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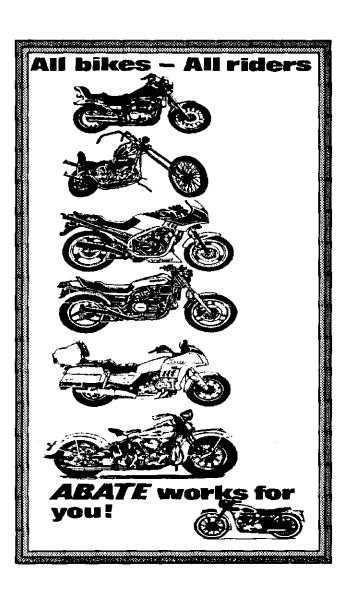
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1st & 3rd SUNDAY

2st SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY

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4th SUNDAYS

2nd &4th TUESDAY

1st &3nd WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd FRIDAY

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2:00 pm, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond

11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

1:00 pm, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande

11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

12:00 Noon,Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

12:30 pm, Alibi 4024 N. Interstaste, Portland

1:00 pm, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem

7:30 pm, Pizza Hut,3190 N.W. 185th, Portland

7:00 pm, Shilo Inn 1609 E. Harbor, Warrenton

7:30 pm, Papa's Pizza 162 and SE Stark St, Portland

7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

7:00 pm, Prime Time Sports Bar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield

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Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm

East Side Tavern Restaurant 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande Chapter Address: P.O. Box 31 Embler, Or. 97850 Chapter Contact: Robie Vandiver (541)-562-5987

Hello From Eastern Oregon,

I would like to thank the State Board of Directors of ABATE of Oregon for helping our chapter stay together as Blue Mountain Chapter, the only voice at this time for all of eastern Oregon.

The State Board of Directors has agreed to let us continue as a chapter at the present. First we need to fill some key officer positions to continue.

If you are a member of ABATE and you live in eastern Oregon, I invite you to the next business meeting of Blue Mt. Chapter. We will only continue to operate if the members show up at the meeting and participate. It is very important that we hear from you for us to carry on. We will be having the State Coordinator and a couple of other State Officers there to answer any questions you may have. Bring your ideas to the next meeting and let your voice be heard. The next meeting will be held at the Eastside Tavern and Cafe, in LaGrande; March 16th; at 1:00pm. Lets stick together and make a difference this time around. Lets be the leaders in eastern Oregon, not followers. Remember just because a few guys get together and have a social club or a ride group does not mean it is an ABATE function.

Lets make a decision to fight for our freedom and not fail. Our shot at freedom to choose will only happen if you exercise your rights. Attend Biker Days, and be at the next meeting. Please show your support. Please call 541-962-7486 if you need more info.

Mr. G.

Vice Coordinator/ State Rep.
Blue Mountain Chapter of ABATE of Oregon

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00pm KC's Pizza House, 1655 North Highway 97, Redmond Chapter address: P.O. Box 9188, Bend, Or. 97708 Chapter contact: Charley Riter (541)-383-1929

March is finally here with the hope of the Spring to come hopefully sooner than later!

With 3 inches of snow on the ground and still coming down I can only dream of the warm riding season to ahead. The New Year was rung in filling sand bags and watching the floods go by. I am truly ready for Spring. With the thought of new things to come, Central Oregon Chapter would like to remind all to attend as many Biker Days as possible. This is a great opportunity to meet one-on-one with the folks that "manage" our lives

Had the "pleasure" of being in Washington D.C. where the weather was warm with lots of bikes on the highways and byways. Stopped at a bike shop in Virginia Beach and the guys tending to the store asked if I was a member of H.O.G. I asked them if they knew about A.B.A.T.E. They had only heard it was a group for "radicals". Sounds as if we need to work on perceptions of who we are and what we are about?! I explained that the members of ABATE work together for education programs to assist all motorcyclist to reduce accidents, public awareness, and fair motorcycle legislation. I had to remind myself were I was. It's tough finding people that speak English in this part of our country!

On to who we are in Central Oregon. We are planning many upcoming events starting with the March 22 benefit dance at Coyote Creek in Sisters. We are hoping to raise the much needed money we must have to continue as a working group. We are planning another fund raiser in April and then on to Fossil in May. We are also planning monthly fund raisers for the 1997 Toy Run beginning in May and continuing on through the rest of the Summer months. (Continued on next page.)

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A newsletter will come to inform all active members of these events. We hope to encourage attendance to our monthly meetings and the events ah eat

See ya'll at the ABATE of Central Oregon benefit dance, March 22 at Coyote Creek, Sisters. Until then - here's praying for warm, sunny days and fightin' for fair legislation.

Bike Days: March 12, April 8, and May 19.

Rebecca

Columbia River

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30 pm Alibi 4024 N. Interstate, Portland Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211 Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)285-4329

Hi one more time from North Portland,

I am happy to announce the 1997 officers for Columbia River Chapter:

Coordinator Angie Jensen
Secretary Jeff Clark
Treasurer Linda Weeks
Membership Sec. Lana Little
Legislative Director Spike

State Rep. Ron Goodyear Historian Jan Kemp

Sgt. At Arms
Bob Earl, Rueben Cortez
Toy Run Committee
Gary Dashiell, Janet Stra

Education Director Open

Thank you to the members who have volunteered their time to hold an office. That's the kind of commitment needed to keep ABATE going. But officers are just tools for members to use get the work done. Everyone is important in this organization and it will take everyone to accomplish our goals for this year. Now more then ever we need to stand united and make our voice heard.

While we're giving out thank you's, a big thanks to all who worked at and attended the Sweet Heart Dance. Hope you had a great time.

We have had two Bike Days at the Capital now. The turn out has been good but we need to have a continual show of strength. If you haven't made one yet, or can make another one, there are two remaining Biker Days on Tuesday, April 8 and Monday, May 19th. Please attend.

Fossil will be here before you know it. The people of Fossil are always good to us. We can show them how much we appreciate being welcome in their town by supporting the EMT's through the leather jacket raffle. In the months between now and the Fossil Run be looking for the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. Also be sure to attend the Chapter and State events this year. Not only are the fun but they are the fund raisers that keep this organization going.

The Ice Breakers is March 22nd in Salem, Columbia River Chapter is considering putting together a poker run that would end up at the Ice Breaker. If your interested call Angie (503)285-4399, Ron (503)335-0403 or Jeff, in Vancouver, (360)694-6393.

There will be no meeting on March 9th due to DJ's; the next meeting will be on March 23rd.

Remember to stop by the ABATE booth at DJ's. Have a great year on the road.

Ride safe! 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
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Hello from Douglas county ABATE

There is much to report on but probably everyone has already said it: The first Biker Day (Jan 17th) was a huge success! We heard tell there were about 2-300 leathers roaming the capitol. Bikers even got "preferred parking" in front. How 'bout that?

They split in to two groups and after visiting both Houses, had lunch, and then visited personally with the reps/senators. We'd like to thank co-sponsors Markum and Fisher! Way to go! Several tried to see Jeff Knuse (our newest rep.) but he wasn't around. Next time we'll make an appt.

Douglas County is planning a chapter run in July - ~ Stump Lake. More on that later as things evolve. We have 4 Casino Nights planned: Feb. 15th ~ Idle Hr. Tavern; June 14th ~ Oakland Tavern; Sept. 20th ~ Round Table Pizza; and the last one at Red's on Nov. 15th. Hope to see everyone there.

We gained a couple of new members! Welcome! The next Biker Day is in Feb. - Don't miss it!

Til then, ride safe it's FROSTY out there!

**Charlie

Lincoln County Meets 1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30 pm Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport Chapter Address: P.O. Box 665, Newport, OR 97365 Chapter Contact: Vicki Lechner, (541)563-3520

Report turned in, but lost in the electronic jungle. I am sorry and will try to make amends. To all members, you have a meeting for an anniversary party in March at the same place as last year. Contact Miss Vicki for information, ya see the flyer got to me in a form I could not translate and I also could not get a hold of anyone.....SORRY GANG:).



North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm Shilo Inn, 1609 E. Harbor, Warrenton, Or. Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, Or 97138 Chapter Contact: Jeff Oletzke (503) 861-0749

Hello again fro the Coast. Here's the outcome of our elections for 1997:

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Ways & Means

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Kelley Oletzke

Low Alexander

Membership Secretary

Kelly Oletzke

Well, we've started our membership drive for 97 and at the last meeting we picked up nine new members. By the time you read this I hope to have signed up at least another ten. Our next meeting will be held at the Eagles in Astoria. Anyone who would like directions please feel free to call me.

Had some good riding weather lately. Hope to see you all at the next Biker Days.

Until next month, Ride Safe

Jeff Oletzke

N.E Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm-Papa's Pizza 162nd and Stark, Portland Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228 Chapter Contact: Randy Phipps (503)284-1486

I'd like to start this chapter report with belated Happy New Year wishes to all.

Our new chapter officers for this year are as follows:

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CROW

VICE COORDINATOR

RANDY ANNA DEBRAY

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT

LORI DEBRAY

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CAROLYN "MOTHER" MEERZO

Chapter meeting attendance has been a little grim, at best. There have been some new faces though. It would be great for some of you long-time members who haven't been around for a while to show up. We need your participation, especially during this important legislative session. Remember, Crow still has a standing obligation to dance on a table in a Tu-Tu if we get 50 members to a meeting!

Our new meeting place is at Papa's Pizza on 162nd and Stark. The time has changed back to 7:30. Still the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, be there!

The bikers days have been a great success. Were letting people at the capitol know we are an organized group who want our freedom of choice!! It is very important for everyone to attend the remaining Biker Days - IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

> See Ya, Jen

> > 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: Joe Heusinkveld (503)-581-6461

Begorra y'all,

Salem Chapter finally got it all into one bag, but we won't be leavin' it on anyone's doorstep 'ceptin' our own. Yep, time to settle in and listen up 'cause the first thing Rot Path is gonna lay on ya is our slate of new occifers fer 1997.

Coordinator -- Vern Miller (he volunteered for the job) Vice Coordinator -- Gary DeVore (He didn't, but he got it)

Legislative -- Daryle Orpillia (He done too good a job)

Historian -- Sandra Pereira (Keepin' track of all us relics)

Newsletter -- Rot Path (Yeah, ya gotta put up with it again)

Public Relations -- Bob Amrine (Mr. PR)

State Rep -- Sybil Hilterbrandt (Lives closets to J-City)

Quartermaster -- Rich Voggler (Our gear's at his place anyway)

Ways & Means -- Terry (That'll teach ya to skip meetings) Sgt. at Arms -- Cindy Gentzler (Ya gotta problem with that?)

Membership Secretary -- Patty Gentzler (You will join)

Secretary -- Rot Path (Must've been makin' a head call)

Treasurer -- Paula Hensinkveld (Ya want reimbursement for WHAT?)

By now a bunch of ya probably already attended STEAM and are takin' all that great info back to yer chapters. Isn't that a great event? Thanks to everyone who taught, attended, and helped with other duties, especially Paula, Joe, and Elaine who organized the chow.

Salem and Willamette Chapters are gettin' together to bring the first run of the '97 season to ya. Yep, Ice Breaker is coming at ya on 22 March 1997, a Saturday, at the same site as last year: Roaring River east of Albany. Gonna be lots of great activities, a great way ta shake them winter blues an' get out on the road again. (Dress warm, though.) Far as chow goes, bring yer own for a potluck dinner. Look fer the flyer and map elsewhere in this fine rag. (Yeah, it's legible this year, Larry.)

Ice Breaker points-of-contact --

Salem Chapter:

Bill (503) 585-4617 (after 6pm)

Cindy (503) 749-2372/9180625 (beeper)

Gary (503) 581-0006

Sybil (541) 924-1186 (after 6pm)

Willamette Valley Chapter:

Sid (541) 342-3303

Nan & Woody (541) 998-5133

There was 187 riders and supporters who showed up to January's Biker's Days at the Capitol. Ya know that's gotta make an impact on all them impressionable legislators. Let's keep those numbers as high or higher for the rest of the Biker's Days.

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An' even if ya can't make it over ta "Billville," there's lots ya can do on a local level. Scan the local newspapers an' read the Letters to the Editor. If ya see someone makin' disparagin' comments about our efforts, write a well-considered rebuttal. (Avoid gettin' into name-calling or emotionalism. Do like the ol' cop show: "Just the facts.")

But ya don't have to wait fer someone else to start things. Go on the offensive. Write to the editor yerself. Get everyone else in yer chapter to write too. An' write to yer reps, let 'em know how you feel. Do it in yer own words. They pay attention to people who take the time to write. (You can't believe how much weight handwritten individual letters carry at the capitol.)

Looks like things is startin' to get busy in March. Rot Path will be seein' ya at STEAM on the 1st, DJ's swap meet on the 9th at Hillsboro, an' Biker's Days at hte Capitol on the 12th.

Meanwhile, keep faith with yer fine self and others.

To mutilate an ol' Irish sayin':

"May the road rise to meet yer tires an' nothin' else."

-- 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: Bud Berliner 541-267-2523

Hello,

Well here on the South Coast we have had a few beautiful riding days, in between the rainy ones.

Thirteen members from our chapter attended the first "biker Day", January 17th, in Salem. We want to say thanks to our State Chapter for their wonderful tour and hospitality along with Capitol's staff. We hope everyone will be able to attend one of the upcoming "biker days", as it is an enriching experience. I'm even going to try to attend another one myself and take my son who is going in to the 7th grade next year. I thing it will be a great learning experience for him.

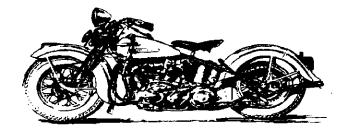
Our run committee has been diligently working on our Coos River Run #2, scheduled for June 27th, 28th & 29th. We are continuing our food drive on a monthly basis and we have started our aluminum can drive fund raiser.

We have two new members to welcome, John Guernsey and Mary Nearpass. Our Publicity Officer Tom Leah is busy passing out newsletters to all the ATV and motorcycle shops to promote new membership as our membership drive continues.

Congratulations to Rocky Spann for winning the 50/50 drawing, of the \$22.00 collected he gracelessly donated half back to the chapter. Thanks Rocky.

Several of us are planning to attend the STEAM seminar, and I hope to see you there as well.

Ride safe, Charlie Hill, Secretary



Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd Sunday, Noon Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031 Grants Pass, Or 97626 Chapter Contact: Jim Broman 541-479-6111 Tom Orsini 541-479-8635

Greetings from Southern Oregon:

It's been pretty busy around here for a normally slow month. Starting just after our first Biker Day, we began a letter writing and telephone contact campaign so we can keep the ball rolling with our legislators. We started our effort at our Chapter meeting by having each member write letters to their respective Representatives and Senators. The chapter then took care of seeing that they were mailed the next day. We've found that having the letters written at the meeting, so people can compare notes and refer to the sample letter we had prepared, worked very well. We have followed this up with telephone contact (voice mail) using the 1-800-numbers for the legislators to continually let them know we are here and interested in what is happening with our legislation.

On Feb 2nd, we had a number of members manning an A.B.A.T.E./ BikePAC information booth at a motorcycle swap meet at the Jackson County Expo. We spoke with quite a few people, both bikers and non-bikers alike, passing out newsletters and copies of the BikePAC information sheet on our legislation.

We managed to not only pick up two new members but have enlisted support for our cause from a number of non-riders, some of whom are very close to our State Senator Brady Adams, and they have agreed to speak to him on our behalf--every little bit helps!!!!

Well thal's all for now

Ride Safe Tom

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) 658-4227

Hello,

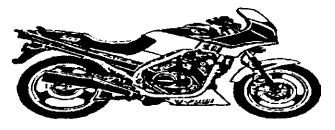
We've learned a lot about what's going on legislatively. Did you know Oregon has 60 thousand endorsed motorcyclists?

Biker Days has been a real success. We now have 34 legislators sponsoring us on the helmet amendment.

Like in 95, we are gaining the respect of the Reps. and Senators and we are gaining more sponsors. Legislators are concerned about how the state police are acting about the helmet law changes from "95".

Things are really going our way and they will continue to with the Biker Days each month. Its very important for you to make an effort to go. Take the day off of work if you can. I can't stress this enough, it's very important to write those letters to your Rep. and Senator. Get involved!!

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Our chapter has the most members, but only about 1/5 come to meeting. I know all of you get chapter calls, because I've made them before, and I know our membership secretary makes them every meeting because I've seen him. We have upped our membership drawing to a max. of \$50.00, and a winner is present every so often. Come to more meetings, you my leave with more money than you started with.

In my last report I forgot to mention STEAM and our chapters Anniversary Party, by the time you get their newsletter they will be over. It's not to late to remind you that D.J.'s will be having a swap meet March 9th.

The next Biker Days will be on March 12th. Fossil will be May 23th.- 26th. We have changed the date of Summer Run to Aug 15th.- 17th. Summer Run will be at a new location this year, near Jewel, it looks great.

It's time to start buying your compost, pete moss and some kind of top soil. When you plant your vegetable gardens don't plant the same vegetable in the same spot as last year, they won't grow very well if you don't change the spot. Draw an outline of where you plant things each year so you will know where not to plant them the following year.

ENJOY DEBBY

Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, Or 97113 Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503)640-5766 Bill the Bricklayer (503)640-9543 Wild Bill (503)640-5461

Hi Everyone!

The Washington County Chapter of ABATE is proud to present the 1997 version of the **POOL SHOOT**!!!, March 15th. The Cisco Loaiza Canned Food Drive will be represented and if you bring a case of canned goods, you get a commemorative patch! Sign in begins at 11 am, with the main event starting at noon. There will be other action for non-pool players, and kids are welcome at the Rogue Pub!

Biker Day, January 17th. It's hard to describe the feeling you get walking through the Capitol Building. Seeing the Senate and House on television just doesn't convey the rich history that is such a big part of that grand building. The day only got better as several Representatives and Senators stopped by the meeting room we were allowed to use and signed on as co-sponsors of our measures. Ted, Bricklayer, Bill Jr. and I were able to visit with our Representative, Charles Starr. He hadn't had a chance to review our legislation, but accepted information and said he would review it. We weren't able to catch Senator Jeanette Hamby in her office. but we mad an appointment for February. We will let you know how that works our, but why don't you take a moment and write, call, or e-mail your Representative or Senator? We talk a lot about the fun we have at the various Runs, the great feeling when we help out a charity, but the reason ABATE is around today is to amend the helmet law. WE NEED YOU to do your part!!!!

> Until next month, Jill T.

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill
1360 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield
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Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541)998-1309
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Our February meeting was held as scheduled at Prime Time Sports in Springfield. We had 13 members and 1 guest attending - about 15% of the membership. Rich was having another party going on in the main room that night, but we managed to shout loud enough to conduct a fairly good meeting.

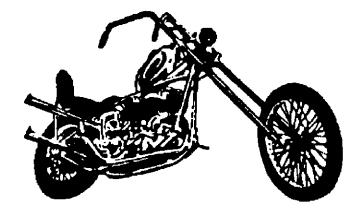
We had received our MRF Sustaining Membership Certificate along with a patch and a sticker. Being ever fund conscious, we promptly decided to raffle the patch (Dan Ryker) and the sticker (Woody). The certificate will be put in our correspondence notebook.

During Officer Reports, Sid advised that the deadline for getting things to the newsletter is the 9th instead of the 10th - I better hurry up with this report. Other State business discussed included the Officer List to Mother and getting our chapter inventory done. Our legislative district information and accounting stuff should be turned in by now.

On the legislative side, Bob talked about what a good turn-out our chapter had at the first Biker Day in Salem (GOOD WORK EVERYONE!) and encouraged everyone to stick with the battle. He also let us know that our bills have been assigned HB numbers, but that we still have to get the 2/3 vote. A combination Legislative Training/Officer meeting was scheduled for the 20th at Sid & Aprils's to write letters to our district rep's. Also scheduled was the meeting point for the Biker Day rides - Leave Viking Restaurant in Junction City at 8:00 AM.

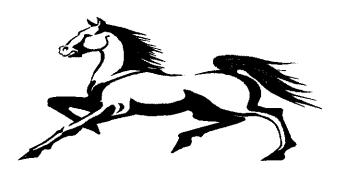
Ice Breaker is coming up again March 22. We are working with the Salem Chapter in planning the same great get together that we had last year. A must attend ride for everyone - so get off those sofas - let's get this riding season underway with a BANG. The flier should be in this issue for more info.

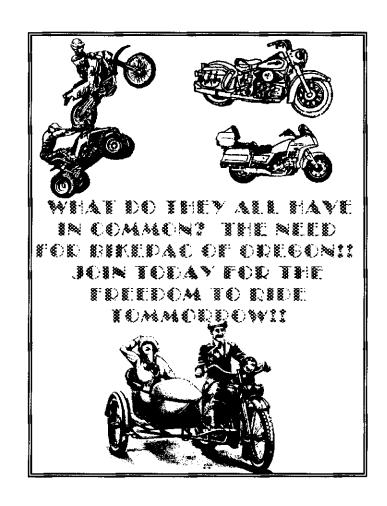
Also, a pool tournament/mini-casino night has been scheduled for March 15. Larry Yonally is going to come out of hiding to help us promote this event. I hope our flier made this issue too. We have also enlisted the help of the Duck Inn on 7th Street in Eugene and hope to get a couple of more sponsors before then. I have promised a leather jacket for first place in the pool tournament - I hope that I know enought people to make this easy on me. (Continued on the next page.)



Well, that's the highlights of the meeting. More time was spent talking about a number of upcoming run ideas that are in the works. I think our chapter is pulling together some great fun for this year and now is the time to attend our meetings to put your two cents in. Before I end this report, I just want to remind everyone that the events ABATE puts together (and I'm sure that this applies to more than just our chapter) are for everyone. They are about being free to ride what you want to ride - the way you want to ride - and being proud of it. The trade off is in you allowing others to have the freedom to do the same. But more than that, these runs are always about having and fighting to preserve the right to ride. If you love to ride motorcycles, then show your support by attending ABATE sponsored events.

Other than that - write those legislators and go to Biker Days - only you can protect your right to ride tomorrow. Have Fun! X-PonieRyder





Legislative / District Information						
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please mail to: State Membership Secretary; PO Box 4504; Portland, OR. 97208						
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NEW TAX???

People:

Did you know, that Representative Bowman has introduced HB2688, a measure to TAX YOU SOME MORE!....this time, if passed (and there was NO opposition at the initial hearing), would cost 3% per \$1000 value of auto/motorcycle/van/truck to renew your vehicles registration. (hum, let's see, if my van was worth \$20,000, that means my license would now cost \$600 instead of the current \$25.....hum, but we'll do so many useful things with the money....yeh sure, and I'm gonna win the lottery and won't care about any of this)

If you are NOT OUTRAGED by this, you obviously support more taxes and probably voted for Clinton. If you ARE OUTRAGED by this, call your state representative at 1-800-332-2313, ask for him/her and tell them (don't ask....tell, firmly, yet politely) that you want them to reject this measure.

Jack(AKA SIDEJACK)

LEGISLATIVE HOT LINE

I'm pleased to announce that we've just launched our new BikePAC of Oregon Legislative HOTLINE! It's a 3 to 4 minute recorded message, and I'll be updating it as often as needed. At this point the updates will be per instructions I receive from our lobbyist, Butch Harbaugh. The first message is on there now - but it's my FIRST attempt, so cut me some slack!

Please SPREAD THE WORD to the troops here in Oregon to use the hotline freely. We'll try to have regularly updated information, particularly as our bills move toward committee hearings - we hope to be set up on the HOTLINE to give up-to-the-minute information on when and where the hearings will be, lobbying contact info, Biker Days info, and the latest on which legislators need to be called.

Info to put on the hotline should probably be funnelled through Butch, at 1-503-838-1460. The best time to call Butch is between 5am-8am.

THE HOTLINE NUMBERS:

For the PORTLAND AREA: Call: 972-3434.

TOLL-FREE outside Portland, Call: 1-888-UR1-BIKE (1-888-871-2453)

BUT: The TOLL-FREE Number may not be up and running for another day or two. If it doesn't work, try

again.

The AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) program pays all the charges for this hotline. They've been running these hotlines for MRO's in a few other states, and it's just now been made available in more places, so here we have it!

Please feel free to e-mail with feedback, or to call me or Butch. The HOTLINE will not have message-taking capability. I think. Thanks for your support!

Sam Hochberg

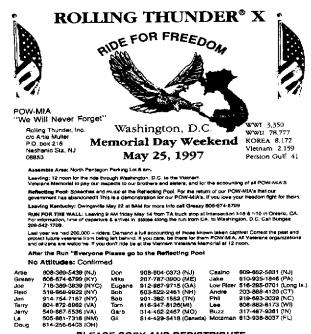
Quote for today:

"Freedom
does not come automatically;
it is achieved.
And it is not gained
in a single bound;
it must be acieved each day."
- Rollo May

I was impressed by our turn out at the Capitol....Keep up the good work!!!

It takes all of us!

Bagger Bob



Coordinators Comments

I thought that my testimony before the House Transportation Committee on Feb. 24,1997 would be of interest. So this here is my testimony in lieu of my comments this month.

Lawsuit Update: A hearing on our motion for summary judgment will be on March 12, 1997 at 10:30 am. In the U.S. Courthouse in downtown Portland. Unfortunately, it conflicts with the third "BIKER DAY" in Salem. I would appreciate as many supporters in the audience as possible. If you are planning on attending "BIKER DAY" please continue with those plans. If not please come to the hearing. We need support in both places.

Testimony submitted by Larry Schalk To the House Transportation Committee February 24, 1997

Chairman Montgomery, distinguished Representatives,

My name is Larry Schalk. I am the State Coordinator of ABATE of Oregon, a legislative action organization dedicated to promoting motorcycling through public awareness, education and fair motorcycle legislation. I live at 4026 S.E. Rex St. in Portland, Oregon. I would like to tell the committee about what has happened to me since the last legislative session concerning the Oregon helmet law.

Over the Memorial Day weekend in 1996, I attended ABATE of Oregon's "Fossil Campout" located near the town of Fossil, Oregon. This annual campout is one of the major fundraising events to support ABATE of Oregon, and provides motorcyclists an opportunity to get together and socialize with others from across Oregon and the northwest. I have been present at several "Fossil" campouts and have never seen any major problems that required police intervention. "Fossil" is a family oriented event. This year the American Legion Post in Condon, Oregon, operated a concession in the campground that earned them several thousand dollars with which they were able to donate to many worthwhile causes. This event also provides much income for the businesses in the town of Fossil, and the surrounding area.

On May 24,1996, I was riding my motorcycle to "Fossil", and was stopped by an Oregon State Trooper, Senior Trooper Mitchell. I first noticed the trooper parked on the right shoulder of the highway as I was about to pass a large motorhome. In fact the trooper had only a glimpse of me as I went by because I was in the process of passing this motorhome. He immediately left the shoulder of the road in rapid fashion and was very quickly past the motorhome and following behind me.

I stopped my motorcycle, and when he approached me I asked why I had been stopped. He responded that I was stopped because I was wearing an "illegal" helmet. I asked him if he was aware of the recent changes to the Oregon Helmet Law, and I said that my helmet possessed all the required elements in the law; hard shell, padding, chin strap, and DOT sticker. He said that he was aware of the new law but "that's not the way we interpret the law". I asked him what was wrong with my helmet. He told me that it did not "cover your ears enough" and that it didn't have enough padding. I asked him to clarify the requirement about covering the ears and he said "I don't want to argue about this ". I told him okay, what ever you say.

He asked for my papers and went back to his car. In about 15 minutes he returned to hand me the citation. By this time I had removed my helmet and he asked me to place it on my head so that he could take a photo of it, I complied of course. He then informed me that I should be aware that there were several other officers farther down the road towards Fossil and that I had a good chance of being stopped again because of my "illegal" helmet. I thanked him and then I left.

It is important to note that Trooper Mitchell was able to determine that my helmet did not have enough padding without even looking inside the helmet. Also FMVSS218 standards do not specify the quantity or type of padding to be used in a helmet, or that the helmet must cover a specific portion of the head or that the size of the helmet will determine if it complies or not.

When I arrived at the campsite, I learned that many of the people attending were stopped by the police and that the reason for the bulk of these stops were so-called "illegal" helmets. Some people were stopped but not cited for anything. Many people were concerned about leaving the campsite and being "harassed" by the police. This harassment continued throughout the 24th and during the next day.

On the 25th, a small group of ABATE members including myself and Spenser Neal, (attorney and ABATE member) visited the command center for the OSP that had been established in the Forest Service compound near Fossil. We spoke with an OSP lieutenant who was in charge of the "operation". We discussed the stops and the new helmet law with him, and Mr. Neal asked him how an officer sitting along the side of the road could make a determination about whether a helmet was "legal" or not. He told us that he would discuss our concerns with his officers.

It was at this meeting that we learned that a "special detail" of OSP motorcycle officers had been brought in from Portland to monitor our event. I don't know for certain but, after our meeting with the OSP lieutenant, the stops and harassment, for the most part, ended. Was it just a coincidence? Who knows.

I suppose that in some ways I was naive to think that after all the testimony last session concerning the harassment of motorcyclists due to the vagueness of the helmet law, and the subsequent clarification in the new law, that the harassment would not continue. Obviously I was wrong. I was hoping that our campout would not be targeted by the OSP as it has for the last several years. It is clear to me that a pattern of harassment, by the OSP and some other police agency's, is a deliberate attempt to thwart our efforts to stand up for our rights. The work of ABATE and BikePAC is well known to the OSP.

By targeting our "Fossil Campout" with a detail of OSP officers (and in one case Oregon National Guard troops) I think every effort has been made by top level commanders to reduce the number of participants to our events and therefore undermine ABATE's fundraising abilities. Since ABATE is a major supporter of BikePAC then it seems reasonable to me that by undermining ABATE's fundraising, BikePAC would also be undermined. And therefore BikePAC's legislative efforts would be greatly diminished. Or in other words, the police don't like it when you point out their wrong doing, and this is how they intend to get even. When the legislature changed the helmet law to eliminate the vagueness over the FMVSS218 standards, and the State's own policing agency chooses to ignore the very reason for these changes...needless harassment of motorcyclists, then we as citizens have a problem.

ABATE of Oregon, and I filed a class-action lawsuit against the OSP on July 9, 1996. This was not an easy decision to make, but I think a necessary one. We had no other choice. The actions over the past several years by the OSP against ABATE are a deliberate and irresponsible attempt to damage our fundraising ability. These actions violated our right as citizens to freely assemble with each other without governmental interference.

Trooper Mitchell's closing remarks to me are very telling. We violated no laws, caused no problems for anyone in the area of Fossil, Oregon, or elsewhere. There is no justification for the huge police presence in the Fossil area over Memorial day weekend, other than what seems to be in the minds of the individuals that authorized this waste of taxpayers funds and harassment of the State's citizens.

Shortly after filing the lawsuit, we were made aware of an OSP memo dated July1,1996 to all field officers concerning the enforcement of the helmet law. The memo clearly states that the FMVSS218 standards no longer apply. The FMVSS218 standards are at the heart of the OSP's justification for their enforcement tactics. Confused? So are we. My helmet citation was dismissed by request of the OSP as were others. So why was I stopped in the first place? Now the officers in their depositions are saying, in essence, that they don't understand the helmet law. In fact, they refer to the FMVSS218 standards for determining what is a legal helmet, but by their own admission they say they haven't read the FMVSS218 standards.

The OSP officers don't understand the Oregon helmet law that the legislature changed by unanimous vote, to make it easy for anyone to determine what is a legal helmet. I don't get it. If I am ignorant of the law, it makes no difference. If the police are ignorant of the law, its okay? I am convinced that the only way to eliminate this law as a tool to harass motorcyclists is to eliminate the law itself.

The countless stops by police over what is or is not a legal helmet is a waste of time and money for the courts, police and the motorcyclist. Time and money better spent elsewhere in areas that we as motorcyclists feel have a greater impact on safety then mandatory helmet laws. Helmet laws do nothing to prevent accidents, education and training does. Remove this tool for the needless harassment of motorcyclists, and lets use our energy wisely and place the emphasis where it will do the most good.... training, education, and public awareness.

Thank you, if you have any questions I will do my best to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Schalk

Minutes for State Board meeting

February 8, 1997

Meeting was called to order in Junction City at 12:17 by State Coordinator Larry Schalk. There were 13 chapters attending with 13 eligible to vote. The reading of the January 11th, 1997 minutes was waived by the Board of Directors.

Coordinator's Comments: Larry welcomed everyone, noted some new faces and asked them to introduce them selves. Larry asked that all mail going to the main P.O. Box be sent with the notation "attention of:" This saves Roger the mail room boy a lot of work. <u>Appreciation Awards</u>: If you know someone who is deserving of appreciation for their work for ABATE, please get their name to Larry ASAP. Dates, dates dates... when setting dates for an event, please be sure to check the big calendar located in your monthly newsletter. ABATE, AMA and others work hard to keep events from conflicting, most dates are chosen 1 year in advance. We want to avoid running 2 events on the same date, and competing for the same audience. Thank you.

Correspondence: Donation to ABATE of Oregon received from R.L. Trask, in memory of Big Jim. AMA letter about new position created "Government relations".

Officer Reports

Legislative Director: Brian handed out a new, updated list of legislators, broken down by those who support us, those who oppose us, and those who aren't saying one way or the other. We need 2/3 support so that we can avoid the possibility of the Governor vetoing our legislation. Bill numbers have now been assigned, and should be heading to the Transportation Committee later next week. Biker Days next week, look for a table set up in the Lobby, or for ushers with green BikePAC arm bands. There is a new project underway to make legislators aware of adventures members have had with law enforcement, more information on this later. Reviewing past experience to current attitude of State police regarding HB3422 passed last year. Remind chapter contacts need to be sure legislative information gets to chapter members.

Membership Secretary: Mother was not in attendance. Larry delivered her report. We need to keep recruiting members. Chapter should consider membership drives, possibly spending a day outside a bike shop with information. Douglas County is having a membership drive today, everyone needs to work on it.

Products Director: Angle is ill. No report.

Public Relations: Not present, report sent as follows: Melinda has assembled a list of media contacts, that need to go back to the chapters for additions, corrections, etc. A summary press release about the first Bike Days was distributed to the entire media list on January 19th and 20th. I plan to spend some time at STEAM to talk to the chapter PR Directors about some simple organizational request that I have. Hope to see you there.

State Run Coordinator: Fossil Flyers are IN! Tickets will be available next month. If you have already sent your money, Roger will get the tickets out to you as soon as they come in. D.J.'s swap meet is coming up soon, if you have parts to donate, get them to Roger soon! T-shirt design for Fossil due by March 8th, must be camera ready. Each chapter will be required to take 2 cans of gas(clean the can first), 2 door prizes and 2 boxes of garbage bags to Fossil.

Treasurer: Joy reported balances as of 02/07/97 were: Bulk Mail \$211.53, Checking \$528.15, General Savings \$8,173.12, Legal Fund \$1,520.71 for a total of \$10,433.51. Finical reports for Douglas County, Blue Mountain(I think), Salem, South Coast, S.E. Portland were due 1/15/97, if they are not in by the next board meeting those chapters will not be able to vote.

Historian: Ron reported that the first month of the year has come and gone with ZERO response to the request for the chapter historians to get back to him with their address information. This information is very important if we are going to be able to correspond with each other throughout the year. Without your help our yearbook about ABATE is NOT going to represent all the chapters in the state. Your address can be e-mailed, snail mailed or to the chapter mailing address. Any of these would be sufficient as long as we can get together and discuss this coming years ideas. Are you planning to go to fossil this year? Maybe that would be a good place for all of us to get together for a meeting. Thank you, and if your chapter produces a newsletter, please add me to the mailing list.

Web Page Editor: Bob reports limited progress, he has another person ready to help, some progress will be seen soon.

Newsletter Editor: Gordon apologized to the chapters whose reports didn't get into the newsletter.

Education Director: Nic reports that more classes held this last month, reports are not in yet.

Committee Reports

Membership- Questionnaires were sent to chapter Membership Secretaries. Please help your chapter get this completed and back. Trifold stands were discussed. Each chapter should appoint someone to be in charge of it, keep it filled, and think about putting newsletters with the trifolds. Next reprint of the trifolds will try to include e-mail addresses and the new members legislative district.

Property Inventory- Each chapter should be working to get this list turned in to Chris, ASAP.

Membership handbook- Ken has done an outline for the handbook, he is looking for ABATE history documents to add.

☎Phone hook-up established with Blue Mountain and Central Oregon, Central Oregon was included due to extremely poor road conditions.

Unfinished Business

State Officer nominations opened for Recording Secretary, no nominations.

Fossil Lawsuit - Larry reported that depositions/preliminary injunctions, things are moving slowly.

STEAM - Nic wanted everyone to know that the classes have been shortened to 45 minutes each, it will be very important to get to each class on time. There will be many things covered this year and everyone is encouraged to come, even if they didn't register. Registration was only used to estimate the amount of food needed. Please encourage your chapters to attend. Nic asked the board to authorize airfare for the guest speaker, approved.

Washington D.C. trip - Ruth Trombetta and Ken Ray will be going to visit our representatives/senators on the federal level. Please help make this trip as successful as it can be by writing letters of introduction for Ken and Ruth to you legislator, send them to the state PO Box. Brian has written info on what will be the goals of this trip if the chapters are interested, the main topics will be ISTEA reauthorization, intelligent hwy system to include motorcycles, audit NHTSA spending for lobbying to pass helmet legislation.

Blue Mountain Chapter- At the last regular meeting of this chapter, the bulk of the officers resigned, leaving the chapter in disarray. We, the Board of Directors support the efforts of the remaining officers and members.

New Business

Biker Days Advertising- Proposal to advertise in the three major papers in the state.

A Motion from the Floor by Brenda Chancellor for ABATE of Oregon to pay for Advertising in the three major newspapers- Portland, Salem and Eugene to make people aware of Biker Days, not to exceed \$600.00. PASSED 6 yes, 1 no 4 abstentions.

Team Oregon Fund -raiser- Women in the Wind are planning a Poker Run to help support Team Oregon, and have asked us for help. Tentative date 6/7/97. Contact Larry if interested in helping.

NCOM Convention- Coming up in May. Sam Hochberg has offered to pay ½ the cost to send 4 people. ABATE may not have the funds to pay the other half. Issue to go back to chapters for discussion, possibly need chapters to do fundraising.

Best of the West - To be held in Colorado Springs this year. Keep this in mind when considering sending people to NCOM.

August State Board Meeting - An invitation was extended to the Board to hold the August meeting in Newport, since the meeting date falls during the weekend of the Beaver Creek Run. Arrangements have already been made at Moby Dicks Restaurant. Invitation accepted.

Announcements were made and meeting was adjourned at 3:30

Next meeting March 8, 1996 in Junction City at Noon.

Minutes submitted by MaryBeth Rayburn-Hieronimus Pro-Temp Secretary with lots of help from Jill Tracy.



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIED'S

NOTE: All ABATE of Oregon members may run their ads FREE for 3 months. The date in parenthesis () is the last month the ad will run in the newsletter.

Call Gordon at (503)253-7343 to place your classified with us Today!

For Sale:
All the stock bagger goodies of a '78 FLH.
A full carload. \$600.00 FIRM
(541) 451-1299
(3-97)

FOR SALE: Langlits (Lady Columbia)
Leather Jacket
10 pocket, padded, womens size 38 1owner, like new \$500.00
503-299-6381
(5/97)

Congradulation to Mary Beth and crew for lasting this long and still having a son born to semi sane parents...

Here is one way to up the memmbership,
show us another and then do it again and again!!

YOUR CLASSIFIED AD COULD HAVE BEEN HERE AT LEAST ONE ITEM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED SOLD THROUGH THIS SERVICE!!!!! CALL BEFORE THE 10th OF THE MONTH FOR PLACEMENT.



FOR SALE:

Easy Rider videos,
BRAND NEW
Complete set!!!
\$400.00 O.B.O.
ALSO
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#1-2785
LEAN AND UNDAMAGE

CLEAN AND UNDAMAGED ALSO In the Wind #1-60 CALL WITH BEST OFFER Gary 541-772-7494 (4/97)

SIZE 52 Mens leather jacket PRO-TECH MADE IN THE USA \$175.00 or trade for size 48 (503) 255-8460 (3-97)

FOR SALE:
Trophy winning
1956 FLH Harley Panhead
w/ service manual and all service work
documentation
\$12,500.00 OBO
Call Gary (541) 772-7494 after 4pm
(3-97)

Decide BEFORE You Ride.

Don't be another statistic. PLEASE, DON'T DRINK & RIDE! ABATE OF OREGON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING SOLD THRU THESE ADS. THESE ARE THINGS THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE SELLING NOT ABATE OF OREGON.

(except membership to ABATE)

THE EDITOR 1-97

WANTED: FREEDOM FIGHTERS! Are you one of the few,

Contact your local chapter Contact your local chapter Legislative Director and sign up to be a Legislative BUDDY!!!

the proud and the vocal???

WANTED:

People to train for offices in the local chapters and state level of ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Contact your local chapter or any State postion for more information...

NEEDED: One Secretary for the State
Board of Directors
Requirements:
1 meeting a month(2nd Saturday)
writing & typing skills a must!
Call Larry (503) 774-2479



ATTENTION ALL FAITHFUL READERS: The clasified ads are for personal items only. If you have a business or service, please be honest enough to place a commercial ad with the NEWSLETTER. Page two(2) has all the info you need to place an ad that sells. I have enjoyed seeing all that there is to sell. Keep those cards and letters coming. Thank you!

AMA Hires Government Relations Specialist

Dear ABATE of Oregon, Inc.:

Following the direction given by the AMA Board of Trustees, and recommendations from a colloquium convened to represent all aspects of motorcycling, the AMA has created a State Program Development position within the Government Relations Department. Effective January 20, I was hired to staff this important position.

This position was created to strengthen the AMA's effectiveness in state legislative activity. Our goal is to bring previously uninvolved AMA members into the process, not to compete with SMRO's.

Among other tasks, I will serve as a liaison, providing direct department involvement with existing state's rights groups, AMA clubs and other road and off-highway organizations. I will also be developing curriculum, training and support materials focusing on government relations activity at the local and state levels and will be available to present these materials in the forms of workshops and seminars.

This position will focus exclusively on impacting state regulatory and legislative issues through the development of a network of involved, informed and articulate volunteers. I will need the support and confidence of your organization to make the collective voice of motorcyclists ring louder in the ears of bureaucrats and elected officials.

Having served as a local and state officer in a SMRO for many years, I am in tune with many of the problems faced by a grass roots organization in making an impact on government. The creation of this position, coupled with the AMA's resources, will enable all motorcyclists to work together for the accomplishment of common goals. The result of such a collective effort will surely enhance the lifestyle we have all spent so much to protect.

I invite you to contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments you may have to ensure this program is successful. I can be reached at (614) 891-2425. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Terry Lee Cook
Government Relations Specialist
State Program Development

Texas Motorcycle Rights Association RT 6, Box 598, Alvin, Texas 77511 (800) 222-0913

OLD MEETS NEW (in perfect harmony)

fledgling Texas Motorcycle Rights The Association, which was founded due to inspiration received at the 1992 NCOM Convention in New Jersey, played host to several Texas riders during "Legislative Days '97." From Beaumont to El Paso. From Amarillo to Brownsville and all points in between they came to express their desires to elected officials. Texas ABATE Confederation. Gulf Coast Motorcycle Rights Association, Independent Riders and, most notable, the Confederation of Clubs which was spawned at the 1993 NCOM Convention in Tulsa, TMRA Clubs, AMA Clubs and 1%ers came together with one accord. Hundreds of vests, adorned with colors not seen in decades, blended perfectly with "Legislative Warrior" T-shirts and spoke with one voice.

S.B. 99 to amend the helmet law to allow 18 and over free choice was fast tracked onto the Senate floor that day and sent out to committee. Quick passage in committee is assured with a full Senate vote expected in late March or early April. Companion Bill H.B. 350 received good support from the House but no hearings are scheduled yet.

S.B. 184 and companion Bill H.B. 445 to increase funding of the Rider Education Program received unanimous vocal support from both Houses and is expected to become law with no problem.

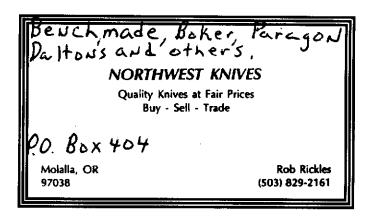
Other Bills discussed were H.B. 113, Antique license plates for bikes, and H.B. 366 to change the way insurance is sold in Texas, slaying that old dragon (No-Fault Insurance) once and for all.

Legislative Days '97 was a huge success. The full impact of the day was lost, even on some of those attending the event. Nearly every Patchholder present was sporting small rockers which proclaimed them to be the Brass of their respective groups; i.e., President, Sgt.-at-Arms, National, Red Rocker and so forth. Austin was filled with heavy hitters who for too long have been silent. Sputnik lost no time explaining the impact to those elected officials inside. Read-'em and weep Austin!! The big boys came to town and we will have our say. Welcome home Patchholders-we needed you.

Thanks to the nearly 800 who took a day off from work to attend and thanks to NCOM for having helped make this union possible. Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock praised our group on the Senate floor next morning for being so politically knowledgeable and so well mannered during the day. To the doubting Thomas's who said the Confederation couldn't work.

Brrrrt. You were wrong!!!

Sputnik, TMRA-ll





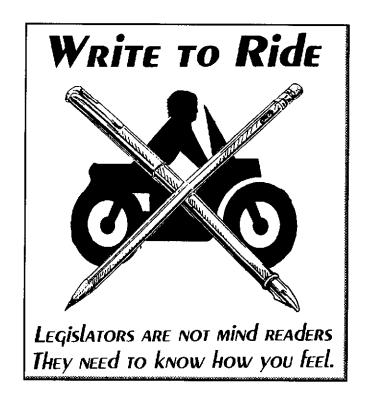
SUNNY-SIDE UP

Again... sorry for missing last month. Are you ready, March is here and Wednesday, the 12th is BIKER DAY at the Capital, so let's all be there.

When someone makes a statement about something, and then says, "and that's the gospel". Actually they mean, "that's the truth". The word gospel means, "anything proclaimed or accepted as absolute truth". So speaking of "the gospel" in terms of truth of Jesus Christ, the gospel message is the bottom line. Paul declared unambiguously that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation." (See Romans 1:16) The gospel is more than a concept to be embraced or a doctrine to be confessed. It is a living reality experienced through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is God's declaration of release to the captive -- His personal work of grace and freedom.

Whenever people have discovered and believed in the regenerating (life-giving, life-changing) power of the gospel message it is in this truth that you experience the power of an Almighty God, our creator who touches a human soul with His. Are you ready for this? IT'S THE GOSPEL!

> Livin' on the "Sonny-side" Don, Chaplain Douglas County ABATE



Biker Day #2

February 15, 1997 For information, contact: Butch Harbaugh (503) 838-1460, or Brian Stovall (541)298-1317

BikePAC's second 1997 "Biker Day" drew 68 motorcyclists to the Oregon State Capitol on Thursday, February 13. After taking part in an orientation session and observing the House of Representatives in session, participants dispersed to legislators' offices to seek support for HB2454 (Helmet Law Amendment), HB2452 (State Responsibility Act), HB2453 (Team Oregon Funding: motorcycle indorsement fee increase) and LC1895 (Team Oregon Funding: state tax return checkoff).

The goal of Biker Days is to educate legislators about the issues affecting motorcyclists, and to encourage citizen participation in the legislative process. Since the 1960's, government has periodically attempted to make motorcycling safer through imposition of compusory helmet use laws. Over time, this stopgap approach has proved itself to be ineffective. Meanwhile, motorcyclists themselves have promoted and helped develop proactive safety solutions such as rider education programs, improved operator licensing procedures, and motorcycle awareness campaigns, which have contributed to a steady reduction in motorcyclist accidents, injuries and deaths.

Federal and state traffic safety bureaus reguarly issue statements pointing out that the number of accidents and fatalities per 10,000 registrations has declined dramatically since the mid 1980's. What these agencies fail to report is the number of deaths per 100 accidents. If a helmet law is effective, it should be expected to reduce the number of deaths in the accidents that do occur. In reality, this rate has remained essentially level since 1978, both in states with universal helmet laws and states without helmet laws. Presence or absence of a helmet law is inconsequential as far as motorcycle safety is concerned.

BikePAC urges motor vehicle operators to be alert and aware of other road users, including motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Drive aware and drive sober.

BikePAC of Oregon is a nonprofit organization incorporated as a political action committee. BikePAC was formed to protect and enhance the interests of motorcyclists through legislative and campaign activities.

MEMBERS WANTED

TO: All Members

FROM: Charley Riter and Rebecca French

It has become quite evident that if we don't raise our membership attendance to the monthly meetings, Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E., as we know it, will no longer exist!

We hope to encourage attendance and would like to invite you and your friends to a benefit dance for the Ceattal Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon March 22nd at Coyote Creek dancin' to the tunes of The Three Sisters (Bob Augerman, JoIm Congdon, and Scott Fox). \$5.00 at the door with proceeds going toward paying the band and the rest into our Chapter account for the 1997 Toy Run events, the June 1, 1997 Swap Meet, and the July Poker Run.

Please mark your 1997 calendars accordingly. All meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at K.C.'s Pizza House on North Highway 97 in Redmond. If there is a change in time and place you will be notified.

March 16th -2:OOp.m Meeting time changed due to DJ'swap meet

April 13th -2:00 p.m.

May 11th - 2:00 p.m.

June 8th -2:00p.m.

July 13th - 2:00 p.m.

August 10th - 2:00p.m.

September 14th - 2:00 p.m.

October 12th- 2:00p.m.

November 9th -2:00p.m.

December 14th -2:00p.m.

If your freedom as an American matters to you please consider becoming an active member. Your causes may be the environment, laws such as the helmet law, equal opportunities, child poverty/abuse, etc. whatever your convictions are we hope you will get out there and make your voices heard. Please consider coming to the next meeting as we can not stress enough - without your attendance we are no longer a voice from Central Oregon.

Thanking you for your time.



CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT UPDATE

Spencer "Spike" Neal

I have filed a motion for partial summary judgment in which I asked the federal judge hearing the case to declare that the 1995 amendments to Oregon's helmet laws removed federal motor vehicle safety standards from those laws. I have provided the judge with the complete legislative history of HB 3422 as well as the memos from the state police themselves in which they admit that the federal standards no longer apply. I have also explained that the main reason for the legislative change was because of harassment by the police occasioned by the vagueness of the old helmet laws.

The defendants' response to the summary judgment motion is that the federal standards still apply and that they are entitled to stop bikers to see if they have enough foam padding in their helmets. The police officers all claimed in their depositions January 27, 28, and 29th that there must be about 1" polystyrene foam in a "lawful" helmet even though none of them could find that requirement in FMVSS 218. In their depositions, they testified that they were either uncertain about what HB 3422 meant or that HB 3422 made no real changes to the helmet laws. They also agreed that but for this lawsuit they would be still enforcing the helmet laws under the federal standards. Finally, the defendants' response to my motion completely ignores the issue of police harassment in helmet stops and act as if dozens of us never went to Salem to testify about that harassment.

In the course of discovery, I learned that fifteen Oregon State Police officers were involved in the Fossil stops including a motorcycle unit consisting of one sergeant (Sparks) and two officers (Kigma and Hakala) from Portland and a motorcycle unit from Springfield (Codding). I have also learned that the state police, for at least several years, have maintained "intelligence" files on our activities at the Fossil Campout. They also listed the interception of drugs as one of their goals for their 1996 Fossil action against us. A sergeant named Matlack from the Arlington office is at the heart of this activity.

We will not have a ruling in this case from the judge for at least two or three months. I will keep you posted.

ABATE Members Help Out

January 23, 1997

Brothers and sisters,

By this time I'm sure many of you have heard about Susie and me being flooded out down in Keizer by the New Year's Day flood. I want to expressly and publicly thank Bear and the fine members of the Lincoln County chapter of ABATE for organizing a group from Newport to come over and help us move our belongings to our new home. Bear took the initiative and called on our brothers and sisters from the chapter and they mobilized.

The Saturday after the water finally started to drop down, Bear showed up with a pick-up. In just a few minutes more here were Gary and Vicki and Kurt and Shirley with pick-ups and strong backs. My son Tom arrived shortly after that with his daughter's boyfriend (sorry I can't remember his name), my granddaughter Kelly and her soon-to-be husband Jeremy, and Tom's (and my) friends Jeff and Danny, who said they didn't have anything better to do so they came along for the ride and to offer their help.

It's never been demonstrated more strongly to me what the brotherhood of bikers is all about than it was when these people all showed up and said: "Gunny, we know you're worn out so just stay out of the way and we'll get it done."

Susie and I share in saying "Thank You." It's hard to admit how badly I needed that help and I am profoundly grateful that I'm a member of the biker brotherhood.

Gunny and Susie



SENATOR APPEARS AT HEARING TO ANSWER HIT AND RUN CHARGES

WESTERVILLE, Ohio -- Tennessee State Senator Carl Koella was arraigned Tuesday in Blount County General Sessions Court for the hit-and-run death of motorcyclist and AMA member Terry Barnard, reports the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

Motorcyclists across the country have been following the Koella case with interest after the facts of the accident and allegations of police impropriety were made public late last fall. According to witnesses, the accident was caused by the driver of a mini-van that made a left turn across the southbound lane of U.S. Route 321 in Blount County south of Knoxville. When the van started its turn, they said, Barnard's motorcycle was 30 to 40 feet from it and traveling approximately 45 mph in a 50-mph zone. Police reports indicate that Barnard struck the side of the van and caromed off it into a car that was stopped behind the van. The mini-van driver stopped briefly to inspect his vehicle after the collision, but then got back into the vehicle and drove away. Despite eyewitnesses at the crash scene who identified the senator as the driver of the mini-van, local authorities waited almost four hours before questioning Koella about his involvement in the accident. Koella was subsequently charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident, a misdemeanor.

In Tuesday's hearing, Special Prosecutor Gus Radford sought to amend the complaint and upgrade the charge to a felony. For felony charges to be brought against Koella, Radford had to prove that Koella knew, or should have reasonably known, that he left the scene of an accident where a fatality had occurred.

However, after testimony, Judge John P. Hudson ruled that the evidence didn't support felony charges and that the case will be sent to the grand jury as a misdemeanor.

Both the judge and the special prosecutor were appointed after all of the Blount County Sessions Court judges and the local district attorney had recused themselves because of their relationship with the popular east Tennessee senator. In addition to the criminal charges that Koella faces, Barnard's family has also filed a \$15 million wrongful death lawsuit against Koella in federal court.

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From The GUNNY'S SACK comes:

The AIM. . . ing Point

Man, time flies when you're having fun. I'm into my first month of semi-retirement, and can't figure out how I had time to go to work.

I have to admit we've had some unusual happenings recently - floods, sudden moves and little things like that.

With my house getting flooded out and all, I've been off-line for the month of January, so part of the column will be somewhat short. I hope you all understand.

Here in Oregon, we had our first biker day at the capitol bldg. There were 160 people who signed the entry roster. For a very wet, soggy day I-was impressed with the turnout. We're very optimistic about the return of our adult freedoms, in HB2424.

We were given the VIP treatment and shown a video about the workings of our state government. We were then escorted to the viewing galleries of the House and Senate chambers. As each was called into session for the day, we were introduced as a group to our elected officials by speakers from the floor of each chamber. We were welcomed and complimented on getting our bills sponsored and in place so quickly.

No one in those hallowed halls has forgotten us, and they know that we will not go away.

Needless to say, our thoughts and actions are very focused right now. Since things are moving so quickly, we expect action soon on the bills we have had introduced. We expect we will come away from this legisltive session victorious, with Oregon's adult helmet law falling as the first of many states, we hope, in our common effort of restoring our freedoms on the road!

After we get through our current agenda, there will be other issues as time goes on. This process will probably continue for us as long as there is government and we have bikes. That's why it's so important for us to recruit new young people to carry forward the never-ending fight for freedom everywhere in the world. It doesn't matter when we win, there are those in positions of power that will work just as hard as we will to curtail those freedoms we hold so dear.

News bits & pieces:

Belgium: It seems Europe is learning from the good old US of A. Our trick of having country-wide runs such as Sturgis has borne fruit in Belgium. There is now an annual run there, complete with vendors and music, used to raise money for their fight for freedom of the road. Fine idea, and I wish them well. We need to keep the world-wide efforts moving along.

China: The continuing changes in Chinese manufacturing all point to even more rapid expansion of the motorcycle output there. I wouldn't be surprised to see Chinese bikes for sale here in the very near future. They're gaining popularity in the rest of the world. I guess if we will buy the Russian "Ural" rig, we will buy one from China as well. I'm not sure I would ride that Chinese scoot called "Five Goats" though.

Shanghai: Officials in this huge city are working hard to see electric bikes, in an effort to reduce the terrible air pollution problems they have with the exhausts of thousands of petrol powered vehicles, many of which are motorbikes. They hope to gradually replace fossil fuel with reliable electrics or battery power, eventually in all vehicles in the city.

York, PA: A new union contract has been ratified and Harley will continue to build our home grown iron for three more years at least. Negotiations proved fruitful for workers there.

England: A cage driver in London pleaded innocent when he was brought up on charges of assault when he bashed a biker in the face with a hammer during an altercation on the road. The biker had to have his face stitched up at a hospital. Good thing the biker had a helmet on or he might have had larger problems than a broken face. See! I told you helmets were good for something.

France: In Paris the motorcycle cab is getting popular as a good way to get to appointments when heavy traffic stalls more conventional methods. Bike cabs carry extra helmets and leather jackets for passengers to wear. Why didn't I think of that?

SAM'S AIM Tip'O the Month is about passengers: Under Oregon law, you've got to carry your passenger on a regular seat designed (presumably by the manufacturer) for the passenger, on a regular part of the bike (whatever that means), with footrests, and set it up in a manner so as not to interfere with the operation or control of the bike or the view of the rider. So, you probably shouldn't put a tyke on the

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tank. Oregon law is found at **ORS 814.325**. By the way, the ticket goes to the rider, not the passenger. Sam's also seen riders ticketed for "endangering" the passenger when passenger seating doesn't conform to the law, and when the passenger is wearing the wrong kind of helmet!

Sam can be reached at SamBikeLaw@aol.com. Gunny's at AIMGUNNY@aol.com and also 503/224-1106 or toll-free at 1-800-347-1106. For an AIM attorney elsewhere, call 1-800-531-2424.

Gunny again: I'm looking for some help to work with me running AIM tables at bike events around Oregon, and I also need people to run tables on their own at some of the runs I just can't get to. Easy qualifications: You've got to be dependable, be a good talker and enjoy it, get along with everyone, and be involved in the biker community. There is a little bit of money involved, but just a little. You won't get rich but at least you will have some expenses paid to go to a run you'd probably go to anyway, with maybe some left over. Plus, you get to hang out at a booth and talk to a lot of folks about the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists program.

Give me a call or e-mail at the above listed numbers. These runs are a lot of fun and maybe by being an AIM rep you can get to some runs that you'd otherwise have to pass up, and, you get to put time into something worthwhile.

Those of you in Oregon, don't forget we need you at the capitol for upcoming **BIKER DAYS** at the CAPITOL BUILDING in SALEM, for:

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 9:30am

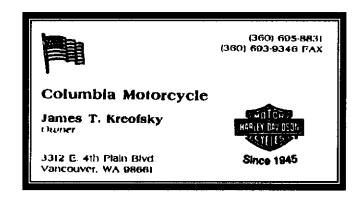
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 April 8
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Contact our **BikePAC** lobbyist, Butch Harbaugh, for more info: **503-838-1460**.

Keep the round side on the bottom. Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff





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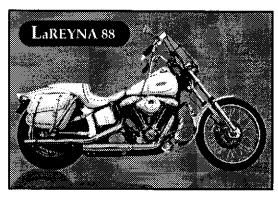
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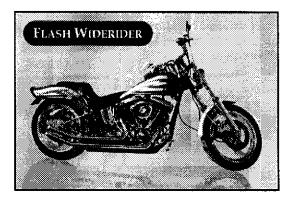


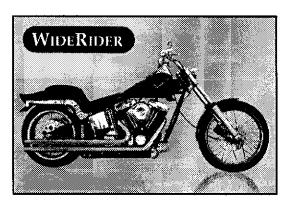
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12		BIKER DAY 9:30 am	Melinda McCrossen503-231-2701
15		POOL SHOOT	Washington Co. Ted 503-640-5766
15		8-BALL TOURNY	Willamette Valley Larry 541-344-6396
22		ICE BREAKER	Nan/Wody 541-998-5133
22		DANCE	Central Or. 541-383-1929
22		Spring Opener	Black Cats
APRIL			
6		Rose City 250	
8		BIKER DAY 9:30 am	Melinda McCrossen503-231-2701
26		J.J.'s POKER RUN/PIG OUT	more to come
26,27		Sidecar Race	PIR/OMRRA
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3		MOTORCYCLE AWARENES	S RALLY STATE CAPITOL
10		Rose City 500	
10,11		New Riders School	PIR/OMRRA
17		SPRING POKER RUN	Tom Orsini541-479-8635
19		BIKER DAY 9:30 am	Melinda McCrosen503-231-2701
23-26		FOSSIL	Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
30		Convention In Idaho	AMA
JUNE			
1		SWAP MEET	Cent. Or. Charlie 541-383-1929
6-8		Western States 1000	
21		Poker Run	N.W. Riders
21-22		RUN TO THE SUN	Angie503-285-4329
22		SWAP MEET	Charley Riter541_383_1929
27,28-2	29	COOS RIVER RUN	Randy 541-269-2998

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Please call with changes, additions or comments. I need all the phone numbers I can get for contacts and or people in the know....this is all I have.....and now you have it too.

Your Family /Friends

Gordon

Christmas Day

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BIKER DAYS 1997

GREATJanuary 17 Friday 10amSUCCESS ANOTHER February 13 **Thursday** 9:30am SUCCESS March 12 Wednesday 9:30am April Tuesday 9:30am May 19 Monday 9:30am

This advance notice is to enable everyone to arrange their schedule. It is essential to our efforts that everyone attend at least one Biker Day. Do your best to attend as many Biker Days as possible.

BECOME A

LEGISLATOR'S BUDDY

We need at least 90 "Legislator's Buddy's" (that's one for each of our state legislators). If you, or any other chapter member you know, want to be a "Buddy" then:

CALL MELINDA (503) 231-2701

and sign up as soon as possible. Everyone(Senators and House Reps. A like) needs a BUDDY, will you be one???

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ROAD LIST

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A HISTORY OF OREGON MOTORCYLISTS' LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- + 1975- ABATE of Oregon, Inc. forms to repeal oppressive law- Beginning this year and continuing every year at ever-increasing rate, motorcyclists participate in community service activities to improve image and public relations from small to large activities, inside and outside of metropolitan areas, raising thousands of dollars and contributing countless hours
- + 1977- Repeal effort successful adult choice + Motorcyclists accept responsibility for the real issue: need for increased safety realize that preventing accidents is more effective and practicable than mitigating their effects.
- -realize that motorcyclists themselves are the best possible resource to find solution
- + 1979- Motorcyclists request and lobby for bill to establish a self-funded motorcycle rider education & awareness program bill dies.
- Motorcyclists successfully defeat efforts to reinstate helmet requirement
- + 1981- Motorcyclists again request and lobby for rider ed bill passed
 - Again defeat efforts to reinstate adult helmet law
- At motorcyclists' request, Gov. Atiyeh establishes a motorcycle safety advisory committee
- + 1982- Motorcyclists work with Department of Education to achieve implementation of rider ed program unsuccessful
- + 1983 Motorcyclists go back to legislature to get program moved to Oregon Traffic Safety Commission successful
 - Again defeat efforts to reinstate adult helmet law
 - + 1984
 - First Team Oregon classes conducted
- ABATE of Oregon pioneers a mobile rider education program, assisted by grants from OTSA and the American Motorcyclists Association, to reach rural areas. Mobile program later adopted by Team Oregon.
- + 1985- Motorcyclists promote and use Team Oregon motorcycle safety program
 - Again defeated efforts to reinstate adult helmet law
- + 1987- Motorcyclists oppose reinstatement of adult helmet law and referral of issue to voters in 1988 elections
- Informal coalition of Oregon motorcyclists forms to strengthen political voice
- + 1988- Pro-seatbelt lobby influences Secretary of State to split the ballots on mandating helmets and

- seatbelts. Helmet issue goes to primary election, seatbelt issue to general election. Adult helmet mandate passes
- + 1989- BikePAC emerges from informal coalition, with intent to unify and coordinate motorcyclists' lobbying efforts
- Despite disappointment and anger over passage of oppressive helmet mandate, motorcyclists lobby for increase in endorsement fees for Team Oregon funding, and for mandating rider education for motorcyclists under age 19
 - Request parity in fines for failure to wear helmet
- passengers and operators were being treated differently passed
 - Request addition of motorcycles to Lemon Law
 - passed
- Request & lobby for medical exemption from helmet use, similar to Oregon's exemption from seatbelt use died
- Motorcyclists request and lobby for legislation to title/register certain vehicles, user fee for off-road recreation development
- Motorcyclists attempt Initiative Petition to put helmet repeal on the ballot - fail to gain enough signatures
- + 1991- ISTEA Federal legislation violates 10th Amendment rights of States by requiring states to have mandatory helmet and seat belt laws in order to retain their own tax monies in the form of federal highway funds (Section 153)
- + Request & lobby for medical exemption from helmet use, similar to Oregon's exemption from seatbelt use died
- + 1992- Reports of increased ticketing for "inadequate or illegal helmet" prompt BikePAC to begin gathering data.
- Increased police activity noted around peaceful group gatherings of motorcyclists
- State Police lieutenant issues memo that circulated among police agencies, with false and misleading information about how to recognize an "illegal" helmet leading to increased ticketing and harassment
- Oregon motorcyclists participate in federal lobbying efforts to repeal Section 153 of ISTEA
- + 1993- Police harassment of large group gatherings of motorcyclists continue
- Reports increase about "illegal" helmet tickets, police confiscation of "illegal helmets" during traffic stops
- Motorcyclists request "State Responsibility Act of
- Medical exemption from helmet use again requested died
- Court challenge to mandatory helmet law, based on unconstitutional vagueness, was refused by State

Supreme Court

- Federal lobbying continues
- + 1994- Washington Court of Appeals rules that Washington helmet law is unconstitutionally vague (same helmet standard as Oregon) because there is no way a consumer can tell if a helmet complies with FMVSS 218
- BikePAC representatives meet numerous times with personnel from ODOT, DMV, OSP and other police agencies to resolve the helmet standard dilemma, as directed by the legislature
- BikePAC testifies at July ODOT hearing regarding proposed changes to the OAR defining motorcycle helmet standards
- BikePAC representatives meet with ODOT and police officials and discover that the helmets used by the Portland city motorcycle officers do not bear exterior or interior labeling as required under Oregon law
 - Federal lobbying continues
 - "Illegal" helmet tickets continue
 - + 1995 "Legislator's Buddy" program begins
- First "Biker Day" brings over 100 bikers/Buddies to Salem to learn about the legislative process and lobby their representatives directly.
- Second "Biker Day" draws similar crowd, meets with equal success.
- Bill to change definition of "a helmet" passes both houses overwhelmingly after bikers' campaign to educate legislators about the extent of police harassment and the confusion surrounding FMVSS 218
- Bill to amend helmet law to allow adult freedom of choice passes Oregon House of Representatives overwhelmingly, after much political gamesmanship in Committee. Fails to get hearing in Senate Transportation, and dies at end of session.
- State Responsibility Act re-entered, fails to get hearing
- BikePAC lobbying team (Butch Harbaugh, Mary Beth Rayburn-Hieronimus, and Susie Hutchison) travel to Washington, DC to join over 300 motorcyclists from around the country in support of repealing helmet penalties in ISTEA. Effort successful, President Clinton signs bill in November.
- Handicap parking sticker finally adopted by ODOT/DMV as a result of three years of intense lobbying by BikePAC and Oregon's motorcyclists.
- ABATE members from Portland area volunteer to work in DeFazio campaign for US Senate after resignation of Bob Packwood -- in recognition of DeFazio's support for motorcyclists' issues in the US House of Representatives
- + 1996 BikePAc Legislative Planning Session hosted by Lincoln County Chapter of ABATE. Plans for

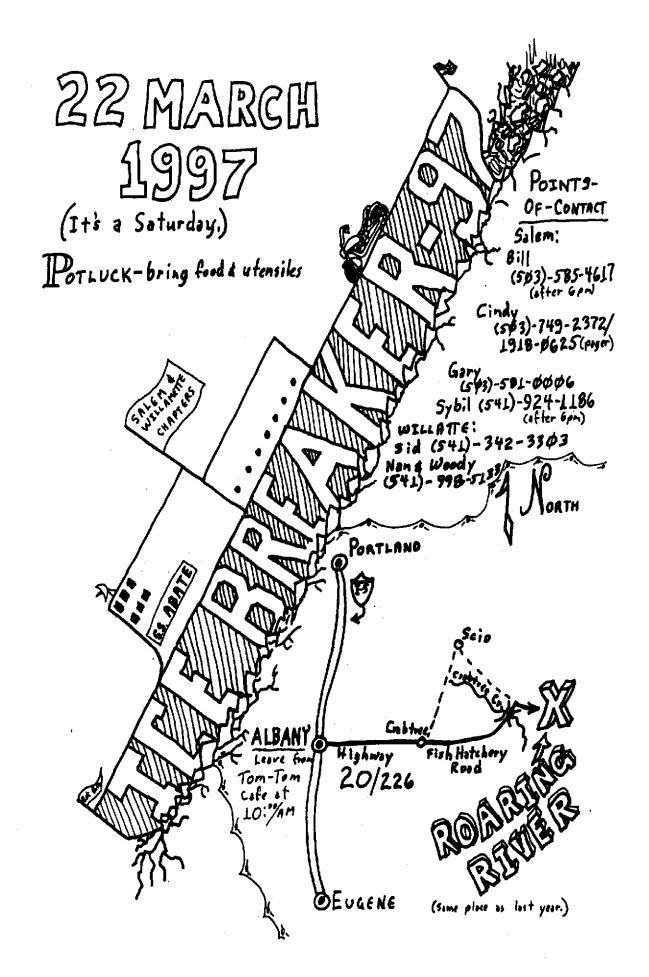
legislation and strategy are developed. Work begins to prepare for '97 legislature.

- Federal legislation is passed protecting peoples' rights to insurance despite personal activities.
- ABATE and BikePAC involvement in political campaigns begins. BikePAC endorsement is actively sought by candidates for the first time. Fossil Run: OSP are present in force to stop, harrass and ticket motorcyclists for the helmets they wear. Leaders confront OSP which reduces intensity of action.
- Class action lawsuit is initiated by ABATE of Oregon for OSP actions at Fossil. An immediate decrease in stops results.
- Over 50 police stops for illegal helmets since '95 legislature changes helmet definition.
- Voters guide produced and distributed to all possible motorcyclists.
- Major political split occurs in national and international motorcyclists' rights movement over issue if product liability lawsuits filed by AIM attorneys. Reverberations are felt throughout state organizations. ABATE and BikePAC of Oregon decide to table these issues until the '97 legislative session is completed.In Oregon, all groups continue to work together with a minimal amount of disruption.
- Federal focus is developed on inclusion of motorcycles in development of Intelligent Highway Systems, and accountability of NHTSA activities promoting helmet laws in states.
- Campaign activities are successful in elections of promotorcyclist candidates.
- Team Oregon and the Governors' Committee request BikePAC and ABATE help to increase and stabilize funding for Team Oregon. Two additional pieces of legislation (indorsement increase and tax checkoff) are developed.
- Four pieces of legislation are prefiled for the '97 legislative session.
- Training takes place to prepare membership for mass lobbying throughout '97 session.
- People are chosen to train for lobbying trip to Washington, DC in March of '97.
- + 1997- First Biker Day draws over 150 people to the state capitol to learn and lobby.

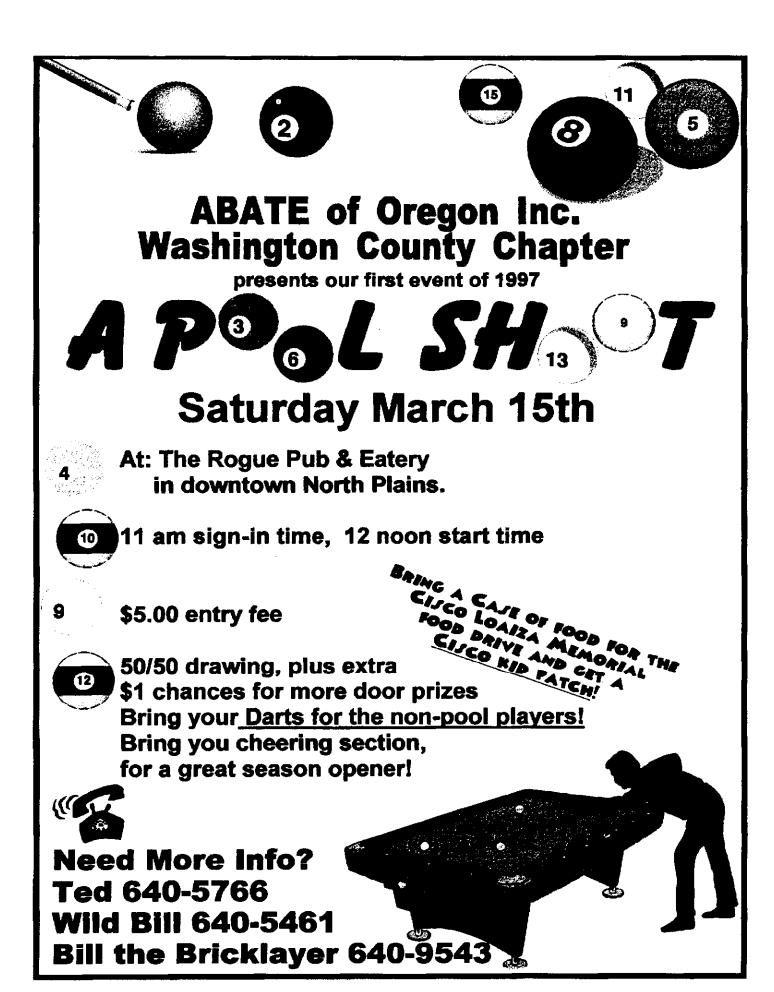
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(Editor's note: This is a view of all that the work that we have done has gotten us. It is now up to all of us to continue this fight for fredom of oppression. The time is now to step up and do for yourself what others have done for you in the past.)

YOUR FREEDOM DEPENDS ON YOU AND YOUR ACTