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Minutes for State Board meeting

March 9, 1996

Meeting was called to order at Springfield Chamber of Commerce at 12:25 by State Coordinator Larry Schalk. There were 12 chapters in attendance. Guests included the SE Portland Chapter officers, Bill the Bricklayer, Ron Graves and Leoda Olson. The reading of the minutes brought up a few corrections. Agendas and items relating to today's business were faxed to Grant County and Blue Mountain chapters.

Coordinator's Comments: Larry spoke about how the minutes from the chapter meetings need to be turned in within seven days of the meeting, which has not been happening. Faxing the minutes is preferable, but sending them to the state PO Box is OK too. Also any correspondence sent to state officers needs to be sent to the State PO Box. Another thing was that state officers reports need to be sent to Larry by the Thursday before the state board so they can be sent to the outlying chapters. Larry also mentioned the need to keep necessary expenses down by shopping around and that the expenses will be advanced based on prior need. No expense will be reimbursed without proper receipts. And, finally, a thank you to all who did a class at STEAM. Thanks were mentioned to Nic Oliver, MaryBeth Rayburn-Hieronimus, and Rotten Roger who did much of the organizing.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Reports:

Legislative Director: Report postponed until the conference call was hooked up.

Education Director: Nic Oliver reported eleven classes given in the past two months including one at Reynolds High with 5 instructors. Todd from SE Portland Chapter is now a certified instructor. Nic also asked everyone to use the new forms with more information and put instructor names down. There were seven classes given at Centennial to 210 students, but no name was given so we don't know who taught it. Nic also discussed how we need to work with Team Oregon and get some promotion for the Awareness Program. He also spoke how there were 5800 new registrations for motorcycles last year but only 1600 people through the Team Oregon class. Also there were no fatalities so far this year for motorcyclists in Oregon.

Membership Secretary Mother reported 1625 members, a decline of 25 since last month. She also spoke how she really needs all chapters to get an updated list of the chapter officers for this year. Also the membership committee will consist of herself and all the chapter membership secretaries.

Newsletter Editor Gordon said that he needs advertising in the newsletter. Ads that are a quarter page or bigger are what is really needed. He also mentioned that the computer used to make the newsletter is starting to get dated and having trouble with some things he is trying to do.

Products Director Angie said she is still trying to come up with the brochure for the products offered by the state. It is a slow process.

Public Relations Clark reported meeting with the PR director for GWRRA Chapter I. Also he reported that radio station KPSU contacted Roger about ABATE running ads on the station. Anyone who attended STEAM please also contact Clark so he can mail the packets to you. Also a list of all the cable access centers and contact people for OR and Vancouver was handed out. Clark then introduced Melinda McCrossen to speak about the Northwest Bikers cable show beginning at the end of April. She spoke about how if we want more control of our image then we need to take control of the media. Clark is the contact person for the cable access program and responsible for content and Melinda will be the technical director.

State Run Coordinator Roger has most of the things set up for Fossil. Bands for the event are not all sewn up but very close. Roger reminded the chapters that as always they need to bring 2 door prizes, 2 big boxes of garbage bags, and two 5 gallon cans of gas. This year security and gate will be on the same sign-up sheet and volunteers will be assigned where needed.

Treasurer Joy reported our fund totals at the end of February as Checking \$920.24, General Savings \$11,100.21, Legal at \$1,892.26, Bulk Mail \$566.20 for a total of \$14,478.91

Historian Nancy asked for pictures and run flyers from any and all events.

At this time the conference call with Grant County and Blue Mountain was started.

Legislative Report Brian spoke at some length regarding the background of our legislative efforts and new proposed bills we would like to see for the next legislative session. He mentioned that when we discuss the Adult responsibility Act we keep it clear that we wish to amend the law not repeal it. We would also like to see the State Responsibility Act brought out again. Also a couple of anti discrimination bills were mentioned. The legislative guide will need to be updated and fact sheets provided to supplement it. The biker days were very successful last year so they will be continued and made a monthly event as long as the legislature is in session. Much of what was mentioned was things discussed at the retreat at Seal Rock the previous weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Open Position—Sergeant at Arms East. No volunteers were found for the position.

ABATE Web Page Proposal Vote Y(12) N(0) Unanimous. As Bob Avery had already volunteered for the position, it was given to him by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS-

MRF Assistant Rep Approval Brian asked that the State Board of Directors give approval to assistant state reps for the MRF. The position had already been filled by Gayle Loaiza and soon by Ed Halkyard. **A motion from the Floor** by Codie (Douglas Co.) to approve Gail and Ed as MRF assistants. Vote Y(10) N(0) A(2) Passes.

Sam Hochberg spoke about a proposal form AIM to offer embossed membership cards to ABATE for free as long as an AIM info ad was on the other side. Discussion mainly consisted of the impact on our requirement to keep the membership list confidential. After some discussion the proposal was declined.

Motion from the Floor by Stacey (Columbia River) to make Marty Coon a lifetime member of ABATE for his contributions of large amounts of firewood for legislative efforts. Vote Y(10) N(0) A(2) Passes.

Motion from the Floor by Stacey (Columbia River) for ABATE to pay registration for any state officer wishing to attend Best of the West. Vote Y(6) N(1) A(5) Passes.

Motion from the Floor by Gordon (NE Portland) to purchase necessary equipment and software to upgrade the newsletter computer with a spending limit of \$870. Vote Y(12) unanimous.

Motion from the Floor by Jim (SE Portland) to present the KPSU radio proposal to the chapters for discussion. Vote Y(12) unanimous.

There will be no State Board meeting in April due to Best of the West being on the same weekend. Business being concluded the conference call was ended.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49. Next meeting May 11th at Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes submitted by Ken Ray, State Recording Secretary.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm

East Side Tavern Restaurant 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 242 LaGrande, Or. 97850
Chapter Contact: Bruce Coats (541)963-4622

Greetings,

I have a feeling this year is the year of strange and innovative helmets. If the mind can imagine it a craftsman will create it. If you think what the h@@@ is he trying to say you'll see as the season progresses.

On to more important things---Happy Birthday to Lyle Harmon.

Ted, our run coordinator, has set up two runs right off the bat. April 14th sick of winter is the first. For more details call Bruce at 541-568-4762 or days at 541-963-4622. The next one is May 12th, Mom's day. It will be a poker run with cash prizes-\$50.00 for 1st place-\$30.00 for 2nd and \$20.00 for 3rd. We'll be discussing this run more at the next meeting at the East Side on the third Sunday of March at 1:00pm.

Dave Dulley was the 50-50 winner of \$30.00 which he donated back to the treasurer. Thanks Dave.

Don't forget A.B.A.T.E. elections in June so get ready to take on new and exciting jobs. Oh boy!

Later

Road Kill

P.S. Bruce Coates, Blue Mtn. Chapter Coordinator has announced he is a candidate for Union County Commissioner. The election is May 21.

Central Oregon

Meets 1st Sunday, 2:00pm

KC's Pizza House, 1655 North Highway 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 1527, Redmond, Or 97756
Chapter contact: Mitch Maxwell (541)382-7079

Well you can tell Spring is almost here! - can't you just taste it!? The snow is finally gone from the road and soon the cinders will be all but a memory. The scooter will be out of the shop - tuned and ready to sing. I certainly am looking forward to the coming warm season and all the wonderful people to meet and places to see. I am grateful to be a participating member of Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. just for a few of these reasons. I hope to see all my friends (and those to be made) out participating in being "Free". With the renewed hope of Spring I would like to remind all to get out there and~ *VOTE*. Please exercise your rights to be a free American. Letters and phone calls are some very effective tools in voicing your thoughts and opinions. If you need phone numbers of the representatives in your area, PLEASE contact me or someone at the State Level for those numbers. I know I've said this before but we can make a difference.

D.J.'s swap meet was a real treat. Got to see a lot of folks that I haven't seen in a while. (guess cause over here in Central Oregon we tend to hibernate for part of the Winter!) Met Bill Cameron and his lovely lady of S.E. Chapter of Portland and it was a pleasure to make their acquaintance. Hope to see you all at Fossil or in the Summer months to come.

Well the sun is setting and it's time to stoke the fire (guess it's not quite Spring!) so until next time. Don't forget to vote, ride sober, and do a Sun Dance for the months to come.
Respectfully - Rebecca of Central Oregon

Columbia River

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30 pm

Allbi 4024 N. Interstate, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211
Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)285-4329

Sorry about no report last month. One was turned in but I guess it got lost somehow. I'll cover both months in this report so some of the news may be a little old. To start out, I want to report the Chapter officers for the coming year. Our 1996 officers are. Coordinator - Angie Jensen; Treasurer - Preacher J. Mcflucas; Secretary - Janet Straw; Membership Sec. - Lana Little; Ways and Means - Karen Colvin; Legislative Coord. - Spencer "Spike" Neal; State Rep. - Stacy Skains; 1st Sgt. at Arms -- Mark Cowley; 2nd Sgt. at Arms - Sob Earl; Historian - Bev Vernward; Education Coord. - Mark Cowley; Toy Run Committee - Bev Vernward. Thank you to all past and new officers for your time and dedication. Now it is time to work -together to make this a good year for Columbia River Chapter. Our Sweetheart Dance on February 17th was well attended. Music was provided by "Used Parts". There was dancing, a raffle and lots of fun. Thank you to everyone to for attending and supporting the Chapter. A special thank you to the people who worked hard to make it happen and to those who donated items to the rattle.

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We have started the planning for the Run to the Sun which will be June 22 and 23. If you are interested in being on the Run Committee or in helping at the Run, give Angie a call. Designs for the Run t-shirt need to be turned in by the May 26th meeting.

S.T.E.A.M. happened in late February and had a pretty good turnout. Those that did not attend missed getting a lot of good information. In early March I attended the Seal Rock Legislative Planning Retreat. It was a good feeling to see so many dedicated and capable people working hard for motorcycle rights. Thank you to Lincoln County Chapter for furnishing the meeting site and the food. They also put on a good party with the highlight being a lip sync performance of Leader of the Pack. Great job ladies! One of many issues brought up at the Retreat is how important it is to support all of the organizations that are working for motorcyclist rights. People have many reasons why they don't join these organizations with the main one usually being money. Based on individual membership, which is the least expensive, it costs just \$60 a year to belong to A.B.A.T.E., BikePAC and Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). That's only 14 cents a day, a very small price to pay for your freedom!

We continue to have our membership drawing at the meetings and we had a winner. Lavina Ortez was at the February 25th meeting when her name was drawn and left \$73 richer. Unfortunately Kate Bricky was not present on January 14th so lost \$70. Curt Ellis lost out on \$71 when he was absent from the February 11th meeting. Sorry Curt.

Best of the West is happening this month and it's in our own back yard. It is April 13 and 14 in Vancouver. This is a great opportunity to find out what is going on in motorcycle rights in other States. Hope you are planning to attend.

The weather is getting warmer even if it is not much drier. If you find yourself with the desire to go for a Sunday ride, remember a Chapter meeting is a good destination.

Stay dry and see you at the meeting.

Janet

Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am

**Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
(Contact Ed Halkyard at (541)673-6120 for info.)**

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97457

Chapter Contact: Joy Hoover(541)673-1304

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Douglas County has been busy planning our March 16 St. Patrick's Casino & Dance to be held at the VFW Hall in Roseburg. We are holding it at a location that can include kids & families, and hope for a great turnout. The Umpqua Brewery in Roseburg is providing food & drinks, the Tom Norman Band will play some great Rock'N'Roll, and we're going to have a great time!

Most of our officers were able to attend S.T.E.A.M. Everyone was impressed with the presentations, and we are grateful for the effort that was put into it. The food was great too! Thanks to everyone that obviously worked hard to make S.T.E.A.M. '96 a big success. I was awed at the commitment and dedication that so many people have to A.B.A.T.E. It really made me proud to be part of such a great organization. I think everyone that was able to go went home with renewed energy & excitement about what we're doing. Our officers that have attended S.T.E.A.M. in the past got just as much out of the

workshops as I did. Now it's up to us to use all of the information we received, to improve our organization and be more successful in planning events.

Coming up in April is of course Best of The West in Vancouver. We are fortunate to have it so close to home, and many of us will be there to help out and participate in the workshops. April 21st is our Anniversary Meeting, at Stewart Park. It will be a potluck, and we usually get a great turnout for this meeting. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and give us a beautiful sunny day like we had last year.

Again, Thank You to everyone that helped make S.T.E.A.M. such a great success!!!

Grant County

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11:00 am

Stull Residence, call for directions

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 532, Canyon City, Or. 97820

Chapter Contact: Sherri Stull,(541) 575-0741

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

Lincoln County

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 pm

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 665, Newport, OR 97365

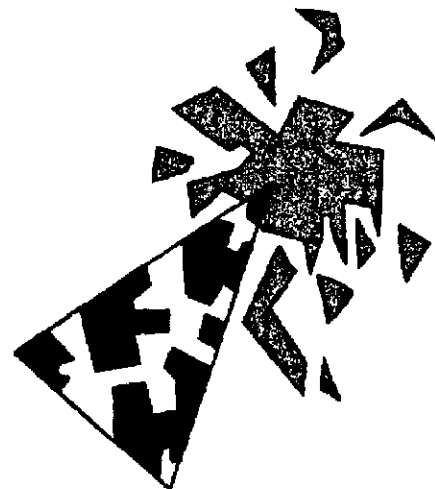
Chapter Contact: Vicki Lechner, (541)563-3520

Well I think everyone would agree that we have all seen enough foul weather for this year. The whole state has had quite a variety of weather, and I'm sure we are all eager to get some riding in. I don't think anyone will be tired of the sunshine for awhile.(Once it gets here!!)

We just got through sponsoring the BikePAC Legislative Retreat, and it was an educational experience for all who attended. Many attended from the State level, which was great. As for the Anniversary Party which followed, fun was had by all. A few attempted entertainment with Lip Sync, which was a blast, and a great stress reliever. It was great to be able to socialize with people from other parts of the state, and I hope all enjoyed themselves. For the most part the weather held up.

We will be preparing for the local parade, getting things started for Fossil and a few other events in hopes of raising funds. We will have our first run of the year on March 30th, Randy's Run, which will start at 11am, with everyone meeting at ONA Beach.(On Hwy 101 between Newport and Waldport.) Randy says it's not for the meek and mild, and won't be held if raining. What, no rain, on the coast, in March??? Hopefully it will be a happenin event.

Until next time,
Kandi



North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm

Sites vary call first for directions

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, Or 97138

Chapter Contact: Jeff Oletzke (503) 861-0749

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

N.E Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Izzy's Pizza, 1307 N.E. 102nd, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228

Chapter Contact: Randy Phipps (503)284-1486

The BEST OF THE WEST is almost here (April 13-14) and excitement is building as preparations continue in an effort to make this the best BEST yet. Last year several of US went to Boise because it was SO CLOSE we couldn't pass up the opportunity. And now we're hosting it here in our very own backyard. If you're not registered yet check your newsletter for details and don't worry you can even register at the door. This is a great opportunity to learn what is going on in the other ten states considered to be "THE WEST" and to share our experiences and gain from theirs. It's very educational quite inspiring and also a helluva lot of fun. I'm sure there's still opportunities for anyone who wants to volunteer some time. Just give Roger a call.

So who's registered to take a Team Oregon Motorcycle Riding course this Spring? By now I'll bet they're filled up but the Summer classes have registration starting 5/20/55. Not only is it a valuable learning experience but (if you pass) you don't have to take the riding portion of the DMV test to get your motorcycle endorsement. And if you're a member of our Chapter, we'll reimburse 1/2 of the cost (which is already a very reasonable \$55.00). The course is four sessions, the first is in the classroom (which is a blast because you get to sit at the table and pretend you're sitting on a bike and even make vroom vroom noises). The second session is on the riding course. The first exercise pairs you up with a person who pushes you across the course. Then you get to push them back. It may sound silly but to those of us who'd never ridden a bike, it was a good way to get rid of the butterflies and reduce the fears. The third session is back in the classroom and then another session on the course. Anyone who wants more info can call MaryBeth (our Chapter's Education Director). You can get her number off the inside cover of the newsletter as she is also the State ABATE's Vice- Coordinator representing Northern Oregon.

Intermittent P.S. . . I passed the beginner's class a couple summers ago even though I committed concide (which involves figure one's that are supposed to be figure eight's and some orange cones). Anyway it was instrumental in allowing me to decide that I much prefer being on the back of the motorcycle with someone driving who has many years experience than driving it myself.

Our Chapter's Mile of Pennies party is coming up on April 20. This oughta be a blast that you wouldn't want to miss. And if you're not a member all you have to do is become a member at the door and come on in.

Q&A CORNER

We're planning to take our Harley on our honeymoon for the whole month of May(ending up at Fossil) and need to know what the motorcycle related laws are in Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico?...Dave

I'm glad you asked that question Dave. Here's the scoop. A helmet is required for adults (which I presume you are) in California Washington and Nevada. But you can decide for yourself in Arizona, Idaho and New Mexico. California might also be personal-choice by May. . .keep your fingers crossed. Eye protection is required in all of the states except Idaho (and Oregon). A day-time headlight is required everywhere you'll be going as are passenger footrests (assuming you'll have a passenger since a honeymoon alone doesn't sound right). In Washington your passenger must be over the age of five (which better be the case). Mirrors are required in all the states except Idaho (so you better get some before you go).

Sorry but my research hasn't uncovered the answer to your question about Mexico. Perhaps someone out there knows the answer and can share it with us.

JOKES

OK Gordon here it is. I do apologize for being a month late but my usual sources for jokes left me empty handed and I had to scour the old brain cells to remember this one.

There's a biker riding alone in an elevator when a woman gets on. A couple floors later the elevator stops between floors and after a minute or two a voice comes on the intercom saying "Sorry about the inconvenience folks but the elevator is indeed broken. We called the repair people and they said it would be a half hour before they can get here. Try to stay calm and we'll get you out of there just as soon as we can." Well the woman sees an opportunity she doesn't want to miss so she takes off all her clothes gives the biker her best sexy look and says "Make me feel like a woman." So the biker takes off all his clothes and says "Fold em."

Next I'm going to share a joke with you contributed by our newest member Crow (who just moved here from Georgia).

There is a God

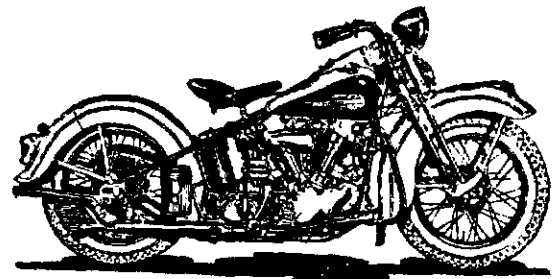
While a biker was serving one to five, he found out that the lawyer who had defended him was critically injured in a car wreck. He immediately called the hospital to which the attorney had been taken. The receptionist informed him that the attorney had died several hours earlier from his injuries. After several minutes, he called the hospital again and was told the same thing. On his third call the receptionist asked him if he thought the status was going to change. "No", the biker replied. "I just love to hear you say it."

Note that no offense is meant to those lawyers among us who are near and dear to our hearts like Spike, Sam Lawyer Pat etc. Thanks to Crow for helping me out. I'm going to buy you a raffle ticket at our next meeting. And as incentive (bribery) to others I'll continue this tradition for anyone who gives me a (printable) joke or question for the Q&A Corner. So come on down and join us for a meeting. We're at Izzy's Pizza every first and third Wednesday from 7:30 to about 9:00.

See you next time

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P.S. (personal *%\$) May 4 is the May Awareness Rally in Salem and while you're there Dave and I will be tying the proverbial knot. Stop by the River Roadhouse that night. We'll be there celebrating.



Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 pm

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

(Call 503-581-3138 or 503- 581-8637 for Information)

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309

Chapter Contact: Jim Russell (503) 743-2047

Welcome to April, Y'all.

It's the month when roads all across the upper left coast are covered with brand new crop of pot holes. ("But officer, I wasn't weaving--I was dodging pot holes".) Hopefully ol' ma nature has gotten over the worst of her weather by now and we can all be out ridin' (an dodging) more.

And if ya need a legitimate excuse to get out of the house to cruise, remember that the Best in the West is coming up the second weekend of April. This time it's gonna be pretty close to home for lots of folks, so putt on over to Vancouver, Washington that weekend. Check into the Rodeway Inn Cascade Park and check it out. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this issue cause it's got info on prices and it's excruciatingly legible.

Okay, so my Icebreaker flyer got picked as the best bad example at STEAM in Febuary. Can I help it if those heathens figure it ain't art if ya can't read it? Besides, how many people actually got lost?(Yeah, okay, there's Monika an' her ol' man who ran outta of gas. But we found 'em just before dark and got 'em some high octane go juice. And Stumpy an' I are gonna help replace their melted valve seats with some hardened ones.)

But overall, Icebreaker was a nice little one-day event, weren't it? We all got out in the countryside, takin' in the early smells of Spring-to-be. Got to meet up with lots of great folks an' swap tales, some of which could come true, given enough time. Gobbled some good grub. Played some bike games and began shaking the winter rust off the ol' riding skills. Ooooh'd and Ahhh'd all the pretty bikes.(I still think there should be a category for Worst of show so my commuter scoot has a shot.) Willamette and Salem Chapters did a good job of co-hosting the event, so thanks to everyone who contributed their time and to everyone who deciphered the flyer an' showed up.

Goin' back to STEAM for a bit, we had 85 people show up and take part in the various panels. It was a great way to meet other shanghaied officers an' find out what we're supposed to doin'.(As opposed to what we'd been doin'.) And it helped everyone get focused in the same direction so we ain't ridin at cross purposes.

Speakin' of ridin' together, Salem chapter had their first bike-in this year in the form of a Blackjack run just prior to our February general meeting. If Gordon was feeling charitable this month, you might be able to read about it elsewhere in this rag under the title: Misty Morning Blackjack Run.

After the final stop on our run, we headed on over to Pietro's Pizza on North Hawthorne for our general meeting. We had 31 people show up, which is about six times as many showed up to the first one Rot Path attended.

Compliments were handed out for the tasty tidbits the chapter presented to the ravenous hoards at STEAM in February. Good job, gang.

During the officer reports, Vice Coordinator Daryle pointed out that we all need to get individually active with candidates and officers holders in our respective districts. Find who supports our positions; determine who doesn't know what ABATE and BikePAC are all about and teach them.

Remember: Ignorance we can cure through education; stupid is forever.

Coordinator Jim(or whatever his name is this month) Russel reports that work is going ahead on Fox Creek '96. Secretary Paula reminded people that although ABATE is a non-profit organization, donations can not be deducted from tax returns.(Everyone remember to file?) And the fact that Rot Path's Icebreaker flyer was a favored flop at STEAM just had to be mentioned in public.

Some changes to our officer line up occurred during the meeting. Mike will be turning over his job as treasurer to Tom. We want to thank Mike for all his work on our behalf and wish him well. Dave will be sliding into the vacant Ways and Means billet. Matt is going to be an alternate state rep in case Bill can't make it to a state meeting. Matt is also going to act as a conduit for our FAX traffic.

With that, most people adjourned to Robert's house for a bit of socializing. Daryle had to give it a miss and dash home because several of us managed to convince him that all the water under his house might be from a cracked pipe. Hey, what are buddies for, eh?

As the weather improves and more riders get out on the road, leave yer day-dreaming for non-rolling moments. Ridin' requires a higher level of alertness than drivin'. That's why the average motorcyclist tends to be a better road user than someone aimin' a cage down the asphalt. Back in early March on highway 22, Rot Path was concentrating on three things at once instead of four and nearly bought the rear end of a rubbernecker's cage with no brake lights who halted in the middle of a traffic lane to gawk at a car off the road. Couldn't stop in time, but managed to split the lanes without the overtaking Dodge pickup sideswipin' the scoot.

Experiences like that always leave a rider a bit shaken, realizing how close to the edge we live our lives.

There are days ...

when sunglasses must be worn,
and mirrors are to be avoided.

These are days ...

when my bike can't go fast enough,
and my spirit reaffirms life
on the edge of oblivion.

It's like learning to fall off a bicycle: You never forget how ...
Or maybe you just have to get back up and fall off again.

Something like that.

Stay alert out there people.

Rot Path

South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 am

Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 4175, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Chapter Contact: Greg (503) 756-CARD

Terry Kepl (503) 257-0172

Dear Friends,

We have really had some tremendous storms this winter! But, we on the south coast, have spirits that cannot be dampened! We are very busy making plans for many Spring and Summer events.

Debi Saunders and her Run Committee have been meeting and making plans for our Summer Run. We are looking forward to hearing from them at our next meeting.

Karen McIntyr, Tom Crowl, Jake Jacobson, and myself are

busy making plans for our Teddy Bear Scavenger Hunt on March 31(Sunday), at the North Bend Community Center at 9:00am. We have a secret list of bizarre items to find throughout the community during the three hour hunt. The entry fee is a teddy bear worth \$10.00 or ten dollars. There will be a cash prize at the end of the hunt which we plan to total at least \$250.00 or more. Everyone will have fun and the teddy bears will go to local community children's services. We hope you can join us in this event!

Jake Jacobson is making some tentative plans for an event during the Rhodie Run. We will have more details later.

There is a motorcycle show at the Pony Village on May 11. There will be dozens of motorcycles on display. We hope to see you there.

Well, we have lots of ideas and dreams for this year. We are excited; and we are all looking forward to some dry weather.

Hopefully, spring is just around the corner!

God Bless. Be safe and happy.

Jill

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd Sunday, Noon

Sites vary, call ahead for info 541-479-6838

Chapter Address:P.O. Box 2031

Grants Pass,Or 97626

Chapter Contact: Spanky (541) 479-6838

Hi folks,

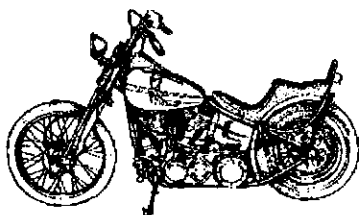
Been a crazy couple of months. With January behind us, making plans for the rest of the year. But before all that, I must let all of you know about all the officer changes that have taken place. First Linda Coffman has resigned as our membership person and also as our Jackson County PR person. Michelle Dow has taken over as membership secretary and Eugene Papineau is our Jackson County PR person. Kimo has stepped down and Tom Orsini is now our Legislative Officer. One more major office change is coming up at the February meeting and that will be Spanky, who is now our Coordinator, due to personal reasons will be handing over the position to Jim Browman. Thanks to all who have helped and to those who are stepping forward to assume the responsibility. Without you, each and everyone, we could not continue to make a difference. **This is a brotherhood.**

We have set two run dates. First our Spring Poker Run/Show & Shine will be May 18 & 19. Second is our Summer Run to the coast(this would be a great one to make an annual event), will be August 24 & 25. Details as to where to meet etc. will be following shortly. Set aside these dates and we'll see you there.

Last but not least, I'd like to mention and congratulate our Vice Coordinator, Christine Gardner and our soon to be Coordinator, Jim Browman. They have been wed!!! Yes, that's right. we truly are one big happy family. Once again, Congratulations Christine and Jim Browman!!

Take care everyone and ride safe.

Brie



S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon

The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290

Chapter Contact: Lee Austin (503) 663-0203

Hello,

On March 9th, our chapter officers went to a State Board Meeting. It's been a long time since I've gone to one, and I'm glad I know more about ABATE so I could really appreciate it.

The Ian Bowers memory patches are here and for sale for \$5.00 each. It's been nearly a year and a half since he died, and to Rainie Bowers (his Wife) I'm very sorry it took so long.

I attended a Summer Run meeting, and volunteered to do the kids games. This year things will be different. We will have new and more enjoyable games for the kids. The Summer Run will be held at HatRock State Park, near Umatilla, on the 26,27,28th of July. If you want advance tickets, contact Nancy Brooker (503) 232-4686. The dead line date for advance tickets is July 3rd. There is a t-shirt design contest, so get your designs to Melinda McCrossen by June 25th. All proceeds will go to Motorcycle Legislation and safety education.

The Fossil Campout will be great this year. It will be held at a new location, near Fossil. Like last year the pop and beer will be sold by Condons American Legion. Please parents watch your kids, and don't let them drink any beer. I know kids can be pretty sneaky, but if at all possible, stop them. This could hurt future Fossil Campouts to come.

We are having a Portland Chapters Toy Run Benefit on April 27th. For more information, attend a chapter meeting.

We can't forget BEST OF THE WEST. It being so close to us this year. Take advantage of it by attending, April 12, 13, 14th.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

DEBBY

Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, Or 97113

Chapter Contact: Robin Maslin (503)648-1379

Wild Bill (503)640-5461

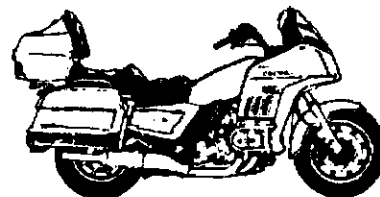
Hello Everyone!!

I just got home from the pool shoot and I am sure everyone had a great time!! Bruce took 1st place, Larry 2nd, and Marlene took 3rd. We also had a canned food donation for the Cisco Loaiza Memorial Food Drive and at least 4 cases of canned food were donated. The 50/50 drawing was also for the canned food drive and they received at least \$33. We also had our Membership drawing, and the "lucky winner" was not there, so the pot rolls over to our next meeting. If you want the cash, you gotta be there!

Washington County is supporting the Best of the West convention to be held on April 12th, 13th and 14th. We plan on attending as a chapter. If you are interested in attending with us, call Ted Tracy, 640-3766.

Washington County's next scheduled event is a Poker run planned for May 3rd. For further details call Wild Bill, 640-3461.

Jill T.



Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm

Shake, Rattle and Roll/Eat, Big Y Center, Eugene

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 23325, Eugene, Or. 97402

Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541)998-1309

Russ Lax (541) 747-2787

Our last general meeting was held March 7 at the Shake Rattle and Roll/Eat. We had a good turn out to hear LeRoy's presentation on Group Riding Safety. After a brief talk about being prepared for the unexpected, a review of hand signals and some basic safety tips, a video on Tour Riding was shown that provided additional information. A question/answer period ended the presentation. Thanks LeRoy for taking the time to attend our meeting - we all hope to see you on the road.

Bob Avery updated us on what to expect in the future from BikePAC, having attended the Legislative Retreat in Seal Rock last weekend that was hosted by the Lincoln County Chapter. We are all looking forward to seeing some fresh information from BikePac in the near future - and they are looking forward to seeing some new members. Individual memberships are only \$10 and a membership application form is included in every issue of the Newsletter. So everyone sign up for this one.

We will be holding a Casino Night in Harrisburg on April 21. See the flier for additional information on this. If you need directions to Harrisburg, give us a call and we'll get you there. We hope to see a lot of our friends from the North (Albany - Corvallis - Salem) at this one.

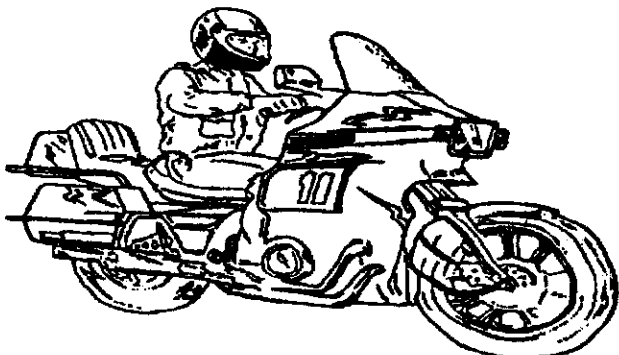
The Cruizers for Christ provided a stage for Jeff Ibach and Promise, a band that brings the message of God's promise to the world through rock-n-roll. Held at Christ's Center in Junction City on March 9th, a good crowd was on hand to hear these great tunes. Good one Cruizers!

By the time this comes out, the Ice Breaker will be history. After a few last minute glitches are worked out - I hope our efforts will have been worth it and everyone had a good time. Our attention will then focus on the Rhody Run - May 17, 18 & 19 this year in Florence Oregon. We are planning a Poker Run for Saturday and will be having more information out on that soon. Russ Lax is going to be pulling this together, so if anyone wants to enlist their help or has any questions, give a call and we'll get you in touch with him.

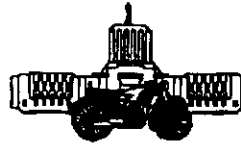
Sorry I missed everyone at STEAM this year. I hear the conference was as good as ever. I would like to encourage everyone to attend BEST OF THE WEST coming up in April. Since it is in our own back yard this year, everyone should make the effort to attend. Rosemary Singhose, the representative our chapter sent to last years activities, said it was highly motivational, educational and FUN.

Well, that's about it for this report. SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!!!! - Ride safe.

PonieRyder



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

	Circle Type of Membership		
	General	Supporting	MAB
Individual	\$10	\$25	\$50+
Couple	\$15	\$35	\$75+
Family	\$20	\$50	---
Business, Club/Group	\$50	\$100	\$200+

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

My Voter Registration Card says:

U.S. Congressional District _____

State Senate _____ House _____

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC General Fund, which includes the Lobbyist Fund, unless you check the box below.

- Put \$_____ of my contribution into a dedicated fund that will only be used to support a candidate running for office in my legislative district.

Name _____

Spouse name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

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Coordinators Comments

STEAM was a huge success, with a record number of participants -- 85. I would like to thank all of you that attended. STEAM is a lot of work to produce, so it's very encouraging to have this much participation. Something new for this year was the STEAM pins presented to those who completed the day. When you see someone wearing a STEAM pin, you will know that they realize how important this training is, and have donated time to learn for the benefit and vitality of their organization. I especially want to thank the workshop presenters; Spenser Neal, Sam Hochberg, Brian Stovall, Teresa Hepker, Butch Harbaugh, Rotten Roger, Gordon Hieronimus, Chris Vieira, Joy Hoover, Jim Russell, Nic Oliver, Jenni Lindi, Melinda McCrossen, Clark Brooker, Lois Gleason, and Jeff Giddings. All of the people listed here are from our own ranks! I think this represents the depth of talent we have in ABATE. Special thanks to Salem Chapter for catering lunch so we could spend more time learning. Last but not least, a great deal of the credit for STEAM this year, goes to MaryBeth Rayburn-Hieronimus (State Vice-Coordinator North). Her fresh ideas made a tremendous difference. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

On April 12-14, 1996, ABATE of Oregon along with ABATE of Washington, ABATE of Cowlitz County, Washington Legislative Task Force and BikePAC of Oregon are sponsoring "BEST of the West" in Vancouver, USA. If you were unable to go to STEAM this year but want to learn how to help ABATE, the "BEST of the West" is for you. If STEAM has you motivated and you want even more, then the "BEST of the West" should be your next stop. In any case if you have ever wanted to attend a "BEST of the West" conference, this should be the year for you. Please check out the flyer in this issue for more information.

With the event season approaching everyone should think about their responsibilities, as ABATE members, at these events. Of course we can have fun, but let's not forget that we are the hosts at our events and as such should be prepared to help out where we can. Every event needs people to do security and work at the entrance gate. If we all help a little, then we can avoid the situation of just a few doing it all. Lets face it, if the situation

doesn't improve then we will be forced to hire outside help and that help is very expensive, or we will have to cancel the events. Without these events our ability to raise funds will be greatly affected. Without the fundraisers we will **not** be able to do the safety and education programs or the legislative work we want to do. The work is not all that difficult and you will be properly instructed prior to your shift. So don't worry about being "dumped on". If the "Gate" or "Security" is not your thing, then there are lots of other ways you can help. Just contact the run coordinator at the event, and he/she will let you know what to do. The important thing is that we all contribute a little time to our events, it will make you feel good to help and besides it can be fun too.

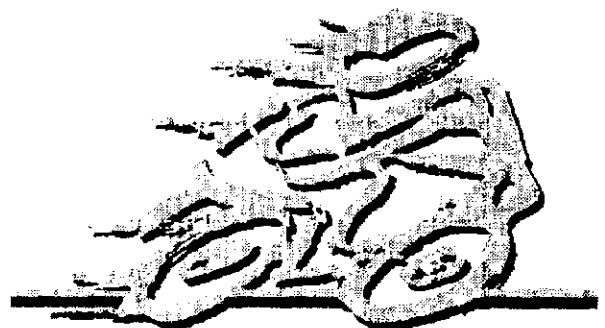
Larry

Dear Patti

When anyone accepts the responsibility of leadership in ABATE, or any other organization, they must first examine how it will affect their private life. In my case I wanted to do the best job I could and I had to be sure I had the time to do that. During that process I talked it over and you gave me your support and encouragement even though you knew that it would take precious time away from our relationship. This is how it has always been in our marriage, you have backed me all the way. I don't think it would be possible to devote the time and energy to ABATE without your support. Our relationship began on April 24, 1970 and it has lasted for 25 years, yet it seems like only yesterday we took our vows to each other. I can only hope that everyone finds their soul mate like I have found mine. Happy Anniversary Darling.

All my Love,

Larry



BikePAC Legislative Planning Conference

March 2-3, 1996
Seal Rock, OR

Early on the first Saturday in March thirty bikers from all over the state of Oregon gathered at the Seal Rock Community Hall. The meeting was called to order and business began with a review of the history of our political action in Oregon on both the state and federal level.

Then came a review of the August 1995 BikePAC report generated at the end of legislative session. Points that were reemphasized included the fact that the information provided to the legislators was too complex; there was only one full-time lobbyist; e-mail through the computer was a critical tool in providing both accuracy and speed; there's a need to thank outside helpers (i.e. legislators staff persons); and there's a need to make sure that the phone tree consists of people who want to be called to action not just membership lists.

Dr. Long is Wrong was the next topic of discussion. Dr. Long at Emanuel Hospital's Trauma Center in Portland has successfully recruited and tainted medical staff and legislators in their views of not only the use of helmets but also about bikers as people. We know we can rely on Dr. Long to actively lobby and passionately testify against us. It is time to provide a written account of his and our views now before the legislative session begins so legislators have more time to consider all the facts.

Brian Stovall our retreat leader efficiently led us into brainstorming issues that needed to be addressed and then we broke all these ideas into committee headings. It was noon by now and the Lincoln County ABATE chapter served us a great lunch while we got to yack with each other. Many of us talked about not knowing which committee to pick because we were interested in several areas. Brian said we should go to the one we had the most to offer. So off to committees we went. Here is a summary of our reports.

Campaign

1) Voters Guide: The BikePAC survey will be sent out to all candidates running for primary offices. Then the results will be published independently with a broad distribution reflective of BikePAC membership. The next Guide won't be done in time for the primary election but it will be ready for the general election. There's a need to get more people involved on this project so that we can do this sort of survey for every election.

2) Legislators Buddies: These positions need to be recruited and developed immediately. This is where a particular biker buddied up with a particular legislator. The effort was enormously effective in that we were recognized as people and constituents instead of stereotypes. Buddies will then be responsible for follow up in all areas.

3) Problem of communication: Buddies will help to get our information to candidates and candidate information back to the rest of us.

4) Campaigns: everything is timing. We are more valuable to candidates when they are running for office. They want money first then lawn signs phone work or going door-to-door. We need to find out when there is a campaign public event and make sure a biker presence is prominent. We also need to contact and connect with campaign aides because they provide very important access to candidate and the candidates access to us.

The big deal in all four of these areas is follow up. It will take a lot of people to do this. More one-on-one contact is necessary. We also need to get our message out to broader groups including friends family and neighbors. Everyone is encouraged to have candidates over to our homes and invite the broader group over. A how to outline will be developed. Gail Shibley who is running for Portland City Council has asked for BikePAC endorsement. This endorsement has been under discussion for over a month. After final discussion Shibley was endorsed by BikePAC. Kevin Mannix will be interviewed with regard to his request that BikePAC endorse him for Attorney General.

Fundraising

The first task is to get a comprehensive list of all organizations affiliated with BikePAC. Then form a larger committee out of all these organizations to get mixture of information. This committee will generate a form letter with ideas on fundraising. A mid-April deadline was set to have the bigger committee in place. This will allow for individuals and individual organizations to raise the funds necessary for a successful legislative session.

Membership

At most there are only 90 BikePAC members. This is one area that needs to improve. The idea of creating a new position within BikePAC of membership recruiter was warmly received. This person would recruit other recruiters. Finding this person is a top priority for us.

Other forms of membership were discussed as well as the importance of one-on-one discussions. We need to compare the mailing list to the actual membership lists. Then chapter representatives could work to get individuals within member organizations to join. These people would maintain lists track down renewal lapses and sustain personal contact. The personal touch is important and effective. It was also suggested that each member sign up five new members.

We need to ask other member organizations to send out the BikePAC trifold with their membership renewal. Individual BikePAC mailings are too expensive so we need to piggy back with other events (activities) and organizations. BikePAC needs to stay pure in our legislative efforts and hosting non-legislative events to raise funds may be a conflict of interest. We will need to rely on other organizations to do this type of fundraising for us.

Communication

The Green Book was a booklet of information provided to state legislators and to the bikers who came down to the capitol. As discussed earlier it needs to be simplified for legislators and needs to be updated. So next year instead of one giant book we have decided to break information out in the following way:

1) Press Kit: a folder with BikePAC brochure professional black and white photos a background information sheet a contact list and a legislative summary.

2) Legislator Kit: will be a modified press kit. Our goal here is to standardize the information that we are dealing with all over the state.

3) Pitch Book: an at-a-glance Question and Answer book with quick reference guide to more in-depth information that will be in the form of...

4) Fact Sheets: which were very effective last year. For instance when bikers as a social burden came up as a topic we were able to distribute a two page study that disproved the lies that were going around. We will need to prepare a set of these.

5) Green Book will be updated and used differently.

In order to effectively distribute all of this information a goal of updating our membership data base to include legislative districts is very important. Either a Buddy or someone from the legislators district needs to be the personal contact delivering this information. This worked really well last year.

It was decided that a legislative hotline needs to be set up to provide legislative updates on a daily basis during session. This should free up some of our lobbyist's time in returning phone calls from people who were able to come down and work the capitol on short notice. Butch would still be available to answer any specific questions but the hotline would provide an idea of what needs to be done that particular day.

Member training was the last area addressed by this group. It was decided that Biker Days at the Capitol should happen the very first week of legislation. Hopefully by then many new Buddies will be in place and they can be introduced by our lobbyist. We will sponsor a seminar in October to train the trainers so that in November these trainers can be training two people from each organization and chapter. This training means that Buddies and other interested volunteers would know what to do down at the capitol on their own.

Education

We need to show that not only are bikers normal people but that we contribute to our community. To do this we need to concentrate on:

1) Public Relations through video by producing educational programs get broadcast tv coverage promote Team Oregon and support its activities. We need to make senior (55 Alive) contact too.

2) Biker Days: We'll hold a Motorcycle Awareness Program class for the legislators.

3) We can't stress the importance of making sure our own members are properly endorsed and have supported our own safety efforts by having attended Team Oregon classes. Trying the legislative approach first was discussed. Making motorcycle education a mandatory requirement for first time licenses was

discussed earlier. Wherever possible we should push for chapters helping to pay for members to attend these classes recognizing that not all of our membership groups can afford to do that. We also need to promote and market the classes through EMS conferences professional drivers training and booths at different events.

4) Community involvement will get better attention than anything else.

Legislative

Priority bills to introduce in 1997 are:

1) Helmet Amendment: It is important to use the word Amendment which means a change in the current law to require only minors to wear helmets. The bill as written for last years session is ready to go back to the capitol as is.

2) State Responsibility Act: We will reenter the bill as written last session. This legislation would require the state to make sure that any product or service required by law is available, tested, approved and affordable in the state.

3) Endorsement requirement for motorcycle registration: Legislation would require proof of endorsement in order to register a motorcycle. Could include exception for valid learner's permit. Could be tied to renewal instead of original registration.

4) Discrimination: Legislation would amend current anti discrimination law to include mode of transportation and style of dress.

The committee identified several items that will be pursued administratively instead of through legislation:

Funding for the Motorcycle Awareness Program from state safety budget;

Clarification of the new definition of a legal helmet;

Recognition of Blue Dot taillights as not a violation of lighting laws;

Clarification of enforcement policies for exhaust noise levels and handlebar height.

Timelines

Biker Days at the capitol:

Friday January 10

Thursday February 13

Wednesday March 12

Tuesday April 8

Monday May 19

BikePAC meeting to follow up on assignments: Saturday April 6 at the Salem Library from 2-4 PM.

May Awareness Rally Saturday May 4

BikePAC meeting follows from 2-4 PM at the Salem Library
Train the Legislative Trainers: Sunday October 13 in Eugene area.

Local area training events to be scheduled for mid-October to mid-November.

Announcements

Seal Rock Legislative Retreat T-shirts are available at \$10 each. Any profit over the cost of production will go into the BikePAC treasury. The T-shirts must be special ordered by calling Teresa at 541-298-3838(days) or 541-298-1317 (evenings).

A BikePAC fundraiser began at the retreat and will run until the May Rally. A computer will be donated to chapter/organization that raises most BikePAC funds. So far Lincoln County ABATE is way out ahead.

Don't forget to join and support your motorcycle rights organizations.

With all that business out of the way we settled down to a fine dinner and some great entertainment. Notes had been taken directly on the computer and so in the morning after breakfast copies were distributed. We all left the coziness of the Community Hall with fresh notes and our to do lists in hand. While driving home I had the overwhelming sense that this had been a taste of what the original writing of the constitution must have been like. I was surrounded by dedicated people who were willing to roll up their sleeves and do whatever needs to be done in order to protect our freedom of choice in a positive and productive manner. I'm a lucky person to be involved with this effort and I hope you are able to join us... There's plenty of work to go around.
In spirit.....Melinda McCrossen

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc. MISSION STATEMENT

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

We will endeavor to enlist the Cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.

We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goals.

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The January Governors Motorcycle Advisory Board Meeting

submitted by MaryBeth

I attended the January meeting and was surprised at what I learned, I wanted to share some of the information and would encourage others who attend to send a summary of the meeting to the newsletter. I had hoped this would make it into the February newsletter, but no...even when you live with the editor it's hard to get special treatment. Then it was supposed to go in the March newsletter, but even I get forgotten sometimes. Better late than never!

►The Motorcycle Awareness proclamation for May being motorcycle awareness month was signed by the governor.

►In 1995 there were 22 motorcycle fatalities, 13% of those fatalities happened in one accident that included 4 bikes at the same time, 36% were alcohol related, 40% had no motorcycle endorsement, and the average age was 35-38. That means we had the potential to reduce those fatalities by as much as 76% by making sure we and our friends are endorsed and sober when we ride. That is a shocking number. It was noted that even tho the alcohol related fatalities were 36% that is a lower percentage than the state average, that means we are beginning to see some progress in alcohol related deaths. I was shocked to find out that the mean age was over my age bracket, I thought that it was the young "crotch rockets" that racked up the fatalities, apparently not so. Even the most experienced rider can learn something from a safety course.

►A letter describing road hazards was sent to ODOT, the major offenders mentioned were rubber rail crossings and rubber crack sealant used on streets, freeways and other road surfaces.

►In the last two years the number of people going thru motorcycle training by Team Oregon has increased by 30%. Last year they trained 2117 people in the beginners class(I was one of them), and 192 people in the experienced rider class for a total of 2309. These classes have really grown and Team Oregon is looking for other ways to fund the program, one of the major concerns at this time is the bikes they use

for the beginner classes, most of the bikes they have are over 5 years old and they take a beating on the course and need to be replaced soon. The program its self is not making any money and has outgrown the budget it has had for the last 7 years. At the next meeting they will review ways to get additional funding, some of the ideas included increasing motorcycle endorsement fees or adding a fee onto all license and renewals, applying for federal grants and many others.... these ideas will be investigated and presented at the next meeting. In 1995 there were 21 reported accidents that included "pain" to an individual on the course, only 6 of those injuries resulted in a trip to the hospital or serious injury. The course continues to be modified and updated to make the classes as safe as possible.

►The Governors Motorcycle Advisory Board was looking at making a proposal to add 'voluntary' phone numbers to the motorcycle registrations. The thought was that when a police officer pulled over a bike and the rider didn't have an endorsement or license then the officer could call the registered owner and find out if permission was granted to ride the bike. They believe that this would help the recovery process on stolen bikes. They said that the phone number would be used for 'tracking' process. This idea is one to ponder, I being my cynical self, wonder what they will do when they pull me over on Gordons bike and there is no voluntary phone number on the registration. I wonder if they would hold the bike until they could contact the registered owner? You know, our last names are not the same, and I for one don't want to give DMV my phone number since all the information at DMV is public information and any Joe off the street can come in with my plate numbers, name or almost any information and get all of the DMV information.

►The February 8th meeting was cancelled due to flooding, the March meeting happened but I didn't attend and you can find out when the April meeting is by call 1-800-922-2022.



SUNNY-SIDE Up

It's Spring again! At least that's what the calendar says. With Spring, we begin to think of new life and the start of a new cycle of seasons; and of course a new season of cycling. The swap meets and repairs are hopefully done. You can't miss the daffodils and flowers coming into bloom, the green grass, and the lambs in the fields.

Spring also brings us to Easter which isn't just chocolate bunnies and Cadbury eggs. As we look to this time of year I would like to turn your thoughts to another lamb, the "Lamb of God", Jesus. The Bible tells us, "He (Jesus) used His servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way." (The Message, I Peter 2:24) As a great theologian, Oswald Chambers explains it, "The cross wasn't something that just happened to Jesus. He came to die; the Cross was His purpose in coming. It is the gate through which any and every individual can enter into oneness with God. The heart of salvation is the Cross of Christ. The reason salvation is so easy to obtain is that it cost God so much. The Cross was the place where God and sinful man merged with a tremendous collision and where the way to life was absorbed by the heart of God."

As we begin a new season, maybe now is the time to begin a new season of life. Jesus is ready and waiting, just ask Him. Remember, the hard part was done two thousand years ago, He just wants for us to reap the benefits!

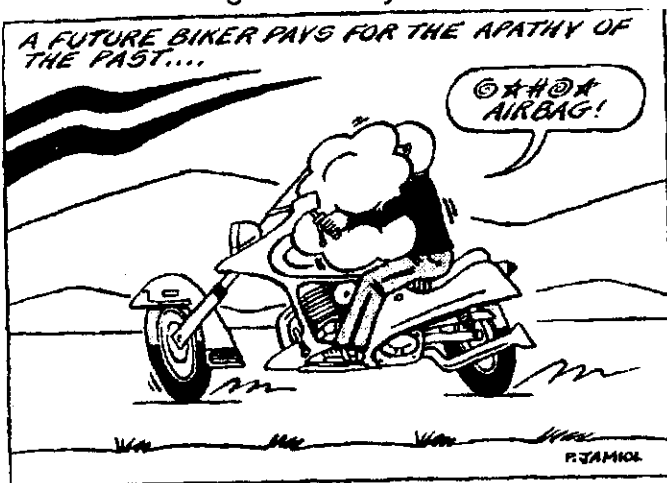
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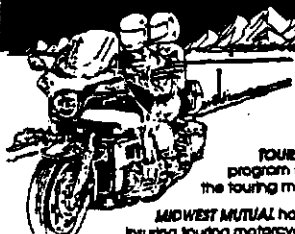
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Wintertime being what it was this year, we just about get used to the wet and the rest of the lousy conditions and here comes spring. All of a sudden we are faced with the fog that will reduce visibility to zip, potholes big enough to swallow city busses, and ohmygod! GRAVEL everywhere. Pure old Horse Sense should prevail here and the word is: SLOW DOWN, PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR RIDING, AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU!

I was talking to Karen Bolin from Washington state the other day and she tells me the transportation committee chairman in their Legislature flat out told them that he would not allow any biker testimony if it had anything to do with helmet laws. Then, he went on to say that Evil Kneivel would be dead if he hadn't worn a helmet in his stunts! I agree. KNIEVEL IS A STUNT RIDER! This legislator equates him to *all* bikers. This man is also running for Lieutenant Governor. It was suggested to me that riders start carrying signs on their bikes supporting him while they plug up traffic in his home town! Not a good idea even if it is appealing. Our good image is too important for us to lose. There are other ways we can help him get unemployment and we will look much better.

Insurance schemes: We still have to look out for tricks like "no fault coverage." This is suicide for all motorists, not just bikers. NO FAULT means injured people get very limited access to the courts. The trade-off is that everyone gets a little something, including the drunk that gets hurt when he kills someone. Innocent injured people get **less**. On top of that, you could expect scooter insurance to skyrocket. That would take a bunch of us off the road, myself in the lead. We can't let our guard down for a second, folks.

Safety: Motorcyclists in the past ten years have reduced their accident rate by fifty per cent. Fewer accidents than any other segment of the driving public and we did it without airbags, ABS brakes and the like. I like to think we did it by EDUCATING OUR

RIDERS. Motorcycle organizations all over the country continue to work on accident reduction, through *voluntary efforts*, with motorcycle awareness programs in our schools, and in some states, with rider education courses. These programs work and are constantly being improved. We end up spending less, and accomplish so much more, when we simply use driver awareness for license applicants.

When this is done accidents across the board are measurably reduced. These programs can be financed through licensing fees for first time applicants, motorcycle endorsements, and thus be self sustaining. NO TAX OR GENERAL FUND MONEY NEED BE USED. **Education is the key, not restrictive laws.**

Some law is needed, and we are all aware of that, but we must be very careful that the welfare of all people is considered. NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) stats say motorcycle injury accidents account for just **0.64%** of **all** vehicle accidents and 72% of these are caused by drivers of other vehicles. Basic math tells me that at fault motorcycle injury accidents are only **16** of every **1000** injury accidents recorded. If all vehicle accident records were that good our legislators could concentrate on feeding our people rather than restricting them.

AIM TALKS: Aid to Injured Motorcyclists Chiefs of Staff, like me, in various states, and the attorneys too, enjoy speaking at your group meetings about the AIM program, law and insurance as applied to bikers, bikers rights, and about the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, **NCOM**. Give us a call to set up a free talk. In Oregon our own AIM lawyer is Sam Hochberg. Call him at 224-1106 or 1-800-347-1106, and ask for Gunny. Nationwide, if you don't know who your AIM lawyer is, ask Pepper at Richard Lester's office, at 1-800-531-2424.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BEST OF THE WEST, Motorcycle Legislative Conference Vancouver WA, 4/13-15/96

MAY AWARENESS RALLY Salem, Or. Capitol Steps, 5/4/96

NCOM CONFERENCE, Motorcycle Rights, Albuquerque, NM, 5/9-11/96 **GWRRA SWAP MEET,** Junction City, 5/18-19/96

FOSSIL RUN, Oregon ABATE Fossil, OR 5/24-27/96. This is the big one!

NEWS BITS & PIECES:

Washington DC: Mr. Federico Pena, our Federal Transportation secretary is pushing for *primary offense* seat belt laws, supposedly to save lives on our highways. Most states that have such laws wisely made them secondary offense laws. You must be stopped for some other reason first. He also says a study shows 67% of motorcyclists in accidents would not have suffered brain damage had they been wearing helmets. Study was based on stats from Hawaii, Maine, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin. I wonder how many car drivers fit into the same category.

Connecticut: Parade watchers in Southington nearly unseated two scooter cops by bombarding them with the neon colored silly string you buy for kids to play with.

England: An 18 year old lad from Shrewsbury wanted a scoot so bad he planted a fake bomb in the bank for ransom money. His idea bombed and he wound up in the hoosegow still wanting a ride. I (almost) feel sorry for him.

Los Angeles: Remember 'Harley' the scooter riding dog? Court ruled in favor of the owner. Dog can ride as much as she likes. Small victory but SWEET!

Rome: Vespa scooters are celebrating their 50th year of putting around the world.

Sweden: Drunk or substance abusive drivers simply lose the license to drive for *LIFE*, and its not a good idea to drive if your license has been revoked. The penalties are severe. The Swedes might be on to something.

USA: Honda's new 1500 cc six cylinder "VALKYRIE" big cruiser is a reality. The stats on this beast are awesome. With 90 horses at the rear wheel, shaft drive, and weighing about 680 lbs this sled will take you out of town in a hurry.

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The Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) Study: Comments and Observations from the American Motorcyclist Association.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently released a Report to Congress, *The Benefits of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets: Based on Data from The Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES)*. NHTSA was provided with five million dollars to fulfill the requirement for this report contained in Section 1031(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA):

"(1) In General. --The Secretary shall conduct a study or studies to determine the benefits of safety belt use and motorcycle helmet use for individuals involved in motor vehicle crashes and motorcycle crashes, collecting and analyzing data from regional trauma systems regarding differences in the following; The severity of injuries; acute, rehabilitative and long-term medical costs, including the sources of reimbursement and the extent to which these sources cover actual costs; government, employer, and other costs; and mortality and morbidity outcomes. The study shall cover a representative period after January 1, 1990."

This study extends beyond fatalities to include an analysis of non-fatal injuries and their related costs for treatment. In addition to reporting the average inpatient charges associated with the treatment of injuries, NHTSA provides 'effectiveness' measures as an overall assessment of how the use of a safety belt or helmet can reduce injuries or prevent death

Voluntary helmet use advocates will undoubtedly be confronted with elements of this report as they preserve or work to restore voluntary helmet use within their respective States. It is important to be familiar with the full study, rather than the parcels of information that the press is repeating. Doing so reveals that NHTSA's best attempt to build a case for mandatory helmet laws, has fallen well short of the mark.

The following comments are offered for your consideration as you develop strategies to respond to CODES:

Perhaps one of the most important facts to remember when evaluating CODES is that it is not nationally representative. NHTSA states on page 14 of the CODES Report to Congress, *"The reader should note that the overall results presented in this*

report reflect only the 7 CODES states and the case selection criteria for the safety belt and motorcycle helmet analyses. They are not intended to be nationally representative."

New York contributes nearly forty percent of the motorcycle rider data. It is likely that this over-representation increases the average inpatient charge estimates. Only six of the seven CODES states are used for the helmet analyses: Hawaii, Maine, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Utah participated in the safety belt study, however their data is excluded from the helmet study.

Of the states contributing data to the helmet study, New York's data represents nearly forty percent of the study sample. This likely results in considerable bias in the reported economic results. NHTSA concedes on page 14 of the CODES Report to Congress, *"Because these methods of computing averages are strongly influenced by number of cases, data from larger states may disproportionately influence the overall weighted average."*

To illustrate the limited applicability of this report and the effect that one state can have on the results consider the following:

The draft Report to Congress did not include data from Pennsylvania.

The draft Report to Congress indicates motorcyclists were less dependent (19 percent) upon public sources for medical costs than motor vehicle operators (21 percent).

The final Report to Congress includes Pennsylvania's data

The final Report to Congress indicates motorcyclists are more dependent (23 percent) upon public sources for medical costs than motor vehicle operators (16 percent).

The addition of one state causes a significant shift in the outcome. This underscores the wide margin for error inherent in this report, reinforces the fact that states are unique and that transportation issues should be evaluated within that context.

The 'effectiveness' ratings for helmet use are inflated, NHTSA uses two methods to calculate 'effectiveness'; one for seat belts another for helmet use. In order to increase the sample size for the

helmet portion, NHTSA did not control for contributing risk factors as they do with the seat belt portion. This leads to inflated 'effectiveness ratings for the helmet study. NHTSA states on page 15 of the draft Report to Congress, "Estimates of 'effectiveness' without these factors incorporated were generated as part of the CODES analysis. These estimates were higher in most of the states, an Indication of the Influence of these risk factors on crash outcomes.

In our comments to the draft Report to Congress, the AMA notified NHTSA that their methodology inflates 'effectiveness' ratings for helmet use. NHTSA's response was to change the final Report to Congress on page 16 to read, "Estimates of 'effectiveness' Without these factors incorporated were generated as part of the CODES analysis.

These estimates of 'effectiveness' with and without risk factors were not significantly different in most of the states"

No change of methodology was used between the draft and final reports. However, NHTSA estimates changed from '*higher for most of the states*' to '*not significantly different in most of the states.*' We can only assume this is an intentional misrepresentation of the facts.

NHTSA acknowledges the minimal effectiveness of helmets in preventing any type of injury', indicating that helmets prevent head injury, not all injuries. In a separate analysis that addresses only head injuries and more specifically, brain injuries, NHTSA found that helmets are effective in preventing brain injury~ However, the same analysis indicates that the average inpatient charges for unhelmeted riders were less than those of helmeted riders.

NHTSA found that the average inpatient charge for a helmeted motorcyclist receiving a brain injury was \$26,985, compared to \$26,805 for an unhelmeted motorcyclist, NHTSA also found that the average inpatient charge for a helmeted motorcyclist not receiving a brain injury was \$12,736, compared to \$11,730 for an unhelmeted motorcyclist.

This same analysis found helmets to be 67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries. Although this estimate is impressive on its own, brain injuries represent the top of a pyramid in terms of motorcycle injury distribution. NHTSA has acknowledged the minimal effectiveness of helmets in preventing most injuries.

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The Technical Report supplement to CODES shows inconsistencies for helmet effectiveness, which were not included in the Report to Congress. In the Technical Report, NHTSA calculates odds ratios in addition to 'effectiveness' ratings, as an alternative measure for effectiveness. Utah's odds ratios indicate a non-protective effect for helmets in preventing death. Pennsylvania's odds ratios are termed "non-significant" in the prevention of injury, as are Hawaii's. The odds ratios are not presented in the final Report to Congress.

NHTSA attributes these inconsistencies to the small sample size, different patterns of helmet use and the type of injury. However, the same sample, the same patterns of helmet use and the same types of injury are present in the estimates of 'effectiveness,' which are presented in the final Report to Congress.

In addition, NHTSA excludes Utah's data from the helmet portion of the study. NHTSA's rationale for this decision is because Utah did not include a code for not wearing a helmet on their traffic report. The code Utah uses is 'helmet use unknown.'

The decision to exclude Utah's data was made after Utah had been awarded a grant, based on its capabilities to participate in this study, and after Utah collected its data had the 'unknown' factor been a legitimate concern, it stands to reason that Utah would not have been selected as a CODES participant state.

Conclusion

The AMA recognizes helmets as an effective piece of safety equipment and encourages their use. However, the determination to use a helmet should be that of adults, free from governmental mandates. The results of the CODES study indicate that helmet use has no impact on the cost of an injury after it has occurred. In addition, this study shows that helmets are minimally effective in preventing any type of injury after an accident has occurred.

NHTSA was provided with five million taxpayer dollars to develop a compelling case for mandatory helmet use laws. Having generated a report with no national applicability, using questionable methodology for the helmet study and with mixed results for helmet use, NHTSA has fallen well short of the goal.

In their limited applicability, the draft and final Reports to Congress show that motorcyclists are no more dependent upon public sources for medical costs than motor vehicle operators. These reports show that helmets are minimally effective in preventing any type of injury from occurring, underscoring the importance of accident prevention. Furthermore, one analysis showed the inpatient charges for unhelmeted motorcyclists to be slightly more than helmeted motorcyclists. While another analysis, more specific to head and brain injury, showed the inpatient charges for unhelmeted motorcyclists to be less than helmeted motorcyclists.

It remains clear that the most effective way to mitigate the cost of motorcycle injuries is through awareness and education aimed toward accident prevention, a strategy widely recognized and accepted by the motorcycling community. The NHTSA, however, continues to embrace a failed strategy of imposing mandatory helmet use laws upon all motorcyclists, a strategy that has been repeatedly rejected by the motorcycling community. For further information:

Copies of the CODES report to Congress on the Benefits of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets and the CODES Technical Report may be obtained from the National Center for Statistics and Analysts, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations, 400 7th Street, SW, Room 6125, Washington, DC 20590 or send a FAX request to 202-366-7078.

Copies of the draft CODES report and Technical Report can be obtained from Sean Maher at the American Motorcyclist Association, 33 Collegeview Rd., Westerville, OH 43081. Please send a 9x12, SASE w/\$2.00 of postage.

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MISTY MORNING BLACKJACK RUN

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Salem chapter had their first bike event of the year in the form of a Blackjack Run just prior to our February general meeting. We met up at Mill Creek Denny's to chow down before pickin' up our first card. Before takin' off, we paused to give an A.B.A.T.E. Certificate of Appreciation to the Denny's manager, 'cause they've always been really good to us. Headin' out into the Sunday February mists, we had a dozen bikes rumblin' east on highway 22 before we banked off into the hills an' climbed into the clouds. (If we'd been flyin', we would have been IFR: Instrument Flight Rules.) The fog was in the low 30's and damned chilly. We sounded like a trio of B-17's as we tried to keep the tail lights ahead of us in sight.

It was a welcome relief to roll up to Macleay Country Inn for our first stop and the prospect of hot caffeine. Too bad they was closed. Good thing that one of the managers, Jerry, had a big heart and opened up just for us. We began thawing out and drew our second cards. It figures that a couple of people already had blackjacks by now while Rot Path only had 14. Our coordinator, Jim (no longer "JC") Russell, presented another Certificate of Appreciation to Macleay's manager for their support of our activities.

Then it was time to strap our machines back on and blast down the backroads seeking some sun. Never found it, but we did manage to get behind a particularly fragrant horse trailer, which the group finally managed to pass in good order. The rest of us were hopin' the guys in front knew where they were takin' us, 'cause some of us had no idea.

So it was a pleasant surprise to find ourselves rollin' into the Hollywood Tavern's bike-only parking lot. While Daryle and Curtis pretended to play pool, those of us with low hands pulled a third card. Joe managed to get the two he needed for twenty-one, while Rot Path's intuition went out the window leading to a bust on 24. Walt showed up in time to watch us present another certificate to Hollywood managers Brooks and Mary Keebey.

The final leg of our journey took us to our general meeting site: Pietro's Pizza on north Hawthorne. During the course of our meeting, we paused to let Jim (soon-to-be-called "James"?) Russell give a Certificate of Appreciation to Tierra Page, Pietro's manager.

Since we had three people as finalists in the Blackjack run (Joe, Curtis, and Tom), we let 'em draw high card rather than duking it out in the parking lot. Curtis pulled high and walked away with a nice little pot and a glowing feeling about attending A.B.A.T.E. meetings.

Maybe we should consider a new slogan: "If ya can't shame 'em into comin' to meetin's, maybe ya can bribe 'em."

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JUSTICE and PREVENTION

By Rot Path

Sitting here looking at an article from a recent Oregonian. Last September a drunken driver with a blood-alcohol level of 0.23 plowed into a Portland group on their way to the Lakeview Roundup, taking three bros and sisters from us. In early March a judge sentenced him to 70 years, stating that "Something should have been done before three people ended up dead on the side of the road."

Yeah, something should have been done. This irresponsible person already had four previous convictions for drunken driving, six convictions for driving without a license, and one count of reckless driving. The guy is 52 years old, yet people like him demonstrate that they lack the maturity to operate in our society. Seems like locking `em up is the only way to keep them from harming others. But they need to be detected and put away before they cause such extensive damage.

I appreciate that the judge gave him such a stiff sentence. This guy is going away for a minimum of 35 years. I suspect that when he meets up with some down bros, it's gonna seem longer.

Trouble is, all that jail time isn't going to bring back the people we lost or ease the pain and grief of their families, friends, and loved ones.

So what can be done to prevent repeating this scenario? (It's way too late when yer out puttin' along and someone serves into ya.)

First of all, we gotta make sure we ain't part of the problem. We need to be responsible for ourselves. If yer gonna party, make plans for gettin' home that don't involve yer scoot or cage. Cabs is less expensive than DUI's or a lifetime of regret. And don't let a bro or sister on the road if they ain't fit. Personal judgement is the first thing to go when yer doin' 12 ounce curls. Let someone else make the call. It ain't macho or macha to end up on a meatslab in the morgue.

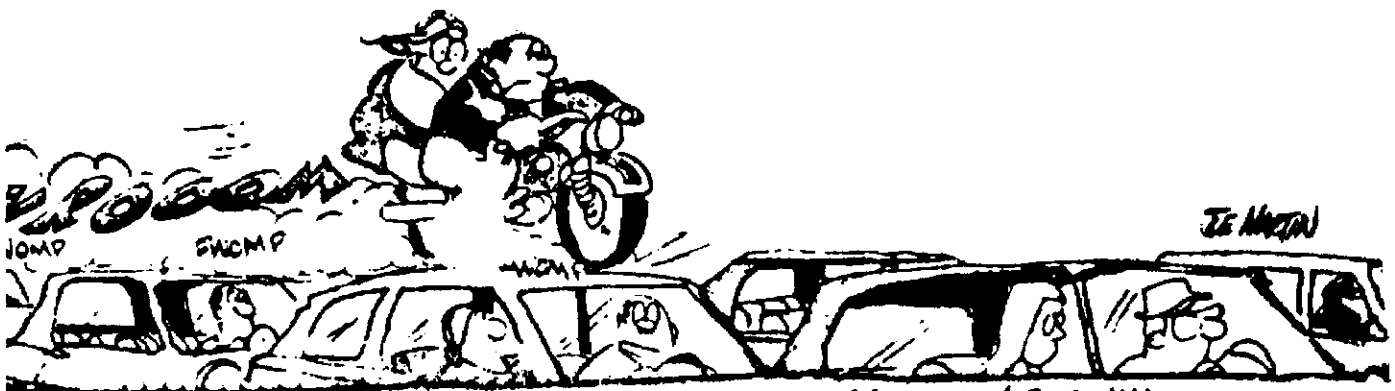
Second, we gotta figure out ways to get the habitual drinkin' and drunk drivers off the road before they cause personal tragedy. Most local newspapers report police arrests for DWI and DUI. Start scanning those. If the same names keep popping up, ya got potential trouble. It's time to start workin' with local and state officials to get those people off the road. If they need to be put in the Grey Bar Hotel, so be it.

It would be nice if life were simpler and we could all just putt around with our hair streaming in the wind.

But it ain't.

Seems we gotta be responsible not only for ourselves, but for others who ain't quite up to the level of maturity we are.

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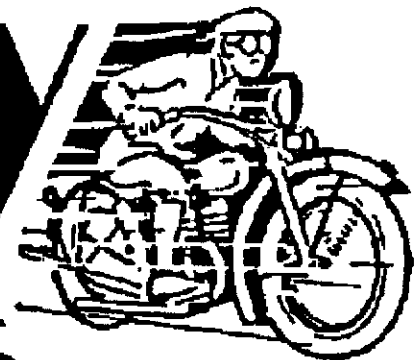
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RALLY



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12:00 Noon • Capitol Steps, Salem, Oregon

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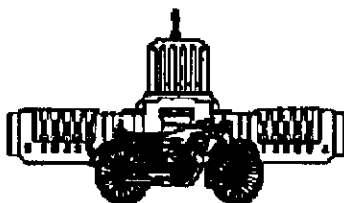
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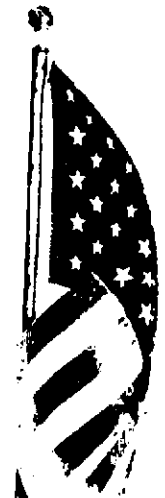
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Memorial Day Weekend
May 26, 1996

WWI 3,350
WWII 78,777
KOREA 8,172
Vietnam 2,204
Persion Gulf 41

Assemble Area: North Pentagon Parking Lot 8 am.

Leaving: 12 noon for the ride through Washington, D.C. to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to pay our respects to our brothers and sisters, and for the accounting of all POW-MIA'S

Reflecting Pool: Speeches and music at the Reflecting Pool. For the return of our POW-MIA's that our government has abandoned!! This is a demonstration for our POW-MIA's. If you love your freedom fight for theirs.

Leaving Kentucky: Owingsville May 23 at 9 AM for more info call Greasy 606-674-6799

RUN FOR THE WALL: Leaving 9 AM friday May 15 from TA truck stop at intersection I-15 & I-10 in Ontario, CA. For information, time of departure & arrival in states along the run from CA. to Washington, D.C. Call George 805-569-2498 or John 805-237-0790
Last year we had 180,000 + riders. Will you help us increase support for our Brothers POW-MIA? All Veterans organizations and citizens are welcome. If you don't ride be at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 12 noon.

After the Run "Everyone Please go to the Reflecting Pool

No Attitudes: Confirmed

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MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSE - MRC:RS6 (BASIC COURSE)

	COASTAL OREGON		CENTRAL OREGON		SOUTHERN OREGON		EASTERN OREGON	
FEBRUARY			23, 24, 25	Bend	16, 17, 18	Medford		
MARCH	1, 2, 3 29, 30, 31	Coos Bay Astoria*	8, 9, 10 21, 23, 24	The Dalles Bend	5, 6, 7 8, 9, 10 21, 23, 24 22, 23, 24	Roseburg* Roseburg Medford Klamath Falls	15, 16, 17 22, 23, 24 29, 30, 31	Pendleton Ontario LaGrande
APRIL	26, 27, 28	Newport			18, 20, 21	Medford	19, 20, 21 26, 27, 28	Baker City Ontario
MAY	3, 4, 5 17, 18, 19	Coos Bay Tillamook	6, 16, 19 7, 18, 19	Bend The Dalles	7, 8, 9 10, 11, 12 16, 18, 19 31, 5/1, 6/2	Roseburg* Roseburg Medford Klamath Falls	10, 11, 12 31, 6/1, 6/2	Pendleton LaGrande
JUNE	21, 22, 23 25, 26, 27 28, 29, 30	Astoria Coos Bay* Coos Bay	21, 22, 23 27, 29, 30	The Dalles Bend	20, 22, 23	Medford	28, 29, 30	Ontario
JULY	26, 27, 28 **	Tillamook Brookings	9, 20, 21 23, 24, 25 25, 27, 28	The Dalles The Dalles* Bend	9, 10, 11 12, 13, 14 18, 20, 21 19, 20, 21	Roseburg* Roseburg Medford Klamath Falls	9, 10, 11 12, 13, 14 **	Pendleton* Baker City Burns
AUGUST	2, 3, 4 16, 17, 18	Newport Astoria	6, 7, 8 23, 24, 25	Bend* The Dalles	15, 17, 18	Medford	9, 10, 11	LaGrande
SEPTEMBER	6, 7, 8 20, 21, 22 27, 28, 29	Coos Bay Tillamook Newport	5, 7, 8	Bend	12, 14, 15 13, 14, 15	Medford Roseburg	13, 14, 15 17, 18, 19 20, 21, 22	Ontario Baker City* Pendleton
OCTOBER	18, 19, 20	Astoria	25, 26, 27	The Dalles	4, 5, 6 24, 25, 27	Klamath Falls Medford	11, 12, 13	LaGrande
NOVEMBER	8, 9, 10	Coos Bay	7, 9, 10	Bend	15, 16, 17	Roseburg	8, 9, 10 15, 16, 17	Pendleton Ontario
DECEMBER					6, 7, 8	Medford		

* Mid-week Courses ** Training scheduled by demand (Brookings and Burns only).

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	CENTRAL OREGON		SOUTHERN OREGON	
APRIL			27	Medford
MAY	11	Bend		
JUNE			8	Medford
AUGUST			3	Medford
SEPTEMBER	29	Bend		

MRC MEETING TIMES

All classes use Group A schedule. Group B is used if Group A is filled.

	Group A	Group B
Day 1	6:00pm - 9:00pm	6:00pm - 9:00pm
Day 2	7:30am - 3:30pm	11:30am - 6:00pm
Day 3	7:30am - 3:30pm	8:30am - 3:30pm

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May 11, 1996*

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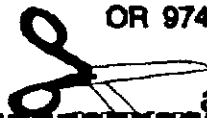
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MOTORCYCLE SWAPMEET & BIKE SHOW

1996

SUNDAY
APRIL

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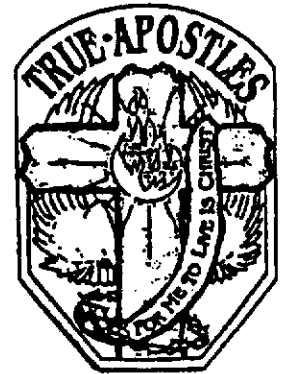
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. BYLAWS

By-laws as established 8/26/75, ratified 1/13/77.

Amended 1/13/78, ratified 5/9/78.

Amended 10/93, ratified 11/1/93.

Amended 11/95, ratified 1/13/96

Bylaws effective

1. There is only one qualification for membership, that being the payment of dues established by the State Board of Directors. No group or class is required to join. No group or class is denied membership.
2. The election of State Officers of the State Board of Directors shall be held at the last meeting of each year by the voting membership of the State Board of Directors. The number of State Officers of the State Board of Directors shall be at least, but not limited to, five. Vacancies of State Officer positions may be filled by appointment by the State Coordinator, pending ratification at the next state board meeting by the State Board of Directors.
3. The State Executive Board shall be comprised of the following State Officers:
 - A.Coordinator
 - B.Vice-Coordinator North
 - C.Vice-Coordinator South
 - D.Vice-Coordinator East
 - E.Treasurer
 - F.Membership Secretary
 - G.Recording Secretary
4. The State Executive Board, by simple majority, has the authority to:
 - A.Issue statements on the behalf of the organization
 - B.Expend funds
 - C.Take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization.
5. All members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. shall join and work together for:
 - A.Education programs to assist all motorcyclists, especially the young and/or novice rider, to reduce accidents.
 - B.Public awareness programs promoting motorcycling
 - C.Fair motorcycle legislation
6. All funds obtained from membership fees, donations, and organizational benefits shall be used for:
 - A.Rider and non-rider education
 - B.Distribution of information
 - C.Legislative action
 - D.General costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any member or officer with the exception of reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to A.B.A.T.E. activities authorized by the State Board of Directors and/or State Executive Board.
7. The Rules of Operation for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. shall be used as the basis for day to day operations.

State Coordinator _____

State Vice-Coordinator North _____

State Vice-Coordinator South _____

State Vice-Coordinator East _____

State Treasurer _____

Membership Secretary _____

Recording Secretary _____

Bylaws effective _____ as approved

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Rules of Operation 1/13/96

NAME: This organization, hereinafter referred to as ABATE, is legally known as A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. which stands for A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS.

2. **JURISDICTION:** ABATE shall:
 - A. Have jurisdiction of all members, chapters and use of name and logo within the state of Oregon.
 - B. Maintain equitable relations between all its members and chapters.
 - C. Assure the democratic right to assemble, voice opinions and take action on matters of mutual interest to motorcyclists.
3. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**
 - A. **MEMBERSHIP**
 1. Applications:
 - a. Membership in ABATE shall be obtained and maintained through application to ABATE.
 - b. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by dues established by the State Board of Directors and submitted to the State Membership Secretary.
 - c. Memberships are non-assessable, non-transferable, non-assignable and non-refundable.
 - d. Each member will decide which chapter they want to belong to, or may to decide to be a Member-At-Large(Indian Creek).
 - e. ABATE membership records will remain confidential, and will be used ONLY for ABATE purposes.
 2. Termination: Membership in ABATE will be terminated upon death, written request from the member, non-payment of dues, theft of ABATE assets, or by decision of the Board of Directors.
 3. Duties of Members- It shall be the DUTY of each member of ABATE to:
 - a. Abide by the BYLAWS.
 - b. Conduct themselves in a creditable manner with regards to the organization.
 - c. Bring to the attention of the State Board of Directors' presiding officer any activity that is not in the best interest of ABATE.
 - B. **ABATE CHAPTERS**
 1. To receive a Charter as a Chapter in ABATE a group must:
 - a. Have Ten paid-up members.
 - b. Elect from those paid-up members a Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and one State Representative.
 - c. Make application to the State Board of Directors for a charter.
 2. To remain as a Chapter in ABATE the Chapter must:
 - a. Abide by the ABATE Financial Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - b. Send copies of Chapter minutes to the State Coordinator within seven (7) days of the Chapter meeting.
 - c. Insure participation of Chapter State Representatives at State Board of Directors' meetings, unless excused by State Coordinator.
 - d. Submit a monthly Chapter report to the State Newsletter by the 10th of each month.

Any chapter in noncompliance with part 2(a, b or c) of the above four requirements will have voting privileges at State Board of Directors' meetings suspended until brought into full compliance. Chapter in noncompliance of 2 (d) for second month in succession will have voting privileges suspended until brought into full compliance.
 - C. **ABATE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The State Board of Directors will be the governing body of ABATE and will meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.
 - 1) The State Board of Directors will be composed of one State Representative from each chapter, who will constitute the voting membership of the State Board of Directors.
 - 2) A minimum of one-third of the chapters of ABATE must be present and eligible to vote to constitute a quorum.
 - 3) The State Board of Directors will use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline to conduct meetings.
 - 4) The fiscal year of ABATE will be January 1 through December 31.
 - 5) Motions brought before the State Board of Directors which will directly affect the general membership will be referred to the chapters for discussion and voted on at the next State Board of Directors meeting, unless a delay in voting will cause a disruption in the transaction of business by the organization.
4. **RULES OF OPERATION:**
 - A. The original Rules of Operation became effective July 1, 1980.
 - B. The Rules of Operation have been amended in 4/1983, 4/1984, 4/1986, 6/1989, 11/1993, 1/1995, 1/1996.
 - C. All changes to the Rules of Operations and the Bylaws must appear in the State Newsletter before being voted on by the State Board of Directors.

1996 Run Calendar

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION/Contact
April 12,13,14	BEST OF THE WEST	Wash/Oregon ABATE/MRF Rotten Roger 503-285-4329 Combined Organizations Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
May 4	May Awareness Rally	
May 11	Rose City 500	
May 17-19	Rhody Run/Florence	Bob Avery 541-998-1309
May 18	Poker Run To Rhody	Willamette Valley Chapter Bob Avery 541-998-1309
May 18,19	TeePee Run	Mt. Scott M/C 503-761-6198
May 24,25,26&27	FOSSIL Campout	Oregon ABATE Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
June 1,2	Western States 1000	
June 2	Mountain Valley Run	GWRRA Chapter A
June 7	Redwood Run(California)	
June 13,14	Spring Opemer	ABATE of Washington
June 22,23	RUN TO THE SUN	Columbia River ABATE Angie 503-285-4329
June 22	Poker Run	Harley Riders
June 28,29	Iron Horse Rodeo(Lake Selmac)	
July 14	Poker Run	Salem HOG Charlie Ray 503-648-6760
July 18,19,20	Western Regional HOG Rally (Denver)	
July 21	Poker Run	Rose City HOG Bill 503-666-3761
July 26,27,28	SUMMER RUN	Portland ABATE Chapters Randy Phipps 503-284-1486
August 2,3,4	FOX CREEK	Salem ABATE Jim Russell 503-743-2047
August 3	Mystery Ride	Trinity Road Riders
August 10,11	BEAVER CREEK RUN	Lincoln County ABATE Vicki Lechner 541-563-3520
August 16,17,18	Oregon State HOG Rally	HOG
August 30,31-Sept. 1,2	LABOR DAY RUN	ABATE of OREGON Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
September 7,8	All Harley Drags	Woodburn
September 14	Poker Run	Sunset HOG Amie 503-640-4457
September 20,21,22	END OF SUMMER RUN	Washington County ABATE Robin Maslin 503-648-1379
September 28	Family Picnic	Wild Bill 503-640-5461 Portland ABATE Chapters Debbie May 503-654-4386
October 19	White Cane Poker Run	Vancouver Black Cats
October 26	Shriners Toy Run Benefit	Portland Chapters ABATE Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
November 3	District 28 meeting	AMA
November 16	TOY RUN	Washington County ABATE Robin Maslin 503-648-1379
December 7	SHRINER'S TOY RUN	Portland Chapters ABATE Sarge 503-639-0873

These are the dates given to me as far as Rotten Roger, ABATE State Run Coordinator had them. Please read and note any changes, additions or corrections to be made. If there is a date that is not listed, please inform me(Gordon503-253-7343) and I will make the changes. Remember that the deadline for changes or submissions is the 10th of each month prior to publication. I do need, as you can tell, more contact people for all the above events. Please don't be shy, if there is something going on that you want to tell the state about, let me know in enough time and I will print it.

Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program
Portland Community College, Sylvania ☒ Basic Motorcycle Ride Course(MRC)
Schedule 1996

"Confirmed"

Revised Wed. Dec. 6, 1995

<u>CRN#</u>	<u>Month/Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Seatload</u>
16347	March/Fri	1,2,3	MRC-4	22
16348	Fri	8,9,10	MRC-5	22
Spring Term Registration Begins Feb.26th				
20001	March/Thurs	21,23,24,28,30,31	MRC-6	34
20002	Fri	22,23,23,29,30,31	MRC-7	34
<u>Pacific Daylight Savings Time Starts April 6, 1996</u>				
20003	April/Thurs	11,13,14,18,20,21	MRC-8	34
20004	Fri	12,13,14,19,20,21	MRC-9	34
20005***	Thurs	26,27,28,5/3,4,5	MRC-10	34
20006***	Fri	26,27,28,5/3,4,5	MRC-11	34
20007***	May/Thurs	9,11,12,16,18,19	MRC-12	34
For Women Only(WO){Taught by women}**				
20008	Fri	10,11,12,17,18,19	MRC-13	34
20009	Wed	29,6/1,2,25,8,9	MRC-14	32
20010	Thurs	30,6/1,2,6,8,9	MRC-15	32
20011	Fri	31,6/1,2,7,8,9	MRC-16	24
20012	June/Wed	12,15,16,19,22,23	MRC-17	32
20013	Thurs	13,15,16,20,22,23	MRC-18	32
20014	Fri	14,15,16,21,22,23	MRC-19	24
Summer Term Registration Begins May 19th				
30001	July/Wed	10,13,14,17,20,21	MRC-20	32
30002	Thurs	11,13,14,18,20,21	MRC-21	32
30003	Fri	12,13,14,19,20,21	MRC-22	24
30004	Wed	24,27,28,31,8/3,4	MRC-23	32
30005	Thurs	25,27,28,8/1,3,4	MRC-24	32
30006	Fri	26,27,28,8/2,3,4	MRC-25	24
30007	Wed	7,10,11,14,17,18	MRC-26	32
30008	Thurs	8,10,11,15,17,18	MRC-27	32
30009	Fri	9,10,11,16,17,18	MRC-28	24
30010	Sept/Thurs***(WO)***	5,7,8,12,14,145	MRC-29	34 Women Only
Fall Term Registration Begins Aug 20th				
40001	Sept/Thurs	19,21,22,26,28,29	MRC-30	34
40002	Oct/Thurs	3,5,6,10,12,13	MRC-31	34
40003	Thurs	17,19,20,24,26,27	MRC-32	34
<u>Pacific Daylight Savings Time Ends October 27</u>				
40004	Nov/Fri	1,2,3,	MRC-33	22
40005	Fri	8,9,10	MRC-34	22
40006	Dec/Fri	6,7,8	MRC-35	22

How To Register

- 1.-Advance Registration is required. Registration and payment must be received at least five working days prior to the beginning of any course. Beginning registration date: Spring 2/26; Summer 5/20 and Fall 8/20
- 2.-If you have not taken a class at PCC in 1995, you will first need to call (503)977-4933 to create a master student file.
- 3.-After you have done step #2(or you took a PCC class in 1995), call Touchtone Registration at 977-5000, 6am to 11pm Mon-Thurs, or 6am to 6pm Fri & Sat. You will need the following information: SS#, (first six digits of youSS#), and the CRN#.
- 4.- The college will send you a confirmation and an invoice the day aftrre you register. You may pay by check or credit card.
- 5.-You may also go to any campus business in person.
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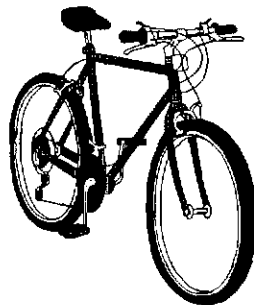


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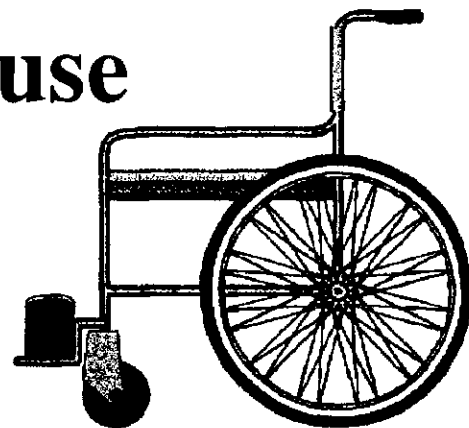
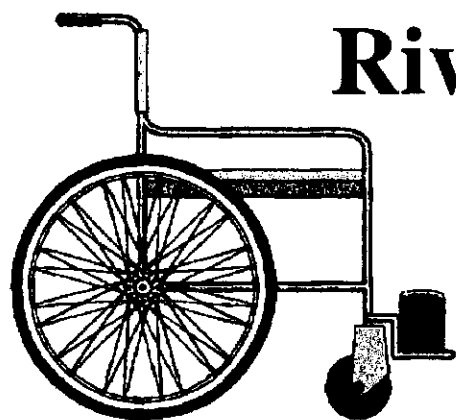
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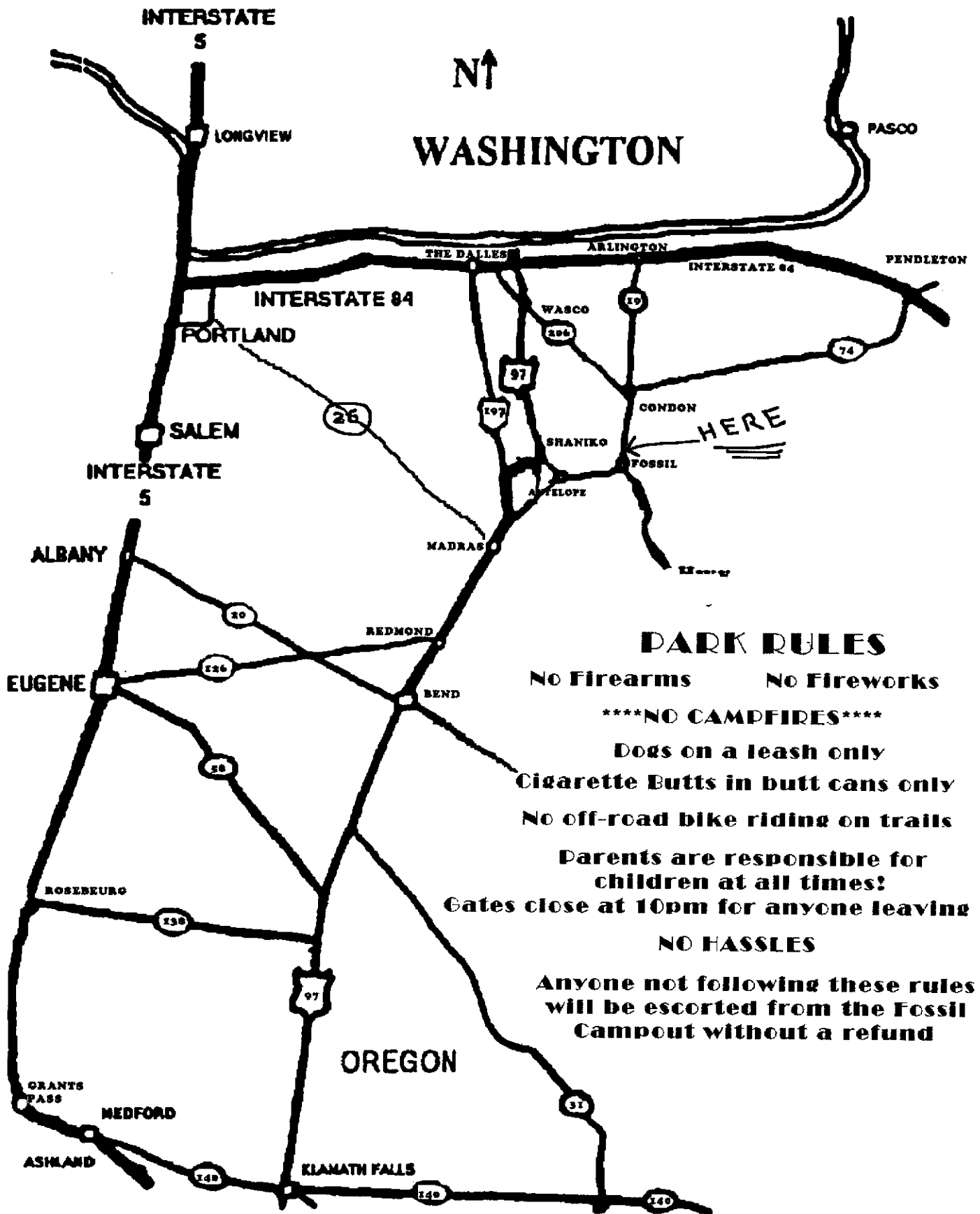
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THOMPSON (at the request of BikePAC of Oregon)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Requires retail and wholesale vendors of protective headgear for motorcyclists to offer for sale only those helmets approved by Department of Transportation. Creates offense of selling unapproved headgear. Punishes violation by maximum of \$_____ fine.] Defines "motorcycle helmet" for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Changes "protective headgear" to "motorcycle helmet" for purposes of code. Punishes by maximum \$95 fine violations of provisions relating to failure to wear helmet.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to protective headgear; creating new provisions; amending ORS 814.260, 814.269, 814.275,
3 814.280 and 814.290; and repealing ORS 815.050.

4 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of this Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 801.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Motorcycle helmet" means a protective covering for the head consisting
7 of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap type
8 retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards es-
9 tablished by the United States Department of Transportation.

10 **SECTION 3.** ORS 814.260 is amended to read:

11 814.260. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a moped rider to wear [*protective*
12 *headgear*] a motorcycle helmet if the person:

13 (a) Operates or rides on a moped; and

14 (b) Is not wearing a [*protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.050*] motorcycle
15 helmet.

16 (2) Exemptions from this section are established under ORS 814.290.

17 (3) This section does not permit passengers on mopeds in violation of ORS 814.330 or 814.340.

18 (4) The offense described in this section, failure of a moped rider to wear [*protective headgear*]
19 a motorcycle helmet, is a Class [C] D traffic infraction.

20 **SECTION 4.** ORS 814.269 is amended to read:

21 814.269. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a motorcycle operator to wear [*protective*
22 *headgear*] a motorcycle helmet if the person operates a motorcycle and is not wearing [*protective*
23 *headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.050*] a motorcycle helmet.

24 (2) Exemptions from this section are established in ORS 814.290.

25 (3) The offense described in this section, failure of a motorcycle operator to wear [*protective*

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.

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1 *headgear*] a motorcycle helmet, is a Class [C] D traffic infraction.

2 **SECTION 5.** ORS 814.275 is amended to read:

3 814.275. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a motorcycle passenger to wear [*protective*
4 *headgear*] a motorcycle helmet if the person rides as a passenger on a motorcycle and is not
5 wearing [*protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.050*] a motorcycle helmet.

6 (2) Exemptions from this section are established in ORS 814.290.

7 (3) The offense described in this section, failure of a motorcycle passenger to wear [*protective*
8 *headgear*] a motorcycle helmet, is a Class [C] D traffic infraction.

9 **SECTION 6.** ORS 814.280 is amended to read:

10 814.280. (1) A person commits the offense of endangering a motorcycle passenger if the person
11 is operating a motorcycle and the person carries another person on the motorcycle who is not
12 wearing a [*protective headgear of a type approved under ORS 815.050*] motorcycle helmet.

13 (2) Exemptions from this section are established under ORS 814.290.

14 (3) The offense described in this section, endangering a motorcycle passenger, is a Class [C] D
15 traffic infraction.

16 **SECTION 7.** ORS 814.290 is amended to read:

17 814.290. This section establishes exemptions from the requirements and penalties relating to the
18 use of [*protective headgear*] motorcycle helmets under ORS 814.260 to 814.280. A person is not in
19 violation of ORS 814.260, 814.269, 814.275 or 814.280 if the person is any of the following:

20 (1) Within an enclosed cab.

21 (2) Operating or riding a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with the ground
22 at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour.

23 **SECTION 8.** ORS 815.050 is repealed.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 15, 1996

Contact: Wayne Curtin
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CONGRESS SET TO ACT ON HEALTH CARE INSURANCE REFORM Bills Include Nondiscrimination Language -- Protects Motorcyclists

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 15, 1996...Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have revived efforts to move legislation dealing with health care insurance discrimination. The House is expected to take floor action in late March and the Senate is scheduled to begin floor debate on the "Health Insurance Reform Act" (S.1028) in mid-April.

S.1028, also known as the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill, has broad bipartisan support with 53 sponsors, 31 Republicans and 22 Democrats. On August 2, 1995, the bill passed out of the Labor and Human Resources Committee on a unanimous vote. However, several senators had stalled floor action for months by placing "holds" on the bill. Shortly before the Senate recess in February a unanimous consent request was agreed to that ensures S.1028 will be taken up between April 15 and May 3. At this time S.1028 is tentatively scheduled to be taken up on April 18.

The Kassebaum-Kennedy legislation is more limited in scope than the legislation moving in the House. The stated purpose of S.1028 is: "To provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, and for other purposes." Section 101 of S.1028, titled Guaranteed Availability Of Health Coverage, includes a nondiscrimination provision that would prohibit denial of health care insurance based on: "health status, medical condition, claims experience, receipt of health care, medical history, evidence of insurability, or disability." Committee staff have assured the MRF and American Motorcyclist Association that this language would prohibit discrimination against motorcyclists in health care insurance. S.1028 deals with group health care, HMO, individual health care plans and self-insured company and union health care plans.

In the House there is a broader approach and six different bills. The House package of bills address the same issues as S.1028, though some different methods are used; it will also include tax code revisions to establishing medical savings accounts and increases the tax deduction for the self-employed who purchase health insurance; malpractice reform; and allows for small employers to "pool together" to get better rates.

>>>>>>MORE>>>>>>

H.R. 3063 and H.R. 3070 are two complementary bills that were introduced on March 12, 1996. These two bills address the group, HMO and individual health care insurance market. These two bills have nondiscrimination language very similar to the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill, which we believe also protects motorcyclists. Both bills are scheduled for full committee mark-up on Tuesday, March 19; H.R. 3063 in the Ways and Means Committee and H.R. 3070 in the Commerce Committee.

The third bill, H.R. 995 deals with health care benefits offered by self-insured companies and unions under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). On March 6, the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee passed H.R. 995 out on a vote of 24 ayes to 18 nays. Though H.R. 995 does have nondiscrimination language, that language is not as strong as S. 1028, H.R. 3063 and H.R. 3070 and may not protect motorcyclists.

The last three House bills in the health care insurance reform plan are H.R. 2925 the "Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act," H.R. 911 the "Volunteer Protection Act," and H.R. 2938 the "Charitable Medical Care Act." These three bills deal with antitrust and medical malpractice and liability reform and were passed out of the Judiciary Committee on March 12.

All six House bills will move to the House floor for action during the last two weeks of March. Some of them may be combined in Rules Committee or on the floor. Once the House passes these bills and the Senate acts on S. 1028 a conference committee will be called to craft a final health care insurance reform bill to send to President Clinton.

The next few weeks hold tremendous possibilities for motorcyclists to address the greatest current threat to motorcycling: denial or loss of health care insurance for motorcyclists. For more information on how to help with this legislation contact the MRF office at 202-546-0983.

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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 sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS. Voice. 202-546-0983, Fax: 202-546-0986, E-Mail: W T Curtin@aol.com, WWW Home Page: <http://www.xmission.com/~mrf>

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MRF NEWS BRIEFS

MRF wins national excellence in government relations award for helmet law repeal efforts. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been selected as a winner of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Government Relations Section *Awards of Excellence Competition*. The MRF won the award in the Single Issue/Campaign Federal Legislative Division for its leadership in the retroactive repeal of the federal Section 153 penalties on States without helmet laws. Annually, the ASAE's Government Relations Section solicits nominations of association legislative actions for peer review recognition of "outstanding accomplishments in government relations by associations." The nominations are judged by a panel of association government relations professionals who select winners in four *Excellence in Government Relations* categories: Overall Program, Single Issue Campaign, Single Program and Political Action/Education. The award trophy will be presented to the MRF at ASAE's 15th Annual Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., at the Opening Luncheon on June 4th. MRF's entry will be on display during the two day national meeting of government relation professionals. The MRF's entry will then become a resource in the ASAE's Information Central library at ASAE's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The ASAE has 10,500 associations and 23,427 association professionals as members.

NHTSA publishes brochure on results of expanded helmet testing done in 1994. On March 7, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a new brochure titled: *Does Your Helmet Pass The Test: A Safety Guide - U.S. Department of Transportation*. This brochure is an overview of helmet testing that is done by NHTSA under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218. In 1994, for the first time ever, NHTSA made an attempt to test every motorcycle helmet available on the market in a given year. This brochure (enclosed in this mailing) includes the results of those tests. NHTSA continued this market wide testing in 1995 and NHTSA sources have told MRF that another market wide test is being done in 1996. Additional copies of this brochure can be obtained by calling NHTSA at 202-366-1770 and asking for Joey Syner.

MRF supports State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations efforts to modify mandatory helmet laws. At the request of ABATE of Maryland, on February 20, MRF legislative assistant Carol Simpson testified in Annapolis before the Maryland House of Delegate's Committee on Commerce and Government Matters in support of ABATE's effort to change Maryland's helmet law to apply to only those under 18 years of age. On March 4, Ms. Simpson was in Louisville, Kentucky to testify before the Kentucky Senate's Transportation Committee in support of KMA/KBA's effort to modify Kentucky's helmet law to apply to only those under 21. Since the first of the year the MRF has also provided information and support to SMROs with bills introduced to modify helmet laws in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia.

Heartland STEAM Conference to be held in Fargo, N.D., May 4 & 5. The MRF's seventh annual midwestern conference will be held at the Holiday Inn at 3803 13th Ave South in Fargo, N.D. For more information call: 701-223-5609 or 202-546-0983; Hotel Reservations: 701-282-2700.

March 18, 1996

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or 224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg, 720 S.W. Washington, Portland, OR 97205, ATTN: Gunny Hutch.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? YES / NO

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: ____ / ____ / ____ TIME STOPPED: ____ : ____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____
OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance: ____ / ____ / ____ TIME: ____ : ____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

You should ***IMMEDIATLEY*** obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? YES / NO

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? YES / NO If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? YES / NO

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO : When is court Date? _____

YES : How did you plead? _____

If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? _____

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT : STATE , \$ _____ COUNTY, \$ _____

CITY, \$ _____ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

REVISED : 12/06/94

Letter From A Member

Hi! It's Christine from District 15. I met Jack Kingston at a town meeting, I will tell you of my experience in a story.

Well, it was sometime in late October or early November that I received another envelope from Jack Kingston. I opened it with the idea that it was one more response letter from my letters we write during our legislative report during our meetings. Every meeting.

I read the letter and it was in invitation to a town meeting, November 21, 7:30a.m. at the Ritz theater in Brunswick. I decided I was game. Gung-ho! for ABATE and all the other motorcyclists in Georgia.

Yes! I was going to be one of those who made that extra effort and went that extra mile. Reading one of the articles we received during our meetings that stated that a personal visit represents 1000 people-WOW! I could do that for us. I was also thinking that the next time I saw Teri Wooden, I could tell her the good news.

At our next District meeting, during our legislative report I read the invitation and asked if anyone would like to go along with me -- Silence. On that note, Wanda noted that not all of the response letters were form letters and that I have received a few non-form letters from different Representatives.

November 21st comes. Now I work until 11p.m. so being somewhere 1/2 hour away at 7:30a.m. was tough! But I made it a few minutes late and no one noticed, as I was not the only one.

I walked in, signed the attendance sheet and proceeded into the theater. I walked 2/3 of the way down and sat four seats in, middle row. Most of the people there were 20 to 40 years my senior, I'm 27. There he was, Jack Kingston, just like you see him on C-Span, but he was live at the podium.

I sat and listened, the topics were the budget, wars, illegal aliens, Hooters, medicare, the space shuttle and college scholarships, but not helmet laws, of course.

Jack Kingston mentioned the session was coming to a close soon, but I wanted to ask him if he supported HB-227. Now the pressure was on. I was very nervous. You see I am speechless in a crowd, even at the first State Board Meeting, when I forgot my position as Activities Director. You know, major stage fright, except at my District meeting, thank God.

At this time, Jack was looking in the other direction taking questions and coming to a close. I sat on the edge of my seat and raised my hand, heart beating out of my rib cage. The man in back of me said "just stand up girl, he ain't gonna see you". So I did, mortified.

Jack was closing the session, not looking in my direction. The man in back of me said, "hey, you have one more question!" and got his attention. Jack looked at me and my mind is racing at 100 miles per hour. All I can sputter is "Hi, my name is Christine DeFranco, I'm Activities Director of ABATE of Georgia District 15. Do you

support HB-227?" He looked puzzled and asked "What is that?"

I said "It's the Helmet Law Modification Bill and I'd like to give you a copy of our publication". He said "I'd like that". So I quickly made my way down to the podium and handed him our newsletter, in which I stuck a copy of our District Toy Run flyer with a note on the back telling him that although his response letter was not in this issue, that it was in other issues, and wrote my voter registration number with my signature and address.

As I handed him the newsletter he said, "that's good". I quickly made my way back to my seat and I could not wait to get there.

Jack adjourned the meeting. The next step was to meet him. I went to the podium again to talk to him and to thank him, but had to wait in line. By the time I was next in line he had to go with his newscaster. So I talked with his Assistant, asking her to please make sure he read the newsletter, it's very important to me. She said "OK, I'll make sure he gets to look at it", while she pulled it from the pile of other papers and placed it on top of the pile. I went straight to the lobby to talk to him when he got off the air. I finally got to speak with him. He walked up to me, I smiled and shook his hand (his very soft hand), and apologized, explaining that I'm not very good with crowds, and asked him to read the publication.

He said he thought that HB-227 had been voted on in the Senate. I told him I was under the impression that it was going to be voted on in 1996, but I did inquire "did it pass?"

I asked "Are you familiar with Teri Wooden? She's a girl with long blond hair" gesturing with my left hand on the back of my thigh. He said she sounds familiar. I explained "She's our lobbyist." He responded "Then I wouldn't know her."

I then pointed out that his response letters were in other issues but not this one. I thanked him for inviting me to the meeting and asked him to invite me again. "Sure, thank you" he said, "keep in touch with me and I'll get back to you on that. Is your address in the publication?"

"Yes it is" I responded, "thank you very much, it was very nice to meet you!"

I walked out of the Ritz Theater hoping I had done justice for "my people!" I was happy that I did what I had set out to do that day and Whew, it was over.

I went home to my parents and told them of my adventure, then went back to Brunswick, begging for door prizes for our 8th Annual Toy Run, at local businesses.

Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Love, Peace, Determination and Teamwork -- ABATE!

I hope this humorous story will brighten your day and give others the idea to do a little extra and be an active member.

Love always,

Christine DeFranco
District 15 Activities Director

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Article I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless in a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall he compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

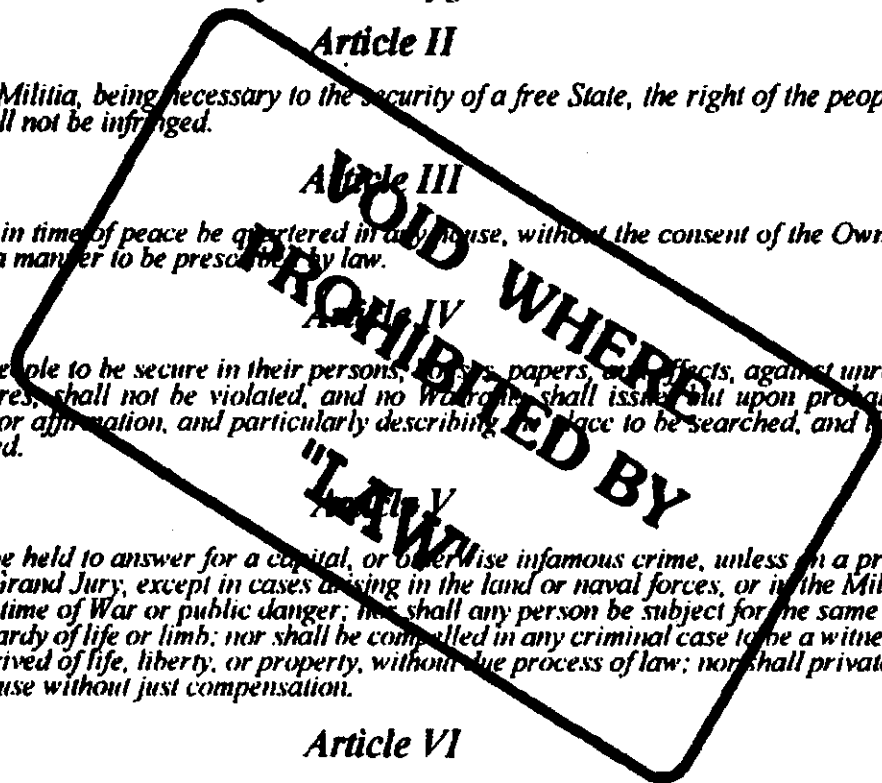
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



9 SIMPLE WAYS TO IMPACT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1. BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER

In this age of computers legislators will simply input your name on their computer after receiving correspondence. If you're not registered to vote your letter means very little to that legislator. More often than not it ends up in the circular file. Every association should offer its membership voter registration information before each state and/or federal election. ie; why to vote, how to register, and where to vote, or a telephone number your members can call to receive voting information.

2. KNOW WHAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN AND WHO YOUR LEGISLATORS ARE

Associations should provide each member with House, Senate, and Congressional district numbers on membership cards. Associations should also provide members with an annual Legislative Index that includes; names all state legislators, the district they represent, and their addresses and telephone numbers. Members can look on their membership card to determine the district they live in, and refer to the Legislative Index to locate the name of their legislator and how to contact him. The easier you make it for your member to be involved, the more likely they will write or call when the need arises.

3. KNOW THE BILL NUMBER, AUTHOR OF THE BILL, AND THE ISSUE

Each association should recap all bills introduced into their simplest form. People don't want to hear, "SF-222 changes Minnesota statute 1990 section 169.85 subdivision 6 relating to motorcycles and was referred to the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on environmental sub-codes 4 through 77...blah, blah, blah"

Members want to know the bottom line. They should hear, "SF-222 is a mandatory helmet bill that will be heard in two weeks." The more information you barrage your members with, the more likely the important information will get lost in all the really impressive but totally worthless 'mambo-jumbo' you provided them. You don't need to impress members with everything you have ever heard on the subject. It's a waste of paper and a waste of your members time. Give them the meat and throw away the bun.

4. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR A LETTER

A. Be specific and brief. Include the bill number you're writing about, how you want the legislator to vote, your position, and some data to substantiate it, or at least the reason you've taken the position you have. Ask for a written reply stating their position, and/or how they intend to vote.

B. Don't threaten or intimidate. Don't say you'll have them voted out of office, unless you have the money and clout to follow through. The legislator may be undecided on the issue and a rude, threatening or intimidating letter may send them to the other corner. The legislator could also be on your side, and a negative letter could *change* his position.

5. PHONE CALLS

Use the telephone only for last minute impact. If a bill is scheduled for an immediate hearing and there isn't time to write a letter, by all means call. If you want to phone instead of writing because it's quicker and requires less effort, DON'T! A call does not carry the same impact as a letter in hand. If you phone your legislator, he may be on the way to a meeting, have his mind on the lobbyist standing outside his door, be in the middle of a project, or maybe just having a bad day. Any of these possible distractions could interfere with him giving you and your issue his undivided attention. On the other hand, if you write a letter, he reads it when he can give it his full attention and will then respond in writing, thereby giving you his position documented on paper. (Always useful in the event a legislator makes a commitment and perhaps changes his mind and doesn't want to follow through.)

6. HANDWRITTEN VS. TYPED LETTERS

Every association should encourage members to write handwritten letters if possible, or they should type letters on plain white paper. (Personalized stationery is fine, too.) Legislators tend to believe that if you take the time to sit down and write them a personal letter, you are also likely to be one who takes the time to go to the polls on election day and possibly vote against them. A handwritten letter from a concerned constituent often carries MORE weight than a professionally typed letter on your company letterhead.

7. PETITIONS AND FORM LETTERS

Associations should remind members that petitions and form letters rarely make a difference. Many times they end up the same place as a letter from someone who isn't registered to vote. Almost everyone has been asked to sign a petition of some sort. Most people will admit to signing a petition without even knowing the issue was, or caring about the petition they signed. They simply sign because someone asked them to. This fact does not go unrealized or unnoticed by the legislator receiving the petition. Petitions are for those too lazy to take time to speak their own mind. An issue that truly concerns you and/or affects your life should be given more time than it takes to scribble your name.

8. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WRITE

Talk to your friends, neighbor, family, and coworkers about issues besides your own. Talk to them about their position on property taxes, education, the environment, health care, and crime. That way when they see you coming, they won't think to themselves, "Oh no, here comes the helmet guy again." Ask them to write letters supporting your issue and offer to reciprocate on an issue they feel strongly about. Remind them, "the ox that gores me today may be the one that gores you tomorrow." Scratch their back, and they'll scratch yours. There's strength in numbers and numbers ultimately mean power.

9. FOLLOW-UP

This is the area which most associations and individuals need the most work. Write your legislator both before AND after an issue has been heard. Thank them for listening to your concerns, even if he voted in opposition of your viewpoint. This keeps the door open in the event another issue comes up in the future that requires you to deal with that same legislator.

Get involved with your legislator when the legislative session is in recess. Most people think a legislator only listens to your concerns when he wants your vote at election time. The reverse is true from the legislators viewpoint as well. Don't contact him only when you want his vote on one particular issue. There's a variety of ways which you can get involved during the off-season, like inviting your legislator to a neighborhood get-together, inviting him to ride the back of your bike in a local parade, passing out campaign brochures, putting together or distributing yard signs, organizing a charity ride in his district for a local cause, etc.

Most legislators will gladly make an appearance in their district. They need to keep their name in the public eye, and need to remain actively visible in the community. Name recognition is politically important, so legislators are quite receptive to requests asking them to attend various functions. They want constituents to know they're out working hard for the people that voted them into office.

THE BOTTOM LINE...

If you and/or your membership want to get involved in the legislative process, you need to show them how to do it easily and simply. If the process is too difficult or burdensome for YOU, imagine how difficult will it be to convince your members to get involved.



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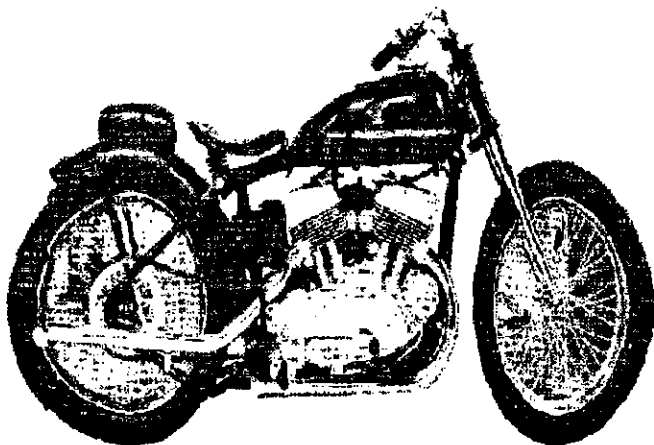
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
1st SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	7:00 pm, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 pm, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	GRANT COUNTY	11:00 am, Stull Residence, Call 541-575-0741 for directions
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Site varies call (541) 479-6838
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, Alibi 4024 N. Interstaste, Portland
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 pm, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 pm, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 pm, Call 503-861-0749 for directions to meeting site
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, Izzy's Pizza, 1307 N.E. 102nd, Portland
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 pm, Shake Rattle & Roll, Big-Y Center, Eugene