government was trying to do by jamming ridiculous seat belt and no smoking laws down our throats. The defeat of these laws gives us a very strong foothold against helmets.

A very special thanks, once again to the River Road House for providing the outstanding hospitality for our last Toy Run benefit party. By the time you read this the Toy Run will be history. If you didn't make it, you really missed a good time!!

We are still having our "Attending Member Only" drawing. This means you have to attend the meeting that your name is drawn at to win the prize. Last meeting's winner was Al (card #2423), but he wasn't there, so he didn't get the prize. As we have been averaging only 15-20 people a meeting (we have 143 members), where are all of you? The kitty is getting fat. As of this writing, it is up to \$45, so BE THERE.

Special thanks to Johnny B., who donated 2 tickets to the Jay Leno show for the drawing at the Nov. 21 meeting. Our newest member is Janice Young, so say hi when you see her.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Phil

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER

What happened Barb? Did you freeze your tooshie off, or did you car conk out? I bet I know what it was! Barb, you hate it when Dingo grabs your report as you shoot it thru the mailslot...Ha ha. I wonder where that strange arm came from that was laying on the rug. He was having a fine time playing with it. He has totally obliterated the metal and screws around the mail slot inside..Oh well, that's kids for ya!! Vicky

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER

Washington County called and asked to be excused from sending their report in due to illness. Hope you feel better Don!! Vicky

YAMHILL COUNTY

Updated list of officers:

Chapter Coordinator	Dave Nelson
Secretary	Linda Rider
Treasurer	Shelly Cole
Membership Secretary	Sandy Sharrar
Legislature Director	Melvin Huettle
Historian	Sandy Sharrar
State Reps	Dennis and Judy Jones
Alternate State Reps	Dave Nelson, Boyd Sharrar
Ways and Means Officer	Don Stephenson (H-D)

ABATE OF OREGON'S MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIED

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

FOR SALE: Langlitz Leather Pants. 34 x 32 full length. Leg zippers, excellent shape. \$125.00 Call 1-336-5552 Gary. (12-88)

FOR SALE: Many baby items - crib w/mattress \$75, high chair \$15, stroller \$10, baby swing \$10, potty chair \$5, baby carrier \$5, baby's picnic chair (hooks on table) \$5, older baby bike chairs \$3, baby bath \$1, also baby clothes and toys available from infant to size 3T. To see call (206) 256-2321 after 5 pm. (2-89)

FOR SALE: Harley leather saddle bags off of softail. Will fit swing arm model. Used 2 months. Selling for \$375. New price was \$475. Call Digger 256-2077. (2-89)

FOR SALE: -(*- Suzuki 250 Quadracer w/extras; looks and runs great. \$1,500. Call 325-0993, Kelley (Astoria) (2-89)

SOME QUOTATIONS FOR THE MONTH:

"No one can make you feel inferior without your permission..."
Eleanor Roosevelt

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything.
They just make the best of everything they have..."
Abraham Lincoln

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give..."
Winston Churchill

"Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be..."
Abraham Lincoln

"He who does anything because it is the custom, makes no choice..."
John Stuart Mill

"Wisdom consists not so much in knowing what to do in the ultimate as
in knowing what to do next..."
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Voters say: Don't tread on us

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That is the message Oregon voters sent the politicians and governing bodies Tuesday as they went against national opinion in the presidential race and resoundingly rejected measures that proposed to put government deeply into their lives.

The message ought not be interpreted as overly negative or distrustful, but rather as a reaffirmation of Oregon's voting independence.

This was clear in Ballot Measure 3, a proposal to make Oregon the 33rd state to require all occupants of motor vehicles to wear seat belts. In rejecting that measure, 57 percent to 43 percent, Oregonians were saying that buckling up to save lives ought to be a personal choice, not a government regulation.

They missed the point. Someone has to pay for the carnage — the deaths and serious injury — that beltless drivers and passengers suffer in an accident. Increased insurance premiums will make that adjustment for all of us, but the Legislature should continue educating Oregonians to understand that vehicle occupants who do not use seat belts ought to be financially accountable in some way for their independence in the automobile.

Measure 6, the anti-smoking proposal, is another example. There was a health issue advanced in this campaign, too, but Oregonians, in reject-

ing it by a 3-2 ratio, wisely recognized that this measure was an overzealous intrusion by government into the lives of its citizens.

Measure 5, which would have boosted the tax on a pack of cigarettes and a can or bottle of beer by 1 cent, asked these consumers to finance intercollegiate sports, including women's sports, as mandated by the federal government. Again, the voters stiffened.

State government does have to carry out this federal mandate. The Legislature has shirked this responsibility, but it should look again in 1989, while also recognizing the funding squeeze for more important, competing needs. The colleges should do the same thing. Surely they could find some money for the undernourished sports programs in their own budgets, if allowed.

Passage of Measure 8, which rescinded Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's order prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals by state government, sent a variety of messages.

Voters, in many cases, were saying that they do not want homosexuality to be accepted as an alternative lifestyle. Even though the measure's backers insist that this was not gay-bashing, not a retreat from a tough anti-discrimination posture, the sad reality is that the election tally will be interpreted outside the state as a step backward.



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Attacks on freedom

To the Editor: People who don't smoke want everybody else not to smoke.

People who don't believe in abortion want everybody else not to use abortion.

People who like to pray want everybody in school to pray.

People who feel safe using seat belts want everybody else to use seat belts.

People who are sports enthusiasts want a new tax to force everybody else to pay.

The American way is freedom of choice, not submission to fanatics.

ERIK SALTRUP
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Minority lost in May

To the Editor: I am willing to bet that the majority of voters in Oregon are licensed to drive — cars, that is. Relatively few are licensed to ride motorcycles. What happened in the May primary, when helmets were mandated for motorcyclists, is that several hundred thousand people voted on what they thought a few thousand should do.

The reason Oregonians voted against the seat-belt law is that this time the freedom that was in jeopardy was theirs. The rights they tossed out in May belonged to somebody else.

DOUG MATTHEWS
Beaverton

Our hypocrisy on belts

Even people who strongly favored the seat belt initiative cannot be all that miserable about the outcome of Tuesday's election.

If nothing else, the defeat of that measure showed that most Oregonians would rather not pass another unnecessary law. That's a good attitude. It's an attitude the Legislature would do well to emulate.

Supporters (including this paper) backed the seat belt measure because similar laws in other states and countries have worked. They have worked to raise the percentage of motorists using safety belts, and this in turn has had a generally good effect in preventing death and injury on the roads.

But the measure clearly was not *necessary* in the same way that speed laws, say, are necessary to protect the public safety. Even without a law there is nothing to keep motorists from buckling their safety belts. Thousands of people do so every day.

Unfortunately, though, the measure's defeat knocks out the underpinnings of the voters' decision last May, when Oregon approved the requirement that motorcyclists must wear approved helmets.

The electorate has proved itself hypocritical. The majority was perfectly willing to force its notion of safety on motorcyclists, a small minority. But when it came to applying a similar requirement to everybody who drives and rides in cars — the vast majority — the voters said no.

Nobody said democracy is always logical or fair.



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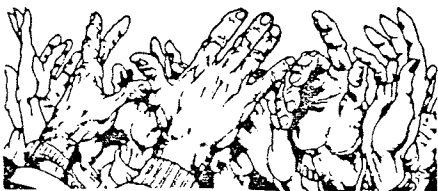
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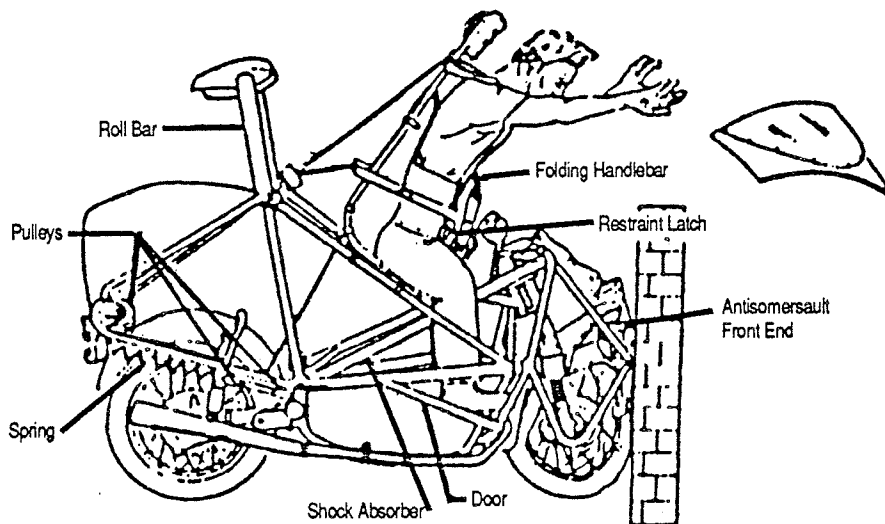
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Capt. Barbra Blix said, "Our pantry was totally bare before this drive, but we're back in shape now." Coos County A.B.A.T.E. Coos County Chapter Coordinator Pat Erm (left) is shown with Salvation Army Sgt. Maj. Mathew Niblack, center, and ICBA State Coordinator Don Garino.

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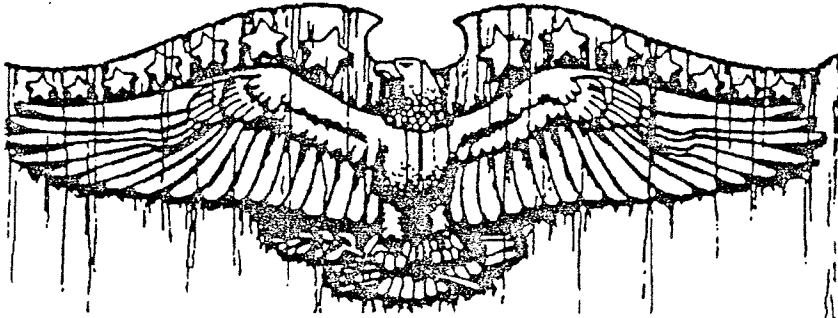
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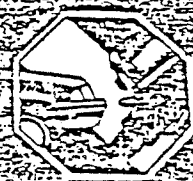
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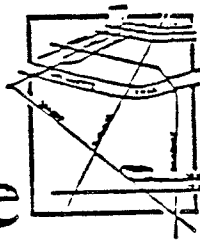
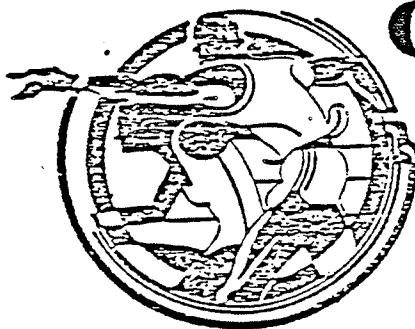
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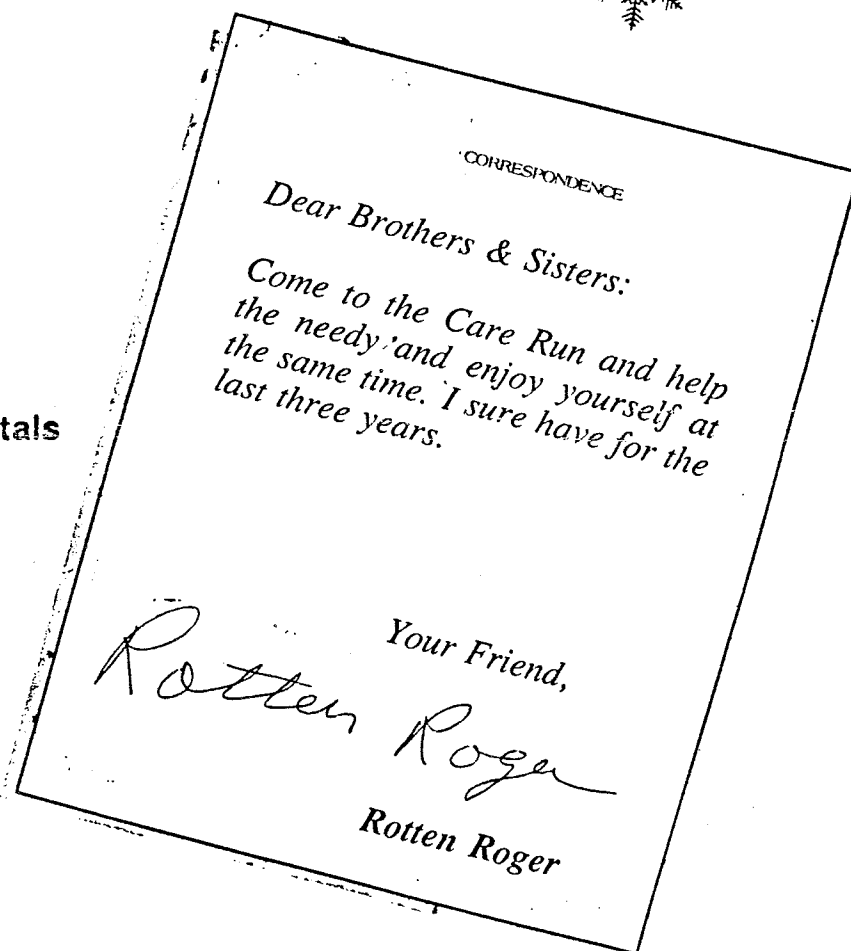
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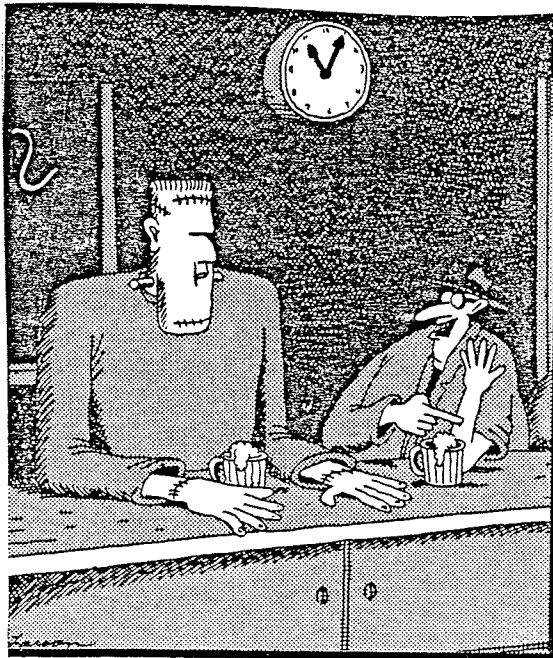
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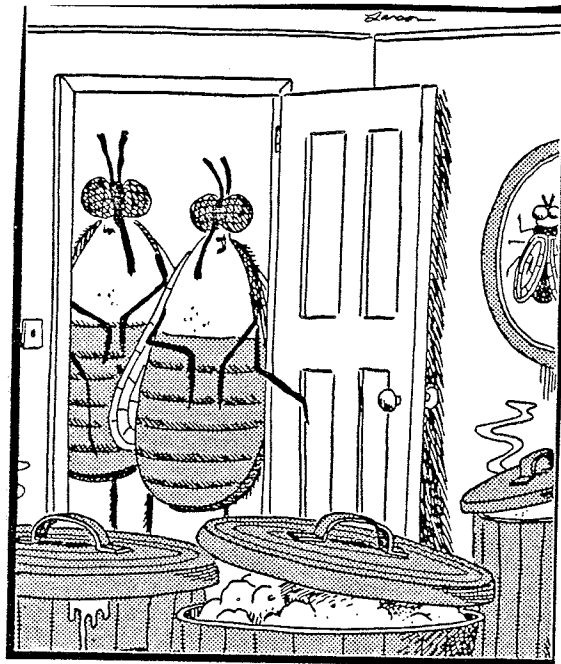
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