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UNITED STATES LEGALIZES TURN SIGNALS

Tell All The Cage Drivers They Can Use Them Now
(This is the trick. For your treat, see the inside back cover.)



Bolt Those Plates On

Recently police have informed motorcyclists that drug runners have been stealing or swapping motorcycle license plates. The stolen plates allow the runners to smuggle illegal drugs across borders on motorcycles.

To prevent your fine self from becoming a victim of the "drug war", ensure that your plate is firmly attached to your bike. If the frame for your license has four holes, use them all. Many auto parts stores sell special anti-theft license plate mounting hardware.

Aircraft Engine May Hold Hope For Motorcycles

An engine design patented in the 1930s may hold hope for motorcyclists looking to meet or beat proposed Environmental Protection Agency emission standards. Known as the "scotch-yoke" design, it uses pistons on each end of a connecting rod. The pistons dwell at the top of the stroke, thereby allowing the fuel/air to burn more completely.

An updated version of the engine is being developed by a company known as *Constant Pressure Engines*. Thier engines run at lower temperatures, it's two-stroke but doesn't require oil mixed in the furel, it has low fuel consumption and emissions, and it doesn't use valves or a camshaft.

Keep an eye out for these engines.



New Motorcycle Club Forms

A chapter of *Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club* is forming in the Roseburg area. It will be known as the *Cascade Chapter*. Membership is open to firefighters.

For more information, contact Pat Treece at (541)-672-9695

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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 Sub-Committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish

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

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Coordinator's Comments

by Ted Tracy

Once again, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is hosting a planning session in Cottage Grove. [Saturday, 19October 2002]

The event begins Friday night at the V.F.W. hall on Hillside Road. Many of us party Friday night (lightly, of course). This event is open to any current members. I also expect to see at least two representatives from each chapter.

The planning session starts at 9:00 am sharp. We will divide into committees and brainstorm till 5 or 6 pm. All ideas and concerns will be considered. The final recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Directors to be voted on.

A light breakfast and hearty lunch will be provided at no cost. *Willamette Valley* chapter does a great job. Last year, Wendy made a fantastic goulash for dinner, but this year we will not be providing dinner, since many people left right after the session was over.

We have the hall rented for the entire weekend, and I am sure there will be some folks stay over Saturday night and enjoy themselves. I hope to see you there.

Elections are coming up. Please take a moment to check over the *BikePAC* voter's guide and be an informed voter.

Ride safely,

Ted

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Our supreme leader, Ted-the-Stronger-Than-He-Thought, examines the result of an overly enthusiastic gaveling to order of the September board meeting.

(Some might claim that he's a chip off the ol' block.)

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FOR & ABOUT
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(Sorry Ted, couldn't find any place else to put it.)

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

Central Oregon Chapter

Too many runs in August, but that's a good thing now, isn't it?

The flip side of this is low attendance at our meetings.

With eleven members present plus one guest, we started the meeting.

The *C.O.B.R.A. Run* (*Central Oregon Battery and Rape Alliance*) went off well with eight bikes present to chaperone on old restored 1941 Chevy pickup (Bill and Pat) from the pick up point to drop off point in our delivery of 460 teddy bears given to *C.O.B.R.A.*

Hospitals and those kind of organizations can only take new teddy bears. *C.O.B.R.A.* will take *any* teddy bear in reasonable shape. Excellent people to work with and another way to get teddy bears into the hands of more kids.

More thoughts were presented about obtaining a group rate quote from *AirLift*. [A helicopter-based ambulance service for the wide open spaces of central and eastern Oregon.] We will put off the discussion, if any, until our next meeting so more information can be obtained.

More plans were discussed about our upcoming *Teddy Bear Run* that was recently sanctioned by state.

Scott, from Bend, wants to have a "pre-bear" run to solicit more bewars for our run.

A run before a run?

Not a bad idea. Anything to get more riding time in, right folks?

Watch for animals when you ride this summer.



ABATE of Oregon
invites all Motorcyclists to join them on the

**5th Annual Teddy Bear
and Poker Run
on October 5th, 2002.**

It is a group ride to deliver new stuffed animals
to 4 area Emergency Rooms and Warm Springs EMTs,
to comfort children in a time of need.

Meet at Black Horse Saloon
at 9:00 am and leave at 10:00 am.

Bring a new stuffed animal and your poker hand is \$5.00
Without: \$10.00

*** Great Prizes ***

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**CENTRAL OREGON MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Columbia River Chapter

We had another relatively short chapter meeting in September. Aaron and Sammy, our historians, were away with Roger at the swap meet in Washington state; Janet, our treasurer, was at the *Harley* drags in Woodburn selling *Toy Run* bike raffle tickets. Since our meeting was before the state board meeting, Joel, our state representative, had no report.

Lee Austin, the *Southeast Chapter* coordinator, again visited our meeting and handed out certificates of appreciation to various chapter members who helped at the *Summer Run*. We gave a special thanks to Larry Brown who did a lot of work tracking down a site for us at the last minute.

The *Summer Run* went well and we had over 300 people attending. No problems and a lot of fun for everyone. From our chapter, Janet, Heather, and Wade put on the kid's games and a lot of kids participated in a wide variety of games. It was nice to see them get a chance to have some fun.

I was in charge of the games and instituted a few new, non-bike games.

A new event was the *First Annual Rotten Roger Open* (although I could not persuade the old man to play.) What we had was a golf club (a two iron for you golf fans) that Roger has been carrying around in the run trailer for years. I brought some golf whiffle balls. Each contestant got three shots at a target. We had over twenty bikers taking swings at the balls. Unfortunately, I cannot remember who won but it was a lot of fun and it was quite the sight to see a bunch of bikers trying to whack that little ball. I am thinking about having the *Open* again and will try to get hold of nine

iron.

We also had a hula hoop contest that was entertaining.

The *Southeast Chapter* was in charge of this year's run and did a great job in all areas. The usual suspects from *Northeast* did a lot of the set up and tear down. Tim and Oopie made the bike game and show trophies.

If I were more organized, I would have kept a list of the various winner. But I am not, so I can't report them. Anyway, you had to have been there to appreciate the games and show.

Next year, *Northeast* is coordinating the run. The owner of the property was happy with the event and even some of the other neighbors expressed interest in having the run on their properties. Thanks again to everyone who helped put on the run and attended. We intend to keep the run growing.

The chapter voted to have the *Sweet Heart Dance* once again. The date is February 15, 2003, so mark it down on your calendars. We are looking at a new location and our chapter secretary, Dee, will be checking that out for us.

Speaking of Dee, she and Ted rode to

Sturgis together. Dee rode her new Sportster.

Jimbo and Julie did another fine job with the Ways and Means and Terri, our membership secretary, is keeping track of the chapter. She tells me that a number of our members have allowed their memberships to lapse; we will be sending out reminders.

Lee was kind enough to remind us of the E.P.A. regulations that are now

open for public comment. Those regulations are designed to control emissions but will have a tremendously negative effect on us. We will lose the right to make anything but "factory-authorized" changes to our bikers. That is, no more muffler and air cleaner changes.

At our next meeting we will be writing letters of comment to try to derail this latest stab at our freedom to choose.

Spike

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Douglas County Chapter

Missed out again on a newsletter. So this month is for July and August.

The big events for the largest share of our chapter were the *Coos River Run* in July and of course *S.O.S.* in August.

As always we had a good time at both of these gathering. *However*, the vender situation was screwed up in both. A lack of food venders really hurt both of these. I had a lady who usually does food vending [who] was told that there would be six food venders at *S.O.S.* so she didn't sign up.

As you all know there was just one.

Outside the campground doesn't count either. Deposits ahead of time could cure this, I would think.

Anyway, whatever it takes we need to address it. No beer garden at *S.O.S.* wasn't so bad since we could take the shuttle to the store just outside the gates. No beer garden at *Coos River* was terrible. It put intoxicated riders on the long and twisty road to the store.

Bands at both these runs were great!!! H.O.G. and whoever puts on the *Iron Horse Run* should really hide their heads after the bands they put up compared to these two A.B.A.T.E. runs. I did hear that we lost money on the *S.O.S.* run, but it's not official. I haven't heard about the wrap up meeting of the coalition, so it is just preliminary.

Speaking of meetings, *Douglas County* did not hold a meeting on the first Sunday of September as we should have. Too many officers couldn't attend, so it was canceled. Once again it's the old Sunday problem that we said would happen if meetings were going to be on Sunday afternoons.

If we are to get our *Casino Night* off the ground, we need to have prizes to bid on. The whole chapter needs to try to participate in acquiring items. Be aware that it needs to be something someone would bid on, "cause its not just a raffle drawing where you get what is given away. No use getting everything else ready if there isn't anything to bid on. Get the prizes to Abe or myself so that we will know what we have.

Be thinking of whether or not you can be one of next years officers. Abe and I will not be taking on the Prez and Secretary spots again. Talk to your fellow members and don't wait till the last minute to have some names.

Congratulations to Gene and Pam Reed for tying the knot at *S.O.S.*

Sorry I missed last months letter since I could have told you about the *Poker Run* put on by the *Melon Festival* in Winston. It's in September and it will be over by the time this comes out.

Hope that the *Light House Run*

coming up has enough time built in this year so that you can stop long enough to look inside the lighthouses. Guess it was a hectic run last year.

≠Can't think of anything else to report so see ya all on the road,

Joe Brumbach
chapter secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME 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

Well here it is,

Another month gone by and we're getting closer to the end of our dry riding season. Reckon we'll just have to get our wet gear out of the closet.

There are a lot of things going on all year long. Even in the winter months we find ourselves trying to figure out which of the runs we *need* to go to. It's a hard thing to do, missing a good party. Here at *Hub City* we seem to find a good time wherever we go. My hat's off to the people who can make it happen.

Now for the equally important stuff.

The crew was out picking up trash again on Saturday morning, those present were: Shawn, Mo, Jerry, Debbie, Kathy, Cole, Cliff, Deb, and Kenny.

Not as many as the first pickup day, but hey, there wasn't as much to pick up this time. Who's to know for sure but we might have found a little money along the way, or not. What I found was a bunch of people willing to give an hour and a half of their Saturday morning for a good cause.

I shouldn't forget to mention that now we get our sign on the highway with the A.B.A.T.E. name on it for all to see. No good deed goes unrewarded. And we can say we had a good time doing it.

Shirley from *Lincoln County* came to my house on Saturday before the state board meeting. Before she left she expressed the chapter's appreciation for all the help *Hub City* gave at this year's run. Since most of them read this rag, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere "you are welcome" and extend our

hand for next year if you need us. Everyone had a blast. Nothing could dampen the spirits of the partygoers at *Beaver Creek*. (Well, maybe water, but that didn't happen.)

Things are going real well here. Membership is up again.

All I can say is "Wow!"

What a good bunch I have the pleasure of riding with.

Now all we need is a couple a hundred more to join us in our fight for the right to choose. Freedom is what it's all about.

It seems like if something is worth having then someone is always trying to take it away from you. Who knows the reason why, but that is what we are doing all this for. It's not just getting together for a Sunday social or spending the weekend camping with your friends, or the ever loved *party*. We do it to preserve this freedom we love for our kids and their kids.

Do you remember 25 years ago?

It's sad to think of all the things that we can no longer take for granted.

Like being able to go to the store without buckling your seat belt.

Don't get me wrong, I buckle up but I don't like being told I have to.

Freedom to choose.

I miss it.

Cole
Hub City

*Photos from S.O.S. by Cole Hembree
(Including full frontal nudity.)*



HUB CITY MEETING TIME
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 everyone!

Sorry I missed last month!

We would like to thank all who attended, participated, donated, volunteered, and just plain played at *Beaver Creek* this year! Our annual post-*Beaver Creek* is scheduled for October 5th. This is just a potluck/campout we hold for those who worked so hard putting *Beaver Creek* on.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We will be hosting a free senior Thanksgiving dinner at the *Senior Citizen's Center* in Newport on November 23rd & 24th. The 23rd will be prep night, and we'll serve and deliver on the 24th.

Kurt and I will be flying to Michigan September 26th. Thanks to the graciousness of the state representatives and the state board of directors, we will be attending this year's *Meeting of the Minds*. More on that next month!

Happy Halloween!

Ride Safe,

Shirley

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-
ING TIMES and PLACE

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

American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

North Coast Chapter

Hello friends,

Here on the north coast we've had a busy month: our regular fourth Saturday meeting and a special one on the seventh of September. If you aren't keeping up on what's happening it's because you've missed staying in contact with friends. Those present at the special meeting were enthused about the *End of Summer Run*.

Washington County and [North Coast] have worked hard at putting together a better weekend than ever and if you have doubts about Birkenfeld, read *Southeast Portland's* chapter report last month.

Birkenfeld is *fun*.

Ya better be there . . . snooze, ya lose!!

According to Andy Toombs, we have another member safe in her arms: Alexis, born on the fourth of July 2002. Dad's doing fine, heh, Greg? Well, the report was that all are doing fine, just as it should be.

One of the great things about sharing the "creek" [Columbia River] with our neighbors across the way is having common ground with

Pacific County, [an A.B.A.T.E. chapter in southwaest] Washington. We have several of their members as members of our chapter and the reverse is also true. I never fail to be amazed at the brotherhood (psst, sisterhood too) of A.B.A.T.E.. There is nothing like it.

We're sharing *End of Summer Run* with *Washington County* and I safely say we are exhilarated at the chance to share it with all of you A.B.A.T.E. members. That is, those of you who, through legion wisdom and infinite

hedonist pursuits, are going to be at *End of Summer Run*.

So, see you there.

See ya on the weekend of the 20th,

Chuck

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001

**Auction • Raffle
Food & Fun**

Had your fill of turkey?
Need a break?



14th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Raffle

Auction & Raffle
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Bring your friends!
All proceeds go to Toys for Tots

For more information call:
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SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2002

Meet at 10:00—Depart at 11:00: Auto Restaurant, 1837 E. Holladay Drive, Seaside
and Pointe Engler Lodge, 304 Commercial, Astoria (a ride schedule will be available)

**ABATE OF OREGON, INC.
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• Raffle Prizes
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Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 8 for \$5
\$10 per poker hand
—extra poker hand \$5

All proceeds go to
Clatsop County Christmas Basket Program and Pacific County Eagles.

**Get in the holiday spirit!
JOIN US.**

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NORTH COAST MEETING
TIME and PLACE
4th Saturday at 1000
(10 am)
Merts Campus
3 miles east of Astoria
Industrial Arts Building
Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland Chapter

Where did the summer go?

I hope you all had a great time catching all the good runs, rides, and fun things that make the summer a special time.

A lot has been going on around here. Membership continues to grow and meeting attendance is growing so much that we are talking about moving to a larger venue. It's been exciting to see the chapter grow and to be a part of a new energy. Come on out to a meeting and meet the new *Northeast Chapter*.

Our *Poker Run* that was held on August 31st was a smash. Everyone had a good time with approximately 40 bikes and associated people having a cool ride traveling the back roads of Vernonia. We couldn't have asked for a better day. The run earned \$255 that will be used for Rider Education.

