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S.T.E.A.M. A BOILING SUCCESS

Simon Milward Speaks At S.T.E.A.M.

Salem, Oregon — This year's Seminar To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.), held on 16 February 2002 at Chemeketa Community College, was a great success due in large part to guest speaker, Simon Milward

Since 01 January 2000 Simon has been engaged on an around-the-world motorcycle ride to raise money for basic health care world-wide. Using a bike custom-built for the trip, the plucky Englishman has had his share of adventures and mishaps. Yet he picks himself and the pieces of his bike up after every rough landing, gets it all put back together, then continues on his journey. And that is one of the underlying messages that emerges from hearing him speak: you can't give up — you have to keep going because you have no choice.

Simon has been documenting his continuing journey with digital images, e-mail updates, and a web site: <http://www.millennium-ride.com>



photo by Mel Yeager

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Coordinator, Ted Tracy, presents our contribution to Simon Milward for his Millennium Ride charity work.

At S.T.E.A.M., Simon gave a delightful narrated electronic slide show of his journey thus far. (He still has Central and South America as well as Africa to do before he rolls home.)

His inspiration for the journey germinated while a guest of the British health care system following one of his apparently frequent close encounters with asphalt. He decided that for people all over the world, health care should be a basic right as it is in England. To that end, he formulated the concept of riding around the world raising awareness of

the issue and funds for a health care charity where the money went to worthwhile work, not administration.

Listening to Simon relate his experiences, one can't help being awed by what he's doing, knowing that most of us will never have the resolve to undertake such an adventure. Yet the fact that he is doing it strengthens our determination to keep up with our own education and legislative work where we are.

Presently Simon is in Los Angeles prior to making another circuit of North America before heading south. If you get a chance to hear him speak, make sure you do. He is an engaging speaker with a wonderful understated dry wit. (And if you make a contribution to his charity, you get a pin and e-mail updates.)

Kudos To S.T.E.A.M. Organizers

This year's S.T.E.A.M. would not have been the success it was without the background work of Chair Geoff White

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

What We're About

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

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

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

Executive Coordinator,
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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments



by Ted Tracy

Hello Everyone,

Hope all is well with you and your families.

The Tracys got the calendar out and started filling in the days for the summer. Between 4-H fairs, A.B.A.T.E. runs, other group's runs, meetings, etc., not many of the days remain blank. Should be a summer filled with fun.

I want to welcome the four new state officers. First is Michelle Hobbs. She has accepted the nomination for Products Director. She is very enthusiastic about her new job, and has some great new ideas.

Chris Anderson has accepted the State Quartermaster job. This is a new position created by the chapter reps at the November State Board Meeting. His first duty will be to inventory all the worldly possessions for A.B.A.T.E., and then eventually he will take over purchasing of State supplies.

Keith Odoms has accepted the position of Sergeant at Arms East. He will be a great help at Fossil.

Unfortunately, our long-time Sergeant at Arms North, Bob Earl, has had to step down. Bob is having some health problems, but he will continue to be a real asset to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, and I know we all wish him well.

Matt Hobbs has stepped up to the job as Sergeant at Arms North. This makes Cole Hembree, our Sergeant at Arms South, the Senior Security officer.

This all means that we are blessed with a fantastic group of State Officers for 2002. I am looking forward to working with all of them this year.

Mark your calendars for April 21st. A.B.A.T.E. is hosting an indoor/outdoor swap meet at the Armory in Northeast Portland. A.B.A.T.E. will be giving away a \$675 gift certificate to *Langlitz Leathers*. Don't miss your chance to win some new leathers!

Our 25th Anniversary Fossil run is shaping up to be the best ever! We will be unveiling our permanent new display at the Wheeler County Museum. There will be a parade through downtown Fossil, and MUD

WRESTLING!!! It doesn't get any better than this, folks! Make your plans now to be at the 25th anniversary Fossil Campout.

Legislatively, things are hopping. The feds keep coming up with one looney idea after another. If it wasn't for the State Motorcycle rights groups, and the national rights organizations, I would hate to think what we would be wearing and what we would be riding.

I want to thank you all for being members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. It is a great organization, with great people, and I am proud to be your coordinator.

Jill and I are planning to make it to many of the events this year, so please come on over and we will shoot the breeze.

Ending on a somber note, Washington County lost a member in a tragic accident on February 2nd. It was a stupid sideswipe and should not have happened. Please ride careful, people, very careful.

Ted

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with considerable help from Melinda McCrossen. (Sadly, Melinda was ill and couldn't attend S.T.E.A.M. Let her know how much you appreciate her efforts, but don't go on about how much she missed.)

Teresa Hepker and Brian Stovall put together and displayed a comprehensive timeline showing the developments that have affected motorcycling since 1900.

The chart is fascinating reading. Hopefully it will be displayed at the May Awareness Rally so more people can view it.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and who attended S.T.E.A.M. 2002. You made it the our best yet.

— Rot Path

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*Our Officers at Work***A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***09 February 2002*

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the January 12, 2002. Reading waived.

Coordinators Comments:

Moment of silence for President of the Outsiders, Andy, who died and Mark Forness a Washington County member who was sideswiped and killed.

All chapter Reps need to disseminate the material in their packets they pick up.

Correspondence:

Letter of thanks from Steve Garets of Team Oregon.

Melinda suggests we have personal acknowledgment at S.T.E.A.M. with a press release to let the public know what we are doing.

Guest:

Linda Bauknecht of American Income Life. Linda gave a presentation and told us of also working with Washington, North & South Dakota A.B.A.T.E.'s \$1,000 benefit for member, \$500 for Spouse and \$250 for children. This is a no cost to you the member. They would send out, paid by them, post cards to all of our members. They would not have our membership list but would give the postage paid cards/letters to Jill to send out and they would only contact you if you returned the card to them if you were interested in Supplemental Insurance Benefits. State Representatives were given a packet to take back to their chapters and return their decision to the board.

***** OFFICERS REPORTS *******Legislative Director:**

Rick Maish handed out his report with the Candidate List for the 2002 Primary Election. Also mentioned the Michelin Man Suit being developed in Italy. Also, each chapter needs a Legislative Director, if your chapter doesn't have one, you need to get one and give the information to Rick.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative:

Brian Stovall - Brian is in Lansing MI at an emergency M.R.F. meeting Ken Ray won his election and is also at the M.R.F. meeting. Randy Phipps reports that the May Awareness Rally is a go at the Capitol. Mel Yeager has been working on a flyer. A script is going to be passed out at S.T.E.A.M. for making contacts and interviews at the capitol a little easier for those who have never done it and BikePac is working on a handout that lists the issues they are working on.

Confederation of Clubs**Representative:**

Ed Vaughn couldn't attend today but had gone to the Confederation meeting and gave them our check. He has also been trying to get in touch with Rob Thompson so he can take him to a couple of meetings and introduce him to everyone in case Ed can't make it to a meeting.

Education Director:

Geoff White - Was not present.

Education Director II:

Nora Rohde read some statistics from a flyer she received from O.D.O.T.



*by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary*

Membership Secretary:

Jill Tracy was not here but sent in her report. We have added 177 new members in the last ten months for a total of 1736 members. Roger has 8 x 11 inserts that are to be accompanied with the tri-fold holders.

Newsletter Editor:

Rot Path wants for, a one time thing, all submissions for the March newsletter taken to S.T.E.A.M.. Ted noted that the first newsletter was great and only had a few problems. Rot also wants attachments e-mailed to him in Rich Text Format (RTF) format.

Products:

Michelle Hobbs. Michelle will have vintage T-shirts on sale at the swap meet.

Public Relations:

Melinda McCrossen has been busy working with Geoff White on the S.T.E.A.M. brochure, Swap Meet Flyer, Post Cards and Fossil Flyers. She thanked South Coast, Willamette Valley and South East Chapters for submitting their bike shops info so she could e-mail them the flyers. She also got the new Tri-Fold done.

State Run Coordinator:

Rotten Roger said the T-shirt design for Fossil is needed by March 9th with all the required information i.e., A.B.A.T.E., Fossil, etc. Also each chapter must provide (2) 5 gal cans of gas (not money), 3 door prizes and (2) large boxes of trash bags. Need a person at Fossil to keep working positions filled during the run. Roger spoke with the Mayor to get a liaison to kick off the run with Fossil Community Members. They also spoke of doing a co-ed softball benefit game.

State Run Coordinator II:

Kurt Speas was not present.

Treasurer:

Wendy Vaughn reports Bulk Mail \$2,958.77, Checking \$2,929.09, Insurance \$1,157.00 and Savings \$54,284.53 for a total of \$61,329.39 Also she has submitted a new expense sheet that she wants all State Officers to use. Expenses should be e-mailed to her at wacoabate@earthlink.net at least 5 days prior to the board meeting so she can have the checks ready and be able to listen to the meeting.

Chapter Auditor:

Carla Richesin. Nothing to report.

Historian:

Iris Yeager was at the Lane County meeting.

Webpage Editor:

Maddog was not in attendance. Ted noted what a great web page.

Vice-Coordinator North:

Jim Niece has been working on documents.

Vice-Coordinator South:

Joe Laurance had nothing to report.

Vice-Coordinator East:

Bob Hadley had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms North:

Bob Earl has resigned due to medical problems. This position is now open. They will need help at Fossil and information will be available at S.T.E.A.M. on how to do this job. Matt Hobbs was elected to this position.

Sergeant at Arms South:

Cole Hembree - not present.

Sergeant at Arms East:

Keith Odoms took position at this meeting.

Sanctioning Officer:

Ron Bloker reported that some sanctioned flyers were inadvertently left out of the newsletter. He is still working on the insurance carrier. Please make sure when you submit flyers for

sanctioning that you include, Sanctioned by A.B.A.T.E., who the proceeds are going to and that donations to A.B.A.T.E. are *not* tax deductible. It was also mentioned for all chapters to remember to put what city their event is in so people from out of town can find it.

Quartermaster:

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

Committee Reports:

1. Run Committee: Rick Maish, Ron Bloker & Michelle Lipchitz, this committee has not yet met but they will need help at Fossil.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fossil Museum Display: Jim Niece said they are ready to go forth. He has tried to get the wording from Deb to finish the display and she hasn't given it to him. Melinda McCrossen is going to help.

2. Planning Session Meeting: Jill needs your "A.B.A.T.E. wants You" poster by next board meeting. Only one person has submitted something and the winner will get a free lifetime membership.

3. Cost for Sign-Joe Laurence this is on hold.

4. Term of Office - Wendy Vaughn submitted in the Rep packets for them to take back to the chapters and report back to us.

5. Mentoring - Wendy Vaughn submitted in the Rep packets for them to take back to the chapters and report back to us.

6. Annual Meeting - Jim Niece, Brian Stovall and Melinda McCrossen. Jim Niece reported that they are meeting in two months to begin this task.

7. Strategic Planning Session - Brian Stovall was not present.

Ted reminded all Reps that the Chapter Notebook should contain all

Sanctioning Forms, By Laws, Expense Forms and this notebook should be kept by the chapter Secretary and brought to every meeting. If your chapter cannot find their notebook, contact Ted for a replacement.

Best of the West is coming up in June and all chapters should be sending everyone from their chapter as it only costs \$100 to send them all.

New Business:

1. Motion made by Wendy Vaughn, seconded by Stephen Baton to pay for Ted & Jill, Officers of A.B.A.T.E. to fly to N.C.O.M. 2002. Air fare only at \$475 total. All were for, motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Wendy Vaughn that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc., pay for a hospitality room at the Oregon Democratic Platform Convention, March 7-8, 2002. Price not to exceed \$350 and stipulated that the same could apply for the Republicans if they ask for it. 9 were in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Wendy Vaughn that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon provide funding to cover both lunch and coffee service for S.T.E.A.M. attendees, with a stipulation that a donation can be made available. 10 were for, motion carried.

Steve asked about the member pamphlets. Ted said they are in the process of being reprinted.

Announcements:

Custom Show in Salem

Picnic in March - Salem

Willamette hosting Casino Night in Veneta on the 23rd, live music.

Jim Niece is looking for shovel head exhaust pipes.

Rotten Roger needs an axle from a Honda to use on a trailer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports*Central Oregon Chapter*

We now have 48 members in our chapter, a small number for most chapters, but some of our members travel 50-160 miles to the meetings.

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

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

Bob H reported that TEAM Oregon is setting up a permanent site in Bend and Medford, Oregon.

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

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

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

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)

Abby's Pizza

Redmond

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

Columbia River Chapter

Our chapter elected new officers in our January meeting:

- Co-ordinator Spike
- Vice-Co-ordinator Big Bill
- State Representative Joel
- Secretary Dee
- Treasurer Janet
- Sgt. at Arms 1 Nick
- Sgt. at Arms 2 Big Bill
- Membership Terri
- Ways & Means .. Julie, Jimbo, Shag
- Historian Aaron and Sammy
- Education DC
- Road Captain Shag
- Toy Run Janet, Julie, Jimbo

The Road Captain is a new position for us. Shag has promised to plan runs for us to go on after our meetings so we have some fun to go along with getting our business done. It is a great idea and Shag is to be commended for it.

I want to thank our out-going officers, Angie, Art, Sherrie and Steve and thank our new ones as well as our continuing ones for their commitment to the cause of liberty.

We still need a legislative director. Things are happening in Salem and around the state and we have to stay on top of the issues.

On February 9th our chapter hosted its Sweet Heart Dance at the Stagecoach Saloon. Unfortunately, due to OLCC problems we were not able to have live music. Nonetheless, we had a great time with a DJ playing music for us. Thanks to all of you who attended.

I have written again to Commissioner Charlie Hales about the issue of motorcycle parking in Portland given the plan to change to a pay station system. He has sent me a rather evasive response. I will be sending him another letter and will ask Rot Path to publish them both so you can see what sort of problems bikers are going to have when they try to park in downtown Portland.

Finally, we have moved our meeting place to the U & I, 6910 N. Interstate Avenue. We have outgrown our former meeting place and the owners of the U & I were kind of enough to have us there. They have remodeled and there is a nice, quiet room we can use that is separate from the bar area so children can attend. In the early '90's, our chapter used to meet there so we have returned to the North Portland area where we started. Due to the construction on Interstate Avenue, be careful getting there. Parking is at the back of the building which is monitored by a video camera.

SPIKE

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
 2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
 Pizza Perfect
 6815 NE Killingsworth -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports*Douglas County Chapter*

Starting things off right, I'd like to thank the officers and other members of Douglas County's new chapter. Last year was a positive start! Gene Reed recruited over 100 members in the first year. And there was a lot of dedication shown by others; specifically, Joe Laurance (State Rep), and Joe Brumbach (Chapter Secretary). We were welcomed to the state wide networking ability of ABATE through the invitation to be part of the SOS Run. This allowed us to work with other chapters and get to know some of the people volunteering their time in other areas.

By the time you read this we should be looking forward to the swap meet in Portland. This is exciting news to me being a bit of a "gear head"! As we are a young chapter our plate hasn't grown out of control yet so our chapter will have to keep you posted as the year rolls on. We are looking forward to another year working for freedom and safety on tow hopefully very fast wheels. Abe Zaffarano, Chapter Coordinator.



Douglas County Board meeting.

I'll add my two cents like always to this newsletter. January brought us Abe Zaffarano as Coordinator, Gene Reed as Vice Coordinator, myself as Secretary again, Bev Brumbach as Treasurer, Joe Laurance as State Rep again, Mary Cruz as Membership Secretary, Legislative Rep is Bill Hagadorn, Public Relations is Dennis Zuver, Ways and Means is Char Jasper, Historian is Cindy Zaffarano, Sgt. At Arms is Ed Krissie and Rick Grout, and Don Garino is our chaplain again. I list all these officers because many of our 112 members don't come to the meetings and this is their only way of knowing who's who.

Some of us are definitely going to Willamette Chapter's Casino night on February 23 to learn how to pull one of these off successfully. We had a new years day ride that was unsponsored but many of our chapter participated in. Our new Sgt. At Arms have promised that we will have chapter rides after our meetings this year. Our February meeting was on Super Bowl Sunday so there was no real ride planned.

Sending you pictures I took of our Board meeting and chapter meeting. Also Rot Path said he wanted Tattoo pics so here's two of mine to use where

ever Rot wants them. These tattoos were done by Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.'s very own Frank Boone of "Two Crows Tattoo". Douglas County really is a great place to live and ride. See you all on the road.

Joe Brumbach
Chapter Secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

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

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

Hub City Chapter

Hi,

Well did Rot Path do an excellent job last month? Yes he did end of story.

I guess the word for the month is maintenance. Knocking the cobwebs off and making a trail to the driveway, will allow you to enjoy about a month of dodging showers. But it will give you the summer in the yard (or living room) replacing parts you didn't know existed. And we want to see everyone at our poker run.

So what's the word for the month?

HUB CITY MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall
Albany

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

Lincoln County Chapter

Hi!

Not much to report on this month. I'm sorry to say that we still have not yet nailed down a new meeting place. Hopefully I will have that information for you in April's newsletter.

Talk at you then!

Ride Safe!

Shirley

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

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

(Location To Be Arranged)

Newport

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

North-East Portland Chapter

February has started off great with 22 people showing up for our first meeting of the month.

Thank you Brent & Dawn for bring little Wyatt in so we could all see him! Brent won the 50/50 drawing for a huge (?) sum of money.

This year promises to be a great one for the North East Chapter. We are up to 79 members in the chapter with more folks being added each month.

Roger is in the process of preparing for Fossil with flyers now available. Roger needs help at the information booth and could use a couple of \leq ton trucks to tow trailers to the campsite.

There is a Summer Run pin contest with entries due at the June 2nd Summer Run meeting. The winner will receive 2 pins and 2 Summer Run tickets.

Many of you got calls this month to see if your name could be added to the Democratic Party Motorcyclist Caucus. Thanks to you several names were added to the caucus. This is really important because our status within the Democratic Party can change in an instant. For example I heard that we lost the helmet language this week that was in the party platform. The language was cut by a committee of people in the process of doing some housekeeping to slim down the platform. Apparently the platform was becoming too large in their view. This is a great loss because the helmet language got onto the

platform with a lot of work passing by one slim vote. It is possible to add the language back in during the next Central Committee Meeting. Our position is fragile and can change in an instant. This is why we need a strong caucus and more importantly we need registered Democrats to become Precinct Committee People.

We really tried to represent our Chapter for the Officer Guzman ride this last month but it was too snowy to ride from East County. I waited at Elmers to see if anyone was crazy enough to ride that morning. A guy showed up who rode from Vancouver. He eventually decided it was too dicey to be riding over the hill and went home. I ended up driving out to Hillsboro Motorcycle with Steve Baton of the South East Chapter. It turned out we could have rode if we were willing to brave the snow on the ground for just a little while. The closer we got to Hillsboro the less snow there was. It was weird but that is the way it goes sometimes. It is better to be safe than sorry. At any rate, several A.B.A.T.E. people showed up representing Washington County, South East Portland (Dick Edmonds rode his Fat Boy), and the North East Portland Chapter. There were probably 80 to 100 people [who] showed up and 14 brave souls on their bikes rode to the hospital to support Officer Guzman. Our chapter donated \$100 to help Officer Guzman. Steve Baton (South East) presented

\$150 from his H.O.G. Chapter which was matched by Columbia Harley-Davidson. A.B.A.T.E. donated a total of \$300. All total, over \$3,000 was raised for Officer Guzman. If you would like to make a contribution for Officer Guzman, Hillsboro Motorcycle will make sure his family gets it.

That's all there is report this time.

God bless,

Mike

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N.E. PORTLAND MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

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

Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports*North Coast Chapter*

Greetings all!

I've got a lot of news to share with and about the North Coast Chapter. As you may have read last month, we have been looking for ways to increase membership and member participation at the meetings. During the last meeting, we did a lot to move closer toward our goals. The biggest news is the meeting changes. The meetings will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month, that's the 23rd of this month (March). We will be meeting at the Merts Campus on the east end of Astoria at 10 AM. Weather permitting, we may ride after the meeting.

In an effort to increase our membership, two printings are being made. The first is an ad placement in the local paper, *The Daily Astorian*. This is how I became involved in the chapter. Oh well, better luck this round ;). The advertisement will promote the chapter, the meeting dates and the location. The second printing will be an informational flier, highlighting the chapter events, meeting info and describing our community service work. The intent is to give non-members an idea of who we are and what we do. As a chapter, we are working to continue to develop the chapter into a constantly expanding and improving organization.

During the last meeting we drew for the \$50 member drawing. Kirk Lundberg would have won \$50, but you've gotta be present to win. A motion was made and passed to increase the pot each month that the

membership drawing is not won. That means we've upped the ante to \$55 for the next meeting.

S.T.E.A.M. 2002!

The history of motorcycle rights, Simon Milward, the Democratic Motorcyclist Caucus, classes, friends, training... and the list can go on and on. The presentations and classes were well done and very well received. Great job to all [who] organized, presented and attended. Many people endured the 38 degree ride to attend.

Wow!

That's the impression I am still carrying after Simon Milward's presentation at S.T.E.A.M. For those of you [who] missed it, you really missed out. This is a guy who has been through more on a motorcycle in the past two years than I'm sure I'll endure throughout my entire life. After S.T.E.A.M., many of us were treated to a second showing of the slide show at the Vaughn's. (Thanks Ed & Wendy!) I think I enjoyed it more the second time around, and I really enjoyed the first showing.

On a final note, I wanted to express the concern I have for our motorcycle rights. Simon mentioned several times at S.T.E.A.M. that there is a push, or the strong development of one, to international standards and restrictions. This seemed to be strengthened as we listened to the history of motorcycle rights and the development of standards nationally, many modeled after the highly restrictive California standards. We need to be vigilant in our fight to defend our rights. It can't just be about helmets, although that is very

important to many of us. N.H.T.S.A. has recently begun a look into regulating motorcycle apparel, while the E.P.A. continues to work on Emission Standards for street bikes. Insurance companies throughout the nation are making it harder and harder to insure assembled bikes.

This is just the tip of the iceberg!

Stay informed!

Get involved!

Our very life style is being attacked at every intersection. (Here I am on the Soap Box again!)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming runs. Ride Safely and Ride Often!

Keep the Rubber Side Down and the rain, uh, I mean wind, at your back.

Ron

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

1st Saturday at 1000

(10 am)

Merts Campus

6540 Libert Lane -- Astoria

Children are welcome

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

River City Chapter

**Regular Meeting
February 5, 2002**

Our regular meeting was preceded by a Run Committee meeting and we will have one before each regular meeting until our run is done. Plans are shaping up and we hope to have a good poker run in conjunction with the Teddy Bear parade in our local Cherry Festival Parade in April.

We had a lively meeting. One of our members, Randy Hybertsen, is about to embark on a year and a half school in Phoenix to become an [motorcycle] mechanic - one of those lifetime dreams coming true!

We had a good talk about election changes and district changes and sent out some questions to be answered.

Tina Krause would have won our membership drawing for \$75 if she had been at the meeting. It will be \$80 next meeting.

Mike Farmer won the 50/50 at \$7/\$6 and donated his share back to the Chapter. Thank you, Mike.

Since we seem to have a lot of room on our own Chapter page in the newsletter, I am sending Rot Path some pictures from our Sunday rides. Come join us and have this much fun!

**Regular Meeting
February 19, 2002**

Called to order by Dan at 7:03 pm. 12 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Del. Minutes were waived on a motion by Dan because they were presented in written form.

Treasury Report is \$395.00. Bills submitted: Joy Nicholson for \$14.40 for copying and Mike Farmer for \$8.50 for B.O.D. meeting trip, approved.

Membership Report 64 Board Report: Mike reported on the B.O.D. meeting, brought flyers, newsletters and Fossil tickets.

Legislative Report: No E.P.A. proposal yet, need to send team to D.C. to lobby.

Public Relations Report: Working on getting web page information straightened out.

New Business

Insurance proposal: Could be a come on. Can't hurt. Motion by Teresa to say it sounds alright, passed.

Term limits: Need a way to "unsaddle" people, but I don't like term limits. I don't think it is a good idea, x 4. Yes x 1. Longer terms for set number of terms then set out for a specified time. Mentor idea is okay.

Do we want Fossil Run advertised again on channel 7?

Membership Drawing for \$80 would have been won by Kris Turner if he had been present. It will be \$85 next meeting.

50/50 won by Dan Turner at \$6/\$6 and donated back to the Chapter. Thanks, Dan.

Adjourned 7:50 pm

Good meeting with a dozen people. That's 19% attendance, not bad. We talked over the topics from the BOD meeting. There was a run committee meeting before the regular meeting and preparations are going well. We need to do final route planning for the poker run on some of our Sunday rides.

Kristian Turner would have won the \$80 membership drawing if he had been here. It goes up to a near record \$85 for the next meeting. Dan Turner won the 50/50 at \$6/\$6 and donated his portion back to the Chapter. Thank you, Dan.

What is black, purple and pink and goes like stink?

Come riding with us to find out!

Upcoming meetings

March 5, 2002, 7:00 PM

March 19, 2002, 7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports*Salem Chapter*

S.T.E.A.M. is now history hope everyone could get there fine and the weather did not stop people from attending.

Ice Breaker is coming up end of March we are having a get together with other local groups to have a day at Evergreen Wayside Park. The first Ice Breaker was organized to get local groups together to kick off the riding season and to find out what other groups have going. This year we are just charging for the Bar B Q \$4 a plate we will have onsite games to play for both children and adults. We are hoping for good weather.

I was a charter member of the Salem Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. when we got our charter in 1983. I am very proud to be able to serve the Chapter any way I can and when I heard about Rot Path going for the State Newsletter editor I was compelled to take the Secretary job. My first meeting was 1-22-02 and as Ted Tracy could tell you my first Minutes were a little ruff but this to will get better. I have not been a Secretary since 1982 when I was then working for the South East A.B.A.T.E. Chapter. Just a little history to let you all know how old I am.

I know that this entry is no where near as entertaining as when Rot Path was doing this but maybe I'll grow into the role.

Ride safe and free and I hope to see everyone at events that are planned and only good things to each of you.

MURGE

Greetings,

How's this for public exposure?!

I have applied with OPB to have our chapter and the C.M.A. (have to see if they want to do it again, it was their idea last time) work one shift of the fund drive.

It is alot of fun. They feed you, put you on TV and talk nice about you.

Last time we were having Jerry Garcia sitings with Rot Path sitting in the front row.

The drive probably wouldn't be until summer but there is a possibility of March. I will know more after the application is processed and they send the sign-up sheet with the date. Only takes a few hours in the evening or afternoon and the drive to Portland. They are asking for 10 to 20 people and they don't have to be members they can be friends and family as long as they are over 16 years of age.

Kindest Regards,
Michelle

SALEM MEETING TIME(S)
and PLACE

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

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

South Coast Chapter

Our Potluck/Scavenger Hunt is this month. It promises to be a good time. Some dedicated members have been planning this for months!

Our next event is the Mall Show at the Pony Village Mall in North Bend during the month of May. We invite everyone with motorcycles to bring them to the Mall where we will be displayed throughout Mother's Day weekend. We present the Merchant's Award to the display best liked by the merchants in the Mall. It is an opportunity to show off various motorcycles, old and new, big and little, to the community. Motorcycle Awareness is very important and we try to show the community there are a lot of us out there who like to ride [that] they need to watch out for.

Of course, the Awareness Rally is in May — the first weekend, to be exact. We encourage everyone to attend! Also in May, is the Rhododendron Festival in Florence. There are several who ride rain or shine and have a great time while we are there.

Don't forget Fossil over Memorial Day weekend. This is a great time for all!

Our chapter is planning big things this year. There may even be something new at the Coos River Run in July. You will have to come to find out what it is.

Don't get too anxious and ride too soon this spring. Make sure you are prepared for the weather and road conditions. As I write this

in January, we have recently had snow, hail, rain, and sun. Conditions can change very quickly, so be careful!

Watch out for the other guy! [Or gal.]

Ride safe!

Karen Bauder

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports*South-East Portland Chapter*

Hey Ya'All!!

I'm squeaking this in and hope Rot will forgive me. Just wanted to wait till the Columbia River Sweet Hearts Dance was done with to be sure to give them the Kudos' that they most definitely deserve. I know that my self and most everyone I saw had a blast yesterday evening. Thanks for your hospitality Columbia River.

I hope you all come on out to South East Chapters Anniversary Party and let us show you all a good time also.

That's just about it for this time.

Show up for the meetings and also the committee meeting for the summer run. It's the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am at the M&M.

Ride Safe,
See ya next weekend at
S.T.E.A.M.

Mammy Tami

Just wanted to let ya know I really like the way the News letter looks now. Ya did good Rot!!!
—Mammy Tami

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

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

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

There were three Toy Runs down here in the South and they were all up to snuff. The C.M.A. Soul Wheelers were out for their 7th Annual and had a good turnout with about seventy-five of Santa's helpers all kickin' in the cheer and toys for the Medford Gospel Mission where they all ended up for free hot dogs and chili.

Next was the Rogue Valley Toy Run with a total of about one hundred and fifty cheerful souls makin' a run through town to the Moose Lodge from D&S Harley-Davidson for, yup, chili and hot dogs. D&S had some really nice Toy Run tees for sale, with the proceeds once again going to The Children's Miracle Network.

The third Run was the Illinois Valley Bikers nineteenth and they had a good turnout for the parade, poker and Toy Run and the dance that followed, but you'll have to get the count and amount from other than me, cuz nobody I've talked to knows for sure.

New Year's Day the M.A. had their Polar Bear Run, where about 27 brave and hardy souls showed up at Shenandoah's for a fifty mile Run around the Valley. Way to go Gals and Guys!

It's time for you to go to your Meeting and check out your new officers, and of course purchase your very own Chapter Tee Shirt for a mere pittance of \$13.00.

OK, ready now? Get out and get involved! This is your life and you don't want it to just slide right on by unawares. Get off of that couch

and fight back, cuz you ain't that old and you sure ain't feeble. Right??

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

Mikey
Secretary
Southern Oregon Chapter

[*Editor's note* — This is the Chapter Report that should have appeared in the February newsletter. Unfortunately, it got waylaid in the A.B.A.T.E. postal system. Rot Path sincerely apologizes to all the members of Southern Oregon Chapter, especially Mike Horn who put a lot of effort into producing a first-rate column. We look forward to many more from him.]

SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports**Washington County Chapter**

In early February, WaCo lost a valued member in a motorcycle accident. Mark Forness was enjoying a sunny Saturday ride, as many of us were doing, when his life was cut short by another driver. He leaves behind a wife, two daughters, and numerous family and friends who will mourn this tragic loss. It is a sad reminder that we must work to educate the public that we are out there and they need to keep their eyes open for us. Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of this wonderful person. The service was standing room only and very uplifting. Our Chapter newsletter and webpage will include the obituary.

The Run Committee has been busy getting flyers ready and laying out the groundwork for upcoming events. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18th, for the Poker Run, which begins at Destination Harley-Davidson in Beaverton. Also mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23rd for the Roll-Ride Family picnic. The ride will start at

D & S Cycle on 170th and Blanton in Aloha, and will end with the traditional picnic at the Stocker compound in Hillsboro, with the Chapter providing fried chicken, salads, chips and pop along with some entertainment. Be sure to check the Chapter website at www.wacoabate.com for upcoming events. There will be door prizes and 50/50 drawings. And lots of really nice people. Bring 2 cans of food for the Hillsboro Women,s Domestic

Violence Resource Center, and get a free door prize ticket!

February,s First Sunday Ride included four for breakfast and two to ride. Jill Tracy drew the Mt. St. Helens route, and we opted instead to take a turn around the lake (Hagg Lake). Don,t kid yourself! It,s February! Be sure to join us at the Prime Time Restaurant in Forest Grove on the first Sunday of the month between 8:30 at 10:00 am to find out what fun and exciting ride will be taken that day. Photos of past rides will be available on the WaCo website, unless Mark gets more interesting stuff to put up there. Along with reminders of rides, please also remember to attend the May Awareness Rally in Salem on Saturday, May 4th. What better way to spread the awareness (as Geoff would say), than to show up en-mass to get our message across that we are out there and we are not going away. If we cannot get our message into the schools and into civic clubs, we can still talk to acquaintances and friends about the trials and tribulations of riding with others who just are not paying attention. Each and every one of us can be a teacher, regardless of whether or not we wear an Awareness Instructor patch. If you are not sure how, contact either your Chapter Education Director, or the State Education Directors. They are there to help you. If you know of a group that could benefit from a visit from these volunteers, pass the information along. We are ready, willing and committed to serving.

Now, just a reminder to those WaCo members who have missed meetings. You can,t win if you don,t attend. This message is for you, Larry Bird and Edward Gentile. So, you get your name in print, but nowhere does it say WINNER next to it. food for thought. Come meet some of your fellow members and put faces with names. Find out who talks to most at the meetings, who is really good at tic-tac-toe, and who sometimes nods off. Each of you knows who you are!

Sorry there are no photos for this edition. I delayed in sending this until after the funeral, so not enough time to mail photos to Rot Path. I,m still in the 70,s with my electric typewriter and fax machine.

Until I see you on the road or at an event, take care and watch out for the other guy.

Linda Wells

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE

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

Willamette Valley Chapter



Hope you're all finishing up the winter repairs and maintenance on the old scoot, 'cause ridin' time is near!! My own is still up on blocks looking more like a heap of black scrap metal, a loose spider-web of colored wires and rubber lines holdin' it together. Not to worry though.... pretty routine for this old bagger!!

Willamette Valley Chapter has certainly filled its plate with annual events over the years. Makes for a busy season but one heck of a good time. We're taking on the challenge by A.M.O. to beat their attendance at the May 4th Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem. They'll donate \$75 to BikePAC if we can out do 'em.

Don't forget Fossil's 25th is coming up, and look for something special offered by the town folks to commemorate. We're planning another kick-off run following the C.M.A. bike blessing at Springfield Faith Center on April 21st.

The Rhody Festival Poker Run is on May 18th and in June, after another Blood drive on the 20th, we will undoubtedly have another huge turnout at Iron Horse on the 21st to the 23rd.

Independence Day social on July 4th is expecting an even bigger turnout this year.

Then S.O.S. in August, another chapter camp out sometime/somewhere, and the usual holiday runs and benefits make up the basics for Willamette Valley. But the state calendar is loaded with other events as well, so there's more to do than any of us can keep up with.

Yup, the past few years have been a real boost for our chapter's membership and a lot of fun. And with all that strong brother/sisterhood happening, it's time to focus on what A.B.A.T.E. is all about: biker rights, freedom and safety. My agenda for this year is to get our chapter actively focused on achieving these goals.

With no session on in Salem we don't have specific legislation to confront. Instead, it's time to learn the process, know the prospective legislators, elect a favorable Governor and, most importantly, *let them all know who we and you are!!*

This is critical!

Those who join A.B.A.T.E. do so not just for the camaraderie. They also want to improve the status of all

motorcyclists. This year we will strive to focus all our members on how they can do their part to bring this about. With the kind of motivation I see and the great working relationship we all have, I know we can make a difference! Have fun this summer, and let's do the important work of A.B.A.T.E. while we're at it!!!

Ride Safe, Ride Free,

Michael

WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

The Holidays are behind us now and the schools are back in the classrooms.

I've been pleasantly surprised by all the telephone calls that have been coming in with requests for our Motorcycle Awareness Program. As I stated in previous newsletters, for some reason, unbeknownst to me, we had a significant drop in requests for our presentations in the Driver's Education classes this year. I was not sure why the schools didn't call, so I started making little road trips out to get reacquainted with the classroom staff and administrators. Possibly, a reason for the drop in response this year is that some of the teachers that taught the class last year have moved on to other projects and the new staff was not given the information about our program. That is something that we can and will correct. I was informed that some of the Driver's Education classes have had financial cutbacks leading to a drop in requests for outside speakers to visit their classes. If this is the case, we do have a very valuable selling point that some of the other outside presenters are not able to push:

"Our gig don't cost ya nuthin!"

So, if you have heard that the financial cuts are a reason that you haven't been contacted, tell them all we want is an hour of their time. Hey, it's probably a nice break for a hard working teacher to relax for an hour while our expert certified instructors

grab the handlebars and steer the class for a little ride. I'll continue to try to make contact with the schools to keep our momentum going. It's easier to keep it rolling, rather than start all over again. If any directors, instructors, or members have a school that you wish for me to call or send our information to, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll get to it as soon as I can.

If you're in the Southern Oregon area, remember, we have a brave new director [who] is ready to assist you in getting your program up and running.

Let's all hear a round of applause for Nora Rohde...State Education Director! She's ready and waiting to help you get up and running. We've got some good things in the works for A.B.A.T.E. in the future, and with Nora's involvement, I'm positive that A.B.A.T.E.'s education department is in fine hands.

I would personally like to welcome and thank Jim Jones from the Myrtle Creek area for coming all the way up to Portland to check out and participate in our Motorcycle Awareness Program at Reynolds High School on February 9th. Jim and I presented our message to twenty-six students on a sunny, but rather windy Saturday afternoon. Jim will become a certified instructor and bring some motorcycle awareness to the Douglas County area. Welcome Jim.

Mel and Iris have had at least two classes presented since the start up of the winter term of this school year. I know that they presented to nineteen

students at Linn-Benton Community College on January 29th. Thank you Mel and Iris.

Mark your calendars folks for the first weekend in May for our Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem on the capitol steps. May 4th, 2002 is the date that we will have the opportunity to show our strength and pride as "Oregon Motorcyclists."

Remember that the Albany Chapter of A.M.O. has put up a challenge to any motorcycle organization to beat their attendance numbers. If they are bested, they will donate \$75.00 to BikePAC of Oregon. Thank you A.M.O. for showing us your pride and dedication to the enhancement of motorcycling in our state.

I hope that our total attendance this year will send a message to the people of our state that our passion is strong and our conviction is steadfast. Come to Salem and meet some of the greatest people in our State on Saturday the 4th.

While you're at it, hey — Spread the Awareness, ya'll!

Geoff White

State Education Director

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Meet Yer Officers



Nora Rhode
Education II

Q-West Backs Off

Turns out that Q-West won't be sharing our calling habits and customer information among its sibling companies . . . at least for now.

Often we're so caught up with defending our basic constitutional rights from encroachment by government agencies that it's easy to lose sight of who has increasing influence on elected officials -- Corporate America. (The power behind the throne, if you will.)

We must remain vigilant for *all* enemies of people's rights, both foreign and domestic.

-- Rot Path

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Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



Here is a more typical Public Relations Director's Report.

Since the last time I talked about what I really do as an official Public Relations Director was a long time ago, I thought I'd let you in on what I've been up to!

I was really grumpy with my chapter this week and so I'm thinkin, it might be a sign to retire, so pay attention. Take notes. Don't know, but if you'd like the job, start talkin' to me. But truth be known, I love my job.

Part of why I love this job is because Roger and I can sit in front of my computer and get a ton of work done in a single session. I like a man who knows what he wants and tells me what he thinks! Oh yeah, back to the report...

Well, when I was creating the S.T.E.A.M. brochure and poster (which Geoff so graciously acknowledged) one weekend, I became possessed. Roger asked me to change a few things on the tri-fold because we needed to update a few things before it went to the printer again. Honestly, it was the first time I read the thing through, from beginning to end. It really needed a drastic overhaul, so I rewrote it. Thanks to Roger and Ted for approving what I did to it! Ted gets bonus points because he found a mistake in what looked like perfect copy to me. That project took another whole weekend to create. I know, no one

asked me to do it, but it had to be done. Hope you like it. Maybe we should all take a read through our Public Relations materials.

As for Public Relations materials, Crowlady read the article I wrote last month and asked me for an example of a fact sheet. As far as state events go, I think that our tri-fold brochure is the best example of a fact sheet possible, especially now that I've cleaned it up and it's been updated.

So, big-time thanks to Willamette Valley, Southeast Portland and South Coast chapters, I was able to send out information on S.T.E.A.M., with our Fossil and Swap Meet flyers to over 100 Oregon motorcycle shops and national magazines. Thanks for your help everyone and thanks to Roger for nagging everyone at the board meetings for the information.

My next project will be to clean up the Membership Handbook. Jim Niece found some mistakes in the bylaws section, and so I asked him to proof the rest of the information. I will be updating that document soon, too. Oh yeah, and then there's S.T.E.A.M. next weekend. I am really looking forward to S.T.E.A.M. 2002. Hooray for Geoff for getting the likes of Simon Milward to talk to us. I know I need to be inspired right now, and this guy has an inspirational reputation.

Speaking of inspirations, I'm sorry to see Gordon go. There has been a real emptiness in our events without seeing the like of him, Mary Beth and the tribe. This family is an excellent example of how the family that works together, stays together. I know I, for one, liked it when Gordon would show up at the Board meetings. He made me look like the quiet one! Mary Beth made a lasting impression on me when she was State Vice Coordinator (extrodinare) when I first joined up as State Public Relations Director. It was cool seeing two strong personalities pulling off a loving, supportive relationship. And those kids with the beautiful smiles! They were a huge help at our state events, picking up after the party-goers.

I'm glad that Rot Path said something about Gordon's departure because he and his awesome family will be (and have been) missed by me. Hope they show up at Beaver Creek, or some place (hint, hint, wink, wink) like that this summer.

Finally, a warning. I have only been known to admit that I'm into this business of motorcycle rights for the biker hugs, after drinking red wine all day in the hot sunshine, at really good runs. Then, there it is in print, on the inside cover page of the last issue of our newsletter! I swear Rot Path is working as an undercover reporter, or do you really believe what he says about just being after the naked truth? Humm... Anyway, the last issue looked terrific, even though my picture

was taken at the same run where I confessed to him about my source of motivation in this organization.

So, I think maybe if I step aside as Public Relations Director, there will be a replacement for me out there as good as Pat. But, then again, as I write this report, I think about seeing my friends at the State Board Meeting tomorrow, and the ones I have worked with throughout the year at the runs this summer, and I feel so much more less stressed about how much work this job really takes. I do love being your Public Relations Director when I'm not so tired.

I just would like more people to care about the motorcycle friendly future that's riding away from us faster than we can chase it. I want you to get involved. I want you to care about A.B.A.T.E. and our mission statement like I do. In the meantime, I'll just keep on truckin' until someone tells me they are ready to do the job that needs to be done. Step right up.

See ya'll at S.T.E.A.M. and the Spring Swap Meet.

[Editor's note: -- Unfortunately, Melinda became ill just before S.T.E.A.M. and so was unable to attend an event that she worked very hard on. Be sure to thank her the next time you see her and then describe how wonderful it was, how great the champaign buffet with smoked salmon was, how Bill Gates dropped in and claimed that he was more evil than all those countries named by the president, and how it's such a shame she had to miss it. After all, what are friends for?]

CORRECTION: I filled in the last names in Mother's e-mail to me about the Portland Chapters, first Toy Run. When Mother said, Don, I naturally assumed it was the magical wizard she [is with], but it was some guy named Don Miller. Is it obvious that there is only one Don in my mind? Must be the twinkle in his eye. My apologies to Don Miller. Remember, assuming is a dangerous activity.

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[Yet another Editor note: -- At least she's not always going on about George Clooney like the women where Rot Path works.]

Mel's Take On S.T.E.A.M.

Simon Milward blessed us with his presence in Salem, Oregon on February 16th, 2002. The event was our yearly S.T.E.A.M. conference. He shared with us his experiences of his around-the-world ride. Needless to say, his attendance was well received and had been advertised well in advance.

The information he shared with us was most interesting and he made more than a few friends here. We all wish him well and success on the remainder of his trip.

Our thoughts and best wishes ride with him.

Mel Yeager
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Historian

by Iris Yeager



Dear Ted Tracy and all,

We are all so busy these days, trying to be ready with the information needed and the attitude necessary to help others understand the importance of protecting our rights as citizens of this country. Let each keep chin up, two [*ed*—or three] wheels on the road, and awareness of those around.

I want to express my thanks to Gordon and his family for all the work on the newsletter for so many years. It is very time consuming to do so thoroughly do such a big project. To do so faithfully for long deserves much appreciation.

I know that such a large project can not be done without the family sacrificing time they would rather have Dad ,(and or Spouse) spending on them....So thanks to each of them. I really enjoyed the few times I had the privilege to see the family at functions together. It is always a special treat to see young families. Making history in the most meaningful way.

Sincerely,
Iris E. Yeager

New Motorcycist Magazine to Launch in April

NW Biker will bring news and information to the Oregon and Washington area. Contact John Zobrist for information:
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Vice-Coordinator South

by Joeseeph Laurance



Hello, Everyone:

I'm Joseph Laurance, your new Vice-Coordinator, South. My job will be to assist State Coordinator, Ted Tracy and to provide a liaison between Ted and the chapters of southern Oregon. I take over from Bob Avery who has become a powerful voice for us within the Republican Party at both state and national levels.

Your job, as a member of A.B.A.T.E., will be nothing less than *Freedom Fighter*.

As a fighter for motorcyclists rights, you join a force engaged in battle for 40 years and in Oregon since 1975. Your fight for the right to ride won't require years of experience as a motorcyclist (I've been riding-hard-for two years). It won't require that you ride a hardtail panhead chopper (I ride a Suzuki 1400 Intruder). It won't require fostering a "hard" image (my colors are those of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, my badges are A.B.A.T.E., my ribbon is Vietnam service with 3 stars). In this organization appearance does not equate with effectiveness. What *is* required is your willingness to join the front-line, to participate instead of relying on others to do your fighting for you.

How?

First, become a more confident and capable motorcyclist.

One way is by enrolling in an appropriate TEAM Oregon rider course.

Another way is by studying both technical skills and motorcycle safety and then joining A.B.A.T.E.'s Motorcycle Awareness Program or becoming a TEAM Oregon instructor.

A.B.A.T.E. is justifiably proud of these programs, having been instrumental in their creation.

Your increased skill will underscore A.B.A.T.E.'s emphasis on accident avoidance instead of "dressing for the wreck" as is so often promoted elsewhere. Nothing so weakens our arguments as a bike on it's side or a media report of an injured motorcyclist. Taking safety to the next level, that of courtesy, enhances our public image and increases our effectiveness at all levels of our fight (yeah, I,m working on that one, too).

Next in importance after surviving the ride would be to actively and energetically participate in your local A.B.A.T.E. chapter. Make plans to attend every meeting. Let them know you're there by voicing your opinion on the issues at hand. Sign up for special committees, work details, as well as run and rally assignments. If a chapter event occurs, be there. Watch and learn from your chapter officers and then run for position during the next election.

Sounds simple, right?

It must not be, for in A.B.A.T.E., as in most organizations a small minority tends to do all the work. Burnout is probably the greatest single threat to the strength of your chapter.

Your involvement not only strengthens the chapter but enables you to become a more effective fighter by honing your organizational and communication skills.

OK, now you're a confident and capable rider and you've polished those communication and organizational abilities by becoming an important part of your local chapter.

Now travel!

Now communicate!

Now organize!

Travel to Salem for S.T.E.A.M.

Travel to as many State Board meetings as you can.

Travel to the Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the state capitol.

Plan to attend *Best of the West* in Spokane.

Be at Fossil.

Study the run and events calendar in the newsletter or at the state's website

<http://www.A.B.A.T.E.oforegon.org> for planning and organizational meetings that you can attend.

Add some fun by riding that bike when convenient and bring others along. Our issues increase in importance before the public with our increased visibility on the highway.

As you attend these meetings, look to either side of you. There you will see Brian and Theresa, Randy, Mel and Iris, Ted and Jill, Geoff, Roger, Bob, Melinda, Charlie and many others. These are the proud veterans of our fight. Among them are the founders of this organization, those who lobby for us in government, those who represent us in political parties, those who have kept this brotherhood alive, those who have

fought for so long and so tirelessly for your rights.

Learn their names and listen to what they say. Look to these people as your mentors, teachers who can show you the way. Follow them where they lead! Help them where you can!

They, and you, are the frontline of our fight!

May God bless us and our cause.

(This space fer doodlin')

Members Speak out

The pure exhilaration of freedom, that's what riding a bike is all about. When you're going down the road with the wind in your face, your senses merging with the lines in the pavement, at one with the environment, the steady rumbling of the engine beneath you like a mantra, deepening your senses 'til you truly know what it's like to be at one with the universe. You remember the title of that book you once read, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, and you suddenly realize what it's all about and you feel a peacefulness that you've never felt before.

There's a saying you sometimes see printed on a tee-shirt, "If I have to explain, you'd never understand, but if you understand, no explanation is necessary>" A person who is into Meditation Practice will recognize the process because it's very similar to meditation, but by the act of focusing on the changing face of the road before you and listening to the mantra beneath you, you create a change of consciousness within you. It's as simple as that.

The biker, particularly the Harley rider, has a unique perspective towards

people's attitudes because we've been saddled with an "outlaw" image for so long that it's become part of the "biker mystique". We're often looked at as "an undesirable element of society" by some, often the "holier than thou" church-going public are the worst offenders. The law enforcement establishment has to take a close "second" though because it seems that if you ride a bike you're part of the criminal element out there and it's a cop's duty to check you out. Even minor traffic infractions that would get a driver a warning, are cause for a ticket. Some cops definitely don't like bikers and seem to make a game out of ticket writing.

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from ear-to-ear!*



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Congratulations Tom!

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A.M.A. Picks Up Support In Campaign Against Apparel Regulation

Pickerington, Ohio — Motorcyclists have picked up support from U.S. Rep. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R-Idaho) for their campaign to keep the federal government out of the business of regulating motorcycle apparel, the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) reports.

During a hearing Thursday before the U.S. House Highways and Transit Subcommittee, Otter spoke out against a federal proposal to report clothing defects to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.).

During the hearing, Otter told N.H.T.S.A. Administrator Jeffrey Runge that “It was never the intent of Congress to regulate motorcyclists clothing under the T.R.E.A.D. (Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation)” Act.

“I urge the administration to reconsider this rule and focus our limited resources on highway safety instead of intrusive bureaucracy,” Otter added.

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

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

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

Otter’s office is working with the A.M.A. to have rider apparel deleted from the proposed reporting requirement. Otter’s office said the congressman adopted the position in response to numerous constituent calls from motorcyclists.

Edward Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations, added, “We look forward to working with more elected officials like Rep. Otter to ensure that federal traffic safety officials seriously consider the concerns of motorcyclists on this issue.”

Guide for Building Off- Road Trails Now Available

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has re-released its technical handbook for constructing off-highway motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle trails.

Called *Off-Highway Motorcycle & A.T.V. Trails Guidelines for Design, Construction, Maintenance and User Satisfaction*, by Joe Wernex, the 55-page book is a how-to manual for government officials, motorcycling clubs and others who need detailed information on constructing and

managing trails. The book takes the reader step-by-step through the entire process, from planning the trail system to construction to monitoring and management.

The booklet is a re-release of the second edition of the report, which was printed in 1994. But this latest version includes a revised list of resources, additional photographs to better illustrate trail design and maintenance, and a revised *Noise Management and Sound Testing* chapter that reflects lower noise-level recommendations made by the Motorcycle Industry Council.

The document is available as a booklet or a CD-ROM.

For more information, contact Royce Wood, A.M.A. legislative affairs specialist, at

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A.M.A. Takes Motorcyclists' Message on New Emissions Standards to the Environmental Protection Agency

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) reiterated its concerns that new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emissions regulations could spell the end of two-stroke off-highway motorcycles during a visit to the E.P.A.'s vehicle emissions testing facility in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on January 22.

The A.M.A. delegation, led by Edward Moreland, vice president of A.M.A. government relations, also discussed with federal officials proposed emissions standards for road motorcycles that are soon to be released.

The A.M.A. delegation also included Director of State Affairs Sean Maher, and Legislative Affairs Specialists Royce Wood and Imre Szauter.

"We were encouraged by the open exchange that we had with the federal officials, and we look forward to providing the E.P.A. with more insights into how riders would be affected by their proposals," Moreland said. "We want the E.P.A. to know that riders are watching these proposals very closely and are concerned."

The E.P.A. has proposed national emissions standards covering off-highway motorcycles and all-

terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) only slightly less stringent than the requirements now in place in California, which severely limit the use of two-stroke motorcycles. Currently, there are no national emissions standards governing off-road motorcycles and A.T.V.s.

Under the standards, which will be finalized by September 13, new off-highway motorcycles and A.T.V.s would be subject to strict emissions requirements that would be phased-in beginning in 2006. Full compliance would be required by the manufacturers in 2007. Also, A.T.V.s would be required to meet even tougher standards beginning in 2009.

The requirements wouldn't affect machines built through 2005, but would apply to machines built in 2006 and thereafter. The E.P.A. said it expects that manufacturers will meet these new, stringent off-highway standards by using four-stroke engines exclusively for trail machines. The E.P.A. has proposed exemptions for off-road competition-only machines, which would mean that two-stroke motocross bikes would be unaffected.

The A.M.A. delegation urged E.P.A. officials to create E.P.A. rate emissions standards for four-stroke and two-stroke motorcycles and A.T.V.s, considering safety, cost and performance. The delegation also argued that the federal government has significantly overestimated the amount of use of off-highway motorcycles and A.T.V.s nationwide, resulting in

projections that suggest those vehicles are responsible for more emissions than they actually are. And the Association suggested officials fine-tune the exemption for competition motorcycles so that enduro and other types of competition machines besides motocrossers are available to amateurs.

On the street side, the E.P.A. has indicated that it will release proposed emissions standards for public comment within the next couple of months. A draft of the proposal obtained by the A.M.A. indicates that the E.P.A. wants to adopt a two-tier standard already approved in California on a delayed basis.

The first tier of California standards will go into effect in 2004, with the second tier scheduled for 2008. The federal E.P.A. is proposing to adopt the same standards, but on a two-year delay, meaning tier one would take effect in 2006 and tier two in 2010.

Road motorcycles built before the 2006 model year would be unaffected by the new regulations and would remain legal to ride.

If adopted, the new federal emissions regulations are expected to result in increased use of fuel injection and catalytic converters on new motorcycles.

The draft proposal contains no new anti-tampering provisions.

The delegation also discussed catalytic converters and brought up cost and safety issues associated with their use on motorcycles.

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The proposed regulations aren't expected to differ from the draft obtained by the A.M.A. Important provisions contained in the proposal include an exemption that gives small manufacturers until the 2008 model year to meet the tier-one national emissions standard. Those manufacturers — with sales of fewer than 3,000 bikes a year and having fewer than 500 employees — wouldn't be required to meet the tougher tier-two standards.

Virginia Plates Support Safety

Virginia's House Bill 385, introduced by Del. Leo Wardrup, Jr. (R -Virginia Beach) would provide special license plates to supporters of the Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Program.

The plates bear the legend: *"Share The Road"* and for each set of license plates issued, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of ten dollars will be credited to the Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Program.

California Tries Taking Off Helmets

A.M.A. Western States Representative Nick Haris attended and presented written testimony to the California Senate Transportation Committee in support of SB 1057, a bill that would eliminate the motorcycle helmet requirement for operators and passengers of motorcycles 18 years of age and older. The bill, authored by Senator Bill Morrow, was presented by the senator

along with representatives from A.B.A.T.E. of California and the California Motorcycle Dealers Association. Ultimately the bill failed to muster the necessary votes needed to pass out of committee and failed by a vote of 3 to 5.

N.H.T.S.A. Crash Data Released

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released its Traffic Safety Facts 2000: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System. This report combines data from two key crash databases, providing statistics on traffic crashes of all severities.

You can receive a copy by writing the:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
National Center for Statistics and Analysis
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

or at:

<http://www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-30/NCSA/TSFAnn/TSF2000.pdf>

B.L.M. Releases More Pulp

The Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.) is creating a new national land management document which updates its vegetation treatment and land management practices. B.L.M. has scheduled meetings beginning in late January to March 12, 2002, to discuss a proposed Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.) addressing changes in land management on

B.L.M. lands in the western states, including Alaska.

You can help ensure that B.L.M. considers input from recreationists by attending a meeting, submitting comments at a meeting or in writing before the March 29, 2002 deadline, or putting your name on the "Stakeholder Mailing List" to receive mailings by calling B.L.M. at:

(775)-861-6645

This national management document will be the basis for land management decisions made in 16 western states. It will address land management activities and is your opportunity for responsible outdoor recreationists to get to know local B.L.M. staff.

Visit the A.R.R.A. website at:

www.responsiblerecreation.org

to learn more about the proposal and meeting schedule. (A.R.R.A.)

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From The

GUNNY'S SACK



As I sit here at this desk looking to put this month's Sack together the thought comes to mind that we have now celebrated the Winter Olympic Games and we have gone on with our lives. (Now bear in mind I'm writing this the day after the Olympics were opened with one hell of a show for us).

Our President found the time to be there and officially open the games. No other President has seen fit to do that. This country is united again for the first time in decades, and it took a tragic event to cause it to happen.

Why do Americans always wait till we are in trouble to come together is the question in my mind? And even then we have sharp divisions among our citizens. Some don't like our flag flying or don't like prayer in schools and sometimes we bow to their wishes in the interest of peace.

Yet, we live in a nation that has the most freedom in the world today. We need to take heed my friends and make sure we keep big brother's feet to the fire, because we are not truly free in this country. There are people in power who think the citizens don't have the powers of thought to make our own decisions about so many issues — and in particular, on safety issues on the road.. We are getting hammered with more and more restrictive laws on emissions. And if you haven't heard, they're toying with "end-of-life-laws" that have profound effects on those of us who would prefer to preserve our older motor vehicles, motorcycles included! I mean, they're talking about having to

dump your older vehicles! Now *that's* museum time. Keep yer eyes peeled on that one.

Anyhow, just a few thoughts for you to ponder when you decide not to go to a rally or an A.B.A.T.E. meeting or not bother to register to vote. If we don't do those small things we won't have to. Big brother will see to it for us.

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NEWS BIT'S N' PIECES

LOS ANGELES: Our Oregon A.I.M. Attorney, Sam Hochberg, is our correspondent for the Sack when it comes to late-night TV. He was watching the Tonight Show, and Sam tells us he saw actor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** on Jay Leno's show in February. Seems old Arnold is about the same as the rest of us when it comes to a bike wreck. He had one not long ago, as reported here. First off, Arnold was *embarrassed* to go down in front of his friends (who isn't?). Then the guy says he spent *four days* in the hospital, had some fractured ribs, a punctured lung and more, but what was the *worst* thing? The damage to his Indian motorcycle! Doesn't *that* sound like you or me? Jay, a *long-time* rider (and an early recipient of the N.C.O.M. **Silver Spoke Award**) said "yeah, you can get another lung or even some ribs these days, but you can't get another *tank* for an Indian!"

Jay said that it seems the wife always shows up just when you wake up from

the wreck, *yells* at you for a few seconds, and then you get some real special T.L.C. while you heal up! Arnold's wife did something like that, too. A nasty bike wreck is the same for us all, rich or poor, pain is the same. I think Arnold needs an A.I.M. Attorney, ey?

NAMIBIA: You usually figure the riders running motorcades for the big-shot politicians are the best. A motorcycle officer died in a wreck, while escorting their President, Sam Nujoma. That'd be big news if it happened here. Maybe they need some rider ed courses in Africa. Apparently the motorcade was traveling at a high rate of speed when the bike hit bad pavement and this fellow lost control.

MINNEAPOLIS: The Polaris Motor Co. reports their thirteenth year of positive growth. The big-twin Victory motorcycle was up some, although the growth came from increased sales in all aspects of the company. Victory is expected to do even better next year with the all new "Freedom" engine and other improvements.

BEIJING, CHINA: In a copyrighted story from "Alestron," the Sack has learned that the debut of China into the World Trade Organization is gonna have some motorcycle elements to it! No surprise, in this country that makes more bikes every year than we do in a couple of decades here in the US. If y'wanna see the latest in Chinese motorcycle engines and maybe build your own or import 'em, get on down to Beijing (useta be Peking), to the 5th China International Engine and Special Manufacturing Equipment

Exhibition, from April 26 to April 29 in 2002. Anybody who actually goes, gimme a heads up, and I'll report it here in the Sack and give you credit. Best way to reach me is by email, at:

A.I.M.Gunny@aol.com, or you can call my boss, Sam Hochberg in Portland, Oregon, at (503)-224-1106, and leave a message for me.

SAN DIEGO: A motorcycle accident death has made a positive difference: Turns out that when the former Astronaut Pete Conrad died in 1999 from a motorcycle wreck in California, he *really* died from a medical mistake! The P.R. Newswire says there were errors made in his care in I.C.U. His wife Nancy is now a patient safety advocate. I've said many times that you need to watch the Hospital personnel to prevent the motorcycle being blamed when you *actually* die from malpractice! Sam Hochberg, our A.I.M. Attorney, says he's handled some malpractice claims, and they can be awfully tough to prove in court.

NIGERIA: *Wow!* A *union* here is buying bikes for 133 of it's workers! According to a story from All Africa Global Media, the reason was to boost their efforts at staff development and a workers' empowerment program of the union. I'm tellin' ya folks, these guys have their heads on straight. Ya take care of your people and they'll take care of you.

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**NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
(N.H.T.S.A.)**

I'm not sure if what I see here is actually true but here it is: N.H.T.S.A. is advertising for a contractor to investigate and make recommenda-

tions for improvement of the various Motorcycle Rider Education courses around the country. Does this mean they are going to do something to enhance our learning curve? *Wow!* I don't know what else to say except beware of strangers bearing gifts.

NEWNAN, GA.: Triumph Motorcycles is having its century birthday bash. This long loved (and by some, hated) ride has passed the one hundred year mark and has come back to us with a bang. I've been watchin' them and they're lookin' real good. This bike was the preferred ride of many Hollywood greats for their films, like Marlin Brando, Steve McQueen, Clint Eastwood, and James Dean. Hell I even rode one for a year or two. In 1983, they closed down due to poor sales and reemerged in Germany in 1990. Since then they have been a factor in the motorcycle world. I'm told they are a fine scooter now. They were good in the old days and should be better now with modern technology. I gotta say they're sure purdy!

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**NATIONAL COALITION OF
MOTORCYCLISTS
CONVENTION**

I'm gonna remind all you folks who like to *procrastinate* that this convention is gonna be the biggest and the best yet. However, if you do plan to go *get your reservations NOW!* The hotel is filling fast. New Orleans folks. Very close to the legendary "*French Quarter*." What a party hearty town it is. And I know that to be true because I was stationed there in the late fifties. The Radisson Hotel is one of the upscale fine hotels in the country and you can expect the best for less. The N.C.O.M. rate for rooms

is only \$79.00 a night. One *big* discount, believe me.

I'll be there and I'll be lookin fur ya. Call

1-(800)-531-2424, or **1-(800)-On-A-Bike**, toll free and get in touch with the A.I.M./N.C.O.M. offices and they'll steer you the right direction with up to the minute info. This shindig is paid for by our A.I.M. attorneys, out of the contingent fees they get on our injury clA.I.M.s. These guys take *good* care of us, and we gotta be sure to take care of them, too. They all ride, so they know our world.

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Oregon A.I.M. Chief of Staff

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The newsletter staff wishes to express their sorrow to the Free Souls Motorcycle Club for the death of their president, Edward Norris, on 12 February 2002.
When one falls, we are all diminished.



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Board of Directors Elections Complete

The M.R.F. has just completed three elections for its Board of Directors. The individuals elected will officially be seated at the upcoming M.R.F. Board of Directors meeting in Lansing, Michigan, on February 8.

Deborah Butitta of Arizona was chosen to continue serving on the M.R.F. Board as SMRO Liaison for another two years. This position is elected by the M.R.F.'s Supporting Motor-cyclists, Rights Organizations as one of two direct representatives on the M.R.F. Board of Directors.

In addition, the two State Representatives to the Board positions have been filled. These positions are elected by the M.R.F. State Representatives to provide two direct representatives on the M.R.F. Board of Directors.

Ken Ray of Oregon was chosen to begin a two-year term as one of the M.R.F. State Representatives to the Board. Ken replaces Mack Backlund of Minnesota, who resigned from the M.R.F. Board at the end of his term. The M.R.F. would like to thank Mack for his hard work and dedication while serving on the M.R.F. Board of Directors.

Tim Nelson of Iowa will fill the other M.R.F. State Representative to the Board position, serving out the remainder of Chris Maurich's term. Chris was elected Director of State Representatives Program in September 2001. Tim's current term will be for one year.

The M.R.F. would like to thank all

of the candidates who showed their dedication to motorcyclists, rights by running for these important M.R.F. Board positions. In addition, we would like to congratulate those selected and welcome their continued support of the M.R.F. as members of the Board of Directors.

THREADS FRAY ON N.H.T.S.A. CLOTHING CONTROL BID

In partnership with A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation visited the Michigan Congressional delegation this week to find Members of Congress and their staffs uniformly critical of N.H.T.S.A.'s bid for clothing control (see M.R.F. RIDER ALERTS #02NR04 and #02NR06 at:

www.M.R.F.org/newscurrent.php

Agreement was widespread that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's bid to regulate certain motorcycle rider apparel was neither desirable nor authorized by the T.R.E.A.D. Act. Among the giants in Congress we spoke to: U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) — ranking member of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee that oversees NHTSA's implementation of the T.R.E.A.D. Act — and a key staffer with U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) — the man who wrote the original law (without the motorcycle rider apparel language).

E.P.A. AND HEALTH CARE REMEDIES PUSHED

Michigan's Chuck Johnson, Tony Diaz, Butch Brown, M.R.F. REP John Silk and A.B.A.T.E. President Russ Martin joined me to brief the staffs of U.S. Reps. Bart Stupak, Peter Hoekstra, Dave Camp, Fred Upton, Dale Kildee, Joe Knollenberg, Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers and gubernatorial hopeful David Bonior. We also met in person with Mike Rogers, John Dingell and — a first for A.B.A.T.E. and M.R.F. — John Conyers, who invited A.B.A.T.E. to call on him again in his Detroit office this summer. Every motorcyclist in America owes a debt of gratitude to the membership of A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan for supporting this vital State Motorcycle Rights Organization (S.M.R.O.) visit at a most critical time.

TALKIN' TO THE CHAMP

Highlight of the visit: extensive personal discussions and great companionship with Congressman Jim Barcia, the M.R.F. Champion of Motorcyclists' Rights & Safety in Michigan. I am thrilled to report that Congressman Barcia has accepted a joint M.R.F.-A.B.A.T.E. invitation to be our guest speaker at the 2002 Meeting of the Minds in Lansing, Michigan, M.R.F.'s premier national leadership summit.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation report



IDAHO and OKLAHOMA ACTION!

Thanks to former M.R.F. Communications Director Charlie Williams and A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, U.S. Rep. Ernie Istook (R-OK) wrote a letter to N.H.T.S.A. calling on the agency to strike the rider apparel lingo in its proposed rulemaking on the T.R.E.A.D. Act. Also, U.S. Rep. Butch Otter (R-ID) spoke against clothing control on the House floor, thanks to the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON HOLD

Washington, D.C. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned that, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.), the proposed Motorcycle Safety Improvement Plan (McSIP) has been placed on hold by N.H.T.S.A.'s new Administrator, Jeffrey Runge, M.D. Dr. Runge is reexamining N.H.T.S.A. priorities, so N.H.T.S.A. is not issuing new plans until his review process is completed.

In other N.H.T.S.A. news, the agency indicated that it would release a Request for Proposal (R.F.P.) (in short, a solicitation for bids) to expand their understanding of the increase in motorcycle fatalities described in recently released reports. The R.F.P. will be available on the web site for the Commerce Business Daily (<http://cbd.cos.com/>) in the near future.

Regarding the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (N.A.M.S.),

N.H.T.S.A. is releasing a video that discusses N.A.M.S. and encourages organizations to implement the recommendations. The video is aimed at encouraging other entities (states, businesses and associations) to step forward and support the implementation of N.A.M.S.

As always, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you posted on further developments regarding the proposed *Motorcycle Safety Improvement* plan and the implementation of the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety.

M.R.F. ATTENDS TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

Washington, D.C.-- The Transportation Research Board (T.R.B.) convened its 81st Annual Meeting January 13-17, 2002 in Washington, D.C. The T.R.B. is a part of the National Research Council, organized by the National Academy of Sciences.

T.R.B. is organized into approximately 180 committees and task forces working under five different groups, including Committee AB14: Motorcycles and Mopeds. The AB14 Committee meeting was held on Monday night, and topics discussed included current and future research projects, electric bicycles and scooters, and development of problem statements for the Committee.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been represented at the T.R.B.'s

Annual Meeting since 1996. This year, Ms. Teri Stobbs, M.R.F.'s Director of Communications, participated on behalf of the M.R.F.

"This conference provides a wonderful opportunity for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to provide input into the types of motorcycle research projects being conducted throughout the world, as well as a critical review of projects that have been completed," emphasizes Ms. Stobbs.

For further information: contact Teri Stobbs at:

teri@mrf.org

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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THE LEADERS' REPORT**Ride With The Leaders™****SHARP AS A KNIFE**

The A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio Legislative Seminar last weekend was a romping, stomping good time, and that was just the educational part of the seminar. A.M.A. Board Chairman and M.R.F. Ex-Officio Board Member Rick Gray - the fellow who talked me into taking a job with the M.R.F. - was banquet speaker. Rick spoke about September 11th and how our motorcycling lifestyle prepares us to be leaders when tragedy strikes. Steve Zimmer urged attendees to roll on the state and federal fronts - by seizing an issue that burns in your heart and carrying that fire back to the counties and regions. A.B.A.T.E. Legal Services Rod Taylor urged Ohio and other S.M.R.O.s to focus on membership growth. Looking ahead, A.M.A.'s Terry Lee Cook warned that reauthorization of TEA-21 is months ahead. If there was one lesson to be learned, it was this: you can't talk to a legislator once a year and expect to hold your edge. In his wrap-up remarks, Hairy George spoke about the need for all of us to stay active, so we keep our activism and our effectiveness as sharp as a knife. I thank A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio for its kind invitation - and for its leading role at the federal level, especially in combating unreasonable emissions standards for street motorcycles.

YOU ARE MENTIONED IN CORRESPONDENCE

This just in from *Motorcycle Product News*: In the February 2002 issue, motojournalist Bob Jackson

comments on rules on emissions standards for motorcycles: To drive home the impact these rules could have, consider that two of the most disparate groups in our sport - the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (a group whose members spend virtually all of their time on asphalt) and the Blue Ribbon Coalition (an organization with many members you couldn't pay to ride on the street) - have found a common bond through their opposition. As a result, both groups have taken a keen interest in the proposed E.P.A. emissions standards and are keeping a very close eye on their developments.

LOST AND FOUND

I was saddened to learn that we lost Shorty, a champion of motorcyclists' rights in Ohio and a prime mover in making the Brothers' Regime Motorcycle Club part of the engine that makes A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio fly. Judging from the many riders who spoke of him, Shorty continues to inspire. Also, I spied Ray and Robin, two riders who, with family and friends, took me aside for a photograph at last year's Ohio seminar. I was saddened to learn that one of the folks in that picture - a lovely lady named Hotdog - was lost to cancer last June. Like Shorty's leadership, Hotdog's love of life continues to touch lives in the Buckeye State. Here, too.

THE MISSING SPOKE

In our first *Leaders Report*, we talked a little about the history of the Mid-

South M.I.L.E. - an educational and inspirational event for motorcyclists' rights advocates in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas that raises funds for M.R.F.'s fight in Washington. The Mid-South M.I.L.E. patch is built on a spoked wheel, but one of the spokes is intentionally missing - in memory of a Mid-South M.I.L.E. founder.

Yours for the Right to Ride, and
Your Friend,

Tom Wyld

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From yer crusty ol' editor . . .



Begora y'all,

Since puting together his first issue, Rot Path has developed a deeper appreciation for Gordon Hieronimus's contribution as newsletter editor for nine (or was it ten?) years. As you'll read this month, lots of folks are expressing their thanks to Gordon for a job well done. Once again, thank you Gordon.

And thank you Sharon and Cliff at Oregon Litho Print for all your patience in breaking in a new editor -- crusty or not.

The first newsletter under new management came out last month and the results are coming in. Overall readers seem to like the format change. The layout of the newsletter is designed to welcome people new to A.B.A.T.E., then move readers from local to state levels of information followed by national and international news that affects all riders. The Run/Events Calandar will always be in the center of the newsletter, making it easy to find for quick reference. Beginning this month, Run/Event fliers will immediately follow the calandar, arranged in the order they're happening. Member ads, A.B.A.T.E. products and membership applications/renewals will be in the last few pages of the newsletter. Paid advertising will be slotted in wherever there is space. Some non-A.B.A.T.E. articles may be replaced by paid advertisements if space is at a premium. (But *not* the *Gunny Sack*.)

There were quite a few mistakes in the February issue made by yer crusty ol' editor, which keeps readers on their literary toes.

Appologies go out to Southern Oregon Chapter because their report got waylaid in the A.B.A.T.E. mail system. Their

report(s) will appear in this issue. They've got a lot of riding activities planned this year so putt on down and see another beautiful part of Oregon.

Back in late December darkness bottomed out and the nights imperceptibly began to shrink. Later this month day and night will equalize, then daylight will start to hold sway over darkness.

Rot Path appologizes to Willamette Valley Chapter as well for leaving their meeting time and place off of the back cover of the February issue. This newsletter is being produced with specialized computer software that is still being learned by a staff of one. Rot Path accidently scrolled up too far on the meeting box and cut Willamette valley off the list. (Did the same thing on the mailing permit number.)

The State Officer list has been updated to reflect who is *actually* doing each job.

Some fliers got left out of the last issue, but they should magically reappear this month.

Beginning with this issue, the message of taking drinking responsibly while around motorcycles is being changed to an original limerick each month. (Not *all* limericks are dirty.) If you come up with an idea along those lines, send it on in and it could be featured on the back cover with a by-line that your mail deliverer can read on the way to your door.

It ain't the position of this newsletter to tell folks how to live their lives if they choose to drink. All we're asking is that people have the courage to be responsible for their actions, sober or mellow. Because what a person does after

drinking affects more than their own life. As motorcyclists we become very visible, in a damaging way, to the mass media if alcohol is a factor in a biker incident.

Sometimes when folks is waxin' nostalgic, they'll remark about missing the "good ol' days".

The main problem with good ol' days is that ya often don't appreciate them while they're happening to you. And frequently the mass media slaps a label on an era that has little to do with reality. (But it boost sales.)

Despite the continuing legislative challenges we face to protect biker's rights, we may be experiencing what future generations will refer to as "The Golden Age Of Motorcycling".

A darkness of rule-making ignorance is poised over the European Union and threatens to engulf the rest of the world. Severe restrictions on motorcycle operations and alterations could drain most of the joy from motorcycling.

Here in Oregon, it feels like we've been riding uphill with a cold wind in our face for a long time. But despite our justified preoccupation with local and state issues that affect us, we must never lose sight of the bigger world in which we ride. What is happening in Europe could negate much or all of what we've accomplished here over the years. That's one reason the A.B.A.T.E. newsletter tries to provide information from local to world sources, from front to back.

And make no mistake — the victories we have in Oregon, the lessons we learn here can affect what happens in Europe as well. We have to keep solid information flowing to everyone connected with motorcycling.

Watch out fer potholes,

— Rot Path

Some would refer to my work area as "the newsroom". But to me it's a "Computational Temporal Vortex".
-- Rot Path

2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

March 9 th	Scavenger Hunt South Coast	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
March 10 th	Southern Oregon Webfoot Ride	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
March 16 th	South East Anniversary Party	(503)-760-9015 (Portland)
March 17 th	Southern Oregon Biker Night	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
March 23 rd	Lincoln County Long John Poker/Anversy	(541)-563-3711 (Newport)
March 24 th	Southern Oregon 250	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
March 30 th	Ice Breaker	(503)-873-2492 (Silverton)
April 6 th	April Fools Poker Run	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 7 th	Motorcycle Swap Meet	(503)-391-7900 (Hillsboro)
April 14 th	Southern Oregon 300	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 21 st	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329 (Portland)
April 21 st	Spring Poker Run	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 27 th	Cherry Festival/Poker Run	(541)-298-5746 (The Dalles)
April 28 th	Southern Oregon 350	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
April 28 th	True Apostle Swap Meet	
May 4 th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally STATE CAPITOL	
May 4 th - 5 th	China Hat Desert Run	LOBOS
May 11 th	Oregon 500	(503)-641-4734 (Medford)
May 10 th - 12 th	Pony Mall Show	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
May 12 th	Southern Oregon 500	(541)-664-8754 (Medford)
May 17 th	Open HOG Brown Bag	(503)-335-3686
May 18 th	Washington County Poker Night	(503)-646-2060
May 18 th	Rhody Fest Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
May 19 th	Simple Simon Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
May 24 th -27 th	FOSSIL Campout	(503)-285-4329 (Portland)
June 1 st - 2 nd	Western States 1000	(503)-641-4734
June 8 th	SE Portland Poker Run	(503)-760-9015 (Portland)
June 8 th	TeePee Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C



2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

June 8 th	Starlight Tour	(503)-774-5149
June 9 th	Gay 90's Parade	(541)-759-2388 (S. Coast)
June 15 th	BikePAC PLANNING SESSION	(503)-351-8193
June 17 th - 16 th	Washington Spring Opener	(253)-473-2276
June 22 nd	Angie's Run Columbia River	(503)-282-4604
June 29 th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	(Astoria)
July 4 th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
July 13 th - 14 th	Black Dog Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
July 14 th	Salem HOG Poker Run	(503)-390-1589
July 19 th -21 st	Coos River Run	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
July 19 th -21 st	Cow Chip Boogie	(360)-577-7905
July 21 st	Rose City HOG Poker Run	
July 26 th - 28 th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	(503)-760-9015
July 26 th - 28 th	Ocean Shores Rally	
August 9 th - 11 th	Beaver Creek Lincoln Co	(541)-563-6526
August 11 th	Applegate Poker Run	(503)-393-2834
August 11 th	Mt. Scott Road Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
August 16 th - 18 th	Summer Run Portland Chapters	(503)-760-9015
August 16 th - 18 th	Oregon State HOG Rally	
August 18 th	Dual Sport	(503)-670-9060
August 23 rd - 25 th	SOS Run So. Oregon Chapters	(541)-821-1487
August 31 st	Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
September 1 st	Sunset HOG Poker Run	
September 14 th - 15 th	AHDRA ALL HARLEY DRAGS Woodburn	
September 20 th -22 nd	End of Summer Run Wa Co/ N. Coast	(503)-861-1703
???????	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329
September 28 th	All Portland Chapter Picnic	(503)-760-9015
October 6 th	Grand Prix Washugal	(503)-254-9928
October 13 th	Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter	(541)-746-7837 Rick
November 3 rd	AMA run sanctioning meeting	(503)-538-0979
November 10 th	Millican Desert Run	
November 16 th	Wash. County Chapter Toy Run	(503)-357-1727



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MEET UP WITH AN A.B.A.T.E. ROAD CAPTAIN
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SUNDAY

MARCH 10th 2002

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TIME: 7:30 PM TO 1:00 AM CONTACT: WAYNO 503-408-9039 OR LEE
503-760-9015

WHEN: MARCH 16TH 2002

MUSIC BY: *JR SIMS THE TEXAS SPECIAL*

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SUNDAY

MARCH 17TH 2002

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Grants Pass, Oregon

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Featuring Classic Biker Movies

MOVIE STARTS AT 6:09 PM

Food available From JD'S Sports Pub & Deli

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1100-1500
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(JOKER POKER DOUBLE DECK)

April 6, 2002

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

Run starts at Hot Bikes

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Central Point, Oregon 97502

Validation to draw a card at each stop

All Cards drawn at last stop from double deck with jokers

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Sunday

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SUNDAY

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

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Admission:

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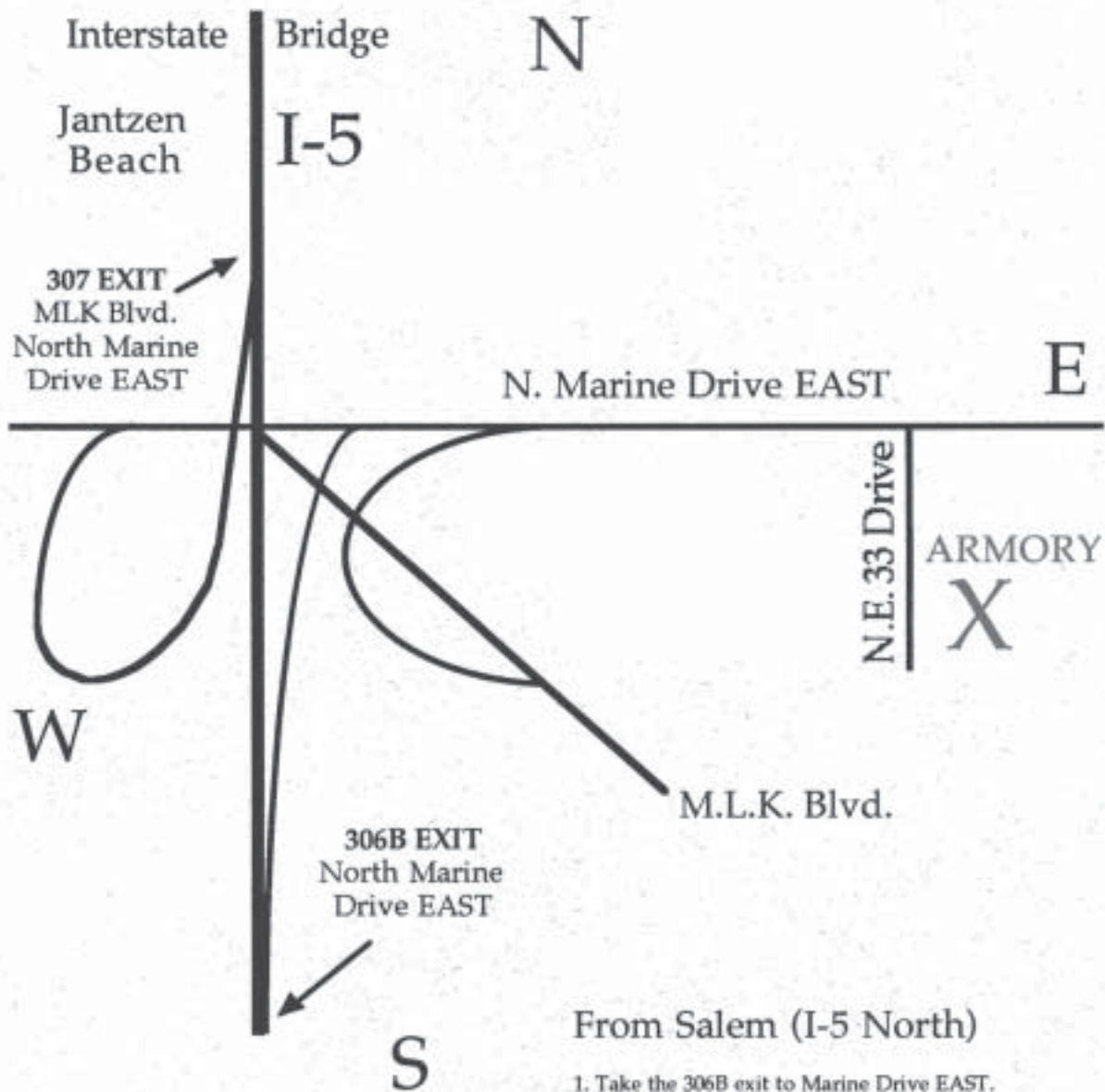
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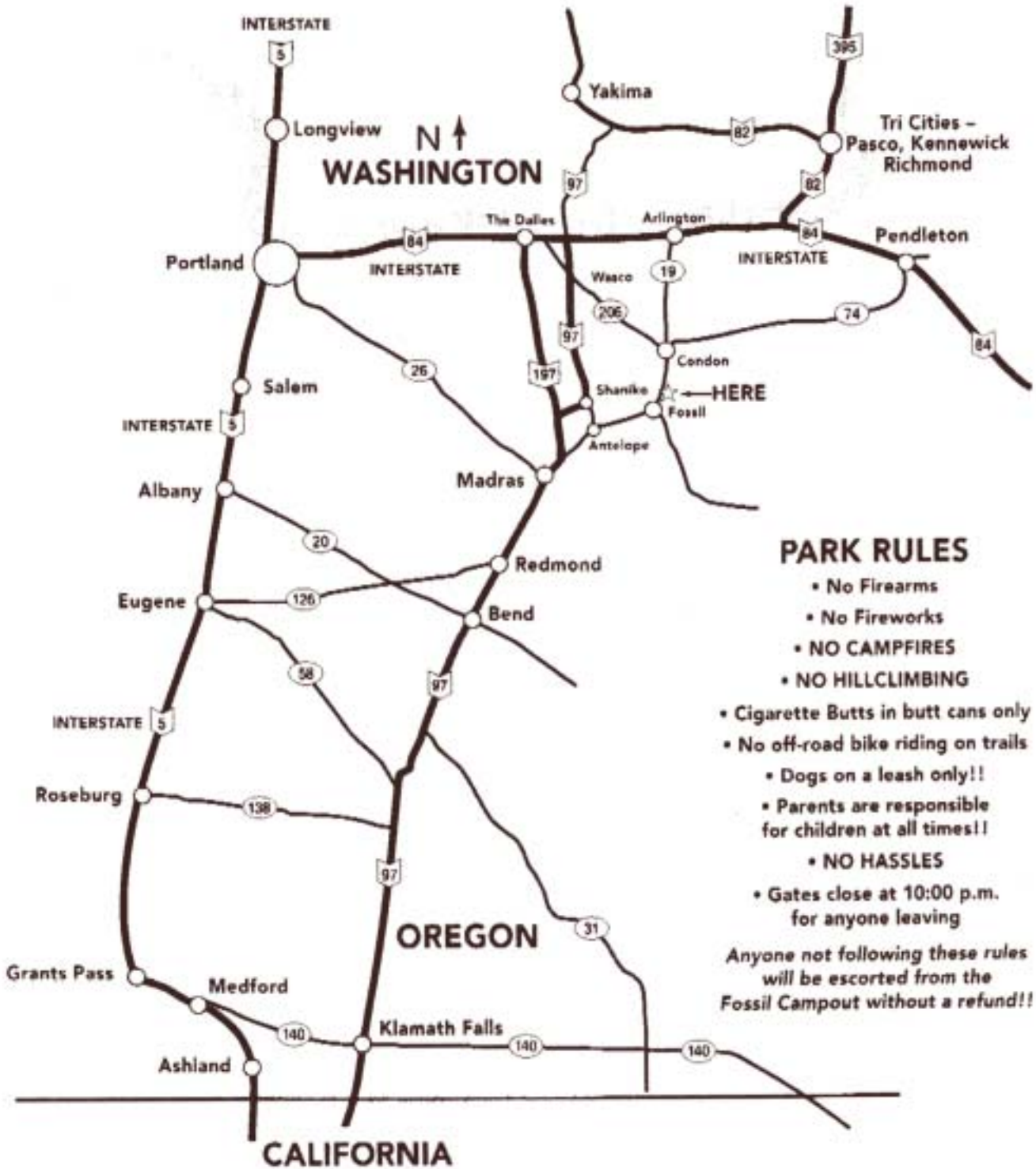
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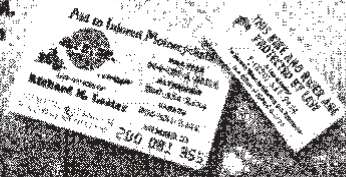
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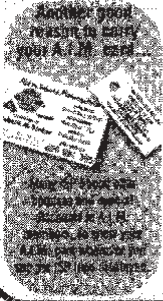
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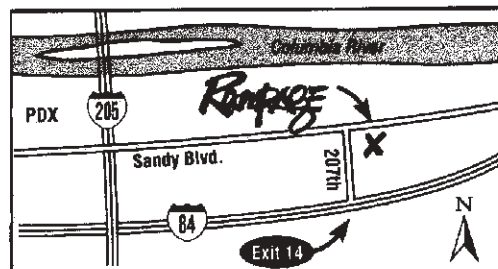
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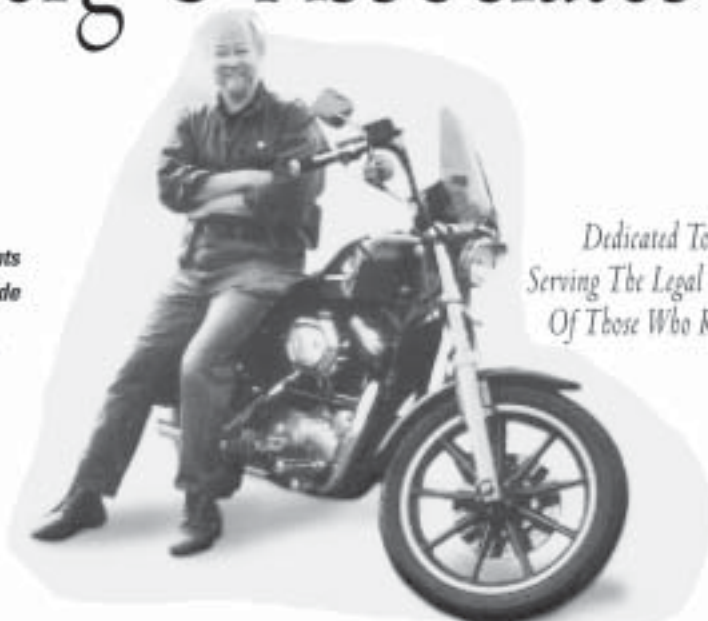
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Fiction:*Newton Dewey: Rider Without A Clue*

To The Editor,

As a newcomer to the world of motorcycling, I am constantly learning of the quaint mannerisms that riders have developed in order to separate themselves from mainstream society. However I wish to call attention to a routine gesture that is so inherently dangerous that I feel it should be totally banned forever. I am referring, of course, to that potential killer, the motorcyclist "wave".

Before I directly attack the issue at hand, allow me to digress to the background of my complaint.

While avidly reading my first copy of Republican Rider magazine, I came across a reference to "the wave". However, no precise description of the activity was given in the article. Neither was enlightenment available via the Encyclopedia of Motorcycling Etiquette and Rituals.

I then sought out other riders at a local tavern frequented by patrons of American-made Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Oddly enough, I was not immediately accepted as a "fellow biker". In fact I am certain that some of those present seemed to find humor in my day-glow orange riding attire. Ignoring their jocularity for present, I enquired as to what the "wave" might be. I was rather shocked when all of them, both male and female, undertook to reveal wobbly portions of their respective anatomies and began wiggling them back and forth.

I began to suspect that they had not taken my question seriously, so I strode resolutely from their rude presence. Unfortunately, as I was angrily backing the Vespa around, I seemed to have struck one of their overly-large machines which initiated a non-political domino effect. When their owners burst out of the tavern, I pointed out that the situation would not have occurred had

they opted for using the more stable center stand for parking their "pigs" rather than the less supportive side stand.

At first I assumed that their stunned silence indicated calm acceptance of constructive criticism. But when they began producing baseball bats and chains, I decided that my efforts had been in vain and deemed it best to withdraw from the immediate area as rapidly as possible.

When I was approximately half way home, I began to hear the thrilling sound of heavy motorcycles roaring around behind me. However, when I heard the shout of "There's the little asshole!", I thought it best to seek refuge in a nearby police station.

At this point I must point out that there is a motorcycling minority who create a negative public image for the majority of law abiding riders.

Although I parked the Vespa properly at the curb in accordance with local regulations before proceeding into the police station, the riders who followed me inside didn't even bother dismounting first. I must say the desk sergeant was not impressed with their riding prowess. In fact, quite an altercation broke out as the rest of the tavern patrons converged on the station house.

The remainder of the evening is somewhat of a blur in my memory, but I seem to recall the extensive use of fire hoses and National Guard troops. Journalists dubbed it the "Midtown Midnight Motorcycle Melee".

After calm had been restored and statements taken, I was released on my own recognizance. As I was lead out past the cells where the other motorcyclists were confined, I felt impelled to make amends for the damage I had caused. I stopped and promised to provide each individual with a bottle of touch-up paint for his or her motorcycle.

They seemed to be stunned into silence

by my generous offer. Taking advantage of their attention, I proceeded to point out that their actions of the previous night had given the remaining ninety percent of motorcyclists, including myself, a poor public image. I was about to continue my gentle rebukes when all of them lunged for the bars of their cells, reaching out towards me. I wanted to return their enthusiasm by shaking each outstretched hand, but my police escort hustled me out of the detention area.

Despite the flurry of activity my research had occasioned, my question regarding the "wave" had still not been answered.

When I finally arrived home at three AM, I immediately phoned my third Motorcycle Safety Course instructor, taking advantage of their offer to call whenever we had questions about safe riding. I identified myself and patiently answered his enquiry concerning the time. I then asked what the "wave" was, however he replied by making an unlikely suggestion concerning self-procreation, then seemed to repeatedly drop his handset on the floor. After the line went dead, I phoned 9-1-1 to report a possible cardiac arrest.

I then decided to turn on my television receiver on the off chance that my hero, Dane Quayl, might be speaking. As I changed channels, I happened to find a program of sports highlights and discovered that it contained the answer of what the "wave" was.

The next day I discovered just how inherently dangerous the wave was when I saw another rider approaching. Upon detecting her, I quickly up-shifted to neutral, then balancing carefully, I stood up and raised my arms over my head in a graceful, fluid motion. Instead of returning my salute, she merely stuck her hand out to the side and wiggled it. Just then my front wheel

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struck a pot hole.

The doctors here at Midtown General Hospital/Veterinary claim that I should be out of traction by next week. They tell me that the accident would have been a lot worse if the Vespa's training wheels hadn't taken the brunt of the fall.

A nurse has just informed me that there is a large contingent of people waiting to visit me. I find the news very heart-warming since I didn't think I had any friends in this town. The group outside seem to be members of a newly-formed motorcycle club calling themselves the Ten Percenters. I can hardly wait to see their reaction when I tell them of my plans for a ballot measure requiring mandatory training wheels for *all* motorcycles.

Respectfully,
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-- Newton Dewey

NCOM COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



HELMET FREEDOM, WHO'S NEXT?

A storm is brewing over the mid-Atlantic states, a storm of Freedom Fighters that is, as statehouses in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia have all been besieged with helmet repeal legislation.

In West Virginia, House Delegate Greg Butcher, a long time biker and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) Legislative Task Force, has introduced a bill to allow motorcyclists and their passengers to ride without a helmet if they are older than 21 with at least two years of experience. On January 23, HB-2156 passed out of the Roads & Transportation Committee with only one dissenting vote. Next it goes to the House Judicial Committee. Maryland's motorcycle helmet bill, SB-167 would eliminate mandatory helmet use by adult riders, and was given a first reading in the State Senate on January 16, 2002. The first vote on this bill will be in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth of Virginia has introduced not just one helmet repeal bill, but *four*, each with a different twist. Two of the bills were recently voted down by slim margins. Thirty other states have modified their helmet laws to exempt adult riders, and several other states are hoping to be the next to win their Freedom of Choice.

N.H.T.S.A. NUMBERS CALLED INTO QUESTION

Despite being barred by

Congress from lobbying for helmet laws, every time a state considers modifying their helmet law, the federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pokes their nose into the state's business and tries to dissuade legislators with bogus statistics. None of that is new to those in the front lines, but a recently released N.H.T.S.A. "study" has come under fire from the insurance industry, normally one of N.H.T.S.A.'s allies!

The *U.S.A.A. Taillights* column printed the N.H.T.S.A. report on increases in deaths in Arkansas and Texas since their helmet law repeals (U.S.A.A. is one of the nation's largest insurance companies.)

A Louisiana rider wrote to U.S.A.A. to challenge the validity of the statistics and asked whether the report took into consideration the increased number of motorcycles and number of miles ridden. He also asked whether any effort had been made to determine whether a helmet could have saved any of those lives. Here is the response he got from the editor;

"Editor's Note: We reprinted statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on increases in the fatality rates of motorcyclists following the repeal of helmet laws in Texas and Arkansas. After receiving member feedback questioning these statistics, we took a closer look at the N.H.T.S.A. study results and found the statistics we reported had not been adjusted for increases in registrations and miles traveled. When registrations are factored in, fatality rates in Arkansas dropped from 11.54 percent per

10,000 motorcycles in 1996 to 10.92 in 1998. In Texas, the fatality rate increased from 6.99 per 10,000 motorcycles to 8.85 per 10,000. The N.H.T.S.A. study does not attempt to determine whether wearing a helmet would have prevented any reported fatalities."

In defending against the N.H.T.S.A. study, Sputnik, founder of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and member of the N.C.O.M. Legislative Task Force, reported that "In 1997, prior to the Texas helmet law repeal, there were 115 people who died in motorcycle accidents, and registrations had dropped to 143,000. By 1999, after the helmet law was repealed, deaths had risen to 181, but registrations had increased to 253,000. Given these figures, which N.H.T.S.A. ignored, it would show that while fatalities increased by 58 percent during this 2-year period, registrations increased by 77 percent!"

BIKERS DUEL WITH FALLEN W.T.C. COPS FAMILY OVER VEST

The family of a New Jersey Port Authority police officer killed in the World Trade Center attack and the motorcycle club he belonged to are sparring over his black leather riding vest, and the dispute may wind up in court.

According to the Associated Press, Officer Paul Laszczyński was a member of the Renegade Pigs, a motorcycle club for police officers, who was killed after being called to the trade center on September 11 from his post at Jersey City's Journal

Square P.A.T.H. station.

His white and blue Harley-Davidson motorcycle and vest were proudly displayed at a memorial service since no body was recovered from the W.T.C. wreckage, and now the officer's family wants the vest as a keepsake, but the club refuses to turn it over, claiming it is rightfully theirs because club rules clearly state that member's "colors" are the property of the club.

Although Laszczynski was divorced from their mother, his two daughters have retained a lawyer and are preparing for a court battle to get the vest back. They already have claimed their father's motorcycle, his car, his big-screen TV, his jewelry, clothes, papers, medals and citations, not to mention his shore house in Manahawkin, but they claim they need the vest to remember their dad. Meanwhile, the club wants to frame the vest and display it.

Neither side is budging, so it may take a judge and jury to sort things out.

BIKERS FIGHT AGAINST COURTHOUSE DISCRIMINATION

A dozen leather-clad bikers had no problems entering the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco recently to argue their case for blocking a Carson City, Nevada courthouse dress code that prohibits biker "colors," under which they were arrested or cited last year.

Bikers from the Hells Angels, Branded Few, Vietnam Veterans and His Royal Priesthood motorcycle clubs have asked the appeals court to at least temporarily stop Carson City from enforcing the dress code until

their civil-rights lawsuit on the rules can be heard. The bikers say it infringes on their constitutional rights of free speech.

Rick Eckhardt, a member of the Christian motorcycle club His Royal Priesthood, told the Reno Gazette-Journal that the dress code discriminates against motorcycle riders by limiting what they can wear in a public building.

"It's very important that we're able to enter the federal building and the courthouse, especially if we have a hearing to go to or need to go to court in support of one of our friends," said Eckhardt. "We just want the same rights everyone else has to go in the court and be heard."

Eckhardt and nine other bikers were cited for trespassing at the Carson City courthouse last March 26 for refusing an order from court security officers to either remove their motorcycle jackets or leave the public building. They were among the 35 or more motorcycle riders who showed up at the courthouse that day in support of two Branded Few Motorcycle Club members who had been arrested two weeks earlier on the same charge.

The initial incident involved bikers Scot Banks and Steve Dominguez of Reno, who went to the courthouse March 9 to contest a traffic violation but were told by security officers that they couldn't wear their swastika-decorated club colors inside. They were arrested and their vests were confiscated after they refused to remove their vests or leave.

The bikers cited two weeks later wore jackets that carried a variety of symbols, including an angel over the background of a Christian cross and

the American flag. All have pleaded innocent and are waiting for a hearing date in state court to argue the constitutionality of the rules before going to trial on the trespassing charges, said lawyer Kevin Karp, who is representing the bikers on the criminal charges. Karp is the Northern Nevada A.I.M. Attorney, and serves as legal counsel to the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs.

The 9th Circuit panel took the case under advisement and set no date for a ruling.

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This year's International Award will be presented to Lloyd "Animal" Rector. Other Silver Spoke Award winners include John Paliwoda, Keith Ball, Ralph C. Buss, Harold "Gunny" Hutcheson, Curtis Clements, John Randolph.

Quotable Quote:

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Napoleon Bonaparte, 1769-1821
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Junction City, Oregon (?)

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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