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Let Those Who Ride Decide

(Don't be fooled)

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Headlines and stories we'd like to see:

OREGON AMMENDS BIKER HELMET REQUIREMENTS

Move Surprises Both Supporters And Detractors

S.T.E.A.M. Photo
Discovered

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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

What We're About

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A.T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as BikePAC.

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride on.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A.T.E.

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. If you like what you read, check out the Chapter Meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A.T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

"You have to know where you've been to know where you're going!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.).

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, Rep. Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California and Ed Armstrong of A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because Governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet law mandate, Roloff helped convince California Senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the

impending lawsuit, and was signed by President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached Congress twice over the past few years, first to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through Congress.

So, there you have it.

The roots of A.B.A.T.E. and biker's rights run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of Freedom of the Road.

by Bill Bish
Executive Coordinator,
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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments



by Ted Tracy

Hi All,

Members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon are blessed with a great group of State Officers.

Our Vice-Coordinator North, Jim Niece (Southeast Portland) does a wonderful job keeping us on the straight and narrow. Jim worked hard on revising the Bylaws, and has continued to keep our documents updated.

Vice-Coordinator East, Bob Hadley (Central Oregon) helps out with issues east of the Cascades and recently visited the River City Chapter meeting.

Vice-Coordinator South, Joe Laurence (Douglas County) is new to the position, but wrote a very inspirational column in last month's newsletter. If you missed it, better dig out the March newsletter and read it!

Our Membership Secretary is Jill Tracy, my wife (Washington County). Her position is extremely important and Jill works hard keeping all our membership information current.

The Recording Secretary, Charlie Hill (South Coast) also has a very important job trying to make sense of the State Board Meetings and keeping an accurate record of them.

Chapter Auditor is Carla Richesin (Washington County). She works hard keeping the financial records of each chapter straight, and handling the paperwork for the I.R.S. Carla has been a good friend of mine for many years.

The State Treasurer position belongs to Wendy Vaughn (Washington County). She is new to this difficult position, but is already doing a fantastic job. Jill and I often hang with Wendy and her husband, Ed Vaughn (Washington County) who happens to be A.B.A.T.E.'s Representative to the Confederation of Clubs. A.B.A.T.E. is respected at these meetings, and Ed does a fine job of representing us.

The new Legislative Director is Rick Maish (Willamette Valley). Rick is busy getting information to all of us about the upcoming elections, and gearing up for next year when the Legislature meets again.

As you all know by now, the New Crusty Old Editor, Rot Path (Salem) is putting out one fantastic newsletter. Let's hope he enjoys doing it for a long time!

The Sergeant at Arms South, Cole Hembree heads up our *Ace Security Team*. He is joined this year by Keith Odem (Central Oregon) Sergeant at Arms East, and Matt Hobbs, (Southeast Portland) is Sergeant at Arms North. This team will be looking for your help this year at Fossil, so let's help them out by working a shift or two of security!

The new Products Director is Michelle Hobbs, (Southeast Portland) and yes, she is related to the Sergeant at Arms. (They are married!) She has hit the ground running, and has some great new ideas. Look for some sales coming up soon!

The Education Director position is held by the awesome Geoff White

(Southeast Portland). Geoff spends much of his life teaching the Motorcycle Awareness Program in the local High Schools. He also finds time to train new instructors! Geoff is joined by Nora Rhode (Southern Oregon), as State Education Director II. Nora is a very enthusiastic teacher. Don't miss a chance to catch her class!

State Quartermaster is a newly created position held by Chris Anderson (Southeast Portland). Chris is anxious to get started with his new duties. The Sanctioning Officer is Ron Bloker (North Coast). Ron received the F.N.G. award in 2001, it was awesome to see a fresh face just jump right in the mix. Ron hangs with the folks from Lincoln County some, but they don't seem to have warped him too much!

The fantastic Web Page is edited by Kerry Trotter, aka as Mad Dog (Southeast Portland). Kerry is instrumental in keeping our web page updated and fresh, and making sure everyone in the world with a computer

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



Willamette Valley Chapter

(Isn't about time the "W's" got to go first?)

The scoot is still on blocks, parts new and refurbished laying all around the garage. Should be about finished by the time this newsletter arrives.

Good timing too.

May 4th Motorcycle Awareness Rally will be just around the corner, the Rhody Festival Poker Run on the 18th, Salem's Ice Breaker, Fossil and then we can kick it into high gear for the rest of the summer!

Last weekend's Willamette Valley chapter Casino Night was one fantastic success! Had some great donations for auction thanks to the genuine artists in our chapter and lots of generous souls who were right on with their selections. A huge crowd with a party attitude, wonderful accommodations at Yukon Jacks in Veneta and a kick-ass band that night all came together to make this event a success beyond all our imaginations. Thanks to Douglas County Chapter for coming up to participate and the Black Jacks for making a show as well. And to all the rest of the folks who made a showing, it was really good to see each and everyone of you again!!

It's all of you bringing your support to our chapter that in the end helps A.B.A.T.E. grow stronger and more

influential in our struggle to keep biker rights on the political agenda.

Terri Hauer, our new Activities Coordinator, did a fine job organizing the Casino Night and will continue on with putting together the Rhody Poker Run, Independence Day Social (which has been given the go-ahead by the Parks Dept.!!) and other events as they come into being during the course of the summer. On April 21st C.M.A. will have its Bike Blessing at the Springfield Faith Center and Joe Dershon and Dawn Ferren, our Road Captains and Run Coordinators, will hopefully have another Spring Kick-off ride arranged for right after the blessing.

We're narrowing down which weekend run will be our official Willamette Valley chapter ride, and the campout this year is still in the works. We've been toying with the idea of a camp ground up above Cougar Reservoir: just show up and campout.... no bands, no games, bring your own food, etc..... just ride in, park, throw out a bag, stoke a fire and hang out over night with a few brews and good company! Just an idea that's runnin' around.

Be at the next meeting so we can

put all this stuff together and get a chance to see all those "winter-weary" riding buddies again!!

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Michael

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Washington County Chapter

The Run Committee has been busy planning this year's events and things are coming together quite smoothly. Check the event pages and mark your calendars for May 18 for our annual Poker Run. Flyers are out and about.

Twelve members showed up for the March First Sunday Ride and Breakfast. We intended to follow Jim Henderson out Marine Drive and over to Sandy. Our fearless leader, Ted, ended up taking us over some nice roads I'm sure that Jim intended to ride. After fueling up in Sandy, we headed towards Estacada and met up with an unfortunate lad who had just wrecked his bike. Possibly a case of too much sunshine, exuberance, and gravel. The fellow was fine except for some roadrash and damage to his bike. Thanks to all the members for stepping up to direct traffic and assist the fellow. He seemed pleased to see us show up and stop, but he was still pretty shook up from the ride.

Tuck and roll, man.

The rest of the ride continued in a somewhat more somber state and was uneventful. The sunshine and dry roads made for an enjoyable day for all and we passed a lot of other riders out enjoying the day. I gave up my newsletter to the crash victim, so missed out on most of it. I had just picked it up from the mailbox the day before. Poker Run flyers were passed out at stops along the way.

Washington County Elections Office is renaming precincts. Some of us have already received our new precinct memorandum cards in the mail.

Have you?

Ted has stated he will be asking for a show of cards at upcoming meet-

ings.

Stick your new card in your wallet. That way, when petition circulators offer up a petition you are interested in signing, you have the precinct info right there at your fingertips. Sandwich it in there between your A.B.A.T.E. card, BikePAC card, and the A.I.M. attorney card. You never know when you are going to need that stuff.

WaCo [Washington County] has had some lucky people at our meetings in February. Both Lori Western and John E. Moe get to see their names in print along with the word *Winner* in the same sentence! How often does that happen? They were at the meetings when their names were called out for the Membership Drawing. I'm still waiting for my turn.

I have no soap box to get on this month, so I am enclosing some photos of the Officer Guzman Ride for Hope from January and some photos of those attending S.T.E.A.M. 2002. Then there're the people who travel I-5, who defy explanation. No laws were broken in obtaining those photos, just some creative driving.

Until I see you on the road or at an event, be safe and watch out for the other guy. [Or gal.]

Linda Wells



Washington County members attending S.T.E.A.M. in February at Salem.

**Officer Guzman Ride
January 2002**



(Photos submitted by Linda Wells.)

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southern Oregon Chapter

Brothers & Sistas, I'm here to tell you that these lil' glitches we've been havin' with these new-fangled computers are now just a fragmented figment of fiery flatulence in the history chapter of our minds. Howdy-do, Mr. Rot Path! T'was really great meeting you at the S.T.E.A.M. conference and the excellent apology is very accepted, and we shall boogie-on . . .

S.T.E.A.M. in Salem was grand and full of great faces to go with good names. There was a truckload of info available and I would really advise you to go next year. Francois Martin and Mike Horn sat in the Awareness Instructor class with Geoff White and Nora Rohde. It's gonna be a great thing to get out here with them and talk to these youngsters in the High Schools and help them become more aware of motorcycles and riders.

Our first

Ride-2-Ride was very well attended by about 54 peoples who all went for a ride just to ride and ended up at the Prospect Trophy Club hungry and thirsty and those folks bravely took care of everybody really well.

What a Blast!

Now I gotta tell ya, the next one was the

Webfoot Ride and Lunch and I made that forty mile roundtrip in the rain and snow and didn't see one other rider out there, 'tween Applegate and Wal*Mart in Grant's Pass.

Hopefully there was a slew and a half of ya out there in Talent and Medford, cuz I took off with my Brudda Steve and his bride Lisa and went to borrow a bike for him so he can get his endorsement and join A.B.A.T.E.

The 3rd Annual Provolt Motorcycle

Swap Meet is again slotted for the first weekend in May so you need to go there and buy sumpin' from those great vendors.

Come on out for the Meeting and see your pals, get involved and buy a Chapter T-shirt, cuz they're really nice and you definitely need another T-shirt.

Best Wishes to Nora on her road to recovery after surgery and we will see you shortly, Red!

Ride it like you own it and beware the terminally unaware.

See *you* at Oregano's Pizza on the third Sunday at 2:PM.

Mikey

Secretary

Southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

P.S. I guess you know who bought a '94 FLHTC today?

SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Oregano's Pizza -- Gold Hill

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South-East Portland Chapter

Hello to Ya All!!

Well here we are and it's springtime.

Do you all have everything fine-tuned and shined up?

I certainly hope that the Easter Bunny left lots of prize eggs in yer baskets. I know my Ol' man was looking for Pan Head parts in everyone he cracked open!

A lot has gone on since last we talked.

The main event being S.T.E.A.M.

Geoff did a fantastic job on his first run. The time-line presentation from Teresa and Brian was amazing. The work that went into it was really heart felt. I have to say a special thanks to Geoff and Melinda. I am sorry you were sick Melinda, but the call you guys made to Wayno and I to come and pick up Simon was one of the best calls we have ever gotten. From the time we picked Simon up at Geoff's in southeast Portland until the time we said our goodbyes at S.T.E.A.M., Simon made our day one of the most enjoyable we have ever spent. Simon's enthusiasm, exuberance and passion for his cause and for life were truly inspiring.

All in all it was a great day. The new classes were as refreshing as Simon's spirit.

Another happening yet to come is Southeast Chapter's Anniversary Party. I really hope our Party turned out as good as you all and we had anticipated. I know how hard the committee worked on putting this party on. A lot of them were new to the process and worked extra hard to make it as best as ever.

The Spring Swap Meet will have been a good success. I'm sure with



The lovely Tami Pitkin, Chapter Secretary, watches warily as Coordinator Lee Austin ("The Six Million Inch Rider") checks out the Ways-and-Means drawing prize.

being at the Armory with on-site parking and Roger's team of volunteer's everything went off with out a hitch.

I hope all of you appointed Precinct Committee Persons (PCP) got yer self's down to the election board to get yer selves on the ballot to be elected PCP's. It counts!!

See ya out there,

Mammy Tami



Matt Hobbs, Sgt at Arms #6, [Editor's note -- they must have really rowdy meetings] relaxes before a meeting begins.



Geoff White bein' all educational.

Photos by Wayne Pitkin.

SOUTHEAST PORTLAND
MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
 M/M Restaurant & Lounge
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South Coast Chapter

April showers bring May flowers! Watch out for those slick roads! Always be prepared for those dangerous conditions that can be just around the corner.

We survived the Scavenger Hunt/Potluck. I was unable to go due to a basketball tournament I was involved in, but I heard it was a great time. April is pretty quiet for us as far as events go. We do a lot of planning during this time. Gordon has already had several Coos River Run committee meetings. He wanted to get a jump on it this year. Our members had to spend some time at the run site doing clean up after the big wind we had in February. It is looking pretty good now!

Those May flowers come along with our Mall Show. We have been fortunate to have several types of motorcycles displayed during this busy weekend. We also give carnations to the first 50 moms who come by on Sunday.

Don't forget Fossil -- it is always a great time!

June 1 we will ride in the first parade of the year -- the Gay 90's celebration parade in Coquille. It is a blast. Afterwards there is a bike show in front of the local bars. This is a small community event that draws a lot of people and is a great time. The State Newsletter has this event for June 9th which is incorrect. It is June 1st. *[Editor's note -- The Run Calendar has been corrected. Yer Crusty Ol' Editor don't make up information, but only prints what is submitted, correct or not.]* Come down and join us for a wonderful weekend.

One of our members, Jeff Bauder, is planning visits from local candidates to answer member's questions and tell us their positions on various issues. He is very involved in these matters. We will be busy soon helping the candidates of our choice in their bid for office. Please remember to check out the candidates in your area and do your part.

Are you interested in being a P.C.P. (Precinct Committee Person)? If so, contact our Coordinator, Gordon Dunn at (541)-396-4896. He will be glad to answer any questions you may have. If you are a vendor and would like to participate in our activities, contact Gordon for more information.

If you are ever in our area looking for a nice ride, contact our Road Captain, Mike Richards at (541)-396-2609. He would be glad to [receive] some suggestions.

I'll close for now and be back next month with information regarding incentive to volunteer for chapter functions, a new program introduced by our Road Captain.

Until then, ride safe!

Karen Bauder
Secretary

SOUTH COAST MEETING**TIME(S) and PLACE**

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North
Bend

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Salem Chapter

Here we are into March with a lot on the horizon. There will be more rides coming up so watch your mail for the meeting reminder cards that RotPath sends out. Our first weekend ride was March 23rd and we are planning more. I know that this will be published about the 1st of April and we should be back into better riding weather by then.

I hope everyone had a good time at Ice Breaker this year.

Our meetings have been well attended but you should come too. The more the merrier. Our 50/50 drawing, held at each meeting, can only be won by someone in attendance. The last prize was \$15.00.

Ride safe and free and remember it is time to get busy on the election cycle. Keep your eyes and ears open and be informed.

Respectfully,

Murge

[*Editor's note* -- In addition to the 50/50 drawing, we had a raffle for a black and white biker photograph donated by Rosa Leonardi of Captial Community Television.]

SALEM MEETING TIME(S)
and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Pietro's Pizza
1637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

Our last meeting, although small, was great.

I'm truly sorry to the members who were left a bit in the dark.

There was a mix-up with the newsletters and they were sent out Monday after the meeting.

Thanks Al for making the arrangements and setting up the facility. If you weren't at the last meeting, what a great facility.

Although we did not have enough officers present for a quorum, we did have a couple of great ideas and even signed up two new members. Welcome Albert and Karen Speidel!

Our membership drawing was held and Ron Bloker (I think I may be related to him) won \$55, which was donated back to the chapter. During the next meeting we will be drawing for \$55. Remember, you must be present to win.

The riding season is upon us, less a little snow here and there.

The first thing I would like to say is it has been a tremendous pleasure spending time with the folks in the North Coast Chapter. If it sounds like I am leaving, that is because I am. Early this month I will be moving to Beaverton, which means Lisa and I will be transferring our membership to Washington County. There are great people there too! With the relocation my attention turns to the future of the North Coast Chapter.

I have taken on a few responsibilities in the past few months and have had difficulty finding a replacement.

Member involvement throughout many chapters seems to be low, while other chapters seem to be thriving. One

of the things I tried to do is increase membership attendance and involvement. I solicited ideas from other chapters and many members also provided valuable input. The chapter has made a couple of changes that may help making meetings easier to attend and more socially driven. Ideas for membership drives have also been discussed and the wheels are beginning to turn.

The bottom line is that a chapter can only survive, and hopefully flourish, if it's members are involved. Setting convenient meeting dates and locations can only draw the people [who] *want* to attend meetings.

Although A.B.A.T.E. needs your financial support, more importantly, they need your physical support.

Several chapters are floundering because the same members have been doing their jobs for years, they are just getting "burned out". I realize that I have only held my position for a few months, however, in those few months, the same people volunteered their time over and over.

You don't need to be an officer to make a difference in the workings of your chapter.

Volunteer to complete an assignment.

Show up for a work day.

And for goodness sake, attend the meetings. You must be a part of the process to make it work.

Don't be the one that lets the other guys (or gals) do things. There are less and less people [who] are doing things these days.

This is an organization established to protect your rights, educate people

about motorcycling and indirectly provide social events that promote the camaraderie that we all feel. If everyone just showed up to the events, the events and A.B.A.T.E. would *die!*

There have been some members [who] have stepped up to lend a hand. To those volunteers, thank you. Many chapters, including North Coast, [are] at a cross roads. Without more dedicated people raising there hands and asking "what can I do?", the chapter may disappear, as have many of its members.

Get involved!

Many of the folks have been working hard within A.B.A.T.E. and I wanted to share a few thoughts.

Roger and his crew have really been pulling the Swap Meet and Fossil together. With a new location, this Swap Meet has the potential of being even better than the last few. Fossil has new events planned which will only make it that much better! Between the Parade, Mud Wrestling

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME(S) and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000

(10 am)

Merts Campus

3 miles east of Astoria

Industrial Arts Building

Children are welcome

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Ramblin' Ron

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and the rest of the events, there will be something for everyone.

As I mentioned last month, S.T.E.A.M. was incredible. Thanks to Geoff, Melinda and all of the folks [who] helped put S.T.E.A.M. together.

A.B.A.T.E. is getting continued thanks from the folks at TEAM Oregon for our support with their mobile, soon to be on-site programs.

The people working in the Political arena have been making huge strides. Diesel Dave and the Oregon Democratic Motorcycle Caucus have been making many contacts and bringing our issues to the fore front.

Most recently, the State Board approved an insurance program that provides \$1,000 of free accidental death insurance to every member.

There are a lot of exciting happenings lately.

All I ask is that the members who are not as active as they could be, step up and volunteer. If every member gave 1 hour per week, imagine what each chapter, and A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon could accomplish.

I hope you will all attend the next Chapter meeting on April 27th. With luck, there *will* be new leadership, and a lot of help.

I'd also like to remind everyone of the *Around Saddle Mountain Run* on June 29th. This will be the 7th annual run.

Ron (FNG)

[*Editor's note* -- Sorry about comin' over onto yer page, River City. Ron had alot to say this month. (Must be a teacher, eh?) **And** he sent photos.]

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

Tonight's meeting was small with only nione people. That included our guest, Bob Hadley, Vice Coordinator East. We sure appreciate his coming by to see how we do thngs here. Come on back anytime, Bob. Poker Run plans continue to advance and we hope for a great turnout after our local parade.

The Run Committee meets at 6:00 PM prior to each regular meeting until the run takes place. All volunteers are welcome. Our early season Sunday rides are going great. Good weather, good people and good times. Come join us.

We had no membership raffle tonight so it goes to \$90 for the next meeting.

Teresa won the 50/50 at \$4/\$4 and donate her share back to the Chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

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Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 9 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. No flag, no pledge, on a motion by Steve Boston.

Guests: Bob Hadley, Vice Coordinator East

Minutes were waived on a motion by Steve Boston because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence was a flyer for a swapmeet in Hillsboro and a pricelist for pins and patches.

Treasury Report is \$379.10.

Bills submitted: none

Membership Report none

Board Report: none

Legislative Report: .Election filing deadline is March 12.

Ways and Means Report: none

Public Relations Report: flyers for swapmeet and Fossil have been taken

to Fun Country

Historian Report: none

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols none.

The Run Committee: Committee mtg held tonight at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be

held prior to each regular meeting until the run takes place. All

volunteers are welcome. Moving right along. Route preview is planned for

March 17 and we need small door prizes.

New Business

Best of the West: Interest shown, but chapter needs money first, so deferred for now.

Possible summer rides was discussed.

Membership Drawing for \$85 was not held due to no chapter list present. It will be \$90 next meeting.

50/50 won by Teresa Heepker at \$4/\$4 and donated back to the Chapter.

Thanks, Teresa

Adjourned 7:45 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-97)

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Northeast Portland Chapter



Standing left to right: Stan, Diesel Dave, Lightning, Rusty, Linda, Oopy, Rotten Roger, Marty, Tim, Smokin Al, Willy
Front: Mike, Randy, Melinda

(photo by Marty)

There is some really great stuff going on right now in the Northeast Chapter. For one, our membership continues to grow. New people have joined up, renewals are coming in, and we have had a couple of transfers from other chapters all contributing to a current membership total of 89. This is up from the mid-seventies from where we were at six months ago. What is really great is the number of folks who continue to come to the meetings to get updated on issues and see friends.

Tim Taylor and Marty Coon have been bringing some great drawing gifts. We have been having a gift drawing and a 50/50 drawing at each meeting. So you know that some lucky individual(s) are going to walk away with a great prize and/or some cash.

We have had some distinguished guests at our meeting recently. Jim Robinson, the Chair for the Multnomah County Democratic Party visited us. He talked to us about the importance of being a Precinct Committee Person and how to join the party. He also explained how we lost our helmet language on the party

platform. It seems there was a committee assigned to do some house cleaning and our helmet language was a casualty of that process. This week Diesel Dave, Rotten Roger, Randy Phipps, and others involved in the Democratic Party will be working hard to reinstate the helmet language at the State Committee Meeting.

Also at our meeting was John Toran who is running for House District 45. John talked to us about his background and what he plans to do when he wins the office. John is a Democrat and supports our right to choose whether one should wear a helmet or not. We appreciate John talking to us and responding to our questions and comments.

We were at Portland Motorcycle Company early in the month to sell Shriners Toy Run bike tickets and to promote A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Thanks go to Randy Phipps (Northeast), Tony Touch (Northeast), Diesel Dave (Northeast), Rena Jackson (Southeast), Dick Edmonds (Southeast), Bob (Southeast), Edd Dahl (Southeast), Geoff White

(Southeast), and Mike Friend (Northeast).

We handed out 100 flyers for the Motorcycle Awareness Rally, sold 25 tickets for the Toy Run bike, and sold 2 new memberships for the Southeast Chapter (plus a renewal for Southeast). We talked to many motorcyclists about issues facing us. We talked to representatives of the B.M.W. Riders of Oregon, Women on Wheels riders club, and individual riders.

This is a continuing effort to reach riders [who] are out of the traditional Harley/Cruiser crowd [who] we normally see. All riders need to know about the global and regional issues facing us. They should all have an equal shot at winning the new Harley, too. We are still looking for people who are willing to connect with other riding groups (e.g. Sportbike, Moto Guzzi, Dirt Bike, Triumph, B.M.W. riders, etc) to keep them updated on a regular basis on what is going on. It would also be great to sell them A.B.A.T.E. memberships as well.

Much thanks go to our new

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NORTHEAST PORTLAND MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1930 (7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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Mike's Mouthin'

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Historian and Webmaster, Oopy, who has been building a website for the

Northeast Chapter. It is still under construction and it is looking absolutely great. We'll have links to other sites, upcoming events, legislative news, officer contacts, chapter history, mechanical tips, pictures, and a lot more. You can check it out at:

<http://pages.prodigy.net/oopy/newport.html>.

We are very excited about this website since it promises to be a great tool to keep us linked up and in touch with each other.

Lastly, if you haven't been to a meeting yet or it's been awhile, I encourage you to come out and see us. We are really a great bunch of fun people. To my knowledge no one has been bitten in a very long time. It was just four short years ago that I first showed up for a Northeast meeting. I didn't know anyone. I had seen Rotten Roger around here and there before but that was it. Over time I got to know all of these good people, became an officer after a year, and then got to know more people as time went by. Everyone is genuinely interested in maintaining our freedoms and constantly work towards that goal in many, many different ways. What's great is that this is done as a team. These are people I would have never known if I didn't show up for a meeting. I am much richer for it.

That's all there is to report this time.

God bless you in the coming month,

Mike

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[*Editor's note* -- Sorry about this Lincoln County.]

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Lincoln County Chapter

Hello everyone!

Happy April!

Well we've had our 2 meetings in February at the American Legion in Newport. We've had 1 March meeting at the Moose Lodge in Waldport, and we're going to the Moose again for our 2nd March meeting. Hopefully we'll figure this thing out.

By the time you read this, we will have already celebrated our 21st Anniversary! Congrats to all LC members past and present!

It's SWAP MEET time! Hope to see you there!

Ride Safe!
Shirley

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30 pm)

(Location To Be Arranged)

Newport

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Hub City Chapter

Good Morning all ye merry Hub City chapter members,

This is my first coordinator's comment, hopefully not my last. The reason for this is I felt the need to show my appreciation to all of the people [who] are making our chapter grow with so much vigor.

This last meeting we had a turn out that any other chapter would be hard pressed to duplicate. If you can believe this, we had an attendance that is 71% of our chapter. That is incredible.

Thank you

If we keep having an increase in attendance we are going to have to find a different place to hold our meeting. That would be just too darn bad. I'm sure I could find a place that would fit just fine. It is going to be nice to have to look.

Our Poker Run didn't make it into the newsletter again, for the 2nd time. I don't know what happened I do know however that there have been a lot of changes in our organization this year and it's not like there is nothing else to do. Everyone including myself have been given a lot to do. Some of them are just starting a new position and I think we need to give them a little time to adjust. After all, it's not like there were a whole lot of people stepping up to fill those empty positions.

I would like to express my personal thanks to all of the officers at the state and chapter level. Keep up the good work, people. It might not seem like it but we couldn't do it without you.

By the time you read this the LongJohn Poker Run will be history, along with the Lincoln County

anniversary party. I can say for sure that I had a blast. Sorry you couldn't make it. Maybe next year. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.

It's a good time.

I need to take this time to remind all of us:

May 4th

Capitol building

Front steps.

Salem Oregon.

Please try to make it there, and bring that 2 wheeled thing parked in your garage. [Editor's note — Or that three-wheeled thing under the tarp.]

This is one thing that we can do that doesn't take a lot of time or money that has a very large impact on the way that our politicians view us as a whole. They need to see our numbers and hear what we have to say. *Yes*, it will make a difference.

In closing, (this is where I'm suppose to say something witty or wise) let me see . . .

" Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Be careful this riding season.

It's not fun if you don't live to tell us about it.

Cole Hembree



(Photos by Cherie Hembree)

Chapter Report

Hi all,

Well another S.T.E.A.M. is done and in the books. When Geoff wakes up lets all remember to thank him for an excellent job. We at Hub City had 8 members show up. Good job team! Mel and Iris Yeager showed up but I haven't had a chance to find out if they went to any classes. You know those new kids and their attention span. I find myself with the same problem as last year. I absorbed so much information that the trick is to try retaining it all. Thank God the dedicated instructors had lots of handouts.

Spring is coming so get on that maintenance, we don't want to lose any riders in the middle of the season.

I am very happy to report our humble little chapter is still growing a little each month. But I am even happier to report that the new members who are getting involved are motivated and creating their individual niches faster than I can keep up. Good problem to have eh?

HUB CITY MEETING**TIME(S) and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall

Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Douglas County Chapter



As we enter another month I am again thankful for the small number of responsibilities our chapter has accepted. As a first time Chapter Coordinator I've already seen I've got a lot to learn.

The members who are choosing to get involved are taking care of business as fast as I can keep track of their progress. Thanks for making life easy on me.

I'm looking forward to our first chapter level S.O.S. meeting, now that we have enough members signed onto the planning committee. I wasn't able to make it to the group bike ride we had after the March meeting but we've got more coming.

Untill then, ride safe,

Abe Zaffarano
Douglas County Coordinator.



Douglas County kicks some serious something at Bike games.

Nine Douglas County members attended Willamette Valley's Casino Night on February 23rd. We learned all we could so we can put on our own Casino Night. Wendy and Mike from Willamette told us they would come and help us pull it off too. What great folks from up north there are.

No other really organized events happened in February that I can remember.

The March meeting that we already had was inspiring because more people seemed interested in getting involved. We also had a chapter ride after the meeting. We hope that more will ride with us next meeting.

I'm peronally going down to Southern Oregon chapter's Biker Flick night in March. Of course it depends on what they are showing. I think this could also work up here in Douglas County.

I still like the old B movie exploitation films. Are there other's like me? We'll just have to wait and see. Maybe we should do this at a rally like S.O.S. on a really big screen like a drive-in?

Crazy ideas come from people who ride purple bikes.

See ya

Joe Brumbach
Chapter Secretary.



Mary tries to get some lunch while Rick steers the Cruz Cycle.



Fast Eddie and innocent by-stander.

(Photos by Joe Brumbach)

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
 Round Table Pizza
 Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Columbia River Chapter

Bob Earl and I attended the Democratic Party's State Convention in Beaverton on March 8 -10. As a result, we missed the chapter meeting.

At the convention, after working in the Transportation Committee and Human Rights and Justice Committee, with a great deal of lobbying of the convention delegates, the many A.B.A.T.E. members who attended succeeded first in passing to the floor of the convention recommendations for two of our legislative items and then winning approval from the delegates.

These items were a bill to permit adults to have the right to choose what their own "appropriate safety apparel for transportation use" would be and a bill that would bar public accommodations discrimination in based upon mode of transportation and associated clothing. In other words, we, the riders, and not the government would decide if we wear helmets and leathers or air bags and day-glow colored jackets and that we would not be kicked out of bars, restaurants or motels simply because we rode motorcycles and wore leathers.

As an indication of our strength, no one even questioned the first legislative item when it came to the floor vote and very few as to the second. I overheard a delegate when the first legislative item was being read to the convention that he did not want to mess with the bikers.

During the course of our lobbying efforts, we also received specific support for our legislative aims from a variety of persons running for office. Joseph Novac, a Russian immigrant, and Larry Johnson, two

candidates from Linn County, came to the first Motorcyclist Caucus meeting and spoke to us seeking our support with their election. Both promised to vote for our bills. I encourage A.B.A.T.E. members and their friends to contact these fine gentlemen if you desire more information about their campaigns.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get any sort of positive commitment from Ted Kulongoski who is running for governor, unlike Jim Hill who has repeatedly said that he would sign our bills. We do not yet know what position Bev Stein, the other Democratic candidate for governor, is.

The next step is electing our supporters and then getting our bills passed. All of that takes a great deal of work but if we want our rights, we have to work for them.

I understand that the chapter meeting went well and that, in my absence, Joel, our new state representative, ran the meeting expeditiously. Bill was out of town and could not attend. I also understand that our new meeting place, the U&I on North Interstate Avenue, worked out well for us. Thanks again, to the owners for their hospitality toward us. We look forward to a long and happy stay there.

Our next chapter event is Angie's Run on June 22nd. As usual, we will be starting from the Kenton Club. Details to follow. This run is when we stop to remember one of our most beloved members and to use the opportunity to build our chapter membership. We try to keep this run

simple. Afterwards, we have a picnic in a north Portland park.

Before that run, however, will be the Swap Meet and Fossil. Once again, we need our chapter members to show up, as they have done in the past, to help put on these state events.

Spike

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
Pizza Perfect
6815 NE Killingsworth -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

We had a very good turnout of members this month. It's not often we have a packed room full of members. A new year, new faces and many new ideas.

Central Oregon will have its annual *Roadside Cleanup Day* on May 11th at 10 am with a Bar-B-Q lunch in Sisters City Park afterwards. This is most always a lot of fun besides doing a good deed. Lots of exposure to the public and good food too!

Gunny came to our meeting and explained A.I.M. to all present with many sign-ups to a good thing. He also gave us notice of the new meeting dates for Central Oregon Confederation of Clubs in Bend, Oregon.

Bob Hadley reported that Team Oregon is setting up permanent sites in Bend and Medford, Oregon. We now have 48 members in our chapter, a small number for most chapters, but some of our members travel 50-160 miles to the meetings.

Everyone had a great time, especially Harry who won the 50-50 raffle. He was so happy that he kept \$10 and donated the rest back to the chapter. Many thanks, Harry.

On a final note, Jay stepped down as Chapter Coordinator. Many thanks to this man who has helped greatly to keep our Central Oregon Chapter alive these last several years. A great job done by an outstanding person!

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Abby's Pizza
Redmond

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Our Officers at Work

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes

09 March 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:02 with 12 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the February 9, 2002.

Shirley motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Marty Coon.

Coordinators Comments

Ted said he is getting great help from his Vice Coordinators. Bob Hadley went to a River City meeting and got their minutes, Joe Laurance has been checking in, he has an excellent article in the March newsletter. Jim Niece gave Ted the material for the binders in P.D.F. format. Ted brought the Chapter Notebooks that contained Motion Logs, Sanctioning Forms, Chapter information etc.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Steve Garets of Team Oregon notifying us that the Bend site is ready for the storage container. Ted is going to let them find the best priced one there. The Roseburg site is not yet ready.

Guests

We had several guests from the Southern Oregon area.

**** OFFICERS REPORTS ****

Legislative Director

Rick Maish handed packets that included Oregon Elected Officials, and Primary Election Candidate list. If you would like a map of the districts that is blown up, you can purchase one from the County Elections Office.

BikePAC Representative

Brian Stovall - Brian is at the Greenwood Inn at the Democratic Party of Oregon platform convention. Ted mentioned that they had not yet voted on the helmet repel issue to put on the democratic plank.

Confederation of Clubs Representative:

Ed Vaughn and Wendy are also at the D.P.O. convention but Ed will be going to the Confederation Meeting.

Education Director

Geoff White - Was not present, he was at the D.P.O. convention. If you need information about the M.A.P. classes, call Geoff or Nora.

Education Director II

Nora Rohde couldn't make it, she had surgery.

Membership Secretary

Jill Tracy was not here but sent in her report. Ted said we have gained 280 members in 10 months. Willamette, Southern Oregon and Southeast Portland have all increased their membership almost doubling some of them.

Newsletter Editor

Rot Path sent word that if your chapter meeting falls on the second weekend, he has extended the date for those chapters to turn their information into him till the 12th. Ted also mentioned that a couple of flyers were sent to Rot and he had one day to do them, he managed to get them in the newsletter. Ted said Rot is doing a great job getting everything done early. Ted has 600 overruns available for the Reps to take back

today. Ted will reduce the overruns to 450.

Products

Michelle Hobbs has products for sale today. Also, if your chapter needs any products call or e-mail her and she can bring them to the meeting to be picked up. Also, she has been updating the inventory.

Public Relations

Melinda McCrossen was not here. She is also at the D.P.O. convention.

State Run Coordinator

Rotten Roger said flyers are available for Fossil and the Swap Meet. He is still working on Fossil. Each chapter must provide (2) 5 gal cans of gas (not money), 3 door prizes and (2) large boxes of trash bags. Need a few Emergency Medical Technicians, so if you know someone, ask them if they could help. Signs are being made to post: "No Rock Climbing" due to the near miss last year.

Roger spoke with the liaison for the parade and [is] trying to get them to do the bus thing. He will know more at the next Board Meeting. Jim Niece brought up about the co-ed softball benefit game. This will benefit the High School. Roger said he doesn't have time to pursue this but if someone else wants to they can. Jim wants all to take [the softball information] back to the Chapters and see how many are interested in playing and give him their names at the next Board Meeting.

State Run Coordinator II

Kurt Speas said we need to check with Tina about being an Emergency

Medical Technition. Games for Fossil will be on Saturday and the Bike Show on Sunday.

Treasurer

Wendy Vaughn was at the D.P.O. convention, no report.

Chapter Auditor

Carla Richesin. She has reported to Ted that everything is going well.

Historian

Iris Yeager was at the D.P.O. convention.

Webpage Editor

Maddog was not in attendance. Web Page has been updated.

Vice-Coordinator North

Jim Niece has nothing to report.

Vice-Coordinator South

Joe Laurance was not here, he was attending a C.M.A. function.

Vice-Coordinator East

Bob Hadley couldn't make it.

Sergeant at Arms North

Matt Hobbs had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms South

Cole Hembree reminded all they will need lots of help at Fossil. We have 1,900 members and if 2 or 3 people from each chapter helped, they wouldn't have to put in more than an hour each.

Sergeant at Arms East

Keith Odoms had nothing to report.

Sanctioning Officer

Ron Bloker reported that forms are coming in great. He is still working on the Insurance. Thanks to Roger for getting him some contact numbers from other A.B.A.T.E. groups. Ron has been playing phone tag with these people.

Quartermaster

Chris Anderson was not present but needs all chapters to submit their inventory list.

Committee Reports

1. Run Committee: Rick Maish, Ron Bloker & Michelle Lipchitz. Michelle said that Salem chapter has a stage to sell.

Unfinished Business

1. Fossil Museum Display: Jim Niece said Deb Jones contacted him and has the wording he needed.

2. Planning Session Meeting: Jill needs your "A.B.A.T.E. Wants You" poster contest has been extended till next Board Meeting.

3. Term of Office - Wendy Vaughn not here, this will be tabled till next month.

4. Mentoring - Wendy Vaughn not here, this will be tabled till next month.

5. Annual Meeting - Jim Niece, Brian Stovall and Melinda McCrossen. Will be meeting next month.

6. Strategic Planning Session Brian Stovall was at the D.P.O. convention.

7. S.T.E.A.M. was great, 80+ people attended. Ted also thanked Geoff White and Melinda McCrossen for all the work they did to put on S.T.E.A.M. and for all the presenters. Simon was great and had a great time at the gathering following S.T.E.A.M.

8. Best of the West. Regional Conference, \$100 and your whole chapter can attend. This does not include meals and lodging.

9. American Income Life insurance. Show of hands was unanimous to accept this insurance as a way to help market A.B.A.T.E. and get more for your membership.

10. T-shirt Design for Fossil, three entrees were submitted and the winner is Fran Merilo-Dodd of Southeast Chapter.

New Business

1. Motion made by Michelle Hobbs, seconded [by] Shirley requesting \$400.00 to purchase hats, pins/patches for products inventory. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Ron Bloker, seconded by Cole Hembree to provide \$250 to Lincoln County to purchase trophies and supplies for Fossil bike games. 10 were in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion made by Charlie Hill seconded by Shirley to give State A.B.A.T.E. bucks to those who work at State events such as Fossil, and the Swap Meet to be used to purchase products from the Products Director. Details to be worked out later. 10 were for, motion carried.

4. Changing Name to Chapter Guides instead of Forming a New Chapter.

Announcements

Tom Orsini is running for Josephine County Sheriff. We can't contribute to his campaign due to our by-laws but Bike Pac can.

Lincoln County having 21st Anniversary Party.

Willamette Valley thanked Douglas County for attending their Casino Night.

\$98.20 sold in A.B.A.T.E. products at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White.

Please join me in wishing Nora Rohde wellness and a speedy recovery. Nora has entered the hospital for corrective back surgery. I believe that she went into the process in early March. I apologize, however I do not have all the details on the outcome or the current condition of Nora's physical health. Please accompany me in wishing Nora a successful operation and a swift recovery period. She's a terrific gal and we all hope to see her up and active again very soon. Hopefully I can assist any needs in her absence. Nora assured me that she is looking forward to being able to be back in action as soon as possible.

What a busy time for us motorcyclists here in Oregon. The schools are showing interest in our Motorcycle Awareness Program. The state democratic platform convention is being held to determine what issues will be brought to our politicians and people for examination and action, and we all probably know what is on our agenda in the transportation committee. Freedom of choice in our world is being requested. Preparations are being made for our rally at the state capital for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Everyone remember that May is designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month, and we have the perfect opportunity to be recognized as a valuable and serious part of society. From input that I have received, it appears that some of our riders in the southern regions are getting responses and gearing up to spread motorcycle

awareness in their areas.

This is great news.

We will have a fine opportunity to illustrate to our state and local governments that alternative forms of transportation are a key factor to developing our traveling perspective for the future.

Well done riders!

We will be heard, and we will be recognized as a positive influence for Oregonians as well as other states and nations. Your work has made all this a reality.

If you missed the state platform convention this March, here is a brief rundown on the outcome in the transportation section of the platform where motorcycling is involved:

Topic 1. We support rights of adults, age 21 and over, to choose appropriate safety apparel for transportation use. (We all know what this refers to...right?)

Topic 2. Federal and state initiatives should focus on promoting "safer driving and riding", not "safer crashing".

Topic 9. We support increased funding in order to make driver's education more accessible to initial driver's license applicants.

Topic 11. We support increased alternative transportation safety information in driver's education. (Motorcycles definitely will fall into this structure.)

Topic 13. We support employers providing incentives to encourage the use of alternative transportation. (Public transportation, Bicycles, Motorcycles, etc. could be considered

here.)

(I have only mentioned the topics that seem to have a motorcycling relation. There were 16 points in the entire agenda in total.)

All topics on the transportation agenda were passed with very little opposition.

There was not even any debate on our request for "appropriate apparel choice" issues. (This was a bit of a surprise.) We're on our way folks.

It is now very important to continue the education of our legislature on the issues. There is still much work to be done. I say educate because this is exactly what has to happen with politicians and people that are not motorcycle riders when decisions are to be made for the motorcycling community. We can help them arrive at their decisions through learning and intelligent processing, rather than mere emotional or miscalculated judgments. We like to use the phrase "Education, not Legislation".

Keep this phrase, but maybe consider this idea when dealing with the various individuals that will be deciding on the outcome of our particular requests. We might need to help educate them in order for them to carry out their legislative decisions. This was apparent to me at the state platform convention as I talked with many of the attendees. After discussions and explanations I believe that there were people [who] had a change of perspective regarding our issues. This is probably how it's going to work. We have the responsibility to reach out and assist the public in an educative process in order to ensure that our rights are understood and granted.

Have a great riding Spring, and

become involved in a process that some very dedicated individuals have worked very hard to establish.

Remember that if you wish to be in control of your rights, it occasionally requires a bit of personal labor. If you enjoyed seeing some of the issues on this years legislative agenda, take a minute to express your gratitude to the people that worked hard to ensure their existence. Help to ensure your rights. Ride, educate, assist, vote, get involved, celebrate, and spread the awareness.

We hope to see you well soon, Nora!

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Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



Several of us spent the weekend, or most of it, at the Democratic Party Platform Convention. What does that mean? We sat around discussing, and sometimes arguing, the kind of world we want to live in. What impresses the hundreds of people around us, is that we are not single issue activists. We were able to talk about many more controversial topics. Several people laughed at me because I was really upset about the legislative action plan to put fluoride in the drinking water supply!

On Friday night, we gathered together in the Transportation Committee meeting. The room was packed, unlike the Platform Convention two years ago in Eugene. I will let your BikePAC Representative fill you in on the specifics of the politics, but as far as Public Relations goes, we have really made headway with the public about motorcycles being an essential part of any alternative transportation discussion.

I believe that there has always been an incorrect perception of bicycles and hybrid cars being the only modes of travel which counted. The people we left in the room on Friday, now think of motorcycles when they think of alternative transportation. Now I know some of you think motorcycles are a major form of transportation, but the government and the public think of scooters as an alternative to gas guzzling cars, which they are, and that's a good thing. We were successful in getting our freedom of choice language back into the platform and it was

ranked as the number one transportation priority!

After the committee meeting ended, many of us headed to the Oregon Democratic Motorcyclists' Caucus and BikePAC hospitality suite. You see, the other thing we know about politics now, is that there really is a party in the party. Our hospitality room was hopping and I'd say over half of the conference attendees and a few candidates came on by to have a drink with us. We had a blast. I suggested we throw the couch outside, crank up the tunes, and dance, but I was voted down by the other caucus members. The room was open both Saturday and Friday. We had a gubernatorial candidate, a Multnomah County Sheriff candidate, a reporter from the Portland Tribune, and several labor leaders, stop by to hang out with the bikers. There were young people, old people, people from the country and people from the inner city who came to visit.

That night, and the next day when we were scattered amongst a half dozen other committees, hundreds of people were forced to come to terms with the fact that the motorcycling community is not composed of the lunatic fringe, but rather we are a caring, considerate, and opinionated group of individuals who value their U.S. citizenship. We participated in discussions which set the legislative agenda for the next two years.

Sunday, the final day, was a *long* day.

We had to approve all of the work done in all of the committees, item by item. Before lunch the, "We oppose discrimination in public accommodations based on mode of travel or associated clothing." received a few loud "nay" votes. Imagine that, being a good Democrat and voting out loud, in favor of discrimination. Oh my! But Spike's anti-discrimination language passed with a huge majority vote.

Then, I'm not sure if it was the after lunch slump, the suspension of reading aloud the legislative agenda items (like many of us do with the reading of the minutes at our meetings), or if we truly had won the party over, but there was not a single nay vote when the "We support the rights of adults, age 21 and over, to choose appropriate safety apparel for transportation use." was passed on the floor. We applauded at that point and only then, did I hear a few mumbles about the bikers sneaking one past them. I don't know about you, but I was not looking forward to spending the last half of my life with mandatory helmet laws or the dismal future of mandatory fluorescent orange body suits. Teresa is worth her weight (riding her motorcycle) in gold.

With a few exceptions, it was the same group of bikers who attend their county party meetings and are A.B.A.T.E. officers who made the point that the Democratic Party is our party. We had great statewide representation this time. Thanks to all of the people who gave up a weekend to make a difference. Personally, I can not thank you enough for all of the public relations you did for us.

Finally, (she pulls out the soap box

you all think you escaped), I don't want to hear one more complaint about how bikers are perceived by the media, or about some ignorant letter to an editor which pisses you off, or the fact that some inn keeper in the middle of nowhere refuses to let you sleep in the motel! You deserve the future you help to create. I don't like the fact that I have to put up with all of the same crap, because you are too lazy to write a letter, make a phone call, or stand up and be heard.

I did crank up the tunes on my way to the convention, and sang along with John Mellencamp, at the top of my lungs: "It's what you do, and not what you say. Be a part of the future, or get out of the way."

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Scenes from

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY of OREGON CONVENTION



We should have held the State Board meeting here.



Randy Phipps checks the lists twice.



The usual political suspects.



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Legislative Director



by Rick Maish

Well here we are well into 2002 already.

This will be my first report, what report?

Anyway, I'm Rick Maish, one of the "New" "Old" kids venturing into this party. I'm the State Legislative Director for 2002, Thanks Teresa!! I've been a member of A.B.A.T.E. since late 1995, when we created the Willamette Valley Chapter here in the Eugene / Springfield Area. I've been active with that group ever since. Over the course of the years so far I've been the Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary, State Representative and Chapter Secretary. Currently I am the Chapter Secretary (since 1996) and State Representative since mid 2000.

I'm married to a fine gal Lyn who helps keep me on the right track. We make a Damn Great Team! I retired from Weyerhaeuser (35 years) in 1999 and I'm enjoying every minute of it!

How did I get here, you say?

Well, at the November State Board Meeting, someone (Rotten Roger) made a comment about me being retired, and I'd have lots of time to spend being the Legislative Director. Then Teresa nominated me and here I am writing my first....???

I'm Looking Forward to working with all of you!

One of my 1st duties, is to get to know all of the fellow Legislative Directors at the Chapter Level! Figure out what I should be doing should be next step!

Anyway, I would like to invite all of you or who ever represents that

position in your chapter to the next State Board meeting (March 9th) to get acquainted and kick-off the Political Involvement Team "P.I.T." of which we are all members. At the last A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session, 2001, it was recommended that the Chapter Legislative Directors make up the P.I.T. with me as the Director.

I don't think so!

Director? Me?

How about Coordinator instead!! This will be a "Team" effort, right! It was voted on at one of the fall meetings and accepted by A.B.A.T.E..

Anyway, I don't at this time plan to have any regularly scheduled meetings, maybe quarterly at the most? Or we'll meet as needed? This is something we, as a group can decide on and that may change depending on needs, rather than just scheduling meetings. There's usually enough meetings in our lives as is!! I personally would rather communicate / coordinate as needed over the Internet with e-mail, or by snail mail and phone calls as needed. But I would like all of us to meet and at least get acquainted with each other at the "Next State Board Meeting"!

Hope to see ya there.

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As you all know, this is a non-legislative active year, but we do have a Primary Election May 12th that we need to be informed about, and active in! Then there's next year, and another chance for us to Enhance Our Freedoms!!

One of the 1st items we need to get clear in is Who's Running for What Position / District in our areas.

BikePAC also wants and needs our help with this. It was discussed at the last BikePAC Meeting in Salem and Randy Phipps "BikePAC Legislative Director" is pulling a draft document of questions for each chapter / Legislative Director to work with in their area.

We need to approach each candidate (Do On a Personal Level) and get a feeling with a "One-on-One" conversation whether they support us in resolving our issues / concerns as Motorcyclists. This info. would then be gathered for A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC to share across the state. This needs to be done for both the Primary Election as well the final in November.

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The Governors' race: *Wow* it's like *Who's-Who* here in Oregon. This is who's got their name in the hat as per the Candidate List for the 2002 Primary Election:

- Lee R. Shindler (R)
Albany
(541)-926-2626
- Kevin L. Mannix (R)
Salem
(503)-485-2002
<http://www.mannixforgovernor.org/>
- Caleb Burns, (D)
Portland
(503)-288-4558
- Roger Weidner (R)
Portland
(503)-232-6691
- William Peter Allen (D)
McMinnville
(503)-434-4437
- Juan Carlos Cortes (R)
Salem
(503)-375-9162
- Jada Mae Langloss (R)
Portland
(503)-284-0112

Not yet listed at the State Election Division Candidate List, but shown

to be running elsewhere:

- Jim Hill, (D)
Wilsonville
(503)-625-8795
<http://www.jimhill2002.com/>
- Ted Kulongoski, (D)
Portland
(503)-771-6611
<http://www.jimhill2002.com/>
- Ron Saxton, (R)
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(503)-226-8464
<http://www.saxtonforgovernor.org/>
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(541)-431-3429
<http://www.robertsforgovernor.com/>
- Beverly Stien, (D)
Portland
(503)- 220-0100
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Then there's Bill Sizemore. He's also looking at the Governor's position again. I haven't heard if he has thrown his hat in the ring so far. This {list} will get trimmed down to just a few real candidates as the Primary gets closer and just a couple candidates once the primary is completed
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Another scary note: They've come up with another "Michelin Man Suit". It's being developed by a Company in Italy, Dainese, D-AIR. They say it will be ready to go on the market in 6 months.
"Oh Joy".

It uses an Electronic Control System called S.T.M., short for (Sensing, Triggering and Memory) and is governed by a C.P.U. that monitors data coming from a bunch of sensors and triggers. There's a display that keeps you informed, a Pneumatic System that can inflate in 30 milliseconds.

"Wow".

The thing will protect the rider's upper torso, neck and head.

Now this sounds like something we should all be looking forward to!!!

Remember that Retroreflective Clothing Issue that M.R.F. brought up!

Now Add the "NEW" D-AIR System along with Leg Protection Sidebars, the Full Head Helmet, the Neck Pillow, A Seat Belt and walla, we will never get hurt again. The heck with Education, Defensive riding...we won't need any of that stuff. We'll just wear our protective gear "Michelin Man Suits", then we can ride like a bat out of hell and be *government mandate safe!!!!*

Now I understand why the M.R.F. was so concerned about the hidden phrase in T.R.E.A.D. regarding required equipment like retroreflective clothing.

This information was supplied by the American Motorcycle Network.

For more info, Go to:
www.americanmotor.com
It's a Great Site for Motorcycle News, etc..

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From The
GUNNY'S SACK



During the month of February, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon has an annual training meeting called S.T.E.A.M. (Seminars To Educate And Motivate). I mention it in this issue because this year it was a very special one. We were honored to host **Simon Milward**, the former Secretary General of The Federation of European Motorcyclists Association, F.E.M.A.

Simon, incidently, a long time friend of mine, is on a world tour on a one-cylinder, hand made motorcycle raising funds for two medical charities. One provides motorcycles for getting medical personnel and supplies into remote areas. The other is in support of doctors working in remote areas of the world. All proceeds he raises go directly to these missions. He is bearing *all* his own trip expenses, using his life savings for the adventure. Needless to say, he's quite a guy.

He presented and narrated a pictorial story of the trip so far for us.. He plans to travel South America on the next leg and then on to Africa and home. He's been on the road two years now, and traveled all across Europe, Asia, and up through eastern Russia as well as around the U.S. and into Canada.

We wish him well and hope he manages to limit the falls off his ride for the rest of the trip. From his talk I'd guess he will be known as "Upside Down Simon" after he gets home. Seems he has a problem staying on *top* of the bike a great deal of the time. His presentation made many of us jealous of his adventure and was a real treat.

Away from Simon to remind all you brothers and sisters out there *riding*

time is upon us now, so it's time to get the "Johnnies come lately" among us busy getting the ride and the rider ready for the onslaught of the cages during this riding season. Get the ride tuned, tired, inspected, and ready for the road.

If you haven't taken a riding course in a few years or more, it won't hurt to check one out. What you learn can save your life. I've only been riding a little over fifty years and I find the courses handy for me. A refresher course is cheaper than chrome or a hospital bill.

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NEWS BITS'N PIECES

Bike Seizure in Eugene, Oregon

This is a comfy, liberal college and lumber town two hours south of Portland. So you'd *think* the police were laid back. 'Fraid not. *Every* February, the Free Souls Motorcycle Club has their anniversary party, and nearly every year, the police buzz all over the area, day and night. This year, our Oregon Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney, Sam Hochberg, went down to check it out. He saw more than Eugene cops: There were police from Springfield, Junction City, the Sheriff, the Oregon State Police, and a whole lot of unmarked cars. You'd think the Free Souls were working with Osama bin-goddamned- Laden! I've been to this party too, and have seen the same shameful behavior. So, this year, Sam ran into one small thing that may help turn it around.

A biker (*not* a patch holder) was

leaving the party, and like almost every biker who has to run the police gauntlet, was stopped. Cops looked at his bike, said something about the ID numbers on the bike not "matching." The biker told him *of course* they wouldn't match; it's titled as a *reconstructed* bike – and in Oregon, that means that the D.M.V. inspected it!! Not good enough. The bike was seized.

And not just seized to look at – this happened on Feb. 9th, and at this writing, over a *month* later, the bike is *still* not released. Sam and his new associate, Leah Johnson, put together a "Motion for the Return of Seized Property". It's filed in the Circuit Court for Lane County. Sam says, the burden is on the *cops* to prove a legit reason to hang onto it. We'll keep you posted here in the Sack, as things move along in this case.

State College, Pennsylvania

The A.P. wire tells us this story of a biker, Kevin Dare. This fellow was a natural athlete who loved the thrill of pole vaulting — and of riding his motorcycle more than 100 mph.

This well-loved athlete was mourned recently by fellow athletes. He lost his life

not on a motorcycle but during his track event, the *pole vault*, at the Big Ten men's track and field indoor championships.

He apparently missed his run and fell, landing head first on the steel "box," an 8-inch-deep groove in the mat where vaulters plant the pole to lift themselves off the ground. He was pronounced dead, of head injuries, at the hospital a short time later. I guess y'just never know what's gonna get ya.

Brazil: Whoa!

We've heard about all the millions of bikes built every year in China, but look at what Sam Hochberg, our Oregon A.I.M. attorney dug up on the net:

In a story from South American Business Information, these guys report that from 1993 to 2001, motorcycle sales in Brazil have gone up *tenfold!* Man oh man. And would you believe 90% of the bikes sold there are Hondas?

In 2001 alone there were 692,000 units sold. According to Abraciclo, in 2002 the motorcycle market will reach 780,000 units a year. *Wow!* And I thought China was the growth giant in the world.

Nigeria

Taxi drivers can be a wild bunch. Our Oregon A.I.M. Attorney, Sam Hochberg, used to push those big Checkers around N.Y.C. for some years, back before he got to lawyering. Put a few shots of Tequila in him, and he'll tell you a story or two!

But here's another taxi story from Africa. Seems that the commercial motorcycle taxi operators we've told you about before here in the Sack — the "Okada" guys — went on a riot in Nigeria, over a spat with the police there. It's all really political, but it's of interest to *me* because this is a group of *bikers*, who are their *own*, distinct political force in their country. I'm not endorsing riots, but these folks are people to be reckoned with. Maybe we could take a lesson ?

The police there arrested 168 Okada drivers over their violent demonstrations. They also confiscated 194 motorcycles! It's said the riot was caused by the killing of

an Okada driver by police. (That's not a good reason to be pissed?)

The lesson I see is *don't riot* if ya wanta keep yur scoot and don't piss off Nigerian cops if ya like breathin'.

Hanoi, Vietnam

Reuters tells us about Honda being accused of using too many Chinese parts in a new inexpensive model called The Wave Alpha. It's sold in VietNam to compete with the cheaper Chinese imitation ride. Honda has denied the allegations. The Wave has only about 4% Chinese parts, says Honda. This thing sells for less than \$800.00 American money.

There are more than 8 million motorcycles on the roads of Vietnam and 1.8 million were sold last year alone. Man, that's nearly 3,000 bikes a day.

Samsula, Florida

Mike Schneider of the Associated press comes up with this jewel. It seems there is a couple in this area who love bikers and are nudists as well. They also own several acres of land so they thought a nudist camp-out for bikers on their property would be a good idea.

So, about fifty guests responded to a sign on their fence that said "Private Party, Nudity," and to an ad in the Florida Bikers Digest that said "Camping Party and Adult Biker Games". Do you think bikers responded? You Betcha!

Too bad authorities and neighbors didn't approve. They were told to cease and desist or face a one thousand dollar fine. Cops said it wasn't the nudity but a land use issue.

Hah!

The property owner said all he

wants to do is be able to host his parties during Bike Week and Biketoberfest – Daytona's sister motorcycle event in October – and he doesn't want to give bikers a bad name. He also didn't want the Southern Baptists there to be able to seize on something to get him in trouble, but he said "In their eyes, we're already heathens."

I'd probably go to that party but I think I'd wear clothes to keep from scaring people away.

Gunny Again

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Who's Tat is That?

(Not Gunny's.)



Coordinator's Comments

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can find out what they need to know about ABATE of Oregon.

The Historian job is held by the irresistible and charming Iris Yeager (Hub City). She has a husband (can't think of his name) Some BikePAC Officer, I think. Actually Iris and Mel do a great job of archiving all of the ABATE history.

ABATE of Oregon's representative on the BikePAC Board of Directors is the illustrious Brian Stovall (River City). Brian has been involved with ABATE of Oregon since the beginning. He is well known throughout the country as a champion of motorcycle rights. Brian is joined by the multi-talented Teresa Hepker (River City), in getting the word out about the MRF. Brian has been my Mentor, and also at times my tormentor, but I can't say enough about this fine man.

Melinda McCrossen (SE Portland) is our longtime, beloved, Public Relations Director. She has been involved in motorcycle rights for a long time and is a great asset to this organization, and a fine lady too!

Rotten Roger (NE Portland)öö What can I say! This man has held so many positions for so long I can't even begin to start to list them! Roger has been hard at work for ABATE of Oregon since the beginning, is tireless in keeping things rolling, and has been instrumental in ABATE's success.

Kurt Speas (Lincoln County) is our Run Coordinator II. Kurt works hard

to make sure Fossil goes smoothly, and is one hell of a guy!

The most important State Officers though, are the State Board of Directors. They are the representatives that your chapter sends each month to the State Board Meeting. They are the ones who vote on the motions, they are the ones who form the rules we operate by, and they give up a quarter of their Saturdays each year to represent you and your chapter.

Please take the time to say "thanks" to all the people who volunteer their time to make ABATE of Oregon the great organization that it is.

Ride safe, Ride Free,

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**FLYING OUR FLAG . . .
CORRECTLY**

Too many people are displaying the United States flag incorrectly.

When applying U.S. flag decals to the right side of vehicles, helmets, captured U.F.O.'s, eccetra, remember to use a reversed flag. (With the blue star field in the upper **right** corner instead of the upper left.) The reason for this is that the U.S. flag is supposed to appear to be streaming from a flagpole.

The same guideline is used when sewing patches on clothing. Or getting tats. (Okay, how many bikers have skin art flags going the wrong way? And don't try to claim that you always ride yer scoot backwards.)

-- Rot Path

WORLD BIKER SHOWS MOTORCYCLES WORKING FOR KIDS, HEALTH

Round the world charity biker Simon Milward, emailing today from Los Angeles, shows the awful health condition of fellow human beings on the island of Flores Indonesia. The information is supplied by the Director of Health for All Mr Wili Bala.

Facts like over half the people not having safe water, nearly a third having no access to health services, and nearly a half of children are undernourished makes you think how lucky most of us are. Our initiative on Flores uses a fleet of twelve zero-breakdown Yamahas to alleviate some of this hardship. It is a pilot project for all of Asia, who knows where it might lead.

The other positive aspects of it are that the staff of the project are well trained and experienced in the right field, Mr Bala himself having worked for many years for *Doctors Without Borders*, outreach program.

Transparency and value for money: nobody is getting rich from this, all money raised from kind donators is being spent in the field and the budget and accounts are being made available on the Enet.

Motorcycle image: motorcycles saving lives is great Public Relations for biking.

Gobal recognition for Corporate Donators: this is being read by thousands of people worldwide. The biggest supporter at \$6,000 of this project is A.B.A.T.E. Of Indiana. It's amazing how the biggest donations come from motorcyclists themselves, people helping people.

The big international funders are

staying away.

Well we're not lining anyone's pockets maybe that's why.

Milward continues: "I'm doing another lap of the States. In a few days I'll update you on what's happening recently and my forthcoming schedule. Most of you have helped in some way over the last years. I will be asking for your assistance again, not necessarily directly by cash. I know the U.S. part of the trip is a bit of a break from the adventure of other countries, you,ll just have to bear with me."

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Hi Everyone

I thank these new Corporate Donators from the bottom of my heart:

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- A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
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Austria500Euro (about \$450)

This brings A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's total to nearly \$1,000, which is the fourth largest donation from a Motorcycle Rights Organisation worldwide. The others came from Indiana, Alaska and South Suburban Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

Rotax's is the first donation from Europe since George from Ireland came in with 500 Irish pounds



Simon Milward

about a year ago. (Rotax also pledged parts for an engine rebuild if needed before I head to South America and Africa later in the year.)

Come on Europeans. Get yer money out! We'll give a special mention to the very next donation from Europe OK? We can accept those new Euro things you have too.

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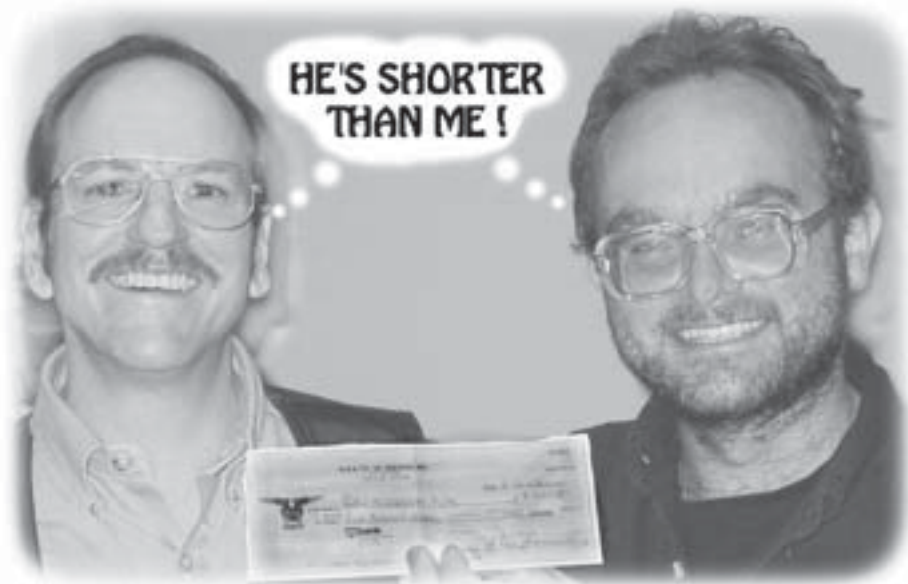
Thanks.

Simon Milward



No, this isn't skin art on Simon.

2002 Millennium Ride Calendar



The S.T.E.A.M. photo you **didn't** see last month.
(Ted Tracy and Simon Milward.)

Summary
27 February 2002

Hello Everyone

I'm putting the important bit first. MillenniumRide Calendar 2002 You and me probably met somewhere along my ride in the U.S.A. Can you organise a date and venue with 30+ people for me to make my presentation to during my second lap of the U.S.? Do you know anyone else who can? Check out the 'Book Me' dates.

Were you expecting to organise something and I haven't contacted you individually? Please ask me.

Do you know anyone who may be willing to host me at Laconia in June?

European organiser for intensive Autumn/Winter 2004 events also required.

April: California —> Iowa
6th—am + pm at Glendale Harley Davidson, 3717 San Fernando Rd, Glendale

11th to April 26th— <BOOKME>
En route from SoCal to Iowa.
Can you host a presentation in Las Vegas or anywhere en route?
26th-28th—Heartland S.T.E.A.M. Seminar, Iowa

May: Illinois —> New York
April 29th to May 3rd— <BOOK ME> Riding to East coast so I can fly back to U.K. for few days or weeks, depending what type of visa arrangements can be made. Can put in several week evening presentations en route in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey or New York.

17th May—Arrive back in U.S.
18th-23rd— <BOOK ME>
Events in Virginias, North

Carolina. Perhaps Murtle Beach in South Carolina. Probably not unless easy to get something organized, no contacts.

24-26th Rolling Thunder Rally & Run to Wall Washington D.C.

26th-31st— <BOOK ME> Virginias, South Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey.

31st—Square Route B.M.W. Rally, Thurmont, Maryland.

June: North East U.S.A.
3-8th—Americade, Lake George NY, tourexp.com

5th—Hudson Valley H.O.G. , NY
9th—Worcester H.O.G., Massachu , ride and presentation, Sheldon's Harley Dealer

10-11th— <BOOK ME> New York, Conn., MA, VT, NH, PA.

12th— Motorcycling Doctors Assn., Lake Placid, New York.

13th- 30th— <BOOK ME> North East U.S.A. all states, possibly South East Canada.

July: Indiana, Illinois, Ohio
<BOOK ME> most of month in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Towards end of month to Minnesota, Iowa.

4-6th South Suburban A.B.A.T.E. Helmet Roast, IL.

19-21st The Boogie, A.B.A.T.E. Indiana

August: Heartland, Mid West & North West

5-11th —Sturgis, South Dakota (fingers crossed for daily presentations!)

<BOOK ME> Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon.

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September: West and South
<BOOK ME> California, possibly
Arizona, NM & Texas. And then,
Mexico! No third lap of the U.S.

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Yesterday the Motorcycle Industry
Council (mic.org) donated \$1,000.
With \$500 from

SanDiegoHarley.com

(who said New York Myke didn't have
a soft heart?!) we've made it to
\$60,000.

Well done everyone.

Most recent donators are choosing
Health for All as their nominated
charity so this means that they are all
helping motorcycles to save lives.
Through associating with the
MillenniumRide they are promoting
global aspects of motorcycling and
transport solutions.

I'm busy contacting members of the
motorcycle industry here in Southern
California, simply because most of
them are based here and fundraising
through presentations doesn't happen
like it does elsewhere. This means
telephone time at Chateau Billy
Gordon and the Blue Rockers band
in Huntington Beach. I am staying
most of the time with Simone and
Renee at Silver Lake, Los Angles. I
had met Simone, an Italian researcher,
riding his B.M.W. in the Yukon, he
was nursing a bent GS after throwing
it down some gravel tracks. We rode
together for a day or so.

Ron Wood Racing, the best known
and one of the biggest dealers of my
604 engine in the USA has been very
helpful. Ron himself is a bit of a
wizard. His Wood Rotax machines
have been winning all the flat track
races in their class for the last 20 years,
and after half an hour with my

carburettor he got it running great.
So for my second lap of the USA my
engine will tickover.

What joy!

It's the simple pleasures in life that
make it all worth it.

Now I seem to have fallen into the
habit of blasting round everywhere
checking that the acceleration is
always just as smooth! Those engines
are brilliant.

Wood Racing also have a stator on
order because mine quit, thankfully
just an hour or so from this place.
Amazing, this is a world tour you
know.

Rotax are being so helpful by
supporting me with parts. They are a
great company.

John, who seems to spend 90% of
his time riding around Southern
California, lent me a Honda 160 for
a day, and I feel really awful because I
seized it up. I'm sorry John. Does this
mean I can't use the B.M.W.?!?

The other day I could have been
stranded in Mexico with a broken
bike in the U.S.A., had life not
conspired to straighten out a couple
of small hick-ups in my itinerary. I
was just a mile from Mexico in
Southern California when the timing
belt broke (my fault) and my engine
died.

I found somewhere safe to park it
and walked to the border to plead my
case for another three months stay in
the good ol' U.S.A. The immigration
official was having none of it saying I
had to return to the U.K. before
coming back to the U.S.

I still had 48 hours, so I figured I'd
try in the morning with different staff
who took a far more humanitarian
approach.

Next time round I may have to fly

back to Blighty for 5 minutes, 5 hours
or 5 days. With the help of a U-haul
one-way truck rental and Ron Wood
Racing in Los Angles my bike was back
on the road.

As I learned much earlier in my trip,
to every problem a solution exists
nearby.

So it's back to fundraising again then.
I forgot where I'd left off in my last e-
mail update, and I can't check because
the Psion crashed and I lost a lot of e-
mail.s (If you are expecting to hear
from me and haven't, please send a
reminder).

Presentations were made at
Monterey H.O.G. (the place reminded
me of Torquay!), the A.M.A. District
17 Banquet in Illinois, a chilly one at
the Zeitgeist, the A.B.A.T.E. Locals 1,
8, 44 and Con.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
S.T.E.A.M. seminar was pure joy, we
raised over \$1,300 from those generous
folks up there and even did a down-
home presentation on the Saturday
night.

The \$1,000 days are really worth
living for and I'm hoping to get back
to Oregon in latish August.

The digital projector donated by
CTX (CTX.intl.com) is working
magnificently. It is small, lunch-box
size in fact. It's light enough to ride
with it slung over my shoulder to cut
out vibration. It works with a range
of laptops, gives crystal clear imaging,
spot-on color reproduction and the
screen projects to an amazing size of
24 feet (or 7 metres) tall.

Hardly believable but true.

I was unaware that projectors could
be so versatile. I can now zoom in to
the rain water cascading off the dome-
shaped Uluru in Australia and the
intricate carved details of Anchor Wat

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Millennium Calandar

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in Cambodia.

Book me for your 1,000 strong audience.

I'm serious, it's that good. The folks at CTX are really nice too.

I spent a week in Silicon Valley where the Works Gallery in San Jose hosted a presentation amid a tattoo art show, thanks to Leigh Weimers at *The Mercury* and Jane of the Quilt Museum and her husband Mark. Silicon Valley is emerging from the economic doldrums so it was hard to find a laptop donator, though Ravee was generous with his \$200 deal on a second hand Toshiba. I am now self-sufficient in the presentation department. Book me, wherever you are.

If you want to see some of the press clippings from my U.S. jaunt so far take a look at **MillenniumRide.com** CEPress,. This shows that millions of Americans and others around the world are being reached by the Millennium Ride. If your corporation wants to reach 50 million people over the coming few years, buy the rights to my massive 11.5 gallon fuel tank for a \$30,000 charitable donation. I can prove it let's talk.

My last update (sorry they are a bit sporadic, but it's only worth reporting news) contained a short report from Wili in Flores. I asked him to send them regularly. It was a bit of a shock to find those statistics, wasn't it? Are we on the same planet?

So you see I haven't been making all this up!

It's nice to know that motorbikes are helping to save the world anyway.

The best time of day to ride round Los Angles is late at night when the freeways are relatively clear. During the

day they are race tracks. I don't see many other bikes out there. It's superbly warm. This must be the best time of year with the scent of fruits and flowers in the air.

Ride Free

Simon Milward
Huntington Beach, California

Donate to *Doctors Without Borders* or *Health for All* at

www.millennium-ride.com

It is secure, you get a special pin, e-mail updates as it happens including South America and Africa (be patient) and you help fellow human beings!

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Today from Huntington Beach world biker Simon Milward publishes the 2002 Millennium Motorcycle Ride calendar. He will ride his handmade motorcycle to events throughout the nation from Los Angeles to the East Coast and back again, before he heads South to Mexico and beyond.

He appeals for assistance from the American motorcycle fraternity to help him fill in gaps in his 'virtual world tour' Powerpoint presentations calendar. If they are within riding distance of his schedule, there is no formal charge and he is self-sufficient in the electronics department (thanks to CTXintl.com).

Check it out and e-mail for more info.

With latest corporate donations, notably from the Motorcycle Industry Council and San Diego Harley Davidson, the total amount raised is \$60,000. Most of this is being spent on the Motorcycles for Flowers

initiative, whereby small motorcycles are being integrated in rural Asian health deliveries on the island of Flores. Yamaha's fleet of twelve cut-price machines along with free Yamaha helmets and jackets for the health workers arrive in March. The remaining is destined for *Doctors Without Borders*.

Corporate support starts at \$200.

WHO'S THIS BIKER?



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Keep reading the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon newsletter this year to find out.

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WEB BROWSER ESPOUSES FREEDOM OF CHOICE

In a venue that measures “hits” instead of Nielson Ratings, Netscape’s Home Page (www.netscape.com) ranks among the most popular sites for web surfers, with lots of news, links, shopping and cool stuff like their Autos Page where internet users can buy and sell new or used vehicles, and even secure financing and insurance.

A recent “Feature Article” on Netscape’s Autos Page gave visitors a refreshing look at personal freedoms in America, with particular attention to seatbelt laws and helmet laws.

Written by Eric Peters, “Seatbelt & Helmet Laws: It’s Your Life” reached out to millions of people with the very same message that bikers rights groups have been trying to purvey to the public, but with the lightning speed of the internet.

The article begins; “Whether it’s prudent to wear a seatbelt or put on a helmet (if you ride motorcycles) is entirely beside the point—at least as regards laws that make the use of these things compulsory.

Of course wearing a seatbelt or a helmet is “safer.” But so is maintaining ideal body weight or exercising regularly. Yet there are no laws (as yet) requiring you to eat your broccoli or do sit-ups every other day. The police do not carry pincers to measure your body fat ratio and have no authority (yet) to give you tickets for exceeding the ‘healthful’ poundage.

Why is that?

After all, if the justification for seatbelt and helmet laws is that they’re for your own good, the same argument can be made about such things as dietary habits and exercise. Ditto other personal choices, such as the type of recreational sports or other activities you may be involved in.

Where do we draw the line—and on what basis?”

Peters continues, “things like seatbelt laws and helmet laws are, in the first place, entirely arbitrary interferences with personal choices, as distinct from behaviors, actions, or conduct that might affect others, which is another matter. Ergo, the state has no justification to intervene. If we’re going to accept as the basis for public policy the idea that it is the duty of government to involve itself in our private choices on the basis of compelling us all to do what’s ‘good’ for us (however that’s defined), then it’s pretty hard to see how to draw any line at all beyond which the self-appointed busybodies and do-gooders who use the force of government as their cudgel may not transgress.”

“I oppose seatbelt laws and helmet laws not because I won’t admit it’s safer to wear a seat belt or a helmet when riding a bike,” says the author, “Rather, I oppose such laws because a very important principle is at stake: That entirely personal choice is none of the government’s business — just as my diet, exercise habits, and other personal choices that may somewhat increase (or decrease) my exposure to risk/danger are likewise none of the government’s business, either. Or yours, for that matter.”

He concludes, “This is why the founders of the American state set forth strict limits on government — precisely enumerating what it could and could not do, and why. What made the United States so unique in world history was that it enshrined in its governing principles the idea that individuals should be left free to live their own lives as they saw fit, free of interference from those who thought they ‘knew better.’ Taking risks (or not) was part of that philosophy. We were a live and let live people -- for a while. Only when an individual’s conduct or actions clearly threatened the safety or well-being of others — and thus became a public matter — did the state have cause to interfere. That distinction is what we’re losing — and it may cost us dearly. Do we want government officials inspecting our cupboards and refrigerators for ‘dangerous’ foods? Or checking our cholesterol and waistlines? No? Then seat belt laws, mandatory helmet regulations, and the like must be rescinded — no matter how much we may instinctively wish to promote our neighbor’s well-being. That’s his business — not yours. Not the government’s. Leave him alone. And hopefully, he’ll return the favor?

Wouldn’t that be nice?”

DAYTONA BIKE WEEK IN REVIEW

Although national headlines from this year’s Bike Week highlighted the fact that nine people died during the 10-day motorcycle festival, insinuating

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that the repeal of Florida's helmet law may have played a part in those deaths, they failed to mention that a record 15 people died during Bike Week 2000, which was the last year under a mandatory helmet law.

Last year, only six people lost their lives in the first Daytona Bike Week without a helmet requirement.

Now in its 61st year, Bike Week draws an estimated 500,000 bikers to Florida for an annual celebration of motorcycles, and along with Biketoberfest, it provides a \$744 million boost to the local economy — almost half the \$1.6 billion impact to the area from all special events.

In other Daytona Beach news, Karl "Big Daddy Rat" Smith died of a heart attack on Monday of Bike Week while making final preparations for that weekend's Rat's Hole Custom Chopper Show, in which he was to receive an award for his contributions to the motorcycle world.

At 74 and despite recent ill health, Smith still was involved in producing the custom-bike shows that brought him international attention. Big Daddy Rat first visited Bike Week in 1963, and started in business on Main Street in a 12-by-16-foot shop aptly named *The Rat's Hole*. His business grew to include seven shops in Daytona Beach and a gift shop in Las Vegas.

NORTH FLORIDA C.O.C. PROTESTS DAYTONA'S "COLORLESS" BARS

Although most of the bars and saloons in Daytona Beach bar bikers from wearing club patches, hundreds of bikers from various motorcycle clubs wore their "colors" for a Saturday afternoon get together during Bike Week at Daytona Nites in Ormond-By-The-Sea to share some conversation, laughter and a few beers.

"It looked like a high school reunion in black leather," noted the local newspaper, The Daytona Beach News-Journal.

For years, even the most biker-friendly bars in town, such as the *Boot Hill Saloon* on Main Street, have not allowed riders to wear anything that represents their membership in a motorcycle club. Even the owners of the *Iron Horse Saloon* and the *Broken Spoke Saloon*, two of the most popular biker bars along U.S. 1, choose to remain colorless.

But this does not suit the North Florida Confederation of Clubs, the organization that sponsored the motorcycle club meeting in Ormond-by-the-Sea.

The group originated in 1999 to serve as a "national voice to protect biker's lifestyles and their right to ride."

In protest against the bars and restaurants that prohibit club colors and insignia, Robert "Smitty" Smith, a longtime member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, president of the club's Daytona Beach chapter and the liaison for the North Florida

Confederation of Clubs, began circulating a petition that decries what the organization calls "blatant discrimination" against bikers who choose to display their club memberships.

"The rights of cyclists have been violated for years," said Smith. "We just want a little freedom."

BANNED BIKES MAY BE BANISHED ABROAD

"Talk about getting rid of a problem. The Baltimore City Council wants to send one of its scourges to another hemisphere," reported The Baltimore Sun newspaper regarding the city council's impending vote on a plan to donate seized dirt bikes to needy groups in Africa or elsewhere out of the country.

"Get them out of Baltimore and send the message that we are not going to tolerate them anymore," said Councilman Melvin L. Stukes, who supports the proposal to ship the bikes abroad, so long as there is no cost to taxpayers. "We want them out of the city, period."

Baltimore outlawed the use of dirt bikes two years ago after two young men died when their bikes slammed into the back of a 10,000-pound delivery truck. Police have estimated that 1,000 such bikes are in the city and have resulted in several deaths. In the past two years, they have seized 119 dirt bikes and 18 unregistered motorcycles.

Two groups based in Africa are interested in taking the dirt bikes off Baltimore's hands. The bikes would

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help people in African countries where roads are not in good condition.

City Council President Sheila Dixon said the council did not want them auctioned off by the Police Department because the bikes could return to city streets.

But Stukes and Dixon were concerned about ensuring the bikes didn't end up in the wrong hands.

"The last headline we want to see is that all ... 75 bikes shipped from Baltimore have ended up in drug lord's hands," Stukes said.

SPEED KILLS: POLICE RELEASE DEAD MOTORCYCLIST'S SPEEDING VIDEO

A self-made video of a British motorcyclist "treating roads as a race track" two weeks before his death has been released by police in England in a bid to cut accidents.

After the 28-year-old motorcyclist died in a collision, police released his video showing him speeding and performing stunts. He would strap a video camera to the front of his machine and tape himself traveling in excess of 100mph, pulling wheelies and overtaking other vehicles on blind bends.

Cornwall Police said: "The whole manner of his riding is dangerous. It is treating roads as a race circuit but unfortunately on the roads you have vehicles coming in the opposite direction. The whole reason for releasing the video is to get the message across that this kind of driving is not clever. It is dangerous and fatal consequences can result."

The dead rider's girlfriend handed the tape over to the police, and made an appeal urging others to slow down in a bid to reduce the number of fatalities involving motorcycles. "I know that superbikes aren't made to go slowly but when they see what happened here I hope that they will think about their speed and slow down. It may save a life."

JAIL FOR BIKE RIDER CAUGHT SPEEDING BY HIS OWN VIDEO

A motorcyclist who made a video recording of himself traveling at more than 160mph has been jailed for 12 months, prosecuted on the strength of his own video after he attached the camera to his 900cc Kawasaki in order to record his exploits.

The 32-year-old U.K. rider was pulled over by officers from the Dyfed Powys Police force, who spotted the video camera and confiscated it.

A Dyfed Powys Police spokeswoman said: "He drove from Church Village near Pontypridd, on to the A470 and down towards Llandovey in mid Wales on the A40. He was stopped by officers, who took the camera away. The video showed the camera pointing out over the handlebars and you can see the speedometer. His speeds regularly topped 150mph." The spokeswoman said the motorcyclist had attached a hydraulic device to his number plate to flick the plate away to stop police recording his registration.

In addition to a year in jail, the speeding film star is banned from driving for three years and was

ordered to take an extended driving test.

WEIRD NEWS OF THE MONTH: BIKER ATTACKED FOR "RIDING TOO SLOWLY"

On the other end of the speed spectrum comes this news story of a Malaysian man who was reportedly beaten up because he was riding his motorbike too slowly.

The 52-year-old was assaulted in Penang by 20 men. He was on his way home to take his family out when he was attacked. According to *The Straits Times*, the Sun newspaper said he was riding his motorcycle when a car blocked his path. Three men got out of the car and told him off. They then grabbed the keys to his bike. One of them called his friends using a mobile phone and 15 men armed with sticks and knives turned up and attacked the motorcyclist. They fled when other motorists intervened.

Quotable Quote:

"The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it. Ignorance may deride it. But in the end, there it is."

--Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

British Prime Minister

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A.M.A. OPPOSES EFFORTS TO CHANGE ANTI-LOBBYING LAW

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) opposes efforts to change a law that bars federal employees from lobbying states for mandatory helmet laws or other traffic-related legislation.

The National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives (N.A.G.H.S.R.), a national group that represents the highway safety offices of most states, wants to repeal provisions in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (T.E.A.-21) that bar federally funded employees from lobbying state legislatures. T.E.A.-21 is being considered by Congress for reauthorization.

Several years ago federal bureaucrats were traveling to state legislatures to testify in support of mandatory helmet laws and against repealing the laws, raising the ire of motorcyclists and prompting Congress to act to ensure such decisions are left up to the states.

"Motorcyclists fought long and hard to get this anti-lobbying language written into law when the Transportation Equity Act was approved by Congress in 1998," said Sean Maher, A.M.A. director of state affairs. "Whether it involves lobbying legislatures to enact mandatory helmet laws, or to crack down on cell phone use by car drivers, we oppose it. We don't believe that our federal tax dollars should be used by federal bureaucrats, or federally funded state workers, to lobby, period.

"That money was earmarked for highway safety initiatives and should be used for those safety programs, not for lobbying," Maher said.

N.A.G.H.S.R. members are appointed by state governors to administer federal and state highway safety funds and to implement state highway safety plans.

Maher wants motorcyclists to write to their state governors to let them know that N.A.G.H.S.R. is trying to change the lobbying language in T.E.A.-21, which would lead to more federal involvement in state legislative processes.

"Motorcyclists can write letters on their own, or go to the A.M.A. website at:

www.A.M.A.Directlink.com

to get a pre-written letter," Maher said. "Just click on the *Protecting Your Right to Ride* icon on the left, then click on *State Watch*' and then click on your state. You can print out the letter and mail it, or send it by e-mail.

A.M.A. PICKS UP MORE SUPPORT IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST APPAREL REGULATION

Pickerington, Ohio — Another congressman has added his voice to those of motorcyclists who fear the federal government plans to over-regulate motorcycle apparel, the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) reports.

U.S. Rep. Jim Shimkus (R-Ill.) expressed his concerns to Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration (N.H.T.S.A.), during a hearing of the U.S. House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee on February 28.

The federal government is considering a proposal to require motorcycle apparel manufacturers to report clothing defects to the N.H.T.S.A.. The proposal is included in the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation (T.R.E.A.D.) Act.

Shimkus said after the hearing that he is concerned "that the proposal is extending the intent of Congress too far. I do not believe we ever intended motorcycle apparel to come under the scrutiny of reporting defective tires or studying child safety seats."

Shimkus has been working on the issue with the A.M.A. and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois.

His comments came less than three weeks after U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-Idaho) expressed similar concerns to Runge in a hearing of the U.S. House Highways and Transit Subcommittee. Otter became aware of the issue through letters from the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety and the A.M.A..

The proposal is part of a package the federal government has drafted that would, if approved by Congress, require motor vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers to report customer satisfaction and other information to the federal government to help the N.H.T.S.A. identify defects related to motor vehicle safety.

The A.M.A. had previously told N.H.T.S.A. officials that including motorcycle rider apparel in the

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reporting requirements appears to go beyond what Congress intended in approving the T.R.E.A.D. Act, and that such a requirement appears to be "impractical and unworkable." Although the A.M.A. supports improvements in rider-safety apparel, the Association notes that bringing federal bureaucracy into the marketplace could cripple an industry that has, on its own, made tremendous advances stretching back several decades.

A.M.A. BACKS FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PUBLIC LAND

Pickerington, Ohio—The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) has endorsed legislation in Congress to get tough with anyone who "willfully and knowingly" damages federal land. The A.M.A. sees the measure as a workable alternative to a similar bill introduced earlier that targeted only motorized recreation.

Under the new proposal, introduced by U.S. Rep. Scott McInnis (R-Colo.), stiff penalties would be imposed for anyone, not just motorized vehicle users, who intentionally damages land controlled by the U.S. Forest Service, the federal Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.), or the National Park Service.

Currently, those agencies impose different penalties. Under this new proposal, the penalties would be consistent among the three agencies.

"This legislation is directed at those who 'willfully and knowingly' violate the laws governing our public lands.

Too often responsible riders are denied access to riding areas because of the actions of a few," said Patrick Holz, legislative assistant in the A.M.A.'s Washington, D.C., office. "The agencies use the lack of tough penalties as an excuse to shut down areas to riding. This legislation will allow our federal agencies to punish those who break the law and leave the rest of us to enjoy our riding areas."

The A.M.A. supports responsible riding on public land and believes that those who intentionally damage land should be punished, whether they're motorized vehicle users, horse riders, campers or whoever. The A.M.A. decided to endorse the McInnis legislation, in part, because another measure now being considered in Congress, *H.R. 1382*, commonly called "*ROVER*", targets only motorized vehicle users, and doesn't provide for consistent penalties among the three federal land agencies.

The McInnis resolution *H.R. 3808*, *The Consistent Public Land Laws Enforcement Act of 2002* creates a consistent stiff penalty for all three land agencies for anyone who intentionally damages public land. Penalties for those who venture off trails unintentionally remain unchanged.

The fine money would be used to cover the cost of any improvement, protection, or rehabilitation of public lands as a result of the offense that led to the fine.

"This legislation creates much needed uniformity in federal law and sends a tough but fair message to anyone engaging in illegal activities that harm our federal lands," said

McInnis, who is chairman of the U.S. House Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health. "This underscores my deeply held belief that individuals and groups have the right to use but not abuse our public lands and natural treasures."

The legislation also has the backing of other outdoor recreational organizations including Americans for Responsible Recreation (A.R.R.A.), which represents the A.M.A., Motorcycle Industry Council, the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, and the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization. Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members. For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com



(Photo by Cherie Hembree)

Don't worry -- he's mostly 'armless.

MOVING FORWARD — THE NEED TO BE AWARE !

“One step at a time”, as the ole saying goes, and it seems to work as running headfirst into things usually finds one either on the floor or standing in line wondering what happening.

It’s been another banner year for the Motorcycling community throughout the world as well as the good ole U.S.A. With few exceptions, State by State, Laws have been either modified, enacted, or repealed or introduced by active Motorcycle Right Organizations, driven by the desire of their Members. Some have been successful with Helmet Law modification, others have had Insurance Laws changed, Handle Bar heights have been modified or removed from the books, Equal access Legislation has been introduced in various States with different results, making the statement loud and clear,

Quitting is not an option, nor will it ever be !

One thing that is certain and keeps this “ *Freedom Fighter*” proud to be associated with the Motorcycle Rights Movement. Bikers have recognized long ago their *Destiny*, that being the Bearing of the Torch, so to speak, those individuals who understand that the rest of Society depends on us to keep the “*Spirit of Freedom*” alive and We must continue on our quest to “ *Pursue Liberty*” to the best of our ability.

I have been very fortunate in my association with N.C.O.M., to travel, to visit many States, visit many Legislatures and the story is always the same: **Bikers are a very well respected Lobbying group, who have learned very well the rules and have entered their Capitols with Respect and Dignity**, and in turn have earned the

Respect of those Elected Officials who we must convince that we are right.

As we look back on this past year and the assault of Sept. 11th, we are outraged and hopeful that more American Citizens will see the light, I’ve talked in the past of how important it is to “ Be Involved” in Your Government, and now it is even more important than ever. Those same Elected Officials and Government Agencies, who think they know what is best for you and I, will take advantage to seize every opportunity to put more restrictions on our lives, what’s the answer ? **INVOLVEMENT !**

The President signed into Law, several Acts after the Sept. 11th. Attack, and with the signing of that document, Law Enforcement has more ability to invade your privacy, seize your property, arrest, fine, and incarcerate you, from wire taps to guilt by association, our Freedoms are under assault.

Participation and Involvement , that’s the answer!

Please get involved in Your Government

Or

Your Government will get involved with YOU !!

Respectfully,

Butch Harbaugh

N.C.O.M. L.T.F. Chairman

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More Food for thought !

More over-40 Motorcyclists die in crashes

From the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety:

1. The number of deaths among riders over age 40 has jumped 150% since 1990.

2. Riders over the age of 40 accounted for 40% of all fatalities in 2000, up from 14% in 1990

3. Harley Davidson says that in 2000, the median age of Harley buyers was 45 yrs

4. Steve Phiel, director of corporate communication for Harley, says it isn’t the age that’s causing the increase in fatalities for the over 40 group, it’s the lack of experience.

5. About 92% of Bikers involved in accidents in 1999 were self taught or learned riding from someone else

In October 2000. actress, Lauren Hutton, 57, shattered her forearm and lower leg when she lost control of her motorcycle on a *gravel road* supposedly doing 110 mph (I wonder who was riding beside her to verify speed. She skidded on her face and chest (**ouch !**) She was in a coma for more than two weeks and now has a titanium rod in her leg (a certain problem at an airport) and 16 screws in her arm, pretty amazing story

But ya know what, *She’s Riding again....*Way to go girl

There’s a lesson to be learned from all this ! It’s time to start “ **PREACHING to the Choir again”**

Motorcycle Education does work

Motorcyclists who want Freedom, to exercise personal choice when it comes to Safety gear are going to have to work extra hard to explain the above facts.

You can be sure that our adversaries will take the opportunity to let the Elected Officials know.

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

The joke's on us y'all,



Or at least on Rot Path. Seems that wasn't Carla's photo filling up some white space in the last issue, but Nora Rohde. (Which her spousal-unit, Tim of Southern Oregon Chapter, took great delight in pointing out in a phone message.) It's probably a bit too late to claim that it was a pre-April Fool prank.

Ah well, maybe y'all will have forgotten by next year.

Earlier this year yer crusty ol' editor, in his civilian disguise as an access television engineering technician, had the opportunity to observe up close (but not too personal) a member of a city police department revealing the mindset many of them carry out onto our streets. (He also wanted us to install buzzer gates so people couldn't get in as easily, which kinda defeats the whole concept of "access television".)

The occasion was a Risk Assessment briefing at work. After listening for awhile, Rot Path's alter ego couldn't help feeling a bit wary of and a bit sorry for those uniformed folks who feel the need to "treat everyone with suspicion."

What paranoid lives they must live.

They are also trained to treat people "with more respect than they deserve".

Just a tick.

This ain't the Middle Ages. (Though the class struggles continue.)

All people deserve a measure of respect, even if you disagree with them fundamentally. If you go around just pretending to respect people, it's not gonna ring true. Folks now days may be numbed by commercial movie and network conditioning, but eventually they can still detect a lack of sincerity. It's a form of emotional lying. After that, trust fails.

Then there is the matter of "good cop, bad cop".

If there is one thing that makes Rot Path's hair go greyer, it's deceit. And this

"Risk Assessment" speaker seemed almost proud of the practice whereby one policeman will be abusive while another will make excuses for his comrade's behavior in an attempt to win the confidence, trust, and ultimately the cooperation of the subject under their control.

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."

-- Algernon Charles Swinburne

This attitude of "deceiving into trust" can be practiced by single officers in daily public contact. In retrospect, Rot Path has felt betrayed by the apparent friendliness of police officers, only to realize later that they were probing mistrustfully for illegal behavior while wearing a smile.

It makes ya feel kind dirty to have someone pull a trick like that on you.

Many police devices proclaim their goal is to "Serve and Protect." In practice, the unwritten individual mission is often to "Harass and Degrade."

Now don't go gettin' the idea that Rot Path is a two-wheeled cop-hater. (He ain't had the provocations that some of our sisters and brothers have had.) There's bound to be people in the police forces who can no longer separate their personal

beliefs from their professional responsibilities. (They're found everywhere, from state government to our own group.) However, they may not truly represent their agency.

If we judge entire police agencies by the actions of a few officers, then we are as guilty as uneducated members of the public who judge bikers by mass media stereotypes.

Those of you with military experience know that certain attitudes must be adopted in order to survive in the military environment. Some folks embrace those outside attitudes; others remain true to their own core value beliefs. It's probably similar for members of the police fraternity. Which means that there are members of the police forces who genuinely care about protecting the public from harm. In that, we share a common goal.

The upshot of all this is this: be respectively wary in yer trust of police officers.

-- Rot Path



Rot Path in an earlier life at Portland Airport in the early 1980's. Note the "RP" squadron designation on the tail. Could it have been foretelling the future identity of yer crusty ol' editor?

(Photo by Connie Henderson.)

"Jail is a very blunt instrument with which to instill respect for the law."
-- North of 60

2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

April 6 th	April Fools Poker Run	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 7 th	Motorcycle Swap Meet	(503)-391-7900 (Hillsboro)
April 14 th	Southern Oregon 300	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 21 st	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329 (Portland)
April 21 st	Spring Poker Run	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 27 th	Cherry Festival/Poker Run	(541)-298-5746 (The Dalles)
April 28 th	Southern Oregon 350	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 28 th	True Apostle Swap Meet	
May 4 th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally STATE CAPITOL	
May 4 th	Idaho A.B.A.T.E. Awareness Rally	(208)-245-2320 (Coeur d'Alene)
May 4 th - 5 th	China Hat Desert Run	LOBOS
May 11 th	Oregon 500	(503)-641-4734 (Medford)
May 10 th - 12 th	Pony Mall Show	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
May 12 th	Southern Oregon 500	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
May 17 th	Open HOG Brown Bag	(503)-335-3686
May 18 th	Washington County Poker Night	(503)-646-2060
May 18 th	Rhody Fest Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
May 19 th	Simple Simon Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
May 24 th -27 th	FOSSIL Campout	(503)-285-4329 (Portland)
May 31-June2 nd	Idaho A.B.A.T.E. Spring Opener	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
June 1 st - 2 nd	Western States 1000	(503)-641-4734
Jne 7 th - 9 th	M.R.F. Best of the West	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
June 8 th	Sotheast Portland Poker Run	(503)-760-9015 (Portland)
June 8 th	TeePee Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
June 8 th	Starlight Tour	(503)-774-5149
June 9 th	Gay 90's Parade	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
June 15 th	BikePAC PLANNING SESSION	(503)-351-8193
June 17 th - 16 th	Washington Spring Opener	(253)-473-2276
June 22 nd	Angie's Run Columbia River	(503)-282-4604



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June 29 th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	(Astoria)
July 4 th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
July 13 th - 14 th	Black Dog Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
July 14 th	Salem HOG Poker Run	(503)-390-1589
July 19 th -21 st	Coos River Run	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
July 19 th -21 st	Cow Chip Boogie	(360)-577-7905
July 19 th -21 st	Idaho A.B.A.T.E. Ladies Run	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
July 21 st	Rose City HOG Poker Run	
July 26 th - 28 th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	(503)-760-9015
July 26 th - 28 th	Ocean Shores Rally	
August 9 th - 11 th	Beaver Creek Lincoln Co	(541)-563-6526
August 11 th	Applegate Poker Run	(503)-393-2834
August 11 th	Mt. Scott Road Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
August 16 th - 18 th	Summer Run Portland Chapters	(503)-760-9015
August 16 th - 18 th	Oregon State HOG Rally	
August 18 th	Dual Sport	(503)-670-9060
August 23 rd - 25 th	SOS Run So. Oregon Chapters	(541)-821-1487
August 23 rd - 25 th	O.V.M.A. Run	
August 31 st	Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
Aug 31 st - Sept 2 nd	Idaho A.B.A.T.E. Friendship Run	(208)-245-2320 (Idaho)
September 1 st	Sunset HOG Poker Run	
September 14 th - 15 th	AHDRA ALL HARLEY DRAGS Woodburn	
September 20 th -22 nd	End of Summer Run Wa Co/ N. Coast	(503)-861-1703
???????	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329
September 28 th	All Portland Chapter Picnic	(503)-760-9015
October 6 th	Grand Prix Washugal	(503)-254-9928
October 19 th	Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter	(541)-746-7837 Rick
November 3 rd	AMA run sanctioning meeting	(503)-538-0979
November 10 th	Millican Desert Run	
November 16 th	Wash. County Chapter Toy Run	(503)-357-1727
November 17 th	South Coast Food Drive	(503)-759-2388 (South Coast)
Nov 29 th - Dec 1 st	International Motorcycle Show	
December 7 th	Shriner's Toy Run	(503)-771-0188

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(JOKER POKER DOUBLE DECK)

April 6, 2002

Sign up 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

Run starts at Hot Bikes

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Central Point, Oregon 97502

**Validation to draw a card at each stop
All Cards drawn at last stop from double
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\$5.00 PER HAND

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Hillsboro, Oregon

Motorcycle

Swap Meet

Sunday

April 7th, 2002

9:00am - 4:00pm

Washington County Fair Complex

Located off Cornell Road across from the Airport
(exit 61 off Hwy.26) **OLD D.J.'S LOCATION**

Admission \$5

Children under 12 free

FREE PARKING

Information:

Call Wes: 503-391-7900

Email Marla: mcycleswapmeet@aol.com



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SECOND ANNUAL

SPRING POKER RUN

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AT D&S HARLEY DAVIDSON

3846 S Pacific Hwy

Phoenix, Oregon 97501

\$5.00 PER HAND

PLUS

Mileage Guess and 50/50 raffle

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event
10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, April 21, 2002

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$675!*

Swap Meet parking available on site
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only

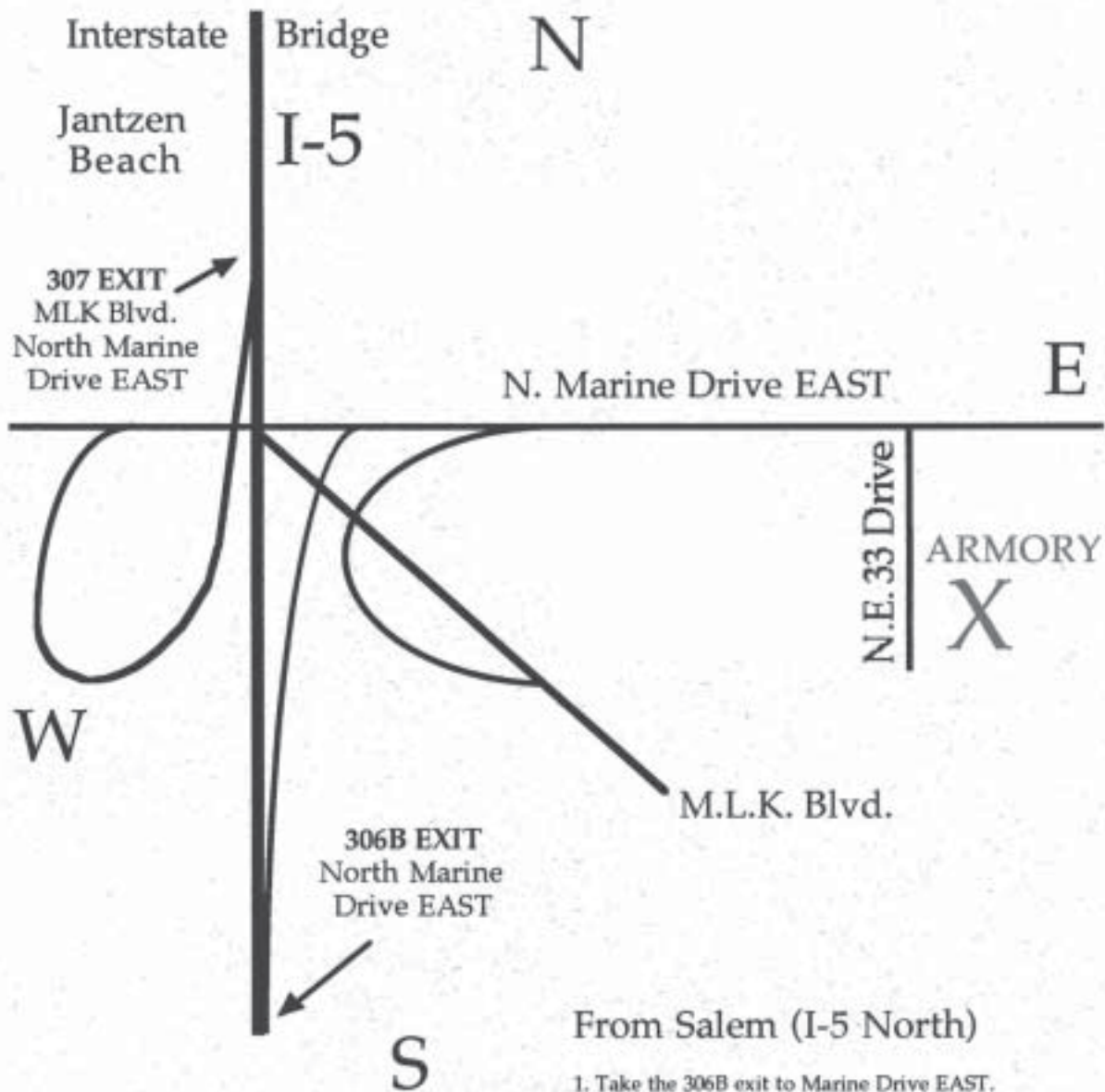
NO pets of any kind allowed

For Swap Meet Vendor Information Call:
Rotten Roger 503-285-4329

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From Seattle (I-5 South)

1. Take the 307 exit to Marine Drive EAST.
(After going over the I-5 overpass, Marine Drive EAST goes under M. L. King Blvd. and follow the signs.)
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
3. First building on the left.

From Salem (I-5 North)

1. Take the 306B exit to Marine Drive EAST.
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
- 3 First building on the left.

From I-84

1. Take Marine Drive exit and go until you come to N.E. 33rd Drive and make a left turn.
2. First building on the left.



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RIVER CITY CHAPTER



CHERRY FESTIVAL POKER RUN



Saturday, April 27, 2002

**Wahtonka High School
3601 West 10th Street
The Dalles, Oregon**

ALL RIDERS WELCOME

ALL BIKES WELCOME

Sign in and Lunch will start at 11:30 am
after the Cherry Festival Teddy Bear
Parade

Last rider out by 1 pm

Fee \$20 which includes one lunch and
one poker hand

Extra meal \$5.00

Additional hands \$5.00 each

Pay for highest and lowest hands
Door Prizes



**Pre Registration is encouraged by
contacting**

Delbert or Joy at 541.298.5746

or Lynne at glk@gorge.net

or mailing a check to:

River City ABATE

PO Box 1422

The Dalles, Or. 97058

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For information please call

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Sorry, no dogs, firearms, or alcohol

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY

**On May 4th, 2002
BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.**

**Invites you and your organization
to come to**

**The Oregon State Capitol Building
Front steps, Salem, Oregon**

**To participate in a public event dedicated to lowering the
accident/death rate of people who will ride motorcycles
on the roads of Oregon this summer.**

**The event starts at NOON and will end at about 2:00PM.
There will be several guests invited to speak on the matter of
motorcycle training and safety-related issues.**

Participation is needed from the public as well as from those who
ride motorcycles. There is no charge for attending this event.



for more information see our website at www.Bikepac.org.
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RIDE IN BIKE SHOW

MAY 5th , 2002

PROVOLT SWAP MEET

TO ENTER YOU MUST RIDE FROM A
ENTRY SIGN UP POINT AT

Talent, Medford, or Grants Pass, Oregon

Wal-Mart parking lot

10:00 A.M.-11:00A.M.

ONLY RIDDEN BIKES IN SHOW
NO TRAILER QUEENS ALLOWED

Bike Show Entry Fee \$3.00

Includes entry to swap meet

Purchase entry from Southern Oregon Abate Officer at Wal-Mart Parking Lot

WINNING AWARDS AT 4:00 p.m.

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May 11th and 12th 2002

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" The Many Faces of Motorcycling "

All types of motorcycles on display:

- Off-road
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Special exhibits by:

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10:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sunday

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POKER RUN

May 18th 2002

Destination Harley-Davidson

10770 SW Cascade Blvd, Beaverton

Sign-In at 10:00 AM



50/50 Drawing

Door Prize

Refreshments

Lots of Fun!!!!

POKER RUN DEPARTS AT 11:00

Need more information??

Ed Vaughn 503-646-2060

Gary Watson 503-620-3103

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RHODY POKER RUN 2002 SATURDAY MAY 18



Start At Any Point In The Ride



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Greg Coen Motor Co.
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9:00am to 11:00am
Yukon Jacks
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10:00am to 12:00pm
Notl Pub
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11:00am to 1:00pm
Frank's Place
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Last Stop Beachcomber, Florence

12 Noon to 2 pm

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

HAS ANYBODY SEEN THE M.R.F. WEBSITE?



When was the last time you took a good look at the M.R.F. website? You know, www.mrf.org? It was probably quite a while ago. And it probably hadn't changed much since the last time you saw it. Or the time before that. Or the time before that. It was a beautiful website when it was created, but it hadn't been maintained in a very long time and had lots of "under construction" and "coming soon" references, tons of outdated material, and dozens of links that didn't function properly.

Well guess what? That M.R.F. website is gone! It hasn't been seen for months! Don't be alarmed, you can still find the M.R.F.'s website at:

www.mrf.org

However, we moved the site to a new Internet Service Provider in Toronto called Binary Blocks. (The owner is a biker who says he loves to take trips from Canada to the U.S. so he can ride without a helmet!) Then Teri Stobbs, the new M.R.F. Director of Communications, set out to learn some basic webmaster skills and began making revisions. She has proven to be the perfect volunteer for this task with her newly-developed web page maintenance skills, M.R.F. knowledge base, and available resources, and she has been working diligently to either change or update almost every page on the M.R.F. website in the past couple of months.

One of the Mission Goals of the M.R.F. is to, "Maintain and improve our capability to be the national information center for motorcyclists'

rights information," and we are making great strides in that direction with the changes we have made to our website. Two of the most exciting additions in the Publications section are the White Papers Articles and M.R.F. Reports. These publications provide a wonderful history and background of our issues that is invaluable to the motorcyclists' rights movement worldwide. In fact, you can now view not only archived issues of the M.R.F. Reports online, but also the entire current issue instead of just selected articles. The M.R.F.'s recently-submitted transportation research proposals are now also listed under Publications.

Along those same lines, the M.R.F. Alerts section has been revised and updated, and the M.R.F. Leaders' Reports are now being posted as well.

In addition, we have completely revised and reorganized the Legislative and Research Sites page, where you can now find links to the websites for numerous government agencies and organizations such as the White House, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Environmental Protection Agency, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Health and Human Services, and Department of Transportation. Another exciting change is that the general links have been updated.

There you can access websites for S.M.R.O.s and motorcycle-related organizations around the world. We have also added a page where the M.R.F.'s Sustaining Member

Organizations are listed and linked to their websites, where possible.

We have updated the Events and Conferences pages as well, and you can now access the poster and registration information for the B.E.A.S.T. of the East 2002. Please visit the M.R.F. website and register on-line for this very informative M.R.F.-sponsored regional conference. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand not only your knowledge base for motorcycling issues, but also to stuff your address book and create new memories with your motorcycling brothers and sisters! The posters and registration information for the BEST of the West 2002 and the 18th Annual Meeting of the Minds will be posted later this week.

To date, we have also made changes to the following pages on the M.R.F. website: Navigation Bar, Home Page, History, Legislative Agenda, Officers/Directors, M.R.F. PAC, Join the M.R.F., Position Papers, and the State Reps page. In fact, there's really not much left to change at this point except for the Products Store, which will be developed gradually in the coming months. We plan to post a printable products page in the initial stages, offering a small selection of M.R.F. products, and work our way up to a full shopping cart products store that includes all of the M.R.F. products in the future.

Teri Stobbs and the M.R.F. would like to take this opportunity to thank several individuals without whose

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assistance all of the changes to our website would not have been possible.

First, M.R.F. Vice President-Government Relations Tom Wyld, for consistently providing valuable information to our membership to help us protect our rights, and for providing equally valuable input into many of the revisions that have been made so far. Teresa Hepker in Oregon, who is the editor of both the M.R.F. Reports and the M.R.F. White Papers, for tirelessly converting all those documents to pdf format so they could be included on-line. Beverly Waters for helping maintain the Sustaining Member Organizations page accurately and assisting in the revision of the "Join the M.R.F." pages. J.D. DePaolantonio in Arizona for helping convert many of the new pages to HTML code, as well as setting up and correcting hundreds of links. And speaking of links, there is no way we could have updated ours so quickly without the assistance of Charm Bolgrean and Becky Hasslen in Minnesota, who went through our site and manually checked every single link, identifying the ones that weren't functioning properly so that they could be fixed or removed. Chris Maurich, who has been maintaining the State Reps pages for the past couple of months. Exographics, who created the M.R.F. website, has been tirelessly giving advice and guidance while Teri is learning how to make the necessary revisions. In addition, the M.R.F. President Tom Pauley and the entire M.R.F. Board of Directors have been very supportive throughout this

project, and have provided valuable input.

Most of all, we'd like to thank Charlie Williams, former M.R.F. Director of Communications, for his tireless efforts to keep all of us informed for many years. Hats off to Charlie for his willingness to continue sending M.R.F. E-Mail Alerts and Leaders' Reports, as well as maintaining the e-mail alert list and all of the other multitudes of functions that he performed, in order to give Teri time to make the necessary changes on the M.R.F. website.

Charlie had the following comments about the transition. "I was able to keep the rest of the M.R.F. communications functioning for the past few months so that Teri would have time to focus on making the necessary changes to our site. But having served as M.R.F. Director of Communications for six years, I am ready to move on to other adventures!

The primary responsibility of such a position, however, is to place it in good hands when that time comes.

As anyone in the M.R.O. [Motorcycle Rights Organization] movement knows well, finding people with the necessary skills, the dedication, and the resources (like time) can be a difficult task. We have done well with the selection of Teri Stobbs, and now that I have officially "retired" and am no longer actively involved with M.R.F. communications, she is deserving of the same high level of support of the membership that I have enjoyed over the last six years."

So, if you *haven't* visited the M.R.F. website lately, see if you can find it again.

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We'll bet you won't even recognize it! And if you *have* visited the M.R.F. website lately, keep going back regularly to check for further updates.

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LIFTING THE LID ON N.H.T.S.A. LOBBYING?



This week, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois sent its first team of the year to DC.

Timely! As Congress begins the long process of reauthorizing T.E.A.-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century), trial balloons are up all over Capitol Hill, and they aren't all pretty.

Among the rumors: repealing the law *you* fought for that prohibits the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) from lobbying *your* state legislature. One Congressman also told us he wouldn't be surprised to see an effort to restore blackmailing states that dare tell the Feds to mind their own business and tell adults to make their own choices on helmet use. Our R.A.D.A.R.'s cranked out long and wide. Pass the word. Stay tuned.

MORE ON ILLINOIS

Team Leader Cheryl Pearre brought three A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois members for this Capitol Hill experience - Pamela Bannas, John Caron and Neal Toepfer - for meetings with key staff for House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL), Congressman Lane Evans (D-IL) and Congressman Ray LaHood (R-IL), all MRF champions of motorcyclists' rights and safety. We also had *long* personal meetings with champions Congressman Jerry Costello (D-IL) and Congressman Don Manzullo (R-IL). With Congressman Costello on House Transportation and Congressman Manzullo chairing the Small Business Committee, these champions are offering help and guidance that will be

indispensable in the months ahead.

HINTS FROM THE ILLINOIS PLAYBOOK

First, Cheryl kept the pace moving, in part because A.B.A.T.E.'s Mike May served as "anchor" back in Illinois to work the phones. Thanks to Mike, we were welcomed by champion Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL) for a practically-no-notice visit before the Congressman made comments, in concert with the American Motorcyclist Association, critical of N.H.T.S.A.'s bid to control motorcycle rider apparel. *Second*, every governor has an office in D.C., and Illinois always visit theirs. Well worth considering by other states visiting D.C., particularly now that T.E.A.-21 reauthorization balloons are flying.

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With A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska making progress on adult choice, "Breeze" of A.B.A.T.E. asked us to critique anti-motorcyclists' rights propaganda from the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety and the Annals of Emergency Medicine.

We also furnished E.P.A. background to Kim Marie Deitz, an officer with the Legislative Information Network Committee of A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana Region 0. Kim delivered a speech on the issue February 10 with H.O.G. Members, American Legion Riders, A.B.A.T.E.

and C.M.A. members in attendance.

Thanks to both for calling — and for carrying freedom's banner high.

GEORGIA BARR NONE!

A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia's January 17 helmet law protest ride drew hundreds of motorcyclists' rights supporters, including Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA).

This M.R.F. champion of motorcyclists' rights & safety spoke boldly in favor of "personal freedom and responsibility," warning that "since September 11th, freedom is being sacrificed on the altar of security." Thunderous applause echoed through the Capitol. After distributing "*BIKERS FOR BARR*" bumper stickers, the Congressman went to his office and wrote a letter to Health & Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson urging him to work with us to stop health care discrimination against motorcyclists. Chalk up M.R.F. and the S.M.R.O.s as thousands more *BIKERS FOR BARR*! Personally, I can't wait for March 11 when I join Dan Rathbun, Kim McAllister and the whole A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia family for their Freedom Rally in Atlanta.

Yours for the Right to Ride, and your friend,

Tom Wyld

Oregon Democratic Motorcycle Caucus

by Teresa Hepker and Randy Phipps

Last weekend [8-10 March], the Democratic party met for their platform convention and Oregon bikers again flooded the Transportation Committee session. There was spirited discussion on the "repeal the helmet" item and as an alternate tactic, we changed the wording, somewhat, to expand the type of sport that would be covered by helmet legislation. Horsy folks, skiers, watercraft riders, bikers, even pole vaulters, etc. will possibly have the option to "choose appropriate safety apparel". This was listed as item number *one* on the list of 15 items.

As it appears on the platform, "We support rights of adults, age 21 and over, to choose appropriate safety apparel for transportation use."

Also covered, as #2, is "Federal and state initiatives should focus on promoting 'safer riding', not safer crashing."

Item #9, is "We support increased funding in order to make driver's education more accessible to initial driver's license applicants."

Just thought I'd share the wording, in case someone else wants to try attacking from the flank, instead a frontal assault. In years past, when we used the *attack words* "repeal" and "helmet", emotions ran high, loud and very vocal. We've all seen this, time and again. This time, no one objected. Not sure if they understood what we were saying, and the broadening of the scope, but the idea was well received.

Of course, it didn't hurt that BikePAC and the Oregon Democratic Motorcyclist Caucus, sponsored a hospitality room with snacks, and

beverages, hard, soft, coffee and fancy waters. Saturday morning, as the announcement section was being held, someone rose to state that the bikers had shown folks how to put the word "party" back in the Democratic party. Another first for bikers in Oregon politics. The idea of the room, that is.

Anyway, for those of us here in the "Pacific North Wet", it was a good work session and a good party. Plenty of time to "smooze" with the politicians and their friends. Even made some ourselves.

In the *Human Rights* arena, we got: "We oppose discrimination in public accommodations based upon mode of travel or associated clothing."

Only the third one had any verbal opposition in the general floor session, and that was minimal.

The first one started out in committee as a standard "we support repeal of the helmet law" but got really hung up in debate — so Teresa Hepker decided to offer alternative language and it worked like magic.

People still didn't agree with it, but shut up. It was apparently a lot easier to swallow than the more direct statement, because not one person stood up to oppose it on the floor, and it was a clear voice majority to accept it.

We had at least 25 riders there, probably more (I don't have the count yet). We stacked the deck in the Transportation committee, then scattered at will through the other committees. This is our second time participating in the convention (happens every 2 years) and there was a huge difference in how we were

received. Everyone was more comfortable and interacted more easily than the first time.

We've been active in the state central committee and in several counties during those two years, so a lot more people know us. We received a lot of compliments about how effectively we were using the party structure.

We hosted a hospitality room for two nights, and had many visits from non-motorcyclists who were curious about our issues (not to mention, were attracted by free drinks). We had a private 20-minute interview with one candidate for governor (Ted Kulongoski), and had a special visit from another candidate for governor (Jim Hill) who took time out from his own reception to visit with us and listen to our pitch. The Democratic Party of Oregon National Committeeman even came in to compliment us on how we were using the system.

All this has emerged from the single minded, bulldog persistence of one guy named "Diesel" Dave Ganslein, who set the example, led the charge for involvement in the county central committees, and formed alliances with established and respected democratic leaders. He almost single-handedly got the state central committee to recognize the Motorcyclists' Caucus on an equal basis with the Senior, Young Democrat, Black, and Hispanic Caucuses.

Yee Haw it was a fun weekend.

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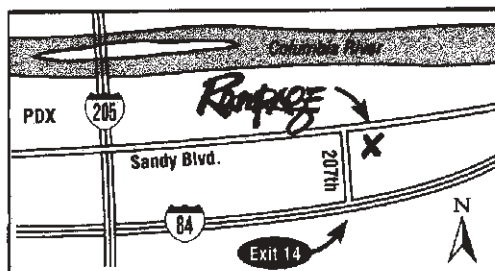
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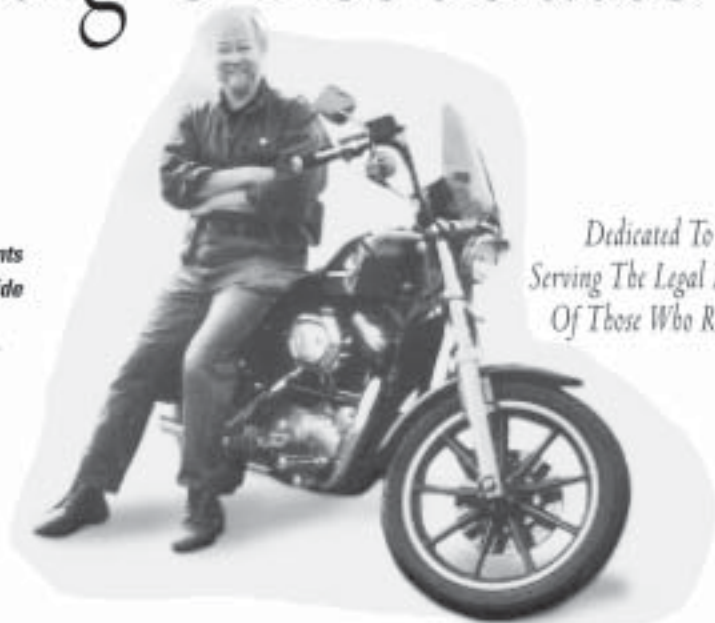
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Dawn Patrol

Sunrise.
 Spring morning.
 Clear sky.
 Too pretty to stay inside.
 Time for another dawn patrol.
 Pull on heavy clothing and boots for mission.
 Protection against morning chill.
 Also road rash.
 Wander out to shop building, admiring colours of early morning sky.
 Nearly stumble over rake left out night before.
 Unlatch door of shop, slide it open.
 My machine crouches inside, wanting its freedom as much as I.
 Shrug off poetic image.
 Put on helmet and gloves, wheel cycle outside. Throw leg over seat and straddle beast.
 Begin running through mental checklist:
 "Fuel...Reserve."
 (Hmm. Going to have to swing through town for fillup.)
 "Ignition...On."
 "Neutral...Green light."
 "E..."
 (What was "E"? Oh well.)
 "Choke...Full out."
 (Secretly checklist is translated into dawn patrol jargon:)
 "Switch on"
 "Contact"
 "Clear prop"
 Don't have prop to swing or even kick starter.
 Pressing electric starter button momentarily disrupts fantasy.
 Engine coughing into rough idle restores it. Fight with choke and throttle to keep engine from dying. Finally settles into close approximation

of running smoothly.
 Pull in clutch and press shifter down.
 Try to ignore lurch as cold transmission slips into first gear.
 "Dawn patrol cleared for taxi to main runway."
 (Have to supply my own control tower dialogue.)
 Smoothly release clutch and brake. Tires begin to crunch over gravel before engine bogs down and dies.
 Restart engine and continue down driveway...er, taxiway.
 Stop at road...uh, runway, and check for traffic.
 No one else is up yet.
 "Dawn patrol cleared for take off."
 (My best professional tower voice.)
 "Mixture...Rich."
 (The checklist continues.)
 I pull out the choke.
 "Release brakes."
 A maniac roars around the corner in a beat up imported pickup.
 I clamp on both brakes and declutch.
 He speeds by, scattering dust, gravel, and calm.
 "Bloody Kraut!" I call out in my best pseudo-British accent.
 "Just a Jerry bomber making a strafing run on the way home."
 (It's the control tower in my mind.)
 I check for more of his mates, then start my take off roll again. Shifting is stiff as the bike accelerates up the blacktop.
 Left-hand pattern used as I enter town and land at the gas station.
 Attendant staggered by the vast wealth my purchase confers on his humble establishment. He silently

hands back change from the four crumpled dollar bills.
 Once again aloft on the asphalt airways.
 Point nose of my craft towards country.
 Little traffic. Bank and swoop gracefully.
 Morning air is cool and still, sweet smell of freshly cut hay... Or is it straw?
 Raised in city. Never could tell difference.
 Throttle back and cruise at slower speed.
 Low morning sun projects shadow of cycle across landscape. Totally awesome, fer shur.
 Begin daydreaming.
 Don't notice overtaking vehicle until it silently slides past.
 Got to remember to check mirrors more often.
 Wild rabbit pauses in mid-road. Undecided over its future as roadkill. It scampers into brush at roar of my approach.
 Got to find quieter muffler someday.
 Notice narrow shape disappearing behind rise in road ahead.
 Deer alert.
 I stand on the pegs to see better.
 A bug smacks me on the cheek.
 Should have lowered visor before standing.
 Sit down.
 Speeding up rise, discover "deer" is bicyclist on own dawn patrol... If women have such fantasies.
 Give her plenty of room as I cruise past majestically.
 Nearly run off road.

Veer back.
 Commence climbing hill towards vaguely-remembered viewpoint.
 Morning sun in eyes.
 Try to shade them with clutch hand.
 Nearly run over another bicyclist in shadows.
 Eventually reach viewpoint and angle over to land. Coast to stop in dead-stick landing. Lower sidestand and dismount to admire view.
 Morning mist hazes the valley floor, rendering a mystical quality.
 Bicyclists cranks past, straining uphill in low gear.
 Manages rude gesture.
 I scratch my nose, unobtrusively returning his salute.
 Fellowship of the open road.
 Poetic mood broken.
 Mount up and take off.
 Blow past laboring bicyclist.
 Probably in better shape than motorcyclist.
 Got to start exercising more...someday.
 Descend towards valley floor. Reach level ground, sweep around narrow,

grass-edged country lanes.
 Nearly ride over hood of commuter cutting corner.
 Busy cursing other driver.
 Fail to notice next corner polluted by broken bale of hay.
 Or is it straw?
 Discover how slippery it is when wheels slide sideways.
 End up in ditch.
 No real injuries.
 Heavy clothing and helmet don't prevent bruised ego and pride.
 Bike okay.
 Mad enough to deadlift it upright and half carry it back onto road.
 Magic of dawn patrol ebbing.
 Being negated by too much reality.
 Find coffee shop in town.
 Order artery-clogging breakfast.
 Seriously plan to start exercise program first thing tomorrow.
 Unless the weather's nice.
 And another dawn patrol beckons.

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Veteran's Focus

DD-214

If you are among those who have had the delightful experience of working for the nation's largest non-profit agency, the U.S. military, received in their separation paperwork a yellow piece of paper designated *DD-214*. It's a record of your military service and is vitally important if you hope to receive any veteran benefits. Like most people being separated, it may have been strongly suggested to you that a certified copy of your DD-214 be filed at the local county courthouse where you planned to live.

In light of what's been happening to other veterans, you might want to carefully reconsider that advise.

It seems that *#@&! identity thieves have started culling courthouse records, pulling out all sorts personal information from DD-214's that then can be used to get fake credit cards, driver's licenses, loans, and access to veteran's bank accounts.

(What do *you* think should be done with such individuals who prey on the people who have devoted part of their lives to protecting our nation? Perhaps former P.O.W.'s might have some suggestions.)

What makes the situation even worse is that once a DD-214 is filed with your county, there is no way remove it or edit its content. That, in yer crusty ol' editor's humble opinion, needs to change. Preventing identity thieves from exploiting veterans should be the top priority of all government agencies. Veterans need to wake them up and insist on greater protection of filed personal documents.

In the meantime, those of you freshly separating from service should give careful consideration of how you will store and protect your DD-214. A safety deposit box might be a better solution.

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-- Rot Path



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CITE # 1st appearance date: TIME: am/pm
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Nor smoothness of the skin,
But look for the heart
That is loyal within,
For beauty will fade
And skin grow old,
But the heart that is loyal
Will never grow cold.
-- Anon

-- March --
I'd rather be ashes than dust.
I'd rather burn out in a brilliant blaze
Than be smothered by dry rot.
I'd rather be a superb meteor,
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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

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Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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Annual Rates:

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 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

Total number of members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____

Chapter: _____	
New member ?	Renewal ?
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No ____	_____
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Yes ____	
No ____	

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Wise, funny, and a good rider she were,
But a drunk cell-phoning home,
SUVed to her side of the road,
No helmet or tube suit could have saved her.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 11 May 2002 at Noon
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2pm)	Abby's Pizza; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	Pizza Perfect; 6815 NE Killingsworth; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7pm)	Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1930 (7pm)	(Location To Be Arranged); Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10am)	Merts Campus; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast. Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7pm)	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-97)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7pm)	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11am)	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	M/M restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	3 rd Sunday 1400 (2pm)	Oregano's Pizza; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bart; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Wilamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7pm)	Foxfire Restaurant; 4740 Main Street; Springfield