Our thanks go out to the following establishments: *American Legion* (NE 21st & Alberta) for a wonderfully huge breakfast for a measly 5 bucks – thank you!!, *Johnny's Tavern* (St Helens), *Cedar Side Inn* (Vernonia - a special thanks to Rose for all the good eats), *Skyline Tavern* (Skyline Rd), and the *Highway House* (north Portland Highway, our final destination). All of our stops were happy to have us visit them and said we are welcome back anytime.

After the *Poker Run*, the *Highway House* hosted a benefit for the Shriners kids. The food that was bought went for the kids. We collected a barrel of toys, sold 30 tickets for the Deuce raffle bike, and earned \$80 dollars for the raffle of a *Harley* pocket watch (won by our very own Bev!!).

Again, thanks go to the *Highway*

House for hosting the ending festivities of our *Poker Run* and the benefit for the Shriners's kids.

Although I didn't get to attend *Summer Run* or the *Beaver Creek Run*, I have heard from reliable sources that there were adventures and misadventures but a good time had by all.

Finally, be sure to check out our website that has been so thoughtfully put together by Oopy. Lot's of surprises on the site – you must see the "Win a Harley" page and "To Our Leaders" page. I think Crow's substitute picture is pretty cool.

<http://www.abateoforegon-ne.org/>

Ride safe and may God's light shine on you,

Mike

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930

(7:30pm)

Round Table Pizza

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

River City Chapter**August 20, 2002**

We had a big meeting with 18 people. Lots of chatter about trips to *Sturgis*. Stories to tell and notes to compare. Sounds like it was memorable, if not dry.

Dave Wiebalk would have won the \$35 membership drawing if he had been at the meeting. It will be \$40 at the next meeting.. Dan Turner won our 50/50 at \$10/\$11 & donated \$9 back to the Chapter. Thanks, Dan.

Called to order by Lee at 7:00pm. 18 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Teresa. Correspondence was a bank statement, state B.O.D. minutes, and Eugene swapmeet ad notes. In addition, Mike Farmer received a thank you for our participation in the *Diabetes Run*.

Treasury Report is \$566.79.

Membership Report 77

Board Report: Brian reported a light meeting in Newport with *Run 21* and the next *Swap Meet* being the main topics.

Legislative Report: E.P.A. draft regs are out, lots of comments are needed.

Ways and Means Report: tee shirts available

Historian Report: none Need pictures

Old Business

Group Riding Good rides, *Sturgis* talk. Planned Rides Klickitat County Fair parking event

Adopt-a-Highway: Brian and Lynne scouted last Sunday and suggest October 19 for the pickup.

New Business

Teresa brought up sponsoring kids for school through the Salvation Army and St Vincent DePaul at \$20 each. Mike Farmer made a motion to sponsor five slots, passed. Teresa will take care of it.

Dan brought up a Christmas party at the Moose Lodge for costs

Poker run committee brought up and

tabled til next meeting.

Membership drawing for \$35 would have been won by Dave Wiebalk, if he had been present. It will be \$40 next time.

50/50 won by Dan Turner, at \$10/\$11, and donated back \$9 to the chapter. Thanks Dan.

Adjourned 7:41 pm.

September 3, 2002

We had another big meeting with 16 people. One of our members, Dean Oades,

went down to avoid a car turning in front of him near Lyle. Bike's hurt and so is Dean's thumb. He skidded, then put it down and rode the slide! He's mending (young guys always heal fast).

Alexis Jones would have won the \$40 membership drawing if her dad had brought her to the meeting. It will be \$45 at the next meeting.. Misty

Williams won our 50/50 at \$7/\$8. It's the second time she has visited and the second time she has won!

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:02pm. 16 people present.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee.

Guests: Misty Williams

Minutes were waived on a motion by Dan. Correspondence was an M.R.F. Reports.

Treasury Report is \$496.09.

Membership Report 78

Legislative Report: E.P.A./H-D statement, Buckner's response

Historian Report: none Need pictures

Old Business

Group Riding: Dean wrecked in Lyle-car turned in front of him - slid considerable distance in oncoming lane but no traffic - injuries fairly minor. Linda Sager reported a hole in freeway, eastbound fast lane, overpass between the two western Hood River exits. Deep

wheel trap. O.D.O.T. maintenance department phone numbers: Region 1 Portland (503)-731-8330; Region 4 Bend/Central Oregon (541)-388-6180. Report such hazards right away!

A.B.A.T.E. Bucks from Fossil-distributed more.

Planned Rides - overnight ride to Grand Coulee Dam is being considered.

Adopt-a-Highway: Have tape again for viewing. Passed around another sign-up sheet.

Starting to plan for planning the next poker run.

Fair board very appreciative of our parking efforts at Klickitat County Fair.

New Business

Mystery Run - an old chapter activity was brought up and descibed, discussed.

Membership Drawing for \$40 would have been won by Alexis Jones, if she had been present. It will be \$45 next time.

50/50 won by Misty Williams (for the second time),at \$7/\$8,

Adjourned 7:44 pm

Upcoming meetings

October 1

7:00 PM

RIVER CITY MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)

Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-197)

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

Salem Chapter



Hi again from Salem.

We had a chapter ride after the meeting August 27, 2002 and I am sure everyone had a good time.

We are gearing up for our Annual Toy Run and are planning Biker Nights for October 19th or 20th and one for November 22nd or 23rd. The committee is working hard to get all the details ironed out.

Now is the time to work with candidates to help those who will help us in the upcoming session. If you can, please spend some time getting to know your candidates and offer to help with signs or mailings.

More rides on the horizon. Come along have fun and see what your chapter is up to.

There will be a M.A.P. class (Motorcycle Awareness Program) before our regular meeting on October 22, 2002 at 5:30 pm before the regular chapter meeting. These classes really get the word out about motorcycles and sharing the road. They can be presented at schools or any other place to show we are out there. All you have to be is interested to come to Geoff's class. I would really like to see Walt there.

Stay safe and ride on,
Murge

BIKER NIGHT
Friday Oct. 18th

Poor John's Bottle Factory
1883 W. Ida (at Wilco Road)
Stayton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.



Live band begins at 9:00 p.m.

Donation at door: \$2 per Person or \$3 per Couple

Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

BIKER NIGHT
Saturday Nov. 23rd

Wooden Nickel
1610 Pine St.
Silverton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.



Donation at door: \$2 per Person or \$3 per Couple

Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

ANNUAL TOY RUN
Sponsored By
**Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E.
Of Oregon, Inc.**



SUNDAY, DEC. 8, 2002
K-MART on 25th & Mission Streets
Salem, Oregon
10:00 am Gather/Coffee by CMA
Leave 11:00 am

Proceeds benefit:
**Silverton Community Resource Center &
Stayton Firemen's Toys for Joy**

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For drop off prints or other information, contact:
Marlene (503) 873-2492 or Michelle (503) 371-7550

SALEM MEETING TIME
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

I would like to start off by apologizing for missing last month's newsletter. We have been pretty busy here with vacation, company, work, and of course, riding. I did send in our minutes, which is a responsibility of the secretary, so the chapter may still vote at the state meeting.

I hope those of you who attended the *Coos River Run* and *S.O.S.* had a great time and plan to attend next year. The weather was great at both. I hope the fires around the state have not endangered any of you. We have had some smoke a few days, but nothing serious.

Election time is near. Are you registered to vote? Do you know anything about any of the candidates?

Please be informed before you choose your candidate. Your vote is important. Please make a wise decision.

Some candidates in your local area may need your assistance with their campaign. If you believe in them, volunteer some time to help them. They will appreciate your assistance.

School is back in session. Be on the watch for children along busy streets. Always be ready for the unexpected!

It was brought up at our last chapter meeting my inability to send in a report for September's state newsletter. I tried to apologize at the meeting for not making time (having time) to sit down and write something and send it in to Rot Path.

A respected member of our chapter made a comment to the effect "why volunteer for the job if you can't do it?"

I would like to respond to that statement.

I accepted the position of chapter secretary because no one else would. I have served before as secretary and membership secretary and, being a conscientious member, will continue to fill positions if necessary. I am sorry if I cannot always fulfill all of my obligations, but sometimes I have to make choices.

Those who are not volunteering as a chapter officer may consider offering support or assistance instead of criticism of those who are trying to do their best.

I have a job that is important to me which requires a lot of my attention. I am sure I am not the only one in that position. We all do the best we can.

Thank you Rot Path for calling and offering to extend the last deadline to give me the opportunity to submit an article. Your support is appreciated.

We should all be working together, not against one another.

Thank you for letting me vent.

Until next time, ride safe!

Watch out for that first rain — roads will be slick!

Karen Bauder
Secretary,
South Coast Chapter

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME 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

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hello to all you good people,

Thank you to everyone that helped out at

Summer Run 2002. Your efforts made our chapter hosting that event a very pleasant experience. I know the other chapters involved welcomed the help. All in all the run went great. I know all my kids had a great time, even the grand kids.

Thanks to everyone [who] helped with their entertainment. You all made this a great family run. Yes, Wayno even the hay rides were cool.

Good job on the bike games too guys.

Well, now that the summer is winding down we have our elections to look forward to next month. I hope everyone is up to speed on your party's candidates and all the legislative issues.

Don't forget you can refer to last month's newsletter for a BikePAC voters guide (p 50).

Ride safe folks,

Mammy Tami

P.S. Please note that there were no exclamation marks used in my newsletter submission this time.

[*crusty ol' editor's note: < sigh > These writers can be so sensitive!*]

S.E. Portland MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

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

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Those of us who went to the *S.O.S.* run at Wolf Creek Park, Wolf Creek, Oregon for the most part had a great time. Some of the chapters members worked long hours helping to make the run a success and others just enjoyed the party. The music was great, and dancing was easy on the dance platform. A good variety of vendors gave everyone a choice of wares. Although the attendance was not as large as the planning committee had hoped for it turned out to be a nice party.

Thanks so much to those of you who came to the September meeting. Now that we have the ball rolling to get out chapter rolling again, keep up the good work and lets have a great 2003 full of events and enthusiasm. As important it is to fight the political fight it is equally important to build brotherhood within our chapter and with the other chapters.

Jefferson State Tour Barbeque is still on, even though the run coordinator said only one passport had been sold as of late August. Sandy Orsini, who has been so helpful in designing this event, was very busy fighting fires across the region and Joe Vespoli our run coordinator has been working two jobs, making it difficult to find time to promote the run for both of them.

The barbeque is on for October 13, 2002 12:00 noon 'till dusk, Tom Pierce Park Grants Pass, Oregon. Admission to the barbeque is \$6.00. We need to know if you are going to attend so that we will have enough food for you. If you're going to attend please call Tom Orsini at (541)-479-8635.

Southern Oregon Chapter A.B.A.T.E.-O-Ween (Halloween party) is at *Touville Lodge*, 9367 Table Rock Road, Central Point, Oregon November 1, 2002. For a reasonable entry fee you get a dinner, a door prize ticket, live music, and entry into the best costume contest. Also 50/50 raffle from donation from our sponsors. For more information call Joe at (541)-664-8754 or Frog at (541)-472-1430.

Our second *Annual Freedom Run* (poker run and barbeque) is coming up November 11th, 2002. Be sure to read next issue to find out the starting place. The end will be kept secret until you draw your forth card.

And our *Southern Oregon Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Toy Run* is scheduled for November 23rd 2002. The location of the start will also be in the next issue.

SOUTHERN OREGON**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Washington County Chapter

Washington County—Oct2002

The summer riding season is coming to an end and the slower winter season is beginning. The days began getting chilly in the beginning of September. Fall brings the constant reminder to be aware of leaves and frost on the road.

The North Coast/Washington County *End of Summer Run* is now a fond memory. Be sure to check out pictures at either

EndOfSummerRun.com or **wacoabate.com** for *End of Summer Run* and other events from this year.

Washington County is getting ready for our annual *Toy Run*, to be held November 16, starting at *Stocker's House of Power* at the corner of southeast 3rd and Walnut in Hillsboro, just south of St. Matthew's catholic church. We voted on a slightly longer parade route this year and the parade will still end at the Hillsboro Fire Department. From there, we will converge on the good people at the *Coppertone Restaurant* on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd streets in Hillsboro. I can only hope that we have bright, sunny, mild weather like we have had the last couple of years.

Please plan to join us and bring a new unwrapped gift and a couple of cans of food for *Monika's House*. While we support the Hillsboro Women's Domestic Violence Resource Center (*Monika's House*) throughout the year, this is the time of their greatest need and our largest donations. This will be an excellent practice run for the *Shriner's Toy Run* in December.

Now is also the time to start thinking about officer elections. I'm sure it's the

same for most chapters: certain key people step up each year for officer positions and do the majority of the work for the chapter. Aside from attending the meetings and an occasional state board meeting, it does not take that much extra time. You can put in as much effort as you want to any of the positions and the incumbent officers will appreciate the new blood. The hardest part for me is trying to figure out what to write about each month. Sometimes it comes easy, sometimes it doesn't.

With the reminder of officer elections comes the reminder that you can *win cash* by attending your chapter meetings. Our membership drawing grows every meeting, especially when people like Ian Pfluke-Shelton and Rich Nicholas senior do not attend. Those poor fellows missed their opportunities in August. Who will win in September? You can also *win cash* by purchasing 50/50 tickets. August winners were Brian "I-never-win" Done and Dave Hansen. Thanks for attending and helping to support your chapter!

I would also like to take the time to thank Tina, Luke, and Rick Stocker for all their help with the door prizes. They are constantly scouring the countryside for exciting and unusual prizes, not only for our meetings, but also for the events. That is a family that is dedicated to the positions they hold as officers. Tina is an admitted bargain hunter and Luke enjoys talking with all the members. Rick claims he has no part in the shopping, but more than once I have seen him carting off treasures for the chapter.

With school back in session, not

only do we need to watch out for children on the streets, we need to work to get our message into the classroom. I know that things have tapered off in Washington County in the last year, especially with budget cuts and changes in driver's education. I really enjoyed going into the classroom and speaking with youngsters about riding and the responsibility of driving. I can only hope that we can continue to get our message out.

Well, remember again to watch for children, animals, slippery leaves, and the other guy because you can bet that most of the above mentioned are not watching out for you!

Be safe and I'll see you on the road sometime.

Linda Wells
WaCo Secretary

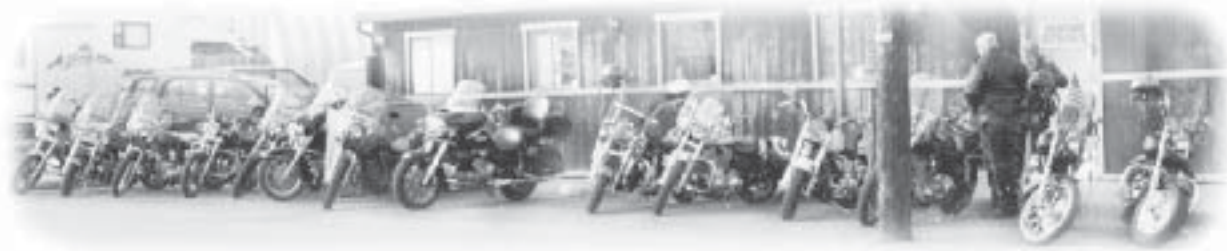
WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

Willamette Valley Chapter

*Casino Night!!!!*

It's on October 12th at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta, just like the last one. Blackjack starts 2pm until around 6pm. The auction is between 6pm and 8pm. Please bring useable auction items.

There, I got that out right up front! Since

S.O.S. didn't do us any monetary favors this year, let's hope we pull off another successful *Casino Night!* Remember: blackjack, a fun auction and the evening finishes off with great dancing and entertainment at *Yukon's*. Should be a good time!

Don't forget the *Blackjack's* annual *Fall Poker Run* on October 6th (that should be about *now?!?!!*). It kicks off at *Greg Coen's Motor Company* on Main in Springfield at between 9am and 10am. There'll be a chili feed after as well!

The *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap* meets this year are on October 27th in Roseburg and November 17th in Portland. Check the state newsletter for details. These are big fund-raisers for the state. Let's see if we can't get those state coffers up to a "legislature-busting" level!

The *Veteran's Day Parade* is on November 10th this year and will start at 1:00 pm in order to give folks time to go to church first. I imagine the start location will be the same but there'll be updates to come. Start getting the

word out and make your suggestions heard as to how the biker involvement can be improved.

There's other stuff, too, but it's later and we'll deal with it all then.

Oh yeah... wonder how

Berkley North the Seventh will turn out...the seven year itch???? Hope all of us will be well enough behaved to enable it to happen again next year. (It will have already happened by the time you read this.)

Now *S.O.S.!!* It was a real success, except for one thing.....turnout! We needed about 1,100 to meet our expenses with a little left over, but we didn't make it. I think it was the fire situation a bit south of Wolf Creek. In the last week before the event, most of the calls I got were like this: "Is *S.O.S.* canceled?", "How's the smoke down there?", or "I heard Wolf Creek was being evacuated!" There's not much we can do to reassure the tri-state area with only a week remaining.

Anyway, how I see it, what ever money our chapter spent and didn't recover putting on the event was *well worth* the party we put on!!! The weather was perfect (*not smoky!*), and the crowd was downright friendly. We had a dance floor this year that was put to good use and the bands were *incredible*. *Repeat Offender* of Eugene worked the crowd into a frenzy both nights as openers. *Eddie St. Claire* did some blues on Friday, and the show

Saturday night knocked everybody totally out of their socks! After a rousing opener by *Repeat Offender*, the crowd was mesmerized by the amazing *Dragontribe*: a group of fire dancers with a show of spinning fire and color paced to the rhythm of several African drums. After the tribe, *Steele Breeze* out of Nevada took over and the night's entertainment literally took off! Eventually, *Repeat Offender*, Tiffany and JP (the *Dragontribe* drummers) joined *Steele Breeze* on stage for a long and wild jam session that had the entire crowd stompin' and jumpin' till 2:30am!! It was a show not to be forgotten and certainly not to have been missed. (Fire and smoke, my ass!).

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WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Our Officers at Work

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

14 September 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:16 with 14 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the August 10, 2002 waived, minutes adopted as printed.

Coordinators Comments

Ted spent time with Simon Milward this summer (who is traveling around the world raising donations for charities.) Ted said he gave Simon, salmon, micro brews, and marion berry jam, of which Simon loved it all. Simon told him that he could even consider moving to Oregon. Ted said, coming from someone [who's] been to 29 countries, that's quite a complement. Simon called Ted from San Jose and said his Vegas thing had been cancelled so he will be going to *Meeting of the Minds*.

Ted congratulated Hal Fletcher for becoming the new Willamette Valley Coordinator.

Correspondence

Bills.

***** Officer Reports *****

Legislative Director: Rick Maish was not here but was excused.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Brian Stovall hopes all are *BikePAC* members. And if not, you should be. He had *BikePAC Bulletins* available, if you need one, then you could join *BikePAC* at the break.

Check your insurance policy to see if you have any exclusions due to riding a motorcycle.

If you do, contact Brian. Brian mentioned there were several issues they have been working on. (See

Bulletin for the list of things they are

tracking.) They need help with the California lane splitting. If you have lived in California or have first hand knowledge of the California lane splitting, please let us know your feelings or comments about it, by seeing or contacting Geoff White, as he is gathering that information.

See Randy Phipps with any information on vehicle assault.

It is important to have the Governor on our side but just as important are the Senators.

Brain also mentioned how M.R.F. needs your financial support too and they are currently doing a fund raiser with the bronze coins. The newest have been out for only two weeks and he has some today to sell.

Brain also mentioned if anyone has every been discriminated against for wearing leathers or riding a motorcycle, like trying to get a room and you were refused, please also notify him.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Ed Vaughn told Ted that the meeting had been cancelled and wasn't sure when another would be scheduled.

Education Director: Geoff White said this was the end of summer and so are the classes. If you taught any M.A.P. classes, please get your totals into him. Also a reminder that he has packets that you can use at schools to introduce the schools to M.A.P. so they can get a better understanding of what the program is about. Also, Geoff said that Roger had suggested to him that since we couldn't give *Team Oregon* the other container (the property owner won't let *Team Oregon* put it there), then we should look into supplying them a couple of bikes. Geoff has been in touch with Steve Garretts and Steve is going to give the information to Geoff. Ted suggests bringing that info to the Cottage Grove meeting.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde was excused for not being here.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy was excused as she had a horse show she had to go to but gave Ted the report of which we have a total of 1,979 members [who] are current.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path thanks all for contributions to the newsletter, especially the letters written. He needs contact info to keep the newsletter updated. Also he is waiting for [reports] from *Hub Chapter, Central Oregon, and South Coast*. Rot also had the opportunity to attend a *Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission* in Salem. He said people talked to him and he said we (*A.B.A.T.E.*) are getting people's attention.

Products: Michelle Hobbs said she has lots of products with her today for sale.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen was excused for not being here.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger said he has lots of *Swap Meet* fliers to get passed out for both events. He will need help from Roseburg and *Willamette Valley* chapter for the one in Roseburg. Post cards and e-mails are being sent out. The *Roseburg Swap Meet* will be October 27 and the *Portland Swap Meet* will be November 17. Need some northern California contacts to send fliers to. If you know of any, give them to Roger. Roger would also like help passing out the fliers tomorrow at the *Eugene Swap Meet*. Need chapter run dates turned in no later than October 12th for next year's runs.

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt Speas couldn't make it today.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn was excused, she was teaching a *Team Oregon* class. Total equity is \$88,149.

Chapter Auditor: Carla Richesin. Ted

said Carla has been working with Joy on taxes, they had filed an extension. They have to have them in by October 1st.

Historian: Iris Yeager said that Rot Path had been asking her to pull old *A.B.A.T.E.* info out to put in the newsletter. She found some history from an *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter back in 1979, October issue. She also found a rough draft of division of responsibilities and noted *every chapter* is involved in *every aspect* of the organization and there is *communication* between *chapter* and *board members*.

Webpage Editor: Maddog was actually here today and reported that he has been doing this job for four years. He set up a counter on the web site and even though the counters been down a few times, it still shows over 20,000 hits in that 4 year period. He also reports he gets lots of e-mails and responds to them quickly and has had many compliments for his quick response. At times he will get e-mails and will forward them to whom he feels has more knowledge of it and he asks if you are a recipient of one, please also respond to them in a timely manner and also notify him that you have taken care of it. He also said he would accept the position next year in case he doesn't make it to the November board meeting. If you need more information posted on the web site, like a flier being posted, send it to him or if you need more than one phone number listed, also give him that information as Roger only submits one with the run list.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim Niece had no report.

Vice-Coordinator South: Joe Laurance just wanted to thank those who put on the *S.O.S.* run which was a coalition of *Douglas, Willamette, Southern Oregon,* and *South Coast* chapters and thanks to Roger and Ron for getting the insurance.

Vice-Coordinator East: Bob Hadley said he was in Madras and had his license plate stolen off his bike. The police told him drug dealers are taking them so you need to secure your plate on with nylon nuts and secure them tightly.

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree - had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms was not here.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker said fliers are coming in but he needs them in by the 10th of the month. Also he needs the sanctioning forms with the fliers for insurance. He also needs the *physical* address of the sites for the insurance certificates.

Quartermaster: Chris Anderson—Ted said he gave Chris all the inventory lists that he had and Chris is to contact Roger for the state's inventory and the chapters that haven't turned their lists in.

Committee Reports

Run Committee: (Rick Maish, Ron Bloker, and Michelle Lipchitz) Roger said there is no report, all information had been done over the phone for the swap meets.

Unfinished Business

1. **Annual Meeting** - (Jim Niece, Brain Stovall, and Melinda McCrossen) The annual meeting is scheduled for December 14th. The board meeting will be at noon and last approximately till 1:00, then the festivities will begin. Melinda has produced a flier for the newsletter. They need a recommendation from *Willamette Valley* for caterers and they also need a list from the chapters as to how many people from each chapter will be attending. There will also be door prizes. Brian needs motorcycle music on a CD. Please bring it to the meeting and he can convert it and give the CD back to you in just minutes.

2. **Planning Session** in Cottage Grove Saturday October 19 at 9:00 a.m. Need *each chapter to send at least one person* to attend. You can spend the night if you want, the chapters should pay your way. All members are welcome to come. Working with *Willamette Valley* to do the

lunch and Rogers birthday is the 25th.

3. **Allegations of Charter Violation:** Lee Austin from *Southeast Portland* said he has done *Run 21* for three years and got the okay from the state to do this adult run. He wanted to know what by-law violations charges are being brought up. *Run 21* does not have *A.B.A.T.E.* on it anywhere, they gave away twelve bottles of booze to 600 people, so those people didn't get much alcohol out of that. Lee said you can't buy insurance to give alcohol away and he also checked with O.L.C.C. [Oregon Liquor Control Commission] It's a B.Y.O.B. [Bring Your Own Bottle] run and they have had no claims or complaints. They check IDs as it is an adult run, 21 and over only. Ron Bloker said the flier does say "sanctioned by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*" on it. Ron apologized for not being at the last board meeting and that two meetings ago it was brought up about the alcohol and before the run Ron spoke with Lee and Ted by phone and got all things worked out. Ted said in Cottage Grove wording was changed on sanctioning form from "sell alcohol" to "provide alcohol" and that's when insurance was cheap. Ted said he thinks he speaks for all, that we support *Run 21*. We need to look at the sanctioning form again at Cottage Grove, since things have changed due to 9/11. Brain said our by-laws and rules of operation get changed by things that come out of the planning sessions and in subsequent board meetings these changes are made and has been done like that for years. Mad Dog said they came up with *Run 21* to compete with *Cow Chip* and *Redwood*. They check IDs and there is alcohol, vulgar language and nudity at all runs, but at least at theirs, there are no kids to see those things. Shirley asked Lee if their gate fee was donation and he said no, the cost is \$20 for advance tickets and \$25 at the gate.

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STtate Board Minutes*(continued from previous page)***New Business**

1. Motion made by Matt Hobbs, seconded by Ron Bloker for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, to purchase eight more radios for use by the southern chapters. 12 were for, 2 against, motion carried. (The two that were against didn't want to vote on something that had no price)

2. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Mel Yeager for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.*, to send four people to the *O.D.O.T.* [Oregon Department of transportation] Annual Conference, October 23-25. Conference fees amount to \$380, two rooms in the amount of \$372 and a vendor table in the amount of \$150. 12 were for, motion carried .

Announcements

Next weekend is *End of Summer Run*, *North Coast* chapter is helping put it on, and there will be a kid zone.

BikePAC is deciding how to place legislative fund money, if you have a candidate in need, give the information to Randy now.

BikePac.org has changed its web page to www.bikepac.com

Tri-folds are available from Roger.

September 28 at 11:00 a.m., 7th floor auditorium, Shriners are giving out \$29,000 worth of equipment. All are welcome to attend.

September 28th is the family picnic.

Ron Bokers fax is not working properly. He must be home in order to get it.

The Shriners benefit will be held in November.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill

State Recording Secretary

Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

We hope that you had great summer and fall of riding and enjoying all the pleasures that motorcycling has to offer. We hope that you made it through the riding season with all of your fingers, toes, spokes, and sprockets.

There were a lot of fun and memorable events to keep your calendar full.

We here in the education department kept the Motorcycle Awareness Program strong and available for any and all schools that had Driver's Education classes during the summer months. Many of the schools that we visit throughout the winter months also offer classes for drivers in summer school, so we usually have a good number of requests for our visits right up through August.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we need to get the class reports as soon as possible, so we can get an accurate count as to how many classes we have reached this year and how many students we have delivered our presentations to. This information is very important to A.B.A.T.E., because it is used as a major tool to illustrate our involvement in traffic safety and the concern we have for cooperative automobile/motorcycle rider interaction. When the safetycrats are accusing us of harboring irresponsible attitudes toward safety and the choices that we wish to make for our activity, these tallies are

evidence that we use to prove that our safety, responsibility, and integrity are high on our priority lists.

It's not too early to begin working on our S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate) program that will be held in February this year. If you have a topic that you believe our organizations could benefit from in a training session, please contact me with your ideas. The classes run approximately forty five minutes in length and cover a wide range of functions, subjects, and helpful information on how to be more effective in your work within our various motorcycle organizations. S.T.E.A.M. is usually set to be held on the third Saturday in February, so mark your calendar and plan to attend this valuable training and motivating program.

I recommend that any newly appointed officers take advantage of this seminar to help understand their positions and become active and valuable contributors to their membership. If you have ever asked yourself "What can I do to become a contributing factor in my organization?" S.T.E.A.M. might just have the answer that you were seeking.

It's time to start contacting the schools in your area, if you haven't already done so. We need to keep on top of this, because many teachers try to line up their presenters and presentations as early as possible for the entire quarter or semester. Many schools have new or different Driver's Education instructors [who] most likely will not be aware of our program

yet. This is why we must take the initiative and contact them as soon as possible to try to keep our program in their mind.

Budgets have been really rough on the schools lately, so the fact that our presentation is free might help to get our foot in the door with some of the classes. If Driver's Education classes are canceled altogether, it might be possible to contact any private systems that offer Driver's Education classes with our offerings. If you are not comfortable with contacting a school, but feel that they would be interested in our presentations, let Nora or myself know about it. We will be happy to work with the request or contact process.

If a school that you have had us contact is interested, remember, we will need you to help us bring the program to them. We need all the instructors [who] we can get now. Becoming a certified instructor is quite simple, and ask anyone who is currently presenting the Motorcycle Awareness Program to the schools, it usually is really an enjoyable experience.

Think about this one fact in regards to our Motorcycle Awareness Program: someone's life will be protected by your work in this field.

How's that for motivation? I can't think of many better reasons to get involved with a program.

It is also time to get involved in the political arena. This is actually tied in with education, because we must work very hard to educate our public and our legislative members about our needs and desires. Many of these folks have absolutely no clue as to what motorcycling is really like, so it is our job to give them the information that

they need to have to make wise decisions regarding our world. We must be patient but firm with our processes.

We have to be educated ourselves to be able to express and support our views in a respectable, intelligent, and dignified manner.

"All Democrats/Republicans/Libertarians/Independents/Green Party Members are liars" doesn't cut it.

Yelling out "Helmet laws suck!" won't really do much good either at this point.

We now have the ability to get the ear of the public and our legislators. Many of us have worked very diligently to gain that respect. With education and intelligence we can now seek to profit from our efforts. We must use our current position to its highest potential. We can counter an emotionally based statement with solid facts, a calm and respectful manner, and an intelligent, educated reply. I saw this process work very effectively in our favor at legislative caucus conventions and meetings.

We hope that you have a great Autumn, and still get a chance to have some terrific rides. It's always a little sad to see the summer and run season slowing down, but at least we get some really cool memories to hold for awhile.

Ride safely now that the conditions are changing.

Remember that those wet leaves are not always our friends.

As the weather gets colder, the people in the automobiles will be rolling up their windows again. I've heard stereo systems in some of those cars that can drown out some pretty loud pipes, so don't assume that they

know you're next to 'em all the time.

Protect yourself from the elements too.

Remember that a ride that starts in the afternoon, when it's still relatively warm outside, can lead to a pretty chilly evening trip. Take the clothes that will cover both conditions.

Educate those you meet on the road, between the rides, in the meetings, and in the classrooms. Build a few more excellent memories.

Get involved....and spread the awareness, ya'll.

Take care.

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Autumn is always a busy time for A.B.A.T.E., but this fall is a good time to get involved.

In October, there's the regular state board meeting, our annual planning session, and a new *A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet* in Roseburg. November brings another flurry of activities with a regular state board meeting, the *Fall Swap Meet* in Portland, and the charity events begin. Several Toy Runs around the state bring us into December. Following the December board of directors meeting, is our first *Members Annual Meeting* in Junction City.

I've been busy getting ready for all of these events. Roger and I were able to through together the *Roseburg Swap Meet* public relations package in a week. Last week when he went to Monroe to pass out fliers, Katrina and I stamped and labeled 800 postcards. Pretty soon Roger will be asking us to mail out the postcards for the *Portland Swap Meet*. It never ends!

Thanks to Jill and Ted, I was able to take in Simon Milward's talk when he came through Beaverton last month. Half the crowd were bikers and half were church members, and yes, there were the Christian bikers there too, in the middle somewhere. It certainly was an entertaining slide show presentation. I'm so glad he came back to the area. Thanks to the church for hosting this fabulous talk.

I'm in the home stretch of my remodeling project. Well, I'm out of money anyway. There's always more changes I would make. It seems as if I've been living in a war zone for years,

but my daughter reminded me that it was only a month ago when we started tearing things apart. I've been working all day and then working on the house until bed time and on the weekends. I've squeezed in my public relations director duties, but have had to give up making my chapter meetings and the last state board meeting.

I could go on and on about the bikers who have worked with me on my house, and how I couldn't have done such a good job without them, but I'll save it for the open house party. However, I was talking with Art West and he wants us to rewrite the

How A.B.A.T.E. Began story on the inside cover of our newsletter. Art is a charter member of A.B.A.T.E. and is willing to share the founding stories if I promise to write them down. There are several charter members still around and he is willing to get everyone together to tell the story.

There is nothing I like better than biker stories, especially "A.B.A.T.E. in the old days" stories and I feel honored that I am asked to document our history. Ask around your chapter, to see if there are any charter members with stories to tell. Fortunately for me, Art is as busy as I am right now and this sounds like a winter project. I know that there are a few brothers who would like the intro changed sooner, but it's going to take some organizing to get us all together.

So, that's it for now. Keep talking to each other.

Keep helping A.B.A.T.E. to grow.

Historian

by Iris Yeager



While looking for something from our history to share with you fellow motorcycle riders, [I] found these two pages from an A.B.A.T.E. October 1979 newsletter.

It is good to notice that the efforts and concerns have not changed in these 23 years.

The two statements at the end of the *Division of Responsibilities* are important:

"Every chapter is involved in every aspect of the organization."

"There is communication between chapter and board members."

It is always appreciated when you have something to contribute to the state history collection.

Thanks lots.



Willamette Valley Chapter
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The *Poker Run*, bike games, and bike show were a big hit and went off real smooth.

We ran out of the "official" run pins (gave them all away at the gate), but I will probably be ordering a bunch more so those of you who wanted one can still get it (and there were a lot of you!). There were plenty of vendors (although we were missing the B.B.Q. booth — county permit trouble, and the beer vendor got nixed at the last minute by Josephine County Sheriffs — don't think they really wanted one for some reason!! I *won't* let *that* happen again next year!!).

Although we're talking about some changes next year — expense reduction and dealing with Josephine County's (ridiculous) bureaucracy — I'm committed to making sure we put on another fantastic show again in 2003.

It was good to see the big crowd from *Willamette Valley* chapter who showed up, and I can only say "too bad" to those of you who couldn't (or didn't). "Thanks" to all of you for the help, attitude and fun times, and for being there as you always seem to be.

Ride safe, ride free,

Michael

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From The

GUNNY'S SACK



This might be a last reminder to make your plans to come to Portland, Oregon for the upcoming West Coast Regional Conference of the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists*. (N.C.O.M.) Come in on Friday night, **November 1st**. The main action runs all day Saturday, **November 2nd**. Reserve your room *now* at the *N.C.O.M.* rate of only \$69 a night, at the *Doubletree Hotel*, 1401 N. Hayden Island Dr. Call (503)-283-2111. That's about \$40 a night off their *cheapie* rate! Call that number too, for the *free* airport shuttle. The Conference is *free* to all bikers. Saturday night is the party with *live music* to top things off, and a no-host bar right there. The hotel is also fully-equipped.

Those of you in the west who for whatever reason can't get to the big national conventions: make an effort to come see us! It's in our back yard. Co-sponsors are *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*), *BikePAC of Oregon*, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, and the *Oregon Confederation of Clubs*.

You can expect to *learn* a ton at the seminars, and be more effective in your local motorcycle rights issues. Yours truly will be there, along with *N.C.O.M.* and *A.I.M.* founder Richard Lester, *A.I.M.* attorneys Sam Hochberg, Marty Fox, and many, many more.

These conferences are there for all the biker leaders as well as troops from all over the west who feel the same way we do about our basic freedoms. *Freedom* don't be free folks, and we need to spend the time it takes to maintain it. A good friend of mine and

fellow freedom fighter Lil' Jimmy Rouse, recently deceased, rest his soul, said: "If we don't hang together we'll sure as hell hang by ourselves."

As it happens Lil' Jimmy is another of those so dear to me [who] inspired me to continue in this never ending contest for our rights in this great country of ours. Almost daily now we lose some of our most powerful members of this group. We should actively recruit *young* people to forge ahead with our ideals and notions of right and wrong or we will one day not have folks to carry on the ideals of our forefathers. That scares the *skivvies* offa me folks. That's why Lil' Jimmy was one of my heros.

More Heroes

Continuing with my thoughts from the last *Sack* about the terrific people I've known in the biker world, there are many folks [who] come to mind, but *y'can't* miss *Sputnik* from Texas. Almost singlehandedly, he set up the network that eventually took a great deal of power in the Texas Democratic Party. He went home from an *N.C.O.M.* convention one year and went to work for his people, the bikers of Texas. This man wears out tires on his bike before the bluing comes off the sidewalls. He rides more than a 100,000 miles a year, and he's a true freedom warrior. He is also a recent recipient of *N.C.O.M.'s Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement* award. There are many more biker heroes, and I want to continue to talk about them from time to time, right here in Sack-land.

More On TV

And morons on TV, too. Sam Hochberg, our *A.I.M.* attorney, saw some and reports on it. He *was* a news guy, a disk-jockey and a radio talk-show host, y'know. Here's his report:

Sam here!

So, a few Sundays back, I was sitting in my recliner, laptop on my lap and online while my wife and I had the TV on. The regular modern man. Well I'm staring at god-knows-what on my computer screen when I hear a motorcycle on TV, on the H.B.O. show, "*Sex in the City*." So I pop my head up, and there's "Carrie's" new maybe-beau, trying to ride what looked like a Yamaha cruiser. He's wearing a *full*-face helmet, he's barely ever ridden, he almost drops it and he nearly hits the pavement. Next thing I hear Carrie is worried about problems with this guy, and says "They oughta have a helmet law for relationships!" An innocent enough, almost-funny quip, but it *does* betray a media mind-set now, doesn't it?

News Bits-N-Pieces

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: 2003 signals the 100th anniversary of our beloved *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle. It's gonna be a year-long celebration all over the country. Be sure you get in on the fun. Watch your local news media for coverage of events in your town. *Wow!* 100 years old. Some landmark. Finally, something even older'n me!

Santa Monica, California:

According to reports from *Associated Press (A.P.)*, Keith Emerson's custom motorcycle, hand-painted with cover art from his band's 1973 album *Brain Salad Surgery*, was stolen from his home. Emerson played keyboard with the group *Emerson, Lake, and Palmer*. This is a \$60,000 scooter. Guess even the wealthy get ripped off.

Vilnius, Lithuania: This

A.P. story brings back memories from days long passed. To slow down the traffic, the cops in Lithuania thought it would be great to set up wooden cutouts of cops riding scooters alongside some highways. They seem to have pretty nasty traffic problems there, especially around schools and other high density areas. Well sir, they tried that in the U.S. once years ago, and the same damned thing happened: People went and *stole* the cutouts! Can't say it wouldn't be an attractive little item to own in your garage or clubhouse, can y' imagine? Your own cardboard or wood cutout of a cop on a bike?! I love it! Not that I'd be one to encourage theft, mind you.

San Francisco, California: It's happening again folks, and it shouldn't be. The *Cleveland Indians* baseball team and *Indian Motorcycle Company* are in court over the motorcycle's logo. American Indian leaders have criticized the *Indian* logo as demeaning and racist.

Funny how these issues weren't a problem back in the forties. We were *all proud* to be mentioned in any positive way, and I can't think of anything more positive than to be associated with a fine American motorcycle, with all its history and glory. Next we'll hear folks fighting

over the color of underwear you should wear.

[*crusty ol' editor's note — Motorcyclists have experienced being demeaned by society and the mass media for several decades. Imagine how we would feel if our people had been held in contempt and ridiculed for several hundred years. That is what such court battles are about. If we truly believe our own words about freedom, we should be supporting tribal people who are struggling to maintain or regain their dignity and lost freedoms.*]

Gunny Again

Remember as always the *A.I.M.* attorneys across this land all *ride* and they know our world. Ol' Sam Hochberg here has been on all kinds of scooters since 1971, and he isn't about to stop, either. These guys network all the time so you aren't getting the use of just *one* brain when you put one of these fine folks to work for your best interests. They are the people that care about us and take good care of us when we're hurt in *any* kind of wreck, or in trouble. Be sure and consider their value to you when you need an attorney. Call *A.I.M.* — *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* — at 1-(800)-531-2424, or 1-(800)-On-A-Bike, for good free advice. Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at (503)-224-1106 or toll free at 1-(800)-3447-1106.

Errata

The last *Sack* erroneously stated that the N.C.O.M. West Coast Conf would be the second weekend in November. It's November 1st and 2nd. Obviously, the Gunny got it wrong. You'll just hafta pardon me on that. Hope nobody was inconvenienced.

The Website

N.C.O.M. and *A.I.M.* are now in the 21st century with a revised website, and it's growing every day. Hawk, from *N.C.O.M.* member group *Sons of Liberty Riders (S.O.L.R.)* is our webmaster, and he's keeping that cyber-ship running ship-shape. Go point your browser to www.aimncom.com, or the new address, same place: www.On-A-Bike.com — either address will gitcha there. Hell, even this old dog has learned some new tricks, and you can find *me* by e-mail at AIMGunny@aol.com, or e-mail Sam at SamBikeLaw@aol.com — let us know your thoughts or concerns about the *Sack*, motorcycling, or for more info on the upcoming conference — and I hope I'll *see you all* here in Portland, Oregon for our *N.C.O.M.* regional, November 2nd!!

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

Oregon *A.I.M.* Chief of Staff

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NEWS and NOTES



Critics Falsely Claim That Bikers Are A Burden On Society

Pickerington, Ohio — At the height of the riding season is when motorcyclists hear it most ? misinformed critics charging that people who ride motorcycles are a burden on society because of their medical costs.

The most recent version of this erroneous theory came in a report that aired Friday night, August 16, on ABC News' *World News Tonight*.

But the charge that motorcyclists are a social burden is simply untrue, the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) reports.

"Some lawmakers, members of the news media and others still subscribe to the 'social burden' fallacy that motorcyclists use more taxpayer dollars than other members of society to pay their medical bills," said Edward Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. "Studies have shown that is false. Yet it is brought up time and again by those who want to place restrictions on motorcyclists."

Moreland pointed to a study done at the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle during the 1980s that found 63.4 percent of the injured motorcyclists taken to the trauma center relied on public funds to pay their hospital bills. Critics charged that amounted to taxpayer subsidies for motorcycle injuries, but the director of the trauma center noted that 67 percent of the general patient population relied on public money to

pay their hospital bills in the same time period.

Also, a study by the University of North Carolina's Highway Safety Research Center showed that 49.5 percent of injured motorcyclists had their medical costs covered by insurance, almost identical to the 50.4 percent of other road trauma victims were similarly insured.

In addition, the North Carolina study found that the average costs of motorcyclists' injuries are actually slightly lower than the costs for other accident victims. The presence or absence of a helmet was not shown to affect injury costs.

Moreland also pointed out that the cost of treating injured motorcyclists is minuscule compared to the nation's medical costs as a whole. The costs associated with treating all motorcycling injuries account for less than 0.001 percent of total U.S. health-care costs. And a significant percentage of those costs are paid through private insurance.

All told, about 1.16 percent of U.S. health-care costs are related to motor vehicle accidents, and motorcycles represented only 0.53 percent of the accident-involved vehicles nationwide in 1999.

Motorcycling critics often use the social-burden argument in efforts to get state lawmakers to pass, or retain, mandatory helmet-use laws. And in recent years, some motorcycling organizations have bolstered that argument by striking bargains with lawmakers in which motorcyclists agree to accept medical-insurance requirements in exchange for the right

to ride without a helmet. These requirements lend support to the flawed social-burden argument, since the same insurance requirements are not imposed on car drivers.

"Some motorcyclists appear willing to agree to these expensive and dangerous economic tradeoffs," Moreland said. "Lawmakers subscribing to the social-burden theory, coupled with the willingness of some motorcyclists to accept special insurance requirements, could open the door for lawmakers to impose even more unwarranted requirements on motorcyclists."

The A.M.A. supports voluntary helmet use for adults as part of a comprehensive approach to motorcycling safety, including wearing proper safety gear, getting rider training and educating motorists to watch for motorcycles on the road.

Motorcyclists who wish to respond to the ABC News report on this issue that appeared Friday night, August 16, can post their comments online on the *World News Tonight Forum* at:

<http://boards.abcnews.com/cgi/abcnews/request.dll?LIST&room=WorldNewsTonight>

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Baltimore, Maryland police are pulling scooters over and impounding the bikes since the City Council outlawed Vespa-style motor scooters and mo-peds two years ago. The mini-horsepower machines were included in a bill that primarily targeted off-highway motorcycles.

The motor scooter/mo-ped prohibition prompted little reaction at first, but complaints have increased

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in the past year as scooters gained popularity among professionals and blue-collar workers. Driving the vehicles' growing appeal is a change in state law that waived many requirements, such as the need for a motorcycle license to operate scooters.

It's legal to ride scooters and mo-peds on public roads under Maryland law, but the city has the right to enforce a more restrictive ordinance, city and state officials say.

At least one City Council member wants to reverse the mo-ped and scooter ban, but police say there's a good reason to keep it. "They're all a nuisance," said Colonel Robert Biemiller, the city's chief of patrol. He said drivers of dirt bikes, scooters and mo-peds tend to ride on the wrong side of the road, run lights and ignore other traffic laws.

"While dirt bikes might be their vehicle of choice, drug dealers also use scooters and mo-peds to ply their trade and flee police, even though their top speeds are about 35 mph to 45 mph," Biemiller said.

Councilman Nicholas C. D'Adamo Jr., whose southeast district includes several gentrified waterfront neighborhoods that are short on parking and long on scooter fans, has introduced a bill to make the vehicles legal again. It would require owners to register scooters and mo-peds with the city's transportation department.

D'Adamo expects his bill to have a hearing in the fall, but he's having trouble convincing council colleagues that it's a good idea.

Maryland had been classifying scooters as motorcycles, which require a special driver's license, license plates,

insurance and helmets. A law that took effect July last year reclassified scooters with engines smaller than 50 cc's as mo-peds, which require only a regular driver's license. Since then, local dealers say, scooter sales have soared - despite Baltimore's ban.

The surge is part of a trend across the United States, where scooter sales are expected to jump 25 percent this year to 50,000 to 60,000. (The Baltimore Sun)

The British Motorcyclist Foundation has persuaded the British Department of Transport to include a motorcycle awareness leaflet with every road tax renewal notice over the next 12 months. The leaflet - Watch Out for Motorcyclists - was produced by the government as part of its recent multimedia campaign to highlight bike safety and includes advice to motorists on how they can reduce the number of "Sorry, I didn't see you" type accidents.

It encourages motorists to: Accept that bikes make quicker progress in heavy traffic and that hostile reaction against them is dangerous; to check mirrors regularly; allow more room in wet or greasy conditions; take extra care at intersections and check behind them before opening a door.

Our Nation's Roads 2000 contains a broad range of information on highway users from the Federal Highway Administration. (F.H.W.A.) The publication contains national and state-by-state information on the number of vehicles and licensed drivers, fuel tax rates and amount of fuel consumed, highway fatalities, and

highway and transportation expenditures.

The report also contains data from large urbanized areas on the number of highway miles, vehicle miles traveled, and trips per capita. It also has information on commute times and lengths, telecommuting trends, and comparisons of travel in the United States to foreign countries.

The report is available on the F.H.W.A. website, www.fhwa.dot.gov or by calling (202)-366-0160.

Pima County, Arizona Department Of Transportation has removed an old cattle guard that has for many years menaced motorcyclists on the Arivaca-Sasabe Highway, due to the diligent efforts of local A.M.A. members.

A new cattle guard has been installed away from the sharpest part of the decreasing radius curve so that motorcyclists will not, under normal conditions, have to decide between driving into oncoming traffic or crashing due to the slick cattle guard.

The county has widened and graded the shoulder of the road and removed a thick layer of round gravel through the sharpest part of the curve.

The Pima County D.O.T. should be commended for having made significant improvements in such a short time after being informed of the problems and showing their willingness to work with local motorcyclists.

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A.M.A./A.T.V.A. Challenge Attacks on All-Terrain Vehicles

Pickerington, Ohio — Groups that are attacking the safety record of all-terrain vehicles are ignoring vital data concerning these popular off-highway vehicles, reports the *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.) and *All-Terrain Vehicle Association* (A.T.V.A.). And in doing so, A.T.V. critics have tried to make an improving safety record look like just the opposite.

A coalition of groups made up of the Consumer Federation of America, the Natural Trails and Waters Coalition, the Bluewater Network and others has called for tighter federal and state regulation of A.T.V.s, including a total ban on all A.T.V. use by riders under the age of 16, saying that there has been a “hidden epidemic” of A.T.V.-related injuries. But in fact, the numbers cited by the groups actually show that A.T.V. use is getting safer.

In a press conference and orchestrated media campaign, the anti-A.T.V. groups charged that between 1993 and 2001, the number of injuries related to A.T.V. use more than doubled. But the group failed to note that during that same period, the number of A.T.V.s in use in the United States nearly tripled, to about 7 million today. That means an individual A.T.V. operator was actually much less likely to be injured in 2001.

“These groups are conveniently ignoring the remarkable growth in A.T.V. sales in recent years,” said

A.T.V.A. Director Doug Morris. “Simply put, there’s been a tremendous increase in the number of people riding A.T.V.s, and on a per-rider basis, the sport is much safer today than it was a decade or more ago.”

Morris noted that in 1988, the A.T.V. industry entered into a consent decree with the U.S. *Consumer Product Safety Commission* (C.P.S.C.) that the federal agency said would result in “far-reaching and comprehensive relief designed to reduce the risk of injury associated with A.T.V. usage.” That agreement included an end to the sale of three-wheeled A.T.V.s, age restrictions for those operating A.T.V.s, safety information on the vehicle as well as in the owner’s manual and an A.T.V. safety public awareness campaign. Most importantly, though, it resulted in the creation of a nationwide rider-training program available free of charge to all new A.T.V. buyers. And even though the consent decree expired in 1998, A.T.V. manufacturers voluntarily continue to follow the agreement.

In calling for the nationwide ban on A.T.V. use by those under the age of 16, the anti-A.T.V. groups charged that this sweeping measure is necessary because of problems that result when children attempt to handle larger, more powerful A.T.V.s. But Morris pointed out that under the longstanding agreement between the A.T.V. industry and the federal agency, only the smallest A.T.V.s—those with engines displacing 90cc or less—have been sold for use by riders in that age group.

In addition, Morris questioned the motivation behind some of the groups

involved in this attack on A.T.V.s. He noted that the Natural Trails and Waters Coalition and the Bluewater Network have never had any involvement with or interest in A.T.V. safety. Instead, their agenda is to block access to public lands for A.T.V. riders and others involved in motorized recreation.

“Including these anti-access organizations in this coalition makes for an odd alliance at the very least,” said Morris, “since the interests of two of the coalition partners are in eliminating A.T.V.s, not making them safer.”

Morris noted that the A.M.A., the A.T.V.A. and other motorized-recreation groups will continue to support the A.T.V. industry’s ongoing efforts to make A.T.V. riding safer.

“The A.T.V.A. is a strong supporter of riders getting training, wearing proper riding gear and obeying all laws as part of a comprehensive safety effort,” Morris said. “The A.T.V.A. also very strongly supports close adult supervision of children riding properly sized A.T.V.s. I invite groups concerned about A.T.V. safety to work with the A.T.V.A. to take steps that improve safety.”



The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization.

Established in 1924, the Association’s purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

www.AMADirectlink.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. Condemns E.P.A. Proposed Rule as "Job Killer"



On the chopping block: Classic, venerated engine families preferred by millions of Americans

As predicted in December 2000 by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (M.R.F.), the *Environmental Protection Agency* (E.P.A.) has introduced a proposed rule that adopts the stringent, future California emissions standards for street motorcycles and imposes them nationwide.

Inaccurately classing street motorcycles as "recreational," and all but deaf to legitimate concerns regarding rider safety, the E.P.A. grossly overestimates the degree to which street bikes contribute to the total motor vehicle pollution inventory and grossly underestimates the cost per bike of the new controls and the rule's overall impact on small businesses in America. E.P.A. spokespersons have told the press that American motorcyclists will be free to modify only "the color and chrome" of our motorcycles and urged Americans to "trust us," that this E.P.A. action would not harm small businesses.

According to Tom Wyld, M.R.F.'s Vice President for Government Relations, "It is the studied opinion of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* that the E.P.A.'s proposed rulemaking on highway motorcycles will ban venerated classic engine families and destroy a vast cottage industry of small businesses - from small-volume motorcycle makers to the aftermarket. E.P.A. has just lifted the axe, and on the chopping block are tens of thousands of jobs in America and a culture embraced by millions of Americans."

At the M.R.F.'s 17th Annual *Meeting of the Minds* in Topeka, Kansas last year, the M.R.F. made a solemn pledge to State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations

(S.M.R.O.s). We promised that if the EPA's proposed rule was a job killer, if it needlessly restricted our rights and our rides, we would work to introduce what we called at the time "The Motorcycle Protection Act." The M.R.F. is keeping that promise.

For the last several weeks, the M.R.F. has been working hand-in-glove with S.M.R.O.s in several states who enjoy the full support of Congressmen in committees that oversee E.P.A. issues. We are sharing with these Congressmen, through the S.M.R.O.s, a legislative initiative drafted by the M.R.F. within days of the release of the E.P.A.'s proposed regulation. Dubbed "The Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act," this five-part legislative initiative will stay the hand of the E.P.A. in pursuing this proposed rulemaking and instead establish reasonable emissions standards that safeguard the thousands of small businesses threatened. This act will also increase motorcycling in America and thereby reduce fuel consumption, road wear, traffic congestion and air pollution.

Once the lead sponsors for this crucial legislation initiative step forward and introduce a bill, the M.R.F. will alert S.M.R.O.s nationwide. That alert will appeal to S.M.R.O.s and motorcyclists nationwide to

urge their congressmen to sign on as co-sponsors of "the Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act."

"Lead sponsors could introduce this legislation any day now," Wyld said, "so let's gas up and get ready to roll!"

You can download the pdf version of the E.P.A.'s proposed rule, published on Wednesday, August 14, 2002 in the Federal Register at:

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/nonroad/mcmarine/proposal/a19437.pdf>.

Register for Meeting of the Minds 2002 Today!

The *Meeting of the Minds* is the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's* (M.R.F.) premier leadership conference that boasts an audience from across the nation and around the world. Thanks to our hosts from A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan, the *Meeting of the Minds* will be held in Lansing, Michigan this year from September 26-29, 2002. As with all M.R.F. conferences, the Meeting of the Minds is designed to educate and motivate those in the motorcyclists' rights community. In addition to being a fantastic learning opportunity, this event is a great chance to meet and/or renew friendships with other people who are as passionate about motorcyclists' rights as you are.

This year's agenda for the *Meeting of the Minds* is exciting, innovative and informative. Topics discussed will include the E.P.A.'s recently proposed regulations for street motorcycles, the reauthorization of the *Transportation Equity Act* of the 21st century (T.E.A.-21), and the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* of 1996. There will be workshops and presentations from several M.R.F. board members, A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan and other State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (S.M.R.O.) members, several Michigan legislators, the *National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators*, the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*, the *American Motorcyclists*

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Association, and the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (F.E.M.A.). In addition, Slider Gilmore will be presenting his workshop, "How to Succeed in Life."

You can view the complete agenda for this year's *Meeting of the Minds* at <http://www.mrf.org/motmdetails.php>. We also encourage you to visit INB Radio at <http://www.inbradio.com/mrf/> to listen to live broadcasts that were recorded from some of the 2000 and 2001 M.R.F. conferences to give you a better idea about the types of issues that are discussed and presented.

Register today for the conference itself and obtain information for reserving a hotel room at the conference site by visiting <http://www.mrf.org/events.php>. Today (August 26, 2002) is the deadline for advance pre-registration and hotel reservations for *Meeting of the Minds 2002*. After today, the hotel will release all of our non-reserved rooms to the general public, and the cost for the conference will increase slightly. If you have questions, contact the M.R.F.'s Director of Events and Conferences, Pam Piacenti, at pam@mrf.org.

See you in Lansing!

Don't Rest Assured!

Harley-Davidson's recently released an article regarding their willingness to meet the E.P.A.'s proposed standards for street motorcycle emissions. You can view the H-D article in its entirety on their website at:

http://www.harley-davidson.com/CP/EPA/epa.asp?bmLocale=en_US

Mark Buckner, Executive Director of *BikePAC of Colorado* and former M.R.F. President, shared the following thoughts in response to the H-D article: *Don't Rest Assured*

If you check out the Summer 2002 edition of *Harley-Davidson's Enthusiast* magazine, you'll find an article titled, *Working with the E.P.A. - Rest Assured, We're Doing Our Part.*

What *Harley-Davidson* President Jim McCaslin fails to mention in his article is that *all* of the major motorcycle manufacturers are prepared to meet the ridiculous standards being proposed by the E.P.A.. Like McCaslin says, they'll all be just fine. Kinda gives you a warm fuzzy, doesn't it?

The problem, which *Harley-Davidson* and presumably the other major manufacturers see as a wonderful business opportunity, is that none of the smaller manufacturers can match the big boys dollar for dollar in research and development. Likewise the aftermarket suppliers.

Harley-Davidson and the other major manufacturers will be fine, alright. Especially if their competition gets trimmed significantly by the proposed E.P.A. standards. The real loser in the end - if the E.P.A. and manufacturers like Harley have their way - will be the people who ride motorcycles. Less competition means less choice for riders, and more money going into the pockets of the fine folks at good old *Harley-Davidson*.

In the meantime, thousands of jobs in the small motorcycle manufacturing and aftermarket businesses are at stake. Not to mention the creation of a virtual monopoly for the big boys.

Do yourself a favor. If you aren't already a member of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, join now. The M.R.F. is staunchly opposed to the E.P.A. proposal, and is working on legislation at the federal level to stop this from happening. You can join the M.R.F. by visiting their web page at: <http://www.mrf.org/join.php>



If you are an M.R.F. member, do us all a favor and get someone you know to join.

Mark Buckner
BikePAC of Colorado

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Nation's Capitol Quiet, Except For Motorcycles

It was a quiet day on Capitol Hill on September 11th, until a hearty group of motorcycle riders roared across the Potomac after traveling more than 3,000 miles and collecting \$1 million to help the families of 9/11 victims.

A year ago, smoke from the Pentagon cast a shadowy pall over the Capitol, but on Wednesday a picture-perfect blue sunlit sky greeted the riders as they gathered for a Pentagon Memorial.

"The nation is back on its feet and we're doing the hard work of trying to help these people who lost their family members try and put their lives together and to fight the war that needs to be fought so this can never happen again," Representative Christopher Cox told the 75 riders gathered at the base of the Capitol dome. Cox, R-Newport Beach, traded his business suit in for jeans and a leather vest as he rode out to join the motorcyclists for the ride into the city.

"I've completed my mission," Mitch Morrison of Newport Beach told the *Orange County Register*. As chairman of the *Word Trade Center Miracles Foundation*, Morrison organized the ride when fund raising began to ebb several months after the attacks.

Wearing black leather vests with an American flag and the words "Let's Roll" on the back, the motorcyclists have stopped in communities along the way, picking up contributions and other riders during their cross-country pilgrimage.

Federal Court Rules Biker Colors Okay in Nevada Courthouse

A Carson City courthouse dress code that prohibits biker "colors" is unconstitutional, a federal appeals court ruled on Monday, August 26th, overturning a Northern Nevada judge's ruling and finding that motorcyclists can wear "biker colors," even those with swastikas, inside the courthouse.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals tentatively canceled a ruling by U.S. District Judge Philip Pro and ruled that a ban on such garb in a Carson City court building violated First Amendment rights of expression.

Circuit Judge William Fletcher, writing for a three-judge panel, said restrictions that led to the arrests of motorcyclists who refused to take their jackets off at the courthouse were unreasonable.

The ruling applies to areas of court buildings except for courtrooms where, Fletcher said, judges can impose restrictions to ensure "a reasoned resolution of issues."

But he said there was nothing to show that extending a ban on biker clothing to hallways or other non-courtroom areas "can plausibly be justified by the need to protect the courtroom environment itself."

The judge also said there's no evidence to conclude that, "clothing indicating affiliation with biker organizations is particularly likely to

be disruptive or intimidating."

Citing 1985 and 1971 U.S. Supreme Court cases on First Amendment rights, Fletcher added it's not reasonable "to prohibit speech in courthouse hallways merely because it may offend some people's sense of decorum." There was no evidence of any danger created by the bikers' jackets and so the rules seem to be "impermissibly motivated by a desire to suppress a particular point of view," the judge said.

The controversy began with the March 2001 arrests of Scot Banks and Steve Dominguez of Reno when they appeared at the courthouse to contest a traffic citation and were told by security officers that they couldn't wear their swastika-decorated *Branded Few Motorcycle Club* colors inside. After refusing to remove their vests or leave, they were arrested for trespassing and their vests were confiscated.

Two weeks later, ten other bikers were cited for the same offense when they came to the men's hearing to show their support and also refused to take their jackets off or leave the premises.

Those cited wore vests that carried a variety of symbols, including an angel over the background of a christian cross and the American flag.

One of those bikers, Rick Eckhardt of the christian motorcycle club *His Royal Priesthood*, told the *Reno Gazette-Journal* that the dress code discriminates against motorcycle riders

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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 to court and be heard."

They all pled innocent and then challenged the constitutionality of the court's dress code 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. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorney, and serves as legal counsel to the *Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs*.

"The court did the right thing," said Karp, who has contacted the District Attorney to request dismissal of the trespassing charges in light of the federal court's decision.

"This issue has started to arise in other parts of the country where courthouses are trying to ban biker apparel, and we hope this decision stops those restrictions dead in their tracks."

Supreme Court Declines to Hear Helmet Case

The United States Supreme Court has declined *A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia's* application for a hearing on the constitutionality of the state's "protective headgear" law.

According to *A.B.A.T.E.* State Director, Dan Rathbun, "They only

gave a one-sentence statement, with no reason stated on why they chose not to hear our case. They don't have to give a reason, and chose not to. Our attorneys stated that they only choose to review about 2% of the case brought to them, and we fell into the other 98%."

Rathbun went on to say, "This brings an end to what has been an interesting experience. There is nowhere else we can go with this on a legal front. But you can bet your butt that we got a lot of folks attention under the gold dome. There have been more than a few legislators who have come by and said that they did not realize how organized we are and that we had grown enough to be able to do this. So now that they know we are a force to be reckoned with, we need to keep after those folks at the Capitol."

"As we have exhausted any legal efforts at present, the political arena is where we will need to focus our energy," summed up Rathbun.

Helmets For Everybody

Safetycrats are at it again, as the governor of California has signed into law a bill approved by the state legislature mandating helmets for kids who ride, practically anything.

Senate Bill 1924 by State Senator Jack O'Connell (D-San Luis Obispo) says that anyone 18 years old and younger must wear headgear when riding any non-motorized scooter, skateboard or in-line skates, extending the existing bicycle helmet law to such popular wheeled toys.

Other states, including Rhode Island, Maryland, New Jersey and

New York, already have similar laws on the books. Helmets already are required for bicycle riders 18 years old and under, and they are also mandatory in all youth baseball leagues and in other youth sports such as football and hockey. And, of course, California is one of 20 states that require all motorcyclists to wear helmets.

According to the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, skateboard-related injuries in 2000 were responsible for 50,000 emergency room visits and 1,500 hospitalizations. The *Consumer Product Safety Commission* states that nationwide there were 40,500 scooter-related injuries treated in emergency rooms in 2000.

A.B.A.T.E. of California mounted a letter writing campaign against the bill, and testified against it in both houses, "But, of course, anything to protect the children?" said *A.B.A.T.E.* Legislative Director Jean Hughes, sarcastically explaining the legislature's reasoning in enacting the new helmet law.

"It is interesting to note the hypocrisy of this particular piece of legislation," continues Hughes, "Now, a 19 year old skateboarder can decide how to dress himself, but a 40 year old biker can't."

Massachusetts Approves Handicap Plates for Motorcyclists

Until now, Rick "Bubba" Young of Palmer, Massachusetts, an amputee, could park his truck but not his motorcycle in designated handicap

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parking spaces.

On Saturday, September 7, 2002 at *Tibby's Harley-Davidson* dealership in Springfield, the Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles Steve Sebestyen presented two local residents the first issue of handicap registration plates for motorcyclists who qualify, announced Jimi Ricci, chairman of the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association* and a member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* board of directors.

Bubba and other handicap riders and members of the motorcycle association, have been fighting over eight years, for equal assess and "equity" to be able to park their motorcycles in handicap spaces. But until now, it's been against the law.

Last month Governor Jane Swift signed into law House Bill 4099, an act authorizing the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue such "equity plates" to motorcyclists who qualify.

"When the international access symbol was first issued in 1978, I think it was just an oversight and preconceived opinion a person with a handicap couldn't ride a motorcycle," said Paul W. Cote, the Association's Legislative Director. "However, to those with some handicap, riding a motorcycle is one of the greatest freedoms."

Weird News of the Month:

Weighty Examiners Too Heavy For Motorcycle Tests

Motorcycle tests in a Norwegian town were postponed because the available examiners were too heavy to ride tandem. All the thin examiners at Elverum Traffic Station were away



on summer vacation, and those left on duty to put people through the light motorcycle test weigh too much.

The license regulations include a maximum load that assumes the driver weighs 165 lbs. A tandem passenger who breaks the limit by himself isn't allowed, reports the *Aftenposten* newspaper.

Examiner Bjoern Mellembakken, who weighs 202 pounds, says the station only has three people who are light enough to accompany learners during the practical test. He said: "This is a problem for us in general. We're big guys."

He said he doesn't foresee diets or liposuction being used to reverse the trend.

Quotable Quote:

"Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority."

Thomas Huxley,
scientist (1825-1895)

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Letters From Our Members

As a 25 year member of A.B.A.T.E. I have some major concerns on how people are treated in this organization.

We have all seen people come and go for various reasons. Some people decide they can't handle the politics. Some people don't know how to fit in. Some are welcomed properly. Some people think we party too much. Some just get burnt out.

Well, I have felt all of the above at one time or another, but have stuck it out because I believe the "freedom" we are fighting for is what's important.

In 1986 I bought my new harley and went on a run for M.D.A. [Muscular Dystrophy Association] I took third place in the state for the pledges I brought in. I was really hyped about having the ability I had to raise funds. It seemed to come natural.

I didn't get to ride my new bike much the next few years because I spent so much time collecting door prizes and putting on several successful moneymaking events to build up the chapter's treasury. I did this because I felt it was for a very worthy cause, for *freedom*.

I freely gave up my riding for those same people who now want to take my freedom away from me.

I am a biker.

I will be a biker until I die.

It is a way of life for me.

I ride, not as much as I would like to, but I ride. I volunteer *a lot*. [I] give my personal time for *free*. (Part of that freedom word.) When I think of the [acronym] A.B.A.T.E., I think of freedom fighters.

A.B.A.T.E. = A Brotherhood Against *Totalitarian* Enactments.

Do you know what "totalitarian" means? "Designating a form of government in which one part exercises absolute control over all spheres of human

life and *the opposing parties are not permitted to exist.*" (Taken from the *American Heritage Desk Dictionary*.)

I thought we were A Brotherhood *Against Totalitarian* Enactments.

This brings me to why I am writing.

Due to several health reasons (one of them being "old age") I can no longer sleep on the ground as I have done for so many, many years. I sometimes don't even have the energy to hold up my bike. I don't want to quit going to events and volunteering to help.

So, I have purchased a motorhome, a dream I have had for several years. One I worked very hard for.

Well the problem is, now people classify me differently. I feel like **I am not permitted to exist**. Like I am no longer a biker. Like my leadership is **exercising absolute control over me**.

I am told "do this volunteer job, do that volunteer job but don't camp with your friends when you go to a run.

I am segregated away from the very people whom *I* consider my family [by] the organization I have worked so hard to help keep alive.

I realize there are certain standards that have to be met when you have a motorhome. I have never liked generators running all night long, so why would I want to do that to anyone else? I am treated like I am too ignorant to know that I should not block fire lanes. I'm told go park a mile over in a field all by yourself or with other RVers.

A good majority of the RVers are people who, like me, are disabled in one way or another. It was a sad day for me to see one of our disabled vets have to park a mile away from all the events and then have to wheel his chair that distance to see what he paid to get in to see.

Don't forget some of those people fought for our country and for our freedom, but lost their ability to ride

motorcycles while serving our country.

It is time to look up the regulations from the

American with Disabilities Act for public events. Even when held on private property, we need to follow the protocol for those people with disability permits.

We are being penalized for not riding our bikes to a run. I realize that if the area is small and the terrain is bad, we could be segregated. But if the necessity is not there, then leave us our freedom. This includes run trucks, cars with people's gear, etc. We want to camp and party with our friends. Some of the motorcycle pop-up tents take up as much room as a run truck. My motorhome only takes the space of two big tents but sleeps ten and carries gear for twenty. Usually half of them are people who volunteer to work the events in one way or another.

When a leader is elected, either as a chapter coordinator or a run coordinator, they need to remember they are a **leader** and not a **ruler**. It's time to listen to those you **lead**.

I feel it's time for some people to get rid of their "Hitler"-type authority attitudes and remember what this organization is all about. To fight for the freedom of motorcycle rights. I can do that no matter what type of transportation.

I am a volunteer who gives my time for free for people who want to be free.

So let me be free.

It's time to remember: "*United we stand, divided we fall.*"

Thank you,

A dedicated but concerned member.

From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Boo! y'all



Yer crusty ol' editor began and finished the summer season at seemingly non-motorcyclist activities — science fiction conventions. (“Cons.”) Yet even in these unrelated venues, the subject of motorcycles comes up. (We founded the *BayCon Biker Brigade* in early June.)

Why?

Because the science fiction crowd has public perception problems similar to our own thanks to mass media stereotyping. (C'mon, what was the first image that popped into yer mind when you read the words “science fiction” just now?)

The issue is that both our communities are letting newspapers and television dictate how we are displayed. We need to take control of our own public images.

How do we do that?

Rot Path had a lot of time to mull that one over while caging back from the world science convention in early September. While at the con, he would see television electronic news gathering (E.N.G.) crews interviewing some of the more outrageously costumed attendees. Those were the images that ended up on the news or in the local papers. Yet while those crews were concentrating on the fluff images, there were panels and workshops taking place that covered social problems and potential solutions, emerging technology that is going to affect our lives, and what possibilities the future could hold in store for every living being on this planet.

Sounds like what we, as motorcyclists, run into at

Biker Days and during legislative sessions — reporters seek out the most visually outrageous individual bikes and bikers to display and interview while ignoring critical issues that are being debated elsewhere.

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Last month, Rot Path learned of an organization called *City of Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission*. He attended their September meeting and here is some of the information he got from it. The group has been around since 1964 and its goal is “to work with citizens and groups to use education and action to eliminate the causes of discrimination in our community.” (Sound familiar? Very much like what we do in motorcycle rights organizations, eh?)

“Autumnal -- nothing to do with leaves. It is to do with a certain brownness at the edges of the day.”

-- Tom Stoppard

Although the commission is primarily concerned with minority issues, one example of their work is to “respond to residents who feel they are victims of discrimination in housing, employment, and/or public accommodation.” (This is *exactly* the issue that motorcyclists brought up during the 2001 legislative session.)

The upshot of all this is that there are already organizations in place to help us if we encounter hotels/motels and restaurants that refuse to serve us because of what we wear or ride. We don't *have* to wait for legislation. (Though it would still be a good idea to get it passed.)

One thing that Rot Path realized while listening to the commission go about its business is that even with anti-discrimination regulations on the books, there is still a lot of people suffering the indignity of discrimination of all kinds. Just because there is a rule against a demeaning action doesn't actually prevent such acts from taking place. That's where organizations such as Human Rights

Commissions come into play — they attempt to educate those who would discriminate against others and find solutions to problems.

We, as motorcyclists, are a diverse misunderstood minority in our society. We have been organizing and working hard to overcome that status. We can share what we've learned with local Human Rights Commissions and possibly receive aid from them when we need it.

Yer crusty ol' editor urges you to find out if your community has a Human Rights Commission. If so, attend a meeting and see if you can;t help each other.

The members of the commission meeting that Rot Path attended were very interested in motorcycle issues and questioned him for several minutes about our issues. (So take along newsletters and other printed information.)

As Rot Path was leaving, one of the commissioners who was representing the Salem police department drug enforcement branch (they don't actually force people to take drugs) came out and shook hands, complimenting A.B.A.T.E. and our other organizations for the work we do in educating the public and participating in charity work. Rot Path knows there are people in our groups who are impatient with the pace of progress were making with some motorcycle issues. But when we receive praise for our work like that, it let's a person realize that we're doing things the right way and that our efforts will last.

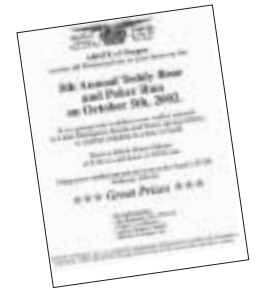
Watch out fer slippery leaves,

— Rot Path



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October 6 th	Grand Prix Washugal	(503)-254-9928
October 12 th	Casino Night	(541)-485-2352 (Willamette)
October 13 th	Jefferson State Tour Awards Picnic	(Southern Oregon)
October 18 th	Biker Night-Stayton	(503)-371-7550 (Salem)
October 19 th	A.B.A.T.E. Annual Planning Session	(503)-615-3101
October 19 th	A.B.A.T.E./Shriners Toy Run Benefit	(503)-777-6955
October 27 th	A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet-Roseburg	(503)-285-4329
November 3 rd	A.M.A. run sanctioning meeting	(503)-538-0979
November 10 th	Millican Desert Run	
November 16 th	Washington County Chapter Toy Run	(503)-646-2060
November 17 th	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet-Portland	(503)-285-4329
November 23 rd	Biker Night-Silverton	(503)-873-2492 (Salem)
November 30 th	Spaghetti Feed & Raffle	(360)-665-6513 (North Coast)
December 7 th	Shriners Toy Run	(503)-771-0188 (Portland chapters)
December 8 th	Annual Toy Run	(503)-371-7550 (Salem)
December 14 th	A.B.A.T.E. Annual Meeting-Junction City	(503)-775-2203
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They [who] can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

-- Benjamin Franklin



ABATE of Oregon
invites all Motorcyclists to join them on the

5th Annual Teddy Bear and Poker Run on October 5th, 2002.

It is a group ride to deliver new stuffed animals
to 4 area Emergency Rooms and Warm Springs EMTs,
to comfort children in a time of need.

Meet at Black Horse Saloon
at 9:00 am and leave at 10:00 am.

Bring a new stuffed animal and your poker hand is \$5.00
Without: \$10.00

☆☆☆ *Great Prizes* ☆☆☆

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**A CASINO
NIGHT
& AUCTION**

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 12
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**GAMBLING, FRIENDS & LOTS OF FUN
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STATE OF JEFFERSON TOUR 2002

The State of Jefferson Tour 2002, begins May 1, 2002 and ends September 30, 2002, it is a self-guided tour. There are suggested routes to assist you in planning your trips this summer, go to the places listed in your run passport, collect souvenirs. That can be anything that shows you were there, see your passport for accepted examples. We will provide you with a free door prize ticket for each stop you complete. We will be awarding plaques for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places to the participants who complete the most number of the 50 tour stops.

Tour Passports are now on sale \$15.00

Get your passport from Southern Oregon Chapter officers at Southern Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon Inc. events or the general membership meeting held the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm in Gold Hill at Oregon Pizza and Pasta

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OCTOBER 13TH, 2002

Tom Pierce Park
Grants Pass, Oregon
Noon till dusk Barbeque 50/50
Free admission included run packet
Admission \$6.00 with out passport

For more Information Contact Southern Oregon Chapter members:
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BIKER NIGHT

Friday Oct. 18th

Poor John's **Bottle Factory**
1883 W. Ida (at Wilco Road)
Stayton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.



Live band begins at 9:00 p.m.

Donation at door: \$2 per Person or \$3 per Couple

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Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

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Toy Run Sunday Dec. 8th , 10am, K-Mart at Mission & 25th, Salem

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM at the
Cottage Grove VFW Hall
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**Spend the weekend, camping available Friday and Saturday nights.
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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2002



KENTON CLUB

2025 N KILPATRICK - PORTLAND



**MUSIC PROVIDED BY VAGABONDS
MUSIC STARTS AT 8:30 P.M**

DONATIONS: \$5.00 single / \$8.00 couple



GET YOUR TICKET TO WIN THE NEW HARLEY

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

111 NW General Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon
at the National Guard Armory (map on back)

Sunday, October 27, 2002

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

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

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$500!*

Swap Meet parking available on site
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Parking in designated areas only

NO pets of any kind allowed

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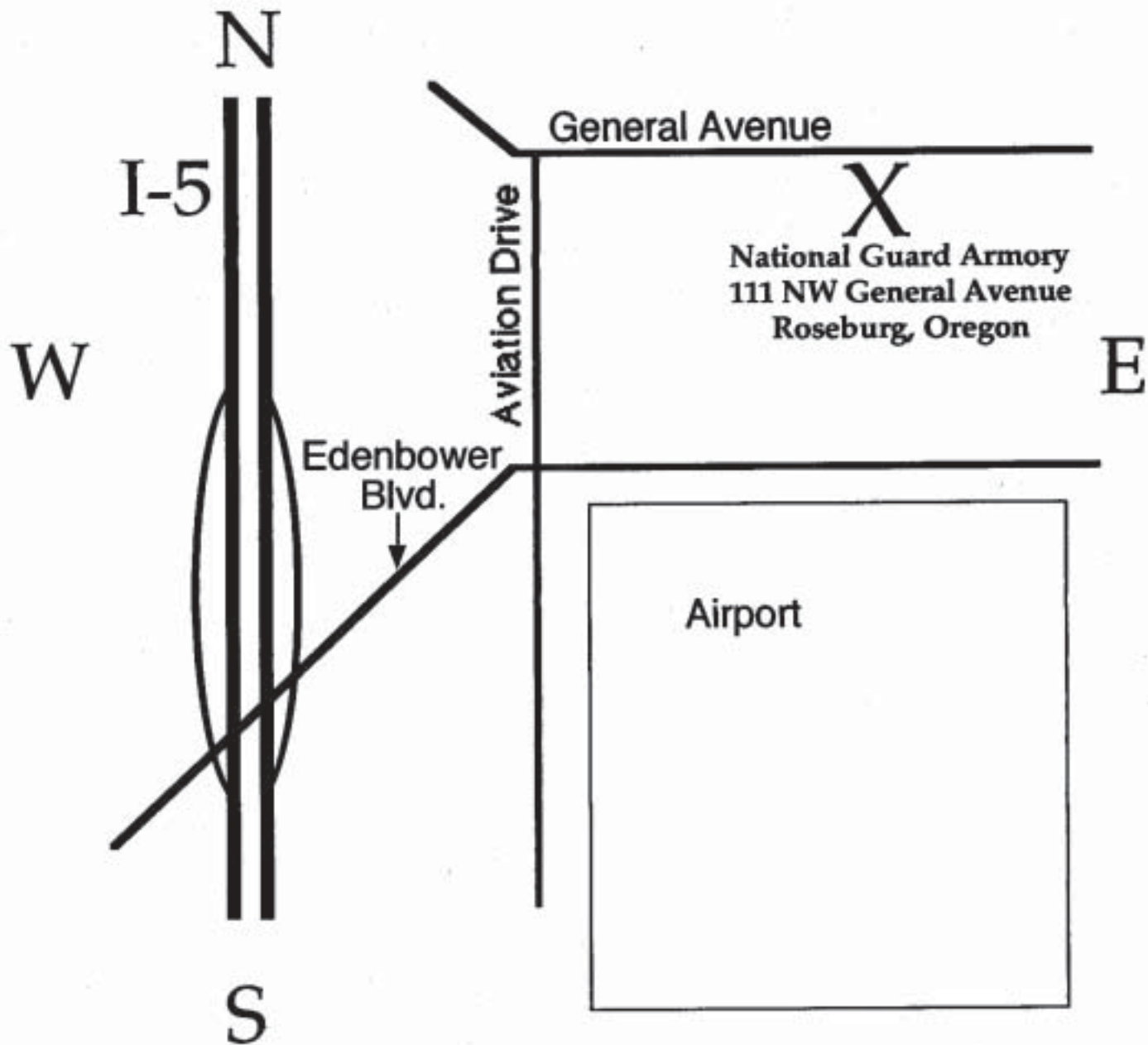
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Washington Co. Chapter

Toy Run



Nov 16th 2002

Parade starts at 12:00 at Stocker's House of Power
417 SW Bailey St. Hillsboro, Oregon 97123
and ends at the Hillsboro Fire Dept on 1st.

50/50 Drawing

Refreshments

Door Prize

Bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl to benefit the Hillsboro
Fire Dept's Toy and Joy Program

Also bring 2 cans of food to benefit the Hillsboro Domestic Violence
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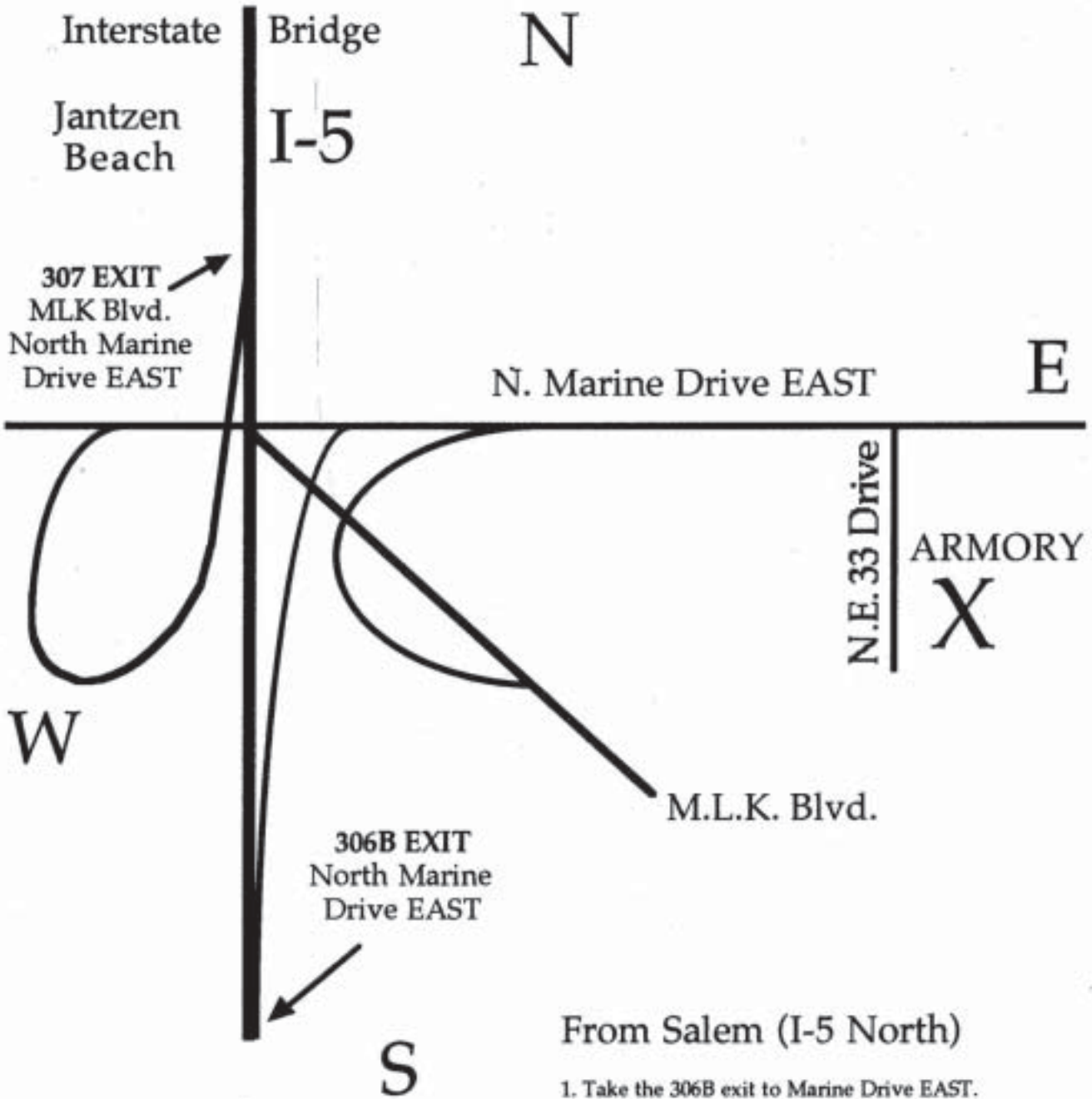
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BIKER NIGHT

Saturday Nov. 23rd

**Wooden Nickel
1610 Pine St.
Silverton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.**



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Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001



**Had your
fill of turkey?
Need a
break?**

**Auction • Raffle
Food & Fun**



**ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
NORTH COAST CHAPTER**

**14th Annual
Spaghetti Feed
& Raffle**

Auction & Raffle

**Raffle Tickets
\$1 each or 6 for \$5**

**Adults \$5
Children 12 & under \$3**

**Bring your frinds!
All proceeds go to
Toys for Tots**

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Present the 23rd Annual
SHRINERS TOY RUN

To  The
Shriners Hospital

DECEMBER 7, 2002

Starting from Tri-Met, 4012 SE 17th.

Raffle drawing at NOON!

We leave for the Hospital at 12:30 PM

Donations are not tax deductible.



All proceeds benefit the children of the Shriners Hospital.

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**Sponsored By
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**All
Riders**



**All
Bikes**

SUNDAY, DEC. 8, 2002

K-MART on 25th & Mission Streets

Salem, Oregon

10:00 am Gather/Coffee by CMA

Leave 11:00 am

Proceeds benefit:

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2002

Meet at 10AM—Depart at 11AM: Robs Restaurant, 1815 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside
End Point: Eagles Lodge, 894 Commercial, Astoria (a rain schedule will be available)



ABATE OF OREGON, INC.
**NORTH COAST
CHAPTER**

presents their

14th Annual TOY & POKER RUN

- **Raffle Prizes**
- **Food & Fun**
- **Trophies for best & worst poker hands!**

Raffle Tickets
\$1 each or 6 for \$5

\$10 per poker hand
—extra poker hand \$5

All proceeds go to
*Clatsop County Christmas Basket
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**Get in the
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JOIN US.**

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Annual Meeting

Following the regular ABATE State Board Meeting at
7th and Kalmia, Junction City, Oregon

Saturday

December 14, 2002

2:00 - 3:00 PM Free Buffet Lunch for ABATE members

3:00 - 4:00 PM Coordinator and Treasurer Reports
Officers present volunteer awards

4:00 - 5:00 PM Entertainment and general frolicking

For More Information Call:

Jim Niece

503-775-2203 (Portland)

Brian Stovall

541-298-1317 (The Dalles)



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2002 Harley Davidson FXSTDJ Softail Deuce

A benefit for the children of
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TICKETS are \$10.00 each

only 5000 tickets available

All proceeds go to children of Shriner's Hospital

Bike is at COLUMBIA HARLEY DAVIDSON

For ticket purchase

CONTACT Mike Friend (503)-255-5415

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2nd prize: \$1,500 gift certificate at a manufacturer's MC dealer of your choice

3rd prize: \$250 Fred Meyer gift certificate

Drawing at noon, December 7th

@ TRI-MET, 4012 SE 17th

Need not be present to win

Sponsored by the Portland chapters of ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycles Delivering Health Care

Summary

The fleet of twelve Yamahas paid for by sponsors are providing healthcare for a staggering 58 villages and 44,000 people on the poor remote island of Flores in Asia. The motorcycles have now all been assigned to health workers and Milward thanks *Health for All* director Wili Bala for efficient use of the funds. "I hope the significance of what just 12 motorcycles are doing is not lost on the motorcycle fraternity. Just read the report below. Just imagine the possibilities throughout the developing world. I hope we can find the funds to run it for the full three year pilot project term," he said.

He thanks new sponsors, notably *S & S Cycle* and the *Velocette Owners Club of North America*, the latest supporters of the initiative.

Here Milward recounts his experiences in South Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho, U.S.A. as he rides west on his handmade motorcycle. He is looking for a \$10 million investor with which to do something special with the Wyoming ranch founded by his great grandfather in the 1800s which has come on the market.

Dear Friends,

I'm plugged into an outlet at a campsite just inside Oregon in northwest U.S.A., having ridden through the *Craters of the Moon* national monument and the desert in Idaho. It's much warmer here. Last night was the coldest since I remember at Yellowstone Park with frost on my tent this morning. The tent is still serviceable in spite of the broken poles and holes. (Well what do you expect after two and a half years?!)

Route

From Iowa I rode to the *Sturgis Rally* and races in South Dakota with the Slonaker family. We were four bikes and it was a good laugh.

I was all set up with full support from the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, the rally organizers and the *Meade County Times-Tribune* for my twice daily presentations. They were listed in the program, a big interview in the souvenir newspaper appeared, but people showed to only two out of the ten advertised! A lesson learnt: people go to *Sturgis* to party and shop, all 300,000 of them, period! I was thankful to *A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota* for inviting me to their social afternoon that went very well and to the Christian Crusaders.

According to treaty, the nearby Black Hills still belong to native Americans, though they were kicked out following General Custer's illegal gold mining expedition and the subsequent gold rush in the 1800s.

The U.S.A. has some really beautiful places and the Black Hills is one of them. Riding through I understood why no amount of money will persuade the [native Americans] to drop their claim.

Riding through *Pine Ridge Indian Reservation* to the east reminded me of places in Asia in many ways. I visited Wounded Knee, the mass grave of over 200 Sioux massacred in 1870. I questioned some native women about their lot. Eventually they admitted that the main problem these days is that [native Americans] men can too easily buy alcohol in nearby towns though it is banned from the reservations. It is such a shame, what a waste.

Hearing Chief Bald Eagle speak at the Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast in Sturgis I was struck by the spiritual overtones in what he said. I was reminded of the situation of Australian aborigines. At the end of the day, you cannot stop the march of civilization and capitalism.

Jon and Pepper were magic hosts and I shall always be in their debt.

My next stop heading west was Wyoming. This is where a big chunk of



Simon Milward

my heart is. Imagine my excitement on hearing that the *IXL Ranch* that my great grandfather settled in the late 1800s, at the foot of the east side of the Big Horn Mountains on Tongue River at the town of Dayton, is on the market. John Ellbogen, the now deceased former owner, was right when he said it is the most beautiful place on earth. It is. But I'm a bit biased.

Asking price? A mere \$10 million for the 900 acres. Surely there is a way, I thought. Nothing is impossible in life. It all depends on our own minds. Do I dare get serious about this, or shall I just dream on? I picked up a bird feather blowing around the bison pen and have it placed where my speedometer used to sit. My dreams for the *IXL* are to turn it into a learning center, recreational facility and conservation project with an aim to benefit humankind. You can do a lot with 900 acres. Do you know someone who wants to make a worthwhile investment? *Sotheby's* sent me all the details. I can forward them along with a business plan for serious enquirers.

It was great to see again my American parents, Janet and Albert Bull, and their son Rodney and his wife Joy in Dayton. This was the family that "adopted", my brother Mark and I when we ran out of money here while hitch-hiking round the U.S. in 1984. Albert recently won a *Harley-Davidson* Fatboy. I made an impromptu and well-received presentation at nearby Eatons Ranch, the oldest continuously run dude ranch in the world. (A dude ranch is a vacation spot for those seeking to experience ranching life.)

I rode up and over the Big Horn

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Millenium Ride*(continued from previous page)*

(themselves a branch of the mighty Rockies which form the backbone of the U.S.A.), down into the Big Horn Basin, to arrive at Cody. The

Sierracade Motorcycle Rally, a must for any motorcyclists calendar next year, hosted me whilst I soaked up the atmosphere of Buffalo Bill's wild west. [*Editor's note* — *Odd, we tend to think of Oregon as being somewhat west of Wyoming.*] Cody City fed the whole town giant bowls of ice cream in celebration of the bikers!

A short ride further west was Yellowstone Park, the world's [?] first national park. It blew my mind. *Old Faithful*, the world-famous geyser spouting boiling hot water out of the earth every 90 minutes was right on time. Geysers spout everywhere in Yellowstone. Sulphur pools bubble and pop. (Here was that great smell of the center of the earth I had last experienced in southern California and before that, and most memorably, in Indonesia.) There are waterfalls, canyons, herds of bison causing traffic chaos and bears: black, brown and grizzlys, but they didn't come out for me.

It has been a superb couple of weeks since my last update.

Sponsors

You know, so many people have helped in so many ways, including (probably) you. Thank you. Last time I forgot to thank Darryl in Aurora Chicagoland for the new Toshiba [*Editor's note* — *this is the company that sold technology to the Soviet Union during the cold war that allowed their ballistic submarines to evade detection so they could launch missiles at U.S. cities. Most Navy veterans still boycott their products.*] laptop which is several notches up from my previous one and his time in settling it, *Butt Buffer* for the gel seat cover (It works. My seat has noticeably hardened during the 2.5

years), *Frogg Toggs* for the light waterproofs, another for the new bike cover (my Nepali plastic sheet finally made it to the trash can), Kate for the skull cap and members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association for their prayers.

We've raised about \$93,000 now. Most of this money is being spent on the:

Flores Project**Report Of Activities July 2002****I. Activities**

1. Hand over motorcycles to the *Ministry of Health (MoH)* of East Flores District

After completing all the papers of motorcycles and crashing bars, motorcycles were finally handed over to *MoH* and used by health workers for rural outreach health delivery. The event was organized in two occasions, namely on July 5, 2002 for health workers in Tanjung Bunga Sub-districts (five motors) and on July 18 for health workers working in West Adonara and Wotan Ulu Mado Sub-district (each got three and two motorcycles, respectively). Two other motorcycles are used by *Health for All (HfA)* staffs for monitoring and other activities related to the program.

In the course of hand-over ceremony, Mr. Dominggus Sarambu, M.D., the head of *MoH* in East Flores district said that "the presence of *HfA* is like an angel from heaven" since *MoH* has requested motorcycles from local government to support health services in rural areas but it was turned down due to the lack of budget allocated for health aspect. Hence, he expressed his thanks and gratitude for *HfA*, particularly for Mr. Simon Milward, *Millennium Ride*, and other donors and benefactors who make their concerns realized in Flores in order to ameliorate health situation here.

The place of operation was changed because based on our further assessment. These sub-districts are among the most isolated areas and health workers

encounter more difficulties in reaching the villages under their areas of coverage. All motorcycles are being operated in East Flores district since as pilot project *HfA* would like to focus on one district first in order to have easier coordination and monitoring.

2. Training for health workers

As required by *Transport Resource Management (T.R.M.)* system, all health workers using motorcycles provided by *HfA*, in spite of having been known how to [ride], have to undergo training on [riding] correctly. In addition, basic service training was also conducted for them. The training for five health workers in Tanjung Bunga Sub-district was organized in Waiklibang, Capital Tanjung Bunga from July 6-9, 2002; for three health workers in West Adonara Sub-district was organized in Waiwadan, the capital of this sub-district, from July 20-22, 2002 and for two others in Wotan Ulu Mado Subdistrict was conducted in Baniona, the capital of this sub-district, from July 29- 31, 2002.

All the trainees expressed their satisfaction, since such a training is the first for them and is certainly helpful in terms of using correctly as well as maintaining motorcycles used. It was also articulated that the management system introduced by *HfA* is a break-through that solves the problem of limited means of transportation as well as the way it is maintained.

Accommodation and food during the training was voluntarily and excellently provided by the Head of Sub-district Health Centers, that is Maria Susanti, M.D. (Waiklibang), Made, M.D. (Waiwadan) and Mr. Petrus Ola Kia (Baniona). They truly deserved credit for being hosts.

3. Media promotion

Like that of previous month, this month of July was also marked with media promotion of the program of transport resource management for *Rural Health Delivery*. During hand-over to

MoH, some journalists participated in the event and wrote articles for the newspaper, such as *Pos Kupang (Kupang Post)*, *Flores Pos (Flores Post)*, etc. (I do not translate these articles into English because the content is the same as the one translated before). By means of media promotion, in a brief time *HfA* and its program are quite widely known by different parties, such as by government institutions, N.G.O.s and the public. Local government of East Flores district really feels being supported by *HfA* specifically in health aspect.

4. Building Network with N.G.O.s

HfA believes that a social problem could be solved when there is a concerted effort shown by different parties. In this light, *HfA* then built network with N.G.O.s both international and local in view of introducing the program and sharing ideas for they have been long in the region.

5. Networking with government

During new order regime, the relationship between government of Indonesia and N.G.O. was not that good. Nowadays, the reverse atmosphere is growing better wherein government starts to see N.G.O.s as partners in promoting development. In this light,

HfA set appointment and had meeting with *MoH* as primary partner, head of East Flores district, vice-head of East Flores district and the head of sub-districts where *HfA* is working. As local leaders, they are also asked to be involved in making sure that motorcycles are used according to their intended objectives.

6. Network with community leaders

Community leaders in the villages where motorcycles are being used are crucial partners in terms of monitoring and evaluation on the use of motorcycles. They have more access because motorcycles are used in their areas. Therefore, during the month of July *HfA* was able to conduct meetings with community/village leaders where we are working to solicit their participation in

the program. And indeed they are willing to participate in the monitoring and evaluation.

7. Monitoring

Motorcycles that have been given to health workers, particularly five in Tanjung Bunga and three in West Adonara district, are controlled to make sure that they are in good condition and always in the condition of ready to operate. Aside from that, it is also the time to assess the progress of health workers after the training. Out of this monitoring it was found out that some crashing bars were broken due to the poor quality of welding, that they could not stand with the frequent shake when passing through the bumpy roads. We hope that the owner of welding shop will refund the expense of re-welding because it is still in the guarantee period. On the other hand, all health workers using motorcycles progress in their [riding] in spite of the challenged posed by bad condition of the road. It was also confirmed that the kind of motorcycles (Yamaha YT 115) is suitable for such a challenging road condition and it absolutely help them to reach out the villages.

8. Planning

In the beginning of July, all *HfA* staffs sat together and made the plan for the month. We singled out all the activities that should be done and the targets that should be achieved.

9. Evaluation on the training

After the training, we make the point that there should be evaluations to see the potencies and shortcomings [that] appeared before and during the training. By doing this, we could improve and solve the problems for the next training. Besides, we also looked at all the activities undertaken during the month of July and identified the successes and failures encountered.

10. Discuss with public health centers

In view of implementing several activities that will be organized by *HfA*, such as workshops on health in the

perspectives of gender and human rights. On June 31, 2002 Wili had discussions with heads of public health centers of the three sub-districts where *HfA* is working. They basically agreed with the idea as long as it is well coordinated so as not to disturb health services in the villages.

11. Facilitate the visit of *HfA* friends

It is our privilege to receive the visit of some friends and to render help as far as we can. On July 7-9 there was a visit from Mr. Daromir Rudnyckyj and his wife Mrs. Anissa J. Paulsen. Mr. Daromir is a PH. D candidate at University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A. who visited Flores in view of doing his research here in 2003. On July 8, they were accompanied by Frans to meet some local government officials and a local N.G.O. and visited Waiklibang village where Wili was training health workers on July 9.

It is also our hope that our beloved donors and benefactors can come to visit us in Flores one day. We assure you with the wonderful and beautiful scenery of Flores. Besides three colours Kelimutu Lake, Flores will also offer you with its romantic nature.

Interested?

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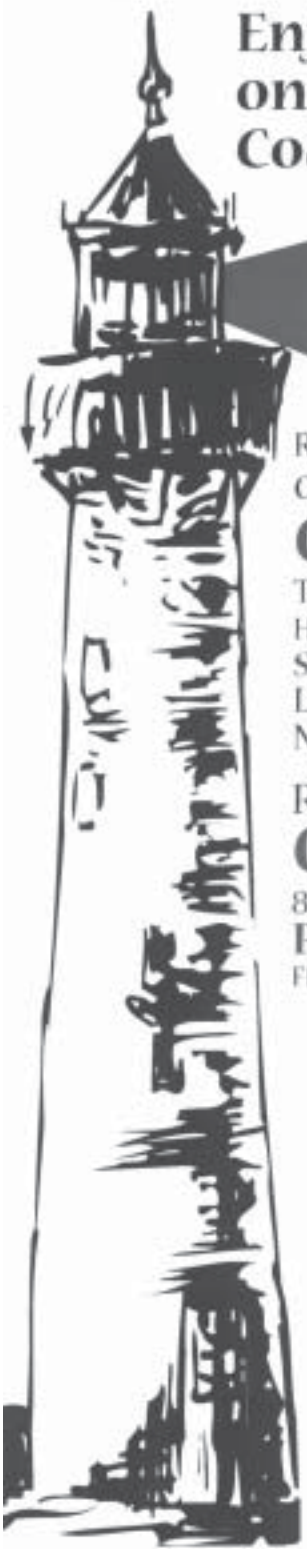
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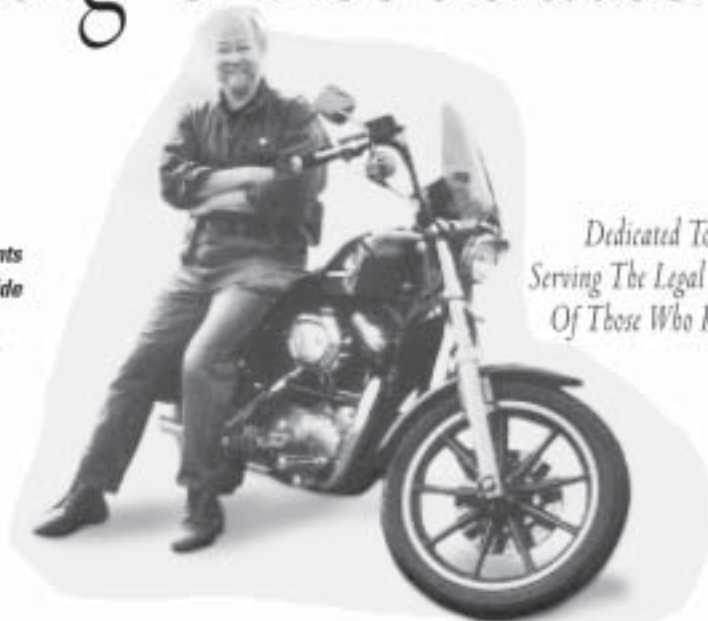
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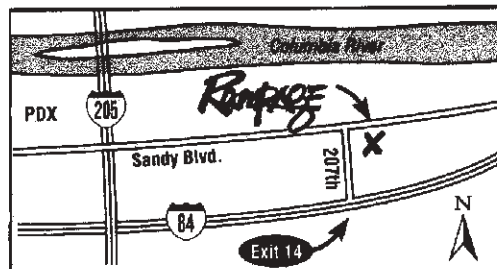
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LOCATION: _____

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PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

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(Nov 2002)

Answer to September Cryptogram is on page 32

For Sale

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1982 Suzuki 750, low miles, fairings, tour pack and bags. **\$800** or best offer, possible trade.
1992 Geo Storm in good condition. **\$2,250** or best offer.
1951 Chevy 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade.
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Portable dishwasher **\$50**.
Phone **(503)-285-4329**
Rotten Roger
(Nov 2002)

For Sale

1997 Honda CR-250 motocross. \$3,000 worth of modifications. Asking **\$3,000**, best offer, or trade for Honda XL or XR-650.
(503)-255-846
Diesel Dave
(Dec 2002)

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For a measly **\$10** you can help the children of the Shriners Hospital and win a 2002 Harley-Davidson Deuce.
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The drawing for the bike will be on Dec 7th, 2002.

Wanted

Wanted

Your ad here.
Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.
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Wanted

Car owner who won't wander off and get drunk, leaving me to defend for myself on these dark, cold city streets.
Wheelless On Blocks

Personal

North Coast Personal Ad
Anyone who knows the whereabouts of my car please contact Lenny at the *Moose* in Astoria. Sure it's happened before, but this time it isn't funny. It's been three days. I can't even find anybody who saw me that night. I swear this is the last time.

Has anyone seen my owner wandering around Astoria looking for me? If so, tell him to get his act together or we're through.

October Cryptogram

M T C I U M A T I X S A X R P S I N

K C R R U E C O U R T P S A E X M N

A S L L I T A A X U R U M M I T T

A L T T K Q C R Z C A A T V J O N .

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

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$20
 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

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

Chapter: _____	
New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	_____
Patch Received ?	Membership #
Yes _____	
No _____	

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon

97208

Here's yer treat . . . flip this corner of the rag from back-to-front and watch Herb Sweeten's slow ride get away from him at *Beaver Creek*

**HERB'S
 WILD
 RIDE**

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PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

Mick's a mech with many a socket,
If a drink was there, back he'd knock it,
He realized one hazy day,
He was pissing life away,
Now he has more change in his pocket.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 12 October 2002 at Noon
7th and Kalmia
Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	3 rd Thursday 1830 (6:30 ^{pm})	Redmond Hotel; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	U&I Tavern; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall, 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	Merts Campus; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	M/M restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	3 rd Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	Oregano's Pizza; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bart; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Foxfire Restaurant; 4740 Main Street; Springfield