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WHAT KIND OF HOSER ARE YOU?

Are Bikers Getting Their Money's Worth When They Refuel?



(Information about triple hose pumps frunished by those fine Chevron folks at the intersection of highways 22 and 51.) $\,$

Planet Earth — Motorcyclists with relatively small tanks may be paying for more for fuel than cage drivers.

The reason?

Many gas stations are retrofitting to single hose delivery systems for all three grades of gasoline.

If you routinely treat your iron pony to high grade fuel and the person just before you has tanked up on low octane gas, guess what.? You're paying 20¢ per gallon more for premium but that single hose is full of regular gas.

Just how much liquid does one of those hoses hold? Let's do the math and find out.

Assuming an inside diameter of 1" and a length of 10 feet, the cross section area would be $\pi \cdot r^2$ and the volume would be that value multiplied the hose length in inches. (120")

On second thought, it's easier just to ask the attendant: 2-1/2 cups. That's about 20 ounces. Since there's 128 ounces in a gallon, that means that every 6-1/2 fill ups, the single hose stations are making an extra 20¢ profit off of us by depriving us of the goods we pay for.

The upshot here is that single hose stations are only viable if their prices are



at least three cents less than three hose pumps. Otherwise, being a triple hoser saves you money.

- Rot Path

(Thanks to Shawn Harwood of Hub City Chapter for the heads up on this topic.)

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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 subvesive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcycists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcyclle 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. or Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involement 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 Nationa 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 Sub-Committee 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
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A.B.A.T.E. of California
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Coordinator's Comments

Hello Everyone:

Hope your summer is starting out nicely.

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the *Fossil Campout*, and what a time was had by all. The town of Fossil welcomed the 1,700 of us with open arms. The General Store and the hardware store were well-stocked, and the merchants loved us. *The Shamrock* had their B-B-Q burning all weekend, and they even had a bar out on the patio!

Things started out Friday night with the introduction of our "Master of Ceremonies", Mark Pratt from Washington County Chapter. Mark did a great job keeping things hopping on the stage all weekend. He had some novel ways of handing out door prizes from Destination Harley-Davidson.

On Saturday, Lincoln County did another fantastic job putting on the Bike Games at the Fairgrounds. Those people are unbelievable, year after year! After the games, when we got back to camp, our next event was the first annual Fossil Mud Wresting Contest. Jim Henderson, of the Washington County Chapter, and his helper, Brett (a.k.a. FNK), did a great job putting on the show. Jim put a lot of work into this event, to ensure no one was hurt, and what a show it was! Next year, we hope to have bleachers so that everyone can see the fun.

Then, Judy Cameron of the Southeast Chapter and her girls hosted the Beer Belly Contest. They did a great job, and the competition gets better every year.

After that, we had a nice fashion show and a tattoo contest.

The winner of the 2nd annual "Strongman" contest was Mike Clark. Mike is a repeat winner, having claimed first place last year. He had some stiff competition, but held on to win. The Strongwoman competition was also very difficult, with several very tough competitors. Sorry, I've lost the name of the winner, but she did great!

There were six bands to rock us all three nights, and the music covered everyone's tastes.

Sunday was a special day in the town of Fossil. The mayor closed Main Street to all cars and trucks, so that *Lincoln County Chapter* could host the Bike Show right downtown. It looked like Sturgis in the early days.

Sunday morning was also the day for two very special events.

The first was the dedication of a beautiful wagon wheel bench in memory of Angie Jensen. Angie was a dedicated A.B.A.T.E. member, and was very instrumental in starting the *Fossil campout*. Angie touched a lot of us over the years, and she is dearly missed.

Next, our new display was unveiled at the Wheeler County Museum. This very nice display commemorates our 25 years in Wheeler County. Jim Niece of the *Southeast Chapter* did a great job. If you didn't see it this year, stop by the Museum next time you are in Fossil.

All in all, it was a great *Fossil Campout*. It rained a total of 10 minutes in the six days I was up there.



by Ted Tracy

Just about everyone had a great time. There were many volunteers this year, earning A.B.A.T.E. Bucks.

I know I will get in trouble for this, but I want to thank some of the people who helped. If I forget you, I'm sorry.

First off: thanks to all the guys who come up on Wednesday and then stayed until the following Tuesday, including Rotten Roger, Tim and Rusty. Thanks to Mike Hobbs, (Southeast), and Cole Hembree (Hub City) for their stellar job on security. Also to Michelle Hobbs, our State Products Officer who did a fantastic job selling the entire run of the 2002 Fossil Shirts, along with many from the previous years. I also want to say thanks to Ron Bloker (a.k.a. FNG) from Washington County, Jeff from Southeast, Joe Laurance (Douglas County), and Cliff M. (Hub City). I don't think those guys slept much the entire weekend! Thanks to all who worked the gate, security and the info booth.

All I can say is just wait until next year!

Ted

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Central Oregon Chapter

We had our last meeting at Abby's Pizza in Redmond, Oregon. Too much noise, couldn't hear each other shout at one another, so we moved our pizza, beer, and meeting outdoors. We had 21 members and guests.

We would like to thank all the people who stopped and helped when a couple riding with our group to *Fossil* blew a curve and went over an embankment. Everyone handled the situation very well. Nancy was banged up and Dan has a plate with eight screws holding his collarbone together. Their bike was taken home, thanks to Tye who works at *The Shamrock* in Fossil. Thanks to all.

Our Motorcycle Awareness banner is now hanging on the fence facing the parkway in front of *Bear and Roses Harley-Davidson*. It looks damn good. Thank you Steve and Toni Foster, owner of *Bear and Roses* and thanks to Tom Pope (A.B.A.T.E. member) for helping hang it.

We are getting a lot of use out of our awareness banner. Thanks to Harry for putting it together. Totally donated to the chapter.

We found that we still lacked a legislative representative, so we elected Mike K as our chapter representative.

Gunny mentioned that all felons in the state of Oregon have the right to vote once they served their time. I did not know this. Did you? If so, we have many more voters than we thought. There are over 100,000 bikers in Oregon. If we all voted, we would definitely be a power of influence!

We voted on a new meeting place starting with our July 2002 meeting:

Redmond Hotel (next to Sully's)

521 South 6th Street Redmond, Oregon Every 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm

Hope to see you there!

CENTRAL OREGON MEET-

ING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1830 (6:30pm) Redmond Hotel Redmond, Oregon

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Columbia River Chapter

We had another great chapter meeting with only one officer missing, Janet, our treasurer. She was in Sandy selling Toy Run bike tickets. We need to have more chapter members sign up for some tickets and get them sold. Contact Janet to get tickets.

While I am thinking about it, Dee, our secretary, will not be at the August meeting; she and Ted are going to being riding to *Sturgis*. Have fun.

Shag has been actively recruiting new chapter members and brought three of them to the meeting: Rick, Sue and Jim. Way to go Shag and welcome to our new members.

Lee, the *Southeast Chapter* coordinator, visited us and explained the current situation with the

Summer Run site. Rusty, the

Northeast Chapter co-ordinator, is working hard at getting a new site for the run. We also need folks to help out with security and the gate. I am in charge of the bike games and the bike show and I am working on various non-bike games so more people can participate. If the weather is nice, we might have a water balloon contest to see who can hit Lee with the most balloons. If the supply is there, we might use cowpies, too.

Terri, our membership secretary, reported back from the M.R.F.'s *Best of the West* which was held last month in Spokane and provided us with a well-written report. Two of the hot topics were "Tougher Emission Standards for Street Motorcycles" and "Insurance Policy Restrictions". The first topic is especially bad news because part of the package would be a restriction that would bar any

changes on a motorcycle unless done by a factory shop; that means that you could not change your own pipes. The emissions from street bikes make up a minuscule portion of the pollution problem; lawn mowers are far worse and there are a lot more of them. The insurance policy issue is even worse news to us. Due to a glitch in a federal law that was supposed to help us, there is now an ever-growing practice to exclude injured persons if they were injured as a consequence of certain "recreational activities" and yes, you guessed it, riding a motorcycle is considered to such an activity for which you can be lawfully denied insurance coverage. So if you get run over by a drunken cage driver while you are on your motorcycle, your insurance company can deny you benefits to pay for the hospital bills. The folks at the M.R.F. are hard at work addressing both of huge problems. They deserve our support because they are fighting in Washington, D.C. for us.

Speaking of reports, we are still awaiting the N.C.O.M. report from Kornfed.

After the meeting, our road captain, Shag, led ten of us a ride through the back country up to Sandy where we checked up on the festival action. One of our new members, Rick, won \$50 in the poker hand.

Finally, I am concerned about our various chapter fund raising efforts being put out of business by the insurance coverage costs that we seem to be hit with. I have not yet studied the latest mandates for insurance that I just received but it now appears that in order to have a poker run

sanctioned, we need to pay \$125 for an insurance policy just for that run. Our chapter is small and we don't generate hundreds of dollars in our poker runs. It doesn't make sense to pay \$125 for insurance when only \$50 was in the pot. I guess one solution to do like we did in our last run, just have a spur of the moment thing with no advertising and no sanctioning and no insurance necessary. Maybe A.B.A.T.E. is getting too organized and bureaucratic; we need to return to the days of spontaneity, B.Y.O.B., and, yes, freedom.

Spike

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm) U & I Tavern 6910 North Interstate Avenue --Portland Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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Douglas County Chapter



June is for riding. With that statement it tells what's going on in our chapter. The majority voted for Sunday afternoon meetings and now we hardly get a turn out. I know I missed the June 2nd meeting to attend the *BlackjackPoker Run* in Lane County. Other members went with me.

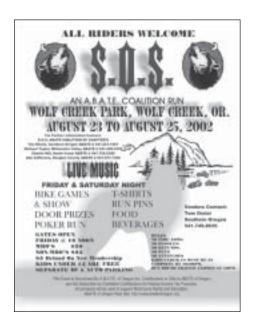
The big event that some of us went to was of course *Iron Horse* on June 21st through June 23rd. It was huge this year. One sign-up worker told me that it was approaching 10,000. I don't know if this is true but I know it was bigger than last year. However the lousy bands, in my estimation, should bring attendance down next year. I hope we do better for *S.O.S.* in Wolf Creek for music. Last year's bands for both these event were super.

Once again, that's my opinion and not that of Oregon State A.B.A.T.E.

Our actual paid attendance has dropped according to Mary, our Membership Secretary. We are down around 87 paid members as opposed to 114 we had at one time. Other changes are happening that I will report on next month. Also we will t ell you how much fun we had at *Coos River* by then.

Be safe and ride alot. Summer doesn't last long.

Joe Brumbach Chapter Secretary.



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-ING TIME and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm) Round Table Pizza Roseburg

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Lincoln County Chapter

Happy August!

Here we are once again, Beaver Creek time! We seem to have all our bases covered. It's our 20th Anniversary this year. Hope to see you here!

Sorry I don't have time to talk at you more, but I'm late as usual getting this submitted.

Until next month.....

Ride Safe, Shirley

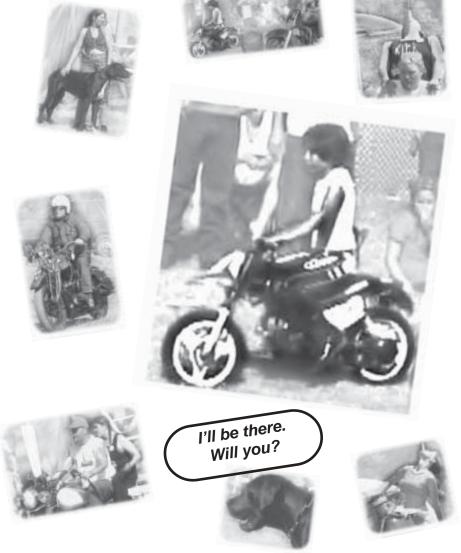














LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116 424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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North Coast Chapter

Saddling up to the job of *North Coast* Coordinator is nowhere near as easy as saddling up for my recent trip, a 6,200 mile ride east. We rode through forest fires, 40 mph cross winds, too sick to sleep for three days, 100 degree-plus days, front brakes failing . . . it seems easy compared to the task at hand: *North Coast* Coordinator.

Using this ride as a parallel is well founded, in my opinion. I took this ride with my partner, Karin, to see my familiy, some who, along with the ride, are difficult at times. That's not to say I know what's right or wrong, but saying that the situations we encounter are a paradigm. Our ride didn't produce all the results I expected and, of course, I was disappointed in those culminations. If that wasn't enough, karin was looking at things different than I was and not all her expectations were met either.

I see us, as A.B.A.T.E. members, on a similar ride — each of us having our personal expectations a little different than our brother or sister member and looking through different windows and travelling a separate but parallel road. Our common objective being the underlying base for our cohesion.. We must remember we're family.

Why this report? I've some well-filled and hard-worn shoes to fill left by the last two *North Coast* Coordinators and we have many *North Coast* members who have never met me, or in many cases, even know me.

This is my introduction to you.

For the rest of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, this will serve the same purpose and I look forward to meeting you as I attempt to fill those shoes I've

inherited.

Our June

Around Saddle Mountain Run was marred by a bike down. I've not yet reached the couple who went down but I'm told "no serious injuries".

Our fellow A.B.A.T.E. members from across the Columbia River in Pacific County have been a great support in our endeavors and to them we say "thanks".

many of our members are gearing up for

Cow Chip Boogie and of course we're getting together for End Of Summer Run at Birkenfield on September 20 through the 22nd which, along with the great co-sponsorship of Washington County A.B.A.T.E., will be kickass, as usual.

We've changed our mail address. It's:

P.O. box 1123 Astoria, ORegon 97103 For an additional point of contact: Chuck Stuart (503)-325-1707

Fraternally,

Chuck



NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4 th Saturday at 1000 (10 am) Merts Campus 3 miles east of Astoria Industrial Arts Building Children are welcome

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We corrected the dates for Fran's Run (July 14) and the Beaver Creek Run (August 10/11).

We presented our \$300 Mike McDermott Fund to his widow, Jane, who was tearful and appreciative. She has also received the \$1000 check from the insurance company on our A.B.A.T.E. provided insurance (check your mail for a form and info).

We had a lengthy legislative report about federal politics and also about the BikePAAC Planning Session and this year's legislative agenda.

We didn't hold our Chapter drawing at \$15, so it will be \$20 next meeting. Linda Sager won our 50/50 at \$5/\$5.

Regular Meeting June 18, 2002

Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 13 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee. Correspondence was a B.O.A. statement and a returned mail of a run thank you.

Treasury Report is \$573.36 and *Shred Threads* refund of \$30.25 because our shirt order was late.

Legislative Report: Lengthy about Best of the West and the BikePAC Planning Session

Ways and Means Report: New tee shirts here

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols Presentation of Mike McDermott Fund to Jane McDermott

Planned Rides Fran's Run, 7/14; Beaver Creek is August 10,

Adopt a Highway Mike will get a video

Klickitat County Fair parking project is coming up at the end of August

River City Chapter

New Business

O.D.O.T. problems call region #1 (503)-731 8200 or Region #5 (541)-963 3177

Phone Book idea no go take it to the state organization

Coordinator's Comments:

Announcements: Potluck barbeque at Stovall//Hepker home 6/22

Membership Drawing for \$15 was not held. It will be \$20 next meeting.

50/50 won by Linda Sager at \$5. Adjourned 8:25 pm

Our Chapter membership is up to 89, wow! There were 16 people at tonight's meeting. That's 18% attendance. We had 11 bikes and 13 people for last Sunday's ride. What a nice day, riding, lunch, riding, ice cream, riding, wine, riding. None better.

We had a safety meeting in our meeting tonight as prep for our adopt a highway gig. We also had a 40th birthday celebration for French with black balloons, etc.

Dan Turner would have won the Chapter membership drewing for \$20 if he had been there. He was at school tonight. Joy Nicholoson won the 50/50 at \$8/\$9 and donated her share back to the Chapter.

Thanks, Joy.

Regular Meeting July 2, 2002

Called to order by Lynne at 7:03 pm. 16 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lynne. Minutes were waived on a motion by Teresa, because they were presented in written form. Correspondence was a thank you card from Jane McDermott

Treasury Report is \$603.61. Bills submitted: Teresa, \$15 for Fossil supplies, motion to pay by French, passed.

Membership Report 89

Legislative Report: none

Ways and Means Report: New tee shirts here

Historian Report: New bigger book

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols

Planned Rides Demo Derby in Goldendale, 7/4, Fran's Run, 7/14, Cow Chip,

7/21, Diabetes Run, 7/27; Beaver Creek is 8/10,

Adopt a Highway Mike conducted a safety meeting.

New Business

French's 40th birthday celebration Coordinator's Comments:

Announcements:

Membership Drawing for \$20 was not won by Dan Turner, it will be \$25 at the next meeting.

50/50 won by Joy Nicholson, donated back at \$8/\$9, Thanks, Joy.

Adjourned 8:30 pm

Upcoming meeting: August 6, 2002; TD, 7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm) Lone Pine Restaurant 335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles

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Salem Chapter



July 25, 2002

Called to order at 7:00 pm

We had four visitors, with two of them from the Hub City Chapter.

Cliff and Debbie came by to give a few suggestions on holding our upcoming Fox Creek Poker Run on Saturday, July 13th, as their Chapters' Poker Run went well.

During the meeting, final preparations were made with who was going to be at what stop, cell phone lists and release forms.

The vote was a go for sending in the supporting member donation to BikePAC as we plan to be using the expertise of their organization in this next legislative year, or sooner.

Cindy is doing the Treasurer position while Wanda is out of town. She reports all is well and looking good.

Sheryl reported that our membership is growing.

Marlene turned in pictures to the Historian. She does a wonderful job coordinating the door prizes for our fundraisers.

Rot Path reminded everyone of the 4th of July Parade coming up in Independence. Hope you all were able to go as the fireworks are great, the beer is usually cold, and watching people go slow in parade formation on motorcycles is fun.

In new business, the Food Drive is on and we'll get together in August, to deliver what we have gathered. The plan is a mass delivery with motorcycles full of food showing up at the Marion-Polk Food share. Have an extra coat or two? Donate them to us and they will be part of the Great Coat Drive, with Hats, Scarves and Mittens, that the Christian Motorcyclist Association will be taking to the Mission. Remember, you can be political and charitable at the same time.

Thank you,

Michelle aka Crowlady (Chapter Goddess)

for Margie Gunter

[P.S. Rot Path won the 50-50 drawing and graciously donated the money back to the chapter.]

Western Days Parade



Fifteen bikes and trikes line up for the Western Days parade from Monmouth to Independence, Oregon on Independence Day.



Our riders line up to show their stuff during the parade.

. (Wonder if they all have wheels in their heels?)

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm) Pietro's Pizza 637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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South Coast Chapter

I hope you all made it to the *Coos* River Run and had a great time while you were there. We always have a great time hosting this popular event. Our next event is S.O.S.

S.O.S. is scheduled for August 23, 24, & 25, 2002. It will be the same location as last year — Wold Creek Park, Wolf Creek, Oregon. Check your state newsletter for a flyer for directions. It promises to be even better this year.

i hope everyone has been getting in some good rides this summer. We keep trying and sneak some small ones in here and there! Summer is flying by with a lot of good riding weather. Be careful out on the road. there are a lot of people traveling; make sure you are easy to see while you are out there with

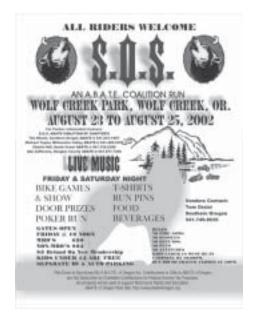
We will not be hosting the Air Fair Bike Show this year as there is no Air Fair scheduled. The local Rotary has decided not to host the event. Our Sunday rides will continue through October. If you are in our area, contact our chapter for information, these rides have been to some outstanding places. We would love to have you tag along.

Are you registered to vote? If not, get registered soon. The election is fast approaching. Summer is flying by and november will be here before you know it. If you do not vote, your opinion will not be heard. BikePAC has seven bills they will be working on to propose to the Legislature next year. Let's get people elected who will support those bills and support us. Help your local candidate with their campaign by putting out signs, making phone calls, or going doorto-door. Every little bit helps and your candidate will remember your support.

I would like to thank Sue and Carole for stepping up and filling two very necessary positions in our chapter. They are wonderful additions to our officer list. Thank vou to loe who came to our last meeting with words encouragement and support. He is right, we are "Freedom fighters, first and foremost" so let's band together and show everyone what we can do.

'til next time,

Karen Bauder, Secretary



SOUTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Southeast Portland Chapter

Hello to all you good people,

Not much news from me this time. *Run 21* hasn't happened yet, as I write this report. I am sure though that everyone will have had a great time. More to come about

Run 21 next time!

Summer Run plans are going good. The t-shirt and pin designs are finalized and in the works now. Hope to see you there.

I would like to take some space here for an announcement.

I regret to inform you all that on Sunday evening, July 7th our chapter member Tina Williams passed away. Tina was killed instantly when the car she was driving left the road and struck a tree head on. Another chapter member, John L., was a passenger in the car and is in critical but stable condition at O.H.S.U. Hospital. John has multiple fractures to his face and right leg.

Tina was a very talented vocalist. She loved performing most when her friends and family were in the audience. Tina was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. She will be missed by those [who] were fortunate enough to know her.

People, when you are out enjoying yourselves, if you can't be safe please let your brothers and sisters help you out!! That's part of what were here for. We will get you where you need to go and get your ride back safely.

Have fun, ride and drive safely!!!!

Later,

Mammy Tami

The following is a list of the business that contributed door prizes for *Southeast Chapter's Poker Run*:

M&M Restaurant and Lounge Stage Coach Saloon Cascade Inn, Gateway Tavern Hitchin Post Saloon All American Cycle Langlitz Leathers Portland Motorcycle Cycle Gear Love Leathers Stewart Leathers KBR Motorcycle Mt. Hoop Polaris Rampage Motorcycle Eastside Motorcycle Lariat Tavern Latus Motorcycle Columbia Motorcycle Captain Jack's Tattoo.

Thanks to all of you and all [who] were not mentioned.

Summer Run Is Back on!



S.E. Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon) M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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Washington County Chapter

Washington County [WaCo] members are working hard to prepare for *End of Summer Run* in September. Things are coming together well.

After such a rousing success at *Fossil*, Mud Man Jim is bringing his own brand of fun to *End of Summer*.

Yes, there will be mud wrestling at *E.O.S*!

Ladies, get ready for some good oldfashioned mudslinging.

No W.W.F. here, just good clean fun!

We are also working on a kid's area for Saturday afternoon. Can't get into too much detail, because the details are still being ironed out.

Please mark your calendars for September 20-22 and spend the weekend out in the coast range.

Check out the new web site for this event:

www.endofsummerrun.com

Chapter members are working on the web site and updating it as more information becomes available.

Makes me almost consider getting a computer to check it out.

Almost.

(Not likely.)

Our *Roll-n-Ride* held in honor of a fallen members, Mark Forness, was a great success. The route was fun and took us over some great terrain we had not covered in a while. The picnic/potluck was great. there was plenty of food and friends to make the day enjoyable. the band played until after I left. High hand winners were Sharon Mies and Greg Vaughn. Low hand winners were John E. Moe, Maryann, and Big Bob. Michael Burgess won the 50/50 and Lori Western won the

milage guess.

Chapter meetings have been getting bigger with the change of weather. Lots of members are coming and riding their bikes to the meeting. All are welcome. Both Gaila Cececia and Big Bob won 50/50 drawings in June. Goldilocks won the 50/50 in the early July meeting. Membership drawing losers include Diane Westcott, Kendra Hansen (who left at the break that night), and Sue Kuhn-Powick.

Back to the *Roll-n-Ride*, we did receive a thank you not only for WaCo A.B.A.T.E., but also for $D \mathscr{C}S$ *Cycle*, who opened their doors on Sunday, had coffee and donuts, and good spirits for us.

The following letter is from George Broadway:

Dear Wash County Abate,

Thanks for the great run and D-S. I invite you to please plan Swap meets and Christmas Toy Run. Remember the year we had the guy in the skirt playing bagpipes with the barking dog for entertainment! (Or how our swap meet now sucks) When D-J had them stunt riders and the Kosacks plus you could win a bike, now oh well! I think Wash County did such a nice job. Every check point a bathroom with toilet paper. Wow! (No more looking for a big tree!) I had a very good time and everyone helped each other and everyone finished. I would love to see ABATE give away motorcycles like D-J. The tow yards are filled with them, and a helmet (since Goodwill has lots of them.) For a first time rider without a bike to win a running bike with helmet, he'd be gassed. Even if its an old Honda 350 or a Yamaha as long as it ran. Thats one more biker on our side! The kids, or should I say, young people, are building street fighters, I've seen chopped 450 Susuki twin and a 'low rider' (I don't know what!) but it looks cool!

Thank you

George Broadway

Well, I for one am glad that George enjoyed himself at our run. I did not get the opportunity to meet him, but I'm sure I will soon. As for the rest of you, be safe, hug the ones you love, and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells WaCo Secretary

P.S. Sorry those pictures did not make it in the July newsletter. Gremlins.



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30pm) Prime Time Sports Bar 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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Willamette Valley Chapter



This is my first Chapter Report as "Acting Coordinator" for our chapter. Michael Taylor and I have essentially switched roles. Our fearless leader, Michael, has retired from his J.O.B. at Quest and is now following his desire towards the academics. He is not leaving us, but is stepping down to jump head long into college this summer. His goal is to top off his current college degree and to eventually become a schoolteacher. With the same amount of passion that has made our chapter a success, Michael is now using that same energy to pursue this new professional goal. We all support him in this new venture and wish him success.

Michael has been our Chapter Coordinator going onto five years now. In that time he has led our chapter from a membership that was dropping below 35 members along with rumors of Willamette Valley's demise to today with our current membership close to 190 and still growing. And what a trip it's been. In those days our social activities were a few dinner rides and a coffee stop fund raiser. Today our activities/ fund raisers are chapter campouts, highly successful Casino Nights, a Rhody Run that is a standard event of the season, and now our second coalition S.O.S. We have won awards for M.R.O. [Motorcycle Rights Organization] participation at several runs including 3 years in a row at Iron

Horse. Under Michael's stewardship, Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. has not only earned the respect of the state [board] and other chapters, but most importantly he has the respect and gratitude of many other groups and clubs in the area, but most importantly the membership.

As I said, Michael is not leaving us, just stepping down. He is very much involved in representing the chapter in continuing to help organize the *S.O.S. Coalition Run*. The Bands are coming together with the rock'n sounds of *Steelbreeze* and *P.E.L.T.* and we are setting up for other entertainment such as fire spinning by the Dragon Tribe. Should be another awesome run this August.

There is still a lot of summer yet to go. Our chapter run to

Summer Eruption is July 19 - 21. There are few of us going to Sturgis, Beaver Creek is always a fun time during that time, Coose River... there is still plenty to do!

I hope you all are riding safe and watching out for your brothers and sisters when riding together. When you're riding with others, you are also riding for them too.

Remember, 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. Let's keep our

success growing.
Ride safe, ride free.

Hal



WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Foxfire Restaurant 4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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Down And Dirty At Fossil







And The Beer Bellies Gut It Out



Our Officers at Work

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

13 July 2002

The meeting was called to order by our Coordinator, Ted Tracy at 12:05 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the May 11, 2002. Jill Tracy motioned, seconded by Kurt Speas to dispense with the reading since they are printed in the newsletter.

Coordinators Comments: Ted thanked all again for sending him to the N.C.O.M. conference. Oregon was well represented. *Best of the West* was also excellent. There is a box of *Northwest Biker* magazines available to take back. They will list your events if you contact them.

Correspondence: St. Anthony Foundation sent a thank you for Mt. Scott Neighborhood for the awareness fair that Geoff put on. Salem H.O.G. poker run is tomorrow. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois sent us a poster; Ron will make more to give to the A.T.V. bike shops.

Guests: Had several people from Bend attend the meeting.

* * * OFFICERS REPORTS * * *

Legislative Director: Rick Maish reported that he missed *Best of the West* due to family problems. Rick did attend the BikePAC planning session and is going to help on the committee researching the internet, A.B.A.T.E.s, A.M.A. state legislation, helmet repel re-installed as well as vehicle assault issues fi fining people, driver education and is going to have a break down on these.

Ken said the E.P.A. are putting out their standards and he sent out an email for all to pass around.

Randy printed N.T.S.A. 11 pages of failed helmets and even the motorcycle police are wearing non-approved helmets.

Brian said Butch was with bureaucrats and there was a Portland Police Officer who was wearing a non-approved helmet.

Geoff knows two Portland City Police who agree with us on our issue.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Randy reports that there a lot of candidates

that he doesn't know and to have people call these candidates and ask their issues on freedom of choice, and vehicle assault please report back to him within 10 days. Randy asked for City of Ashland, Cottage Grove, Albany, Grants Pass, Central Point, Creswell, Corvallis, Dallas, McMinnville, Bend, Prineville, Pendleton and Ontario. Randy also reminds us that we as A.B.A.T.E. cannot endorse any one candidate or recommend any candidates. At any time if you s0peak with any candidate, please let Randy know.

Brian reported that out of the BikePAC planning session, seven legislative items were brought up. They are prioritized as follows:

- 1. Helmet [ammendment]
- 2. Vehicle assault
- 3. Anti-discrimination
- 4. Confiscation and return
- 5. H.I.P.P.A. [insurance]
- 6. Motorcycle headlight [fines]
- 7. Lane splitting

If you want e-mails, give your e-mail address to Brian. If you would like to be on a committee, contact Randy or Ken.

Geoff White is doing some fact finding so if you have any information on lane splitting, please get in touch with him, especially if you were ever cited for it in California.

Brian wants to know if you have been denied Health Care Benefits because you ride a motorcycle.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Ed Vaughn was not here but there is a report in your chapter packets.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Michael Schneider is our new representative. Ted told him that Ed wants him to go to some meetings with him.

Education Director: Geoff White thanked Mel and Iris for all the classes they have been doing and Jim Jones in Myrtle Creek for doing classes. There are a couple of pages in your packets that list the A.B.A.T.E. items available from the A.B.A.T.E. library. Get in touch with Geoff if you would like to borrow any of those items.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde said



by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

she is getting her own bike, she has the key already. She also said that the Ashland parade was a huge success. She passed out lots of key fobs.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy reported that we finally reached the 2,000 member mark. Also, all membership secretaries please let new members know that it takes 4 to 6 weeks before they will receive anything in the mail.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path thanked all for their contributions to the newsletter. Make sure you identify your items by putting your chapter name on them. Some of the chapter reports have been a little sparse. Use [them] to publicize your chapter or write what your chapter has been doing. Also, if you use acronyms, use the words first, as new members may not know what the acronym stands for. The newsletter is also a historical document. Please make sure the information you are reporting is accurate.

Products: Michelle Hobbs couldn't make it, she is still looking for a clear computer A.B.A.T.E. logo.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen was not here but has been working very hard helping several people including Jill preparing for Simon's visit in August.

State Run Coordinator:

Rotten Roger reports that Tina was one of the E.M.T.s at *Fossil* and did a great job. Everything went off well. Joe helped at the gate and did a great job. Roger would like to see someone from Portland to come see the prep for

Fossil. Also, we need help after the run for cleanup as only four people did setup and cleanup. All the chapters should help. There [were] around 1,550 people and we got 55 new members signed up.

Swap Meet vendor space will be member \$35 and non-member \$40. Thanks to Geoff for helping with vendors. Need a sign put up at all your events to publicize the

Swap Meet on November 17. Sheila sold tickets for the leather jacket that was won by a women in Winchester Bay which is close to North Bend and second prize was a knife

won by Mike from Prineville.

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt Speas thanked all for help, the grounds were great and the Bike Show downtown was great thanks to the Mayor.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn was not present but her report is checking \$3,1091, bulk mail \$9,057, insurance \$1,157, savings \$33,904 for a total of \$68,110. \$18,351 income from the *Swap Meet* less expenses of \$3,207 for a net of \$15,144.

Chapter Auditor: Carla Richesin was not present.

Historian: Iris Yeager was not here.

Webpage Editor: Maddog was not in attendance but Steve said anytime you make changes for the meeting days, times etc. let Maddog know so he can update the web page.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim Niece was out of town but said the Fossil Museum display was finished except for the logo needs to be redone. Also the member handbook is done and the guidelines are finished.

Vice-Coordinator South: Joe Laurance reported that he was impressed with one of the speakers at *Best of the West* and also thanked M.R.F. Joe reminded us that in the Revolutionary War, we were out-numbered, yet we won and what we have in common with that war was that we are fighting for the same thing, personal freedom.

Vice-Coordinator East: Bob Hadley had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs reports that Fossil went well, working security he saw *Fossil* from a different view. Also, thanks to Joe and all for all the help.

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree was not here.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms had nothing to report.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker reports he has in your chapter packets, a summary of the Insurance. Campout is \$250, a 1-day event like a poker run is \$125 and an indoor event like the swap meet is \$125 and \$100 for each additional insured and \$3 for the insurance certificate. He also reminds you that if you serve liquor, you must get your own insurance. He suggests you find a liquor vendor who already has insurance such as the American Legion.

Quartermaster: Chris Anderson was given the chapter inventory list so that is going to keep him busy.

Committee Reports

1. Run Committee: Rick Maish, Ron Bloker, and Michelle Lipchitz. No report.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Fossil Museum Display: Ted said was great except for the A.B.A.T.E. logo.
- 2. Planning Session Meeting: We will have the recruitment posters available at the September meeting.
- 3 Annual Meeting Jim Niece, Brian Stovall and Melinda McCrossen. Jim sent Ted an e-mail updating him, Brain is doing the entertainment, Melinda is getting the guest speaker we will have a catered lunch and requesting year end report from all officers with statistics.
- 4 American Income Life insurance. River City member received a benefit.

We have a guest, Captain who is an A.B.A.T.E. member and on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. He is available to come to your chapter meetings and speak about the advisory committee by calling him at (503)-807-3423.

He also reports there are two openings on the advisory committee if you are interested. Captain also passed out brochures to everyone to take back to their chapters.

New Business

- 1. Motion made by Geoff White, seconded by Kurt Speas requesting that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. participates as a co-hosting factor for the *N.C.O.M. Regional Conference* on the first Saturday in November. This would involve support in a hospitality and possible minimum-security capacity. (Minimal Financial Impact estimated at \$200). 10 were for, motion carried.
- 2. Motion made by Shirley Huff, seconded by Randy Phipps to request to borrow 8 radios for *Beaver Creek*. 11 were for, motion carried.
- 3. Motion made by Tim Rohde, seconded by Randy Christensen to borrow all 16 or as many radios as can be borrowed for *S.O.S. Run* August 23, 24, and 25 and use the States gold carts this year and provisions be made that somebody can pick them up on a

weekend prior to the run in August. 11 were for, motion carried.

4. Motion made by Brian Stovall, *River City Chapter*, seconded by Shirley Huff to make the annual M.R.F. donation at the rate of \$1.00 per member (total rounded off to the nearest \$100. Donation to be sent this month. Amended to be delivered at

Meeting of the Minds banquet by one of our attending delegates. 11 were for, motion carried.

- 5. Meetings of the Minds delegates are Kurt Speas, Shirley Huff, and Brian Stovall. Cole Hembree and Joe Laurance. Brian only wants mileage reimbursement instead of a plane ticket. Amendment to send 5 instead of 4 delegates. 9 in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Ted is going to write a letter regarding the article in the state newsletter about *Run 21* to make sure they are not giving away alcohol because if they are, this would be against our by laws.
- 7. August 31, 2002 *Northeast Chapter* is doing a Safety Awareness Rally.

Announcements

Republican Platform Convention is July 26-27, same reimbursements apply as they did for the

Democratic Platform.

Simon Milward is coming August 28 to Beaverton. Jill urges all who have not seen his presentation to attend it.

Coos River Run is next weekend. It's now a B.Y.O.B.

Multnomah Fair: help slow Sizemore down, need people to validate signatures.

Next meeting will be August 10, 2002. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill State Recording Secretary

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

Summertime is here, and the "sound of Our music" is in the air!

Loads of people going places on two wheels really can make me feel satisfied, but a little bit envious, all at the same time. I've been stuck in a car much more this summer due to the fact that I have been traveling to employment interviews or possible job locations. I have been really enjoying the days that I have had Driver's Education classes to visit, because it is a great excuse to dress more casually, and ride, instead of driving a car to my meetings. The shortage of cash combined with the necessity to focus more on the job search has taken a bit of a toll on my planned motorcycle purchase this summer. I was interested in finding a used bike to ride while "Piglet" (my current, and long term two wheeled buddy) underwent repairs and upgrades. I'll repair what I can quickly, so I won't have the bike down too long. The classes kind of expect you to show up on a motorcycle to talk about motorcycle awareness...go figure.

Major repairs or rebuilds might have to wait a little longer. I can't complain. Piglet's been a really good sport about not expecting any real elaborate attention until my life is more under control, financially and stability-wise.

Nora Rohde and I have decided to be trained and get involved in the Team Oregon program for motorcycle rider education and endorsement. We sent our applications in quite a while back, however the people at Team Oregon did not respond. I finally called their administrative office to inquire about the status of our requests, and found out that they were restructuring the instructor training program. They informed me that they would contact us as soon as their new procedure was in place and we would be placed into the process at that time. Predictions by Team Oregon are that the new program training implemented sometime in the fall. Hopefully this will enable Nora and me to be trained and certified fairly soon. I believe that Team Oregon really could do with some more instructors. The classes are usually filled, and I know that there are many riders out there that want to get their endorsements. If anyone wishes to play a vital role in enhancing the motorcycling environment in our state, this would be a golden opportunity.

You can play a major part in helping new riders discover what so many of us already know an enjoy. You will also be a direct contributor to a reduction in the early stage risk factor that effects so many new riders (Somewhere around 50% of the motorcycle crashes happen within the first year of riding, due to the lack of experience and essential training for safe riding practices). This is a real statistic that CAN change through proper education and attitude focus.

We have had a terrific summer of Motorcycle Awareness presentations this year. Hopefully this will balance out the fact that our fall, early school year, was rather quiet for requests. I'm

working on solving this issue before the new school year starts in September. I believe that early contacting of Driver's Education Instructors will solve the problem of "Oh... I forgot about your program A.B.A.T.E.". I just have to be better at keeping our program in the foreground of their planning and scheduling methods. It's free, so the cost can't be an issue. We had some people that worked their back fenders off to provide a healthy tally of classes this summer, so please make sure that you send me the reports. I really want to spread the word to our members about who is making this "awareness thing" happen. It is really important that we recognize the fact that our people are doing a lot to help make our roads, and the people who operate motor vehicles on them more educated and respectful.

Our lives literally depend on this stuff, people. Becoming an instructor for the Motorcycle Awareness Program is saying that you are interested in saving someone's life and building a foundation of vehicle operator friendliness and consideration. Mel and Iris Yeager have been quite busy in the Albany area. They have been to a number of classes, but I do not at this time have the actual numbers or dates of their visits. The students refer to Mel and Iris as that "Cute Pair" or "Cute Couple". That is sooo cool! They have been a true success story for the program. Bravo to Jim Jones for getting our wheel in the door in the Myrtle Creek area. This is a new and very welcome addition for us. Our range is growing, and our word is getting out there more and more. Excellent job, Jim! The Instructors

in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington have joined forces to bring our message to schools up in the North Coast areas. All of this shows that our program is strong and that our people are rolling up their sleeves, rolling out their rides, and getting down to business. I wish to mention that this is not my program, and I encourage anyone who believes that they have the ability or desire to become the director to run for the position. I would be more than honored to follow a leader who can take our program to the next level. It does deserve that. There might be someone out there who has the ability to overcome some of my limitations, and I encourage them to see if they can make our education segment even stronger. I will continue to give the education program in A.B.A.T.E. my full support no matter what my title may be. Thank you A.B.A.T.E.!

I would like to point out that there is another factor to education within our motorcycling environment. We must continue to help educate the public on the issues that are important to the motorcycle riders locally and worldwide.

Remember that there are people who are constantly working with our legislators to bring about sensible and intelligent motorcycle laws. It is all of our jobs to help bring the message to the public on these issues, and to assist in bringing the facts and interests that enable the people to understand what...why...how... when...and where in reference to these issues. Without our educational support the people will not have the tools to make wise and fair decisions.

Ignorance is not bliss. One example is the issue on "lane splitting". There

are good topics on how this practice could help ease congestion, prevent costly motorcycle repairs, encourage alternative forms of transportation, and speed up traffic flow. Many people are not even aware that the majority of motorcycles are air-cooled machines that require movement to prevent overheating. These people, without education, will only see the issue as a group of "lawbreakers" that are trying to cheat the system. With education, I believe many of them would actually "see the reasoning" and even support our requests. With education, many of them would not have the animosity when they see us passing them to keep our bikes moving, knowing that if we were to sit and wait, we could possibly damage some very expensive vehicles. With education, many of them would see that there will possibly be a few less vehicles that will be blocking their way, and they may be on their way even sooner. See, with education, we move from a category of lawbreakers and cheaters to a group of intelligent, economical, and even considerate motorists. The key is bringing an awareness of the subject, backed by intelligence and politeness, to a society that does not always understand the big picture without a little friendly guidance.

Voila!...

Education!

Have a great summer of riding, friends! Remember to educate, whenever there is an opening. We hope that you have the opportunity to see as many new sights, and meet as many old friends as possible in your travels. Share some good times, and deliver some smiles to a world that really could use them right now.

United We Stand...Hey...I'd say, "United We Rock! There's a whole big world of fun out there, waiting. Spread out, and come together...and Spread That Awareness, Ya'll! Take care.

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Historian

by Iris Yeager



Hey you Guys!!

Mel and I will not be able to spend the day with the other officers and members of A.B.A.T.E. during the July meeting. We have been blessed to have a get-together of four generations of our family, at our home in Albany. We have barbecue planned for the afternoon and will need the morning to get set up for the event.

Mel and I have had the opportunity to teach three classes of our Motorcycle Awareness Program. The information will be mailed to Geoff White since we will miss seeing him at the board meeting. We love doing the classes and look forward to seeing the familiar teachers.

Thank you who have sent or given information to me for the historian books.

I would remind everyone to share the pictures and stories of the runs and activities you participate in this summer. That is what *history* is made of.

Iris

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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC General Fund, which includes the Lobbyist Fund, unless you specify the following: Place \$ of my contribution into a dedicated fund that will only be used to support a canidate running for office in my legislative district.						
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Letters From Our Members

Hello A.B.A.T.E. members,

Just wanted to let you know what a good day Dick and I had out at *Sheridan Days* selling tickets for the Toy Run Bike. We sold 100 tickets and handed out alot of A.B.A.T.E. information. We met alot of nice people some ride and some dont. Saw nice cars and bikes.

There was a poker run, bike games, 50/50 drawing. There was only one thing I was disappointed in and that was the lack of A.B.A.T.E. members/toy run committe members.

These car shows and small town fairs are perfect places to meet people and get the word out about A.B.A.T.E. and to sell tickets on the Toy Run Bike. It is alot of work and takes alot of time but we need to do this or we wouldn't be able to sell 5,000 tickets and that would mean we wouldn't be able to buy five wheel chairs for the Shriners kids.

Mike Friend spends alot of time putting these things together and putting the word out that we need help selling tickets, talking to people about A.B.A.T.E., giving us a lunch break. We have two to four people [who] are out there 99% of the time. It would be nice if we could get some people to give us a break, even for a couple hours.

Another thing that would help is [that] if every A.B.A.T.E. member would buy a ticket, [then] we wouldn't have to go to so many shows and we would be able to go and do things with our friends and family.

Sometimes I get so down I want to say to __ _ with the Toy Run and A.B.A.T.E.

Then I think of those youg people [who] depend on us for wheel chairs and I keep on going.

I would like to invite all of you out to the wheelchair presentation when we have it this year. We will have it on the web site. And maybe this will touch your heart like it has mine and with a little luck we will get a few people willing to come help us sell tickets.

Thanks for letting me sound off, Rena Jackson



BIKEPAC OF OREGON PLANNING SESSION JUNE 15, 2002

The 2002 planning session, presided over by Executive Director, Ken Ray, was held at the Bob and Julia Ingram home between Albany and Jefferson. The planning session was preceded by a short executive meeting of the officers of BikePAC in order to take care of essential business.

Minutes of the last planning session was not available. Treasurer, Mel Yeager gave a short account of the financial status of BikePac. Approved as reported. Membership Director gave a membership report showing 143 paid members and chapters active in the organization. Report approved. A legislative report was given by Randy Phipps. Ken Ray then added some comments about the upcoming election.

Under New Business the election of officers for the positions of Legislative Director and Membership Director was held. Randy Phipps and Pat Ryan were reelected, for a three year term, to their respective offices that they held previously.

Request was made to reimburse Randy Phipps for the cost of airline ticket to Best of the West. Approved. Guest Anthony Michael Hall, from Bend was then introduced by Pat Ryan, and welcomed to the meeting.

The planning session opened at 10:45AM with Ken Ray in charge of the session

WORLD BIKER SHOWS MOTORCYCLES WORKING FOR KIDS, HEALTH

Dear Supporters

I'm writing this at the annual B.M.W. Motorcycle Owners of America rally in Trenton Ontario Canada.

7,000 B.M.W. fans are gathered on the north shore of Lake Ontario. The big tent of the Airheads club has electricity, settees, air-cooled B.M.W.s in various stages of repair and just outside, the Louisiana contingent is cooking up a mean dish with shrimps. The B.M.W. rallies are different to other events I've been to lately: an absence of naked flesh and blaring music and the women here wear dungarees.

The small end bearing (or something else which sounds important) in my engine has gone because the piston seems to be rattling around in the barrel. I turned it off before it did serious damage and left it at

Starved Rock Harley-Davidson in Illinois where I made a presentation. It was thanks to Paul that I made it there - he scooped up the bike on his trailer last Wednesday night. I rode up here on a Yamaha Virago lent by Irwin from Chicago who is making a feature film on motorcycling. If we can find a sponsor with \$7,000 he will come along on his Harley and film my South American leg.

Anyone interested?

So it is new engine time for me. Well, 85,000 miles on a single is plenty. I had intended to get one before heading to Mexico anyway since I am well over halfway through my trip. You know, that Rotax engine has been so good to me, I'd thoroughly recommend Rotax engines to anyone, and I'm not just

saying that because I asked them for a free replacement!

This e-mail is late because every awake minute is crammed with maintaining the bike (thanks to everyone helping in this regard), riding to the next presentation (300 miles per day including evening presentation is the norm) and keeping body and soul together. The human body can only take so much, even when supplemented with caffeine tablets!

It's been worth it anyway.

We've raised nearly \$85,000 now.

My next presentation is in 15 minutes so this update is short.

The planned book (provided I get that far) will have all the details.

Much has happened and people in the States have been so kind in so many ways. The latest corporate supporters include

Kawasaki Of Laconia (New Hampshire), Berkshire Motor Works (New York), Tom McDermott Harley-Davidson (New York), Mainline B.M. W. (Pennsylvania), Harding Harley (New York), Miller's Motorworks (New York), Starved Rock Harley-Davidson (Illinois), Starved Rock H.O.G. (Illinois), and Louisville B.M. W. Riders (Kentucky). Special mention is due for the Motorcycling Doctors Association who gave \$500 and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association also with \$500.

Extra and very special mention is for the best H.O.G. Chapter in the world.

Worcester Massachusets H.O.G. raised another \$920. Their activities in support of the Millennium Ride



Simon Milward

have resulted in \$2,500. Isn't that just brilliant?

I arrived at their meeting on the back of a pick-up since my drive chain broke chewing up the back end of my bike.

Sheldon's Harley-Davidson were very supportive in repairing that.

I spent Independence Day 4th July at the *Wing Ding* in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the annual get together of 15,000 Honda Gold Wing riders organized by the

Gold Wing Road Riders Association. On this date in 1776 Americans finally decided that the price of tea was too high, threw off the yoke of British rule, and switched to coffee.

My initial fundraising target was \$100,000.

I set it whilst riding through Saudi Arabia, three months into my ride back in March 2000.

I remember thinking how lucky I was, experiencing new cultures, people, food, scenery. Surely it was the very best situation to be in and with most of the world left to go.

But something was missing.

It all seemed rather selfish, and setting that target as a ballpark figure gave the ride so much more meaning and me so much more fulfillment. The Flores Project (*Health for All*) developed during the ride. It alone is worth \$150,000 over three years. The money destined for *Doctors Without Borders* is about \$15,000 and is being transferred now. What this all means

is that the real fundraising target should be raised to about \$170,000.

I certainly intend to head south from Texas in November, whether that figure is raised or not. A week or two on the telephone at some stage to chase corporate donations (following up on earlier correspondence) will perhaps get the extra.

It's hard to say.

I'd don't see too many gaps in my schedule. I wish I was better organized. But I thought I'd make the fundraising needs clear and send that message out into the universe in the hope it will hitch up to one of those positive life forces flowing through humanity.

Bye for now, Simon Simon Milward, on the road simon@millennium-ride.com www.millennium-ride.com

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American Motorcyclist Association NEWS and NOTES

Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift signed Senate Bill 2286 into state law in hopes of reducing motorcycle fatalities in the Commonwealth. The new law will 'rollback' the traditional Motorcycle Safety and Awareness period from the month of May to the last week of March through the last week of April.

This 'rollback' is a result of a joint review of accident reports from a three-year period conducted by the Registry, State Police, and members of the motorcycle community showing 26% of the fatalities involving motorcyclists occurred before the end of May.

What started out as Senate Bill 1547 filed by Senators Robert Hedlund and Bruce Tarr and Brian Lees, seeking a Governor's annual proclamation for May as the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness period as many states recognize, was amended in mid-session (to Senate Bill 2286) as a result of the study of 100 fatality reports done by the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.), A.M.A. Community Council leadership and a State Police accident reconstructionist over a 5 month period.

Michigan House of Representatives voted in favor of HB-4823 (58 to 46 with 5 not voting) to allow riders 21 years of age and older the right to choose whether they want to wear a helmet in Michigan. Proposed amendments for mandatory personal injury protection insurance, required organ donation and the prohibition of children on motorcycles were defeated.

The bill now goes to the Senate and

is assigned to the Appropriations Committee.

New Hampshire and Minnesota have recently modified their motorcycle handlebar height requirements. In Minnesota, the enactment of HB-1383 eliminates the handlebar height limit. Previously handlebar height could not extend above the shoulders of the operator. New Hampshire's enacted HB-1132, meanwhile, replaces the 15" higher than the seat maximum height limit with a no more than shoulder height when seated limit.

Minnesota's omnibus public safety bill (HF-3203), signed into law by Governor Jesse Ventura, includes an "affirmative defense" provision for motorcyclists stuck at an unchanging red light. It establishes an affirmative defense for a motorcyclist who enters or crosses an intersection against a red light if the motorcyclist establishes the following in response to the charge: (1) the motorcycle has been brought to a complete stop; (2) the signal shows red for an unreasonable time; (3) the signal is apparently malfunctioning or, if vehicleactivated, has not detected the motorcycle; and (4) no other vehicle or person is approaching on the street or is near enough to pose a hazard. The Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association (MMRA) instrumental in creating this new law.

The Bureau of Land Management has granted a two year extension of a



Special Rule regarding the operation of motorized vehicle designations within the Texas Creek, Penrose, Grand Canyon Hills, and Sand Gulch areas of Colorado.

The Special Rule was implemented to prevent a continuation of impacts to soils, vegetation, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The Royal Gorge Field Office will follow implementation of this Special Rule with amendments to the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan. The plan amendments will be completed with full public involvement, interagency coordination and consultation as required.

You may obtain additional information by mail at Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212, (719) 269-8500.

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

MOTORCYCLISTS PREVAIL: NO FEDERAL CLOTHING CONTROL



Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) published its Final Rule on the "early warning" requirements for implementation of the T.R.E.A.D. Act. Citing a notice published on the Motorcycle Riders Foundation website (www.mrf.org) and after intensive lobbying by M.R.F., the American Motorcyclist Association and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations nationwide, N.H.T.S.A. stated, "We have not, and we do not intend to, prescribe standards or requirements for motorcycle apparel other than protective headgear...the final rule does not...control motorcycle clothing." A hearty "well done" to the M.R.F. members and S.M.R.O.s who raised this issue with their members of Congress and with N.H.T.S.A. directly!

"TRUST US," SAYS E.P.A.: PROPOSED RULE DUE IN WEEKS

The long-awaited proposed rule on street bike emissions standards is just weeks away, according to the Scripps-Howard News Service. Small business concerns dominated the article, owing to interviews with the M.R.F., Ken Crepea who owns *Panzer Motorcycle Works* of Canon City, Colorado, *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana*'s "Little John" Swisher, and a background interview with Hairy George of *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio*. The poster rendered by *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* also figured in the story. The article offers several

On July 10, the National Highway clues about the nature of the proposed raffic. Safety Administration rule:

"Currently, about 20 percent of all new motorcycles have catalytic converters...Under the draft proposal, eventually half of all new motorcycles would have the pollution-prevention equipment."

"The fears of small manufacturers and their customers are greatly overblown," the E.P.A. said. "We're telling people, 'Trust us. We're confident this is not going to put you out of business,'" the spokesperson stated.

"Motorcyclists have swamped the E.P.A. with complaints about the draft standards."

Clearly, M.R.F./S.M.R.O. action on this critical proposed rule, built in large part on small business concerns, is having an impact. You are speaking, and Washington is listening. Once the proposed rule is in hand, M.R.F. will alert you and provide our analysis. Stay tuned!

M.R.F. TO ADDRESS S.M.S.A.

With motorcycle safety as the jewel in the crown of our TEA-21 reauthorization agenda, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* will address the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (S.M.S.A.) at its annual convention in Boise, Idaho, August 15-17. We will address "National Motorcycle Issues" with the A.M.A.. If you are an M.R.F. member, you will see a

complete report on M.R.F.'s TEA-21 agenda in the July/August issue of *M.R.F. REPORTS*. (You *are* an M.R.F. member, aren't you?) I am planning to ride to the event, and I'm working with S.M.R.O.s on the way out and back to address chapter meetings or speak to members of Congress back in their district offices. I hope my venture takes me your way!

Yours for the right to ride, and your friend,

Tom

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bimonthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.

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NCOM COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



NEW MEXICO BIKERS BEAT NOISE LAW

Arguably one of the most onerous laws ever passed against motorcyclists was recently modified in favor of a more reasonable approach to the issue of noise. Following a peaceful demonstration by New Mexico motorcyclists who attended an Albuquerque City Counsel meeting in May, the counsel voted unanimously to amend the city's current noise ordinance. It now states that:

"No person shall operate a motorcycle, which exceeds 99 dB, measured in accordance with S.A.E. stationary test method J1287 or similar department-approved method."

"We have lobbied extensively with the city to repeal the part of the noise ordinance that states that motorcycle pipes must be labeled as made for the year, make and model of your bike," said Barbara Alvar, Chairman of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (N.M.M.R.O.). "Essentially this says that if you ever replace your exhaust with anything other than stock pipes, you are breaking the law!"

New Mexico motorcyclists are still working with the city of Albuquerque on other traffic codes, such as repealing their handlebar height restrictions. Under New Mexico's unique "Home Rule" provisions that allow communities to pass laws even if they conflict with state laws, the city of Albuquerque traffic code imposes a handlebar height limit, even though state statute was recently repealed.

ARIZONA MOTORCYCLES TO GET EMISSIONS EXEMPTION

Lawmakers in Arizona have decided to give motorcycles a pass from the state's mandatory emissions test, the only state that requires motorcyclists to pass such testing.

"On May 6th our Emissions Bill HB 2501, which puts us as a 'priority' for the state D.E.Q. (Department of Environmental Quality) to consider removal of motorcycles from the emissions testing prior to any plan submission to E.P.A., was signed by Governor Jane Dee Hull," wrote Roger "Priest" Hurm, Chairman of the Board for the M.M.A. of Arizona (Modified Motorcycle Association) and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) board of directors.

Bobbi Hartman, a lobbyist for A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, told The Arizona Republic newspaper that motorcycles are only a small fraction of the vehicle fleet. "Besides," she commented, "the state's emissions test isn't designed to properly test motorcycles."

State records show that 26 percent of the motorcycles taking the test in 2000 failed while cars flunked at the rate of 16 percent, and opponents of the testing are quick to point out that those figures come from an idle test that is not a good gauge of motorcycle performance.

WASHINGTON BIKERS WIN TWO—TWO TO GO!

Two years ago, Washington became one of only a handful of states to repeal their handlebar height law. This time around, bikers lobbied successfully for their right to use "blue dot" tail lights, so-called because a blue crystal mounted in the center of the lens cover emits a bluish hue when actuated. Many riders use them for conspicuity, but most state's traffic codes specify that a tail light must be red in color, and therefore they are illegal.

The Washington State Legislature apparently agreed with the motorcycling professionals, passing the bill unanimously through both the House and Senate, and it was signed by the governor on March 27.

"Handle bars two years ago and blue dot this year, next [are] helmet and discrimination bills," said Rich Bright, Legislative Director for A.B.A.T.E. of Washington.

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From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Welcome to the dog days of summer y'all,

It's that time of year when canine companions and air-cooled machines lay panting in the shade, waitin' fer things to cool down a bit so they can play some more. And as you can see from our run calendar on the next page, there's still plenty of motorcyclin' activities left to keep you smiling fondly at work. (Work:

the interval between bikin' events.)

Yer crusty ol' editor's work schedule finally changed after eight years of swinging through afternoons and early evenings,

so it's now possible for his fine self to actually attend state board and other chapter meetings, and even some weekend events.

Attending other chapter meetings is a valuable way to directly learn not only what's going on in other chapters, but how they go about it. As our members mingle at meetings, they share experiences and enthusiasm. It's a very renewing experience, freshens the blood, and prevents folks from getting too set in their ways. Like Red Green says, "We're all in this together."

On the subject of shared experiences, take a look at Mick Anderson's piece in this issue. He's been writing about his experiences of growing into off-road motorcycling as a young person. Since yer crusty ol' editor doesn't normally ride crosscountry intentionally, it's opening up a whole new world of knowledge to read of Mick's exploits. It also causes the reader to wonder how Mick survived to write about his younger life.



By the way, if you get a chance to drop by Independence on the Fourth of July, come join us in the Western Days parade. There were 15 bikes and trikes that showed up last month and this time they brought their riders. We always have lots of fun scooting around lidless and the crowds love us.

The mud wrestling at Fossil was a big hit with everyone except the dry cleaners. But it needs a little something extra -- Sumo mud wrestling. (Put those beer bellies to work.)

> Heck, this year our group even won a second place ribbon and got mentioned in the local paper. It not only makes you feel good to participate, but it advances motorcycle awareness in a positive

Besides, what better way for our freedom fighters spend to Independence Day than Independence, Oregon?

Be aware that we're trying to organize another group of bikers for the Oregon Public Broadcasting pledge drive in September. Get this: they feed us well and we have A.B.A.T.E. and other motorcycle groups on television statewide for several hours at no cost to our organizations. If you've never

been to one of these events, sign of the up and come on down to the 5 studio in Portland this Fu September. It's an experience that makes you feel taller and lighter. More information will available is. in the next newsletter and

You know how cage drivers can be

possibly at your chapter meetings.

- Rot Path

so be careful out there.



The Rot Cycle in its latest paint scheme, that of the United States civil flag -- blue stars on a white field with thirteen red and white vetical stripes. (Too bad about the extra stripe. Rot Path wasn't counting while painting.) Cage drivers who claim they don't see this bike obviously aren't looking.

2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

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August 11 th	Applegate Poker Run	(503)-393-2834	
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CANCELLED Summer Run Portland Chapters (503)-760-9015

August 16th - 18th Oregon State H.O.G. Rally

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 Dual Sport
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 August 23rd - 25th
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August 23rd - 25th O.V.M.A./Chinook Winds

August 23rd - 25th The Big Event www.angelfire.com/falcon/botwnomadsbigevent/

Aug 30th-Sept 2nd Friendship Run

August 31st Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend (541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)

Aug 31st - Sept 2nd Freindship Run (208)-245-2320 (Idaho)

September 1st Sunset H.O.G. Poker Run

September 7th - 8th A.H.D.R.A. All Harley Drags--Woodburn

September 7th - 8th End of Sun Run

September 14th Rogue Ride for St. Judes (541)-282-9764 (Shady Cove)

September 20th-22nd End of Summer Run (503)-861-1703 (WaCo/N. Coast)

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October 11th Casino Night

October 13th Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter (541)-746-7837 Rick

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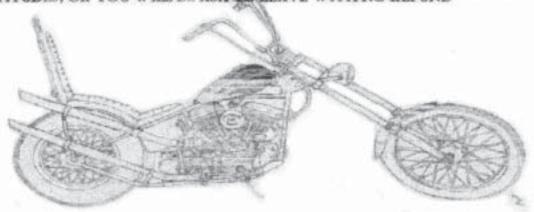
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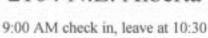
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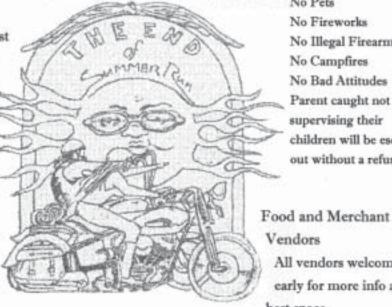
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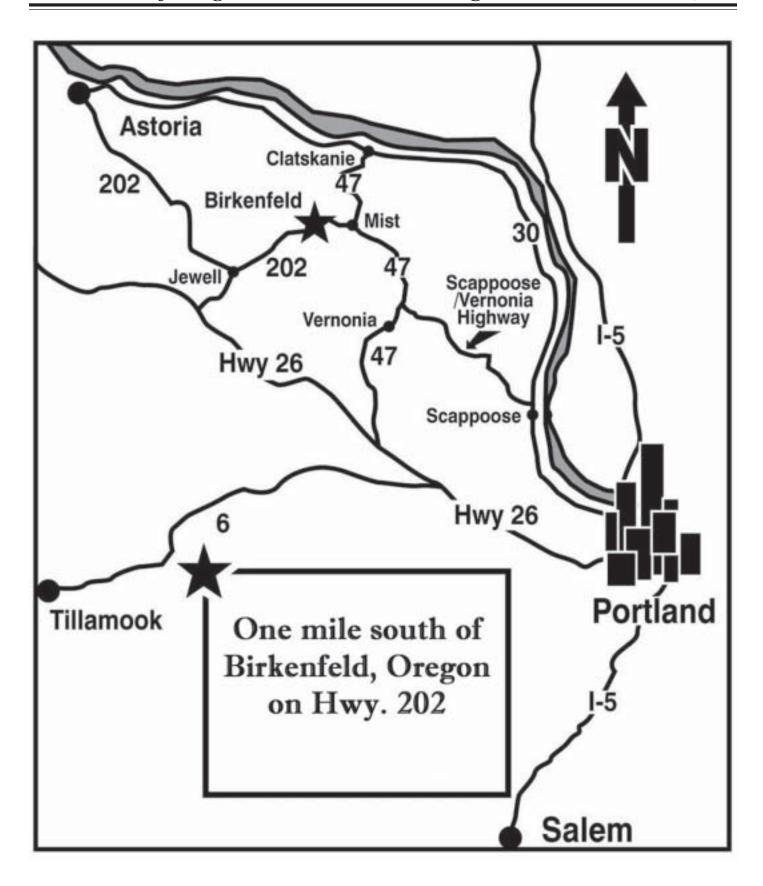
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reader's stories

My First Rice Rocket

by Mick Anderson

In 1969 a man had landed on the moon.

Vietnam, a place no one knew anything about, was now burned into our consciousness by Walter Cronkite and the evening news.

Every night we would see young boys not unlike the older kids in our neighborhoods being placed in body bags and screaming in firefights right on our brand new color TV. It was graphic, bloody, sad, and frightening.

I was getting older and my interest increased a great deal as I progressed into my teens.

I knew that the hippies were dropping a thing called L.S.D. in Haight Ashbury, San Francisco. We would see the video of boys and girls with long hair dancing to rock music in weird clothes at Golden Gate Park sipping wine out of gallon jugs. I had never seen anyone who dressed like this except in *Life* magazine.

There were protesters on college campuses yelling and screaming.

Bombings were occurring in R.O.T.C. buildings.

To a kid, it was an amazing and frightening time.

We, as 13 and 14 year olds, knew the world was changing very fast, but didn't care.

I would play the three albums I had at that time over and over. They were

Jimi Hendrix Experience, Humble Pies Live at the Fillmore, and Steppenwolfs Greatest Hits.

I don't know why I loved the music so much.

Maybe it was my Mom. She would listen to WCUE out of Detroit. This

was the motown sound and I was brought up with Diana Ross and the Supremes, and Curtis Mayfield.

The music was the key.

We listened to it all the time. In my house we were lucky to have a mother who appreciated the new beats. I remember her singing along as she strode through the house doing her work, always with the AM radio blaring soul, motown and rock music.

My Mom referred to me as "Little Johnny Everything" because one day I was going to be a rock star. The next day I would want to be a race car driver or an astronaut.

I didn't just fantasize — I would get books on how to do it so I knew what had to be done in order to become whatever was blowing in the wind that day.

I was serious, a least until I was serious about something else. If you said anything about my vivid imagination or ability to exaggerate you could not say I was a boring child. I was always on some kind of adventure with my brothers and friends.

So when motorcycles became an obsession that I still have and never been able to shake, it was unusual, because I never changed my mind or desire to ride.

My dad generally stuck to baseball and football.

So I was surprised the day he came home and said a man at work had a 175cc Kawasaki *Greenstreet* for sale. It was back in the days, as the kids

say, so it was a stripped down dual-purpose bike. An *Enduro* as we called them.

In the olden days, few motorcycles came equipped just for motocross racing. My kids couldn't understand that, since we were all running from dinosaurs.

Did I mention that I was going to become a world class motocross racer?

I read my *Dirt Bike* magazine until it was frayed and disintegrating and Aki Ansen and Jim Pomeroy were my heroes. I was going to become a great racer.

People said I was an insane rider, so naturally that was the next step, if you rode like I did.

First I needed to learn to ride something that was faster than my Harley *Leggero*.

I looked at Harley dirt bikes but there weren't many on the market and *Dirt Bike* didn't hold them in the high regard that they had for names like CZ, Maico, Penton, Sachs and Husqavarna. The Japanese were coming on strong too, with Honda and Yamaha taking the lead.

The major consideration was not whether it was a great motorcycle but if I could afford it. The old Kawasaki was in a dollar range that was manageable for a man of my means. So I worked and came up with the money and I think Dad helped me out a bit so I could buy the bike.

I remember Pops pulling up in his 1971 Chevy truck with the bike in the back.

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It was like Christmas to the tenth power.

We unloaded the bike and dad told me about the premix of the fuel and oil because it was a two-stroke engine. I proceeded to try and start it. She was touchy so it took quite a few kicks and flooding the bike once to light her up.

When the engine fired up with that distinct "ring-a-ding-ding" that two strokes make, I was so excited I'm lucky I didn't wet myself.

When I crawled onto the seat and kicked it into gear, I felt the clutch engage like a live lion holding back a wild herd of buffalo. I let the clutch out slowly and took off down the backyard. The bike was the most powerful thing I had ever ridden and way more than I could handle at that time, and I knew it. I feared and loved the thing at the same time, much like my first wife.

My little *Leggero* would go pretty fast if the hills were steep enough.

The *Kow*, as I called it, would go fast even if it was climbing straight up a tree.

I could not even get it opened up in the length of our 2 acres. When you grabbed the clutch and revved the engine from a stop you could throw a rooster tail so high it would land on our garage roof. My parents didn't appreciate that much.

My father became adamant that I wear a helmet and was very direct in his attempts to convince me of that. He would pull me off the bike physically and shove the helmet at me and tell me no helmet no ride.

I probably should of listened but Steve didn't wear one and neither did the bikers I worshiped. Thinking back, he was right. I did do some stuff that may have indicated the need for protection.

We had this hill across the street from our house. Iit was at the end of our driveway that sloped down to the road across the street. It went straight up about twenty feet to a cornfield or soybeans depending on the crop rotation.

My little brothers John and David would stand by the street and look for cars. Gregg would stand next to the garage where I could see him. I would start running the bike as fast as I could, come around the garage, down the driveway and up the hill to jump it.

Evel Knievel was big then so I thought I could do whatever he could.

I would hit the hill and sail 20 to 30 feet into the air. The problem was I landed on a flat field not another sloped ramp.

Let's just say at times it was messy business and my brothers would pick me up in pieces.

Other times I would land but smash my kohnes on the tank.

How I ever had children later still baffles me.

I mean, I repeatedly hit my junk on that tank. I never thought to *not* do that it was just a thing riders did.

Getting air is the greatest feeling.

You get a total rush and a lot of attention from bystanders. All my brothers, Gregg, David, John, and Eric did the jump. It was kind of a rite of passage to hit the hill in our family.

We built a track for motocross racing in the old field behind our property. This was our practice track to become professional racers. The kids in the neighborhood would all come over and ride and race.

We had so much fun back there I still relish the memories.

I remember one day I was jumping a ditch and the bike stalled near the track. A pissed off mama groundhog came out and started to chase me. She must not of liked me running over her burrow with a two stroke expansion chamber screaming.

She was a mean mama.

I climbed a tree.

Duchess our German Shepherd chased her away.

I didn't bother jumping that ditch for a while after that.

We practiced everyday.

Motocross is a tough sport.

It demands that you be in good physical condition so it can pound you until you are not.

I was going to race at the big show at *Meadowview*, a local race course and I knew that it would mean being able to withstand two, twenty minute motos.

On the day of my first race I was unable to sleep the night before or eat in the morning.

The adrenaline had been pumping for a week as I had practiced and prepped my bike.

We pulled up to the track located in an old field at the edge of a wood as we had many times before.

The difference this time was we had a bike.

The Andersons came to participate. Gregg was there and helped me get ready after we unloaded the bike.

The motors were running through the gears as riders of all classes practiced before their event. I started the bike and went out to do some laps to get a feel for the conditions that day on the track.

on the course.

It was a vision quest.

I was racing against men and it was not a child's game.

This was the real thing.

I went back to the pits and chilled until my event, the 175cc-class race.

I remember the announcer later calling the riders to the line for the first moto of the 175cc class.

I started the bike and rode out to a long metal gate about two feet high that held the riders back. It would fall to the ground as the flag dropped and the riders would start.

"Easy enough," I thought.

I had raced my friends for years.

The bikes sat at the line revving up and down as the flag dropped and we took off, some of the bike riders over revved and flipped immediately.

Dirt was flying everywhere. It was a maze of monkeyfuck. I got a good start and was in the middle of the pack as we approached the first turn.

Then I fell.

Now in the world as I had known it, people would go around you if you fell.

In a motocross race you just become I felt so proud to be a racer and be traction for other riders and I was run over by a couple of bikes.

> I picked up my bike in a state of shock and started it up and got going again, tire marks on my helmet and all.

> I ran the bike as hard as it could be run wide open, no clutch, speed shifting my ass off.

> In motocross you just get it, there is no fear of this or that. It is a "pointand-shoot" kind of thing.

> I raced the full moto and ended up 2nd to last or so, but I finished.

> When I rode into the pits after a race and stopped the bike I could not open my hands. They were frozen in a grip position due to the sheer force needed to grip and to stay on the bike as I flew through the course. I slid them out of the grips and slowly began to move them.

Gregg took the bike.

My whole body was pounded beyond any beating I had ever given it on a motorcycle.

I was in shape. I rode everyday.

In motocross I discovered you have to ride like a crazy son-of-a-bitch all the time to be competitive.

I tried to look the bike over and Gregg helped me.

We were ready and I just sat there.

Lucky my old bro Gregg was there. He and myself were going to be famous racers someday.

So this was it.

Man, did I underestimate things or what?

The second moto was a lot like the

I ended up finishing 3rd to last or something.

At the end of the day I found I had a lot to learn.

I think all young men find that moment interesting when they thought they had it handled and find out that they just started the trip

It was fairly humbling: a great accomplishment and life lesson.

Our day completed, we loaded up and left the track.

As we pulled away something felt different.

Nothing I was conscious of, just a little thing inside you carry away with yourself from an event that changes

I was now a real rider just like my heroes in Hollywood and real life.

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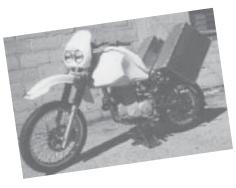
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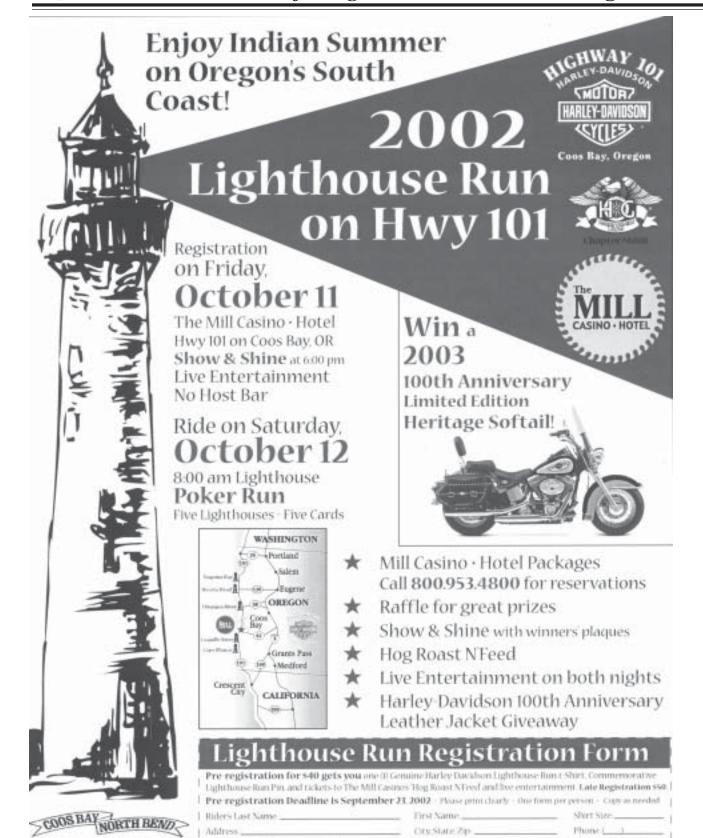
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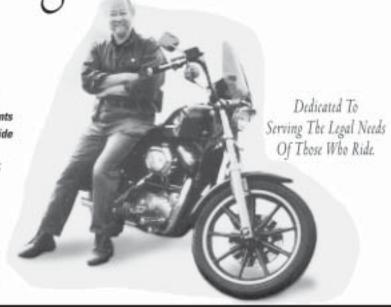
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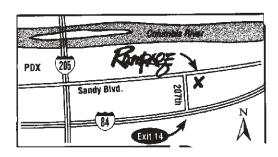
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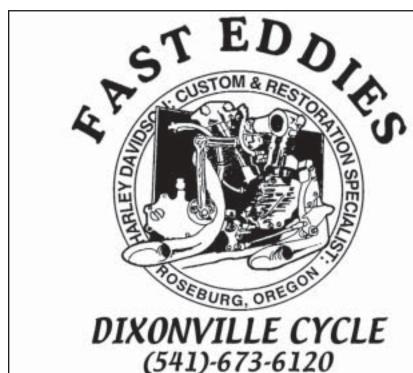


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for tickets. Ask for Mike. The drawing for the bike will be on Dec 7th, 2002.

For Sale

1976 Shovel, 1200 classic, red, stored inside, saddle bag, windshield, excellent shape. \$10,000. (Getting new bike.) (503)-510-1175

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Homelite 5 H.P. aluminum body mulching mower, very good condition. \$60 or best offer. Lawnmower Man. other mowers available also. Phone (503)-257-7390 FAX (503)-262-9110 (Sept 2002)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM

-- July-

I've become convinced...that this thing we call "democracy" is in deep trouble and that only citizen outrage and activism will fix it.

-- Harry Lonsdale

For Sale

Interstate trailer, 6x12 with ramp, like new. All set for two motorcycles. \$3,200 or best offer. Call, Joan (541)-896-0308 or Carol at (541)-746-5071 (Sept 2002)

For Sale

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1936 Knucklehead.

WANTED

Names of companies or organizations what would be interested in buying a block of Shriners Toy Run tickets as promos for employees, customers, etc. A great way to help the children of the Shriners Hospital and any business organization. It doesn't get any better than this. Call:

(503)-255-5415

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Ask for Mike.

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August Cryptogram

AHFLWCV AM Z CAT

KAAYL ZEV Z PZB'L KULF MEWVBC.

WBLWCV AM Z CAT,

WF'L FAA CZEY FA EVZC.

-TEAHUJA PZEI

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

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Total number of members: __

Date paid:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

	Membership Application
Name:	
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City: State: _	Zip:
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Portland, ORegon 97208

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Individual membership

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Chapter:				
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Yes	Yes			
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But how do they let their dreams take wing?
It's easier than you think,
In good living as in drink,
And that's moderation in all things.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 August 2002 at Noon the Hospital Newport, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.				
Chapter:	Date/Time::		Location:	
Central Oregon	3 rd Thursday	1830 (6:30 ^{pm})	Redmond Hotel; Redmond	
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	U&I Tavern; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland	
Douglas County	1st Sunday	1230 (12:30 ^{pm}))Round Table Pizza; Roseburg	
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall; Albany	
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	
North Coast	4 th Saturday	$1000 (10^{am})$	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 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles	
			(I-84 & US-97)	
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem	
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1100 (11 ^{am})	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	$1400 (2^{pm})$	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	
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Foxfire Restaurant; 4740 Main Street; Springfield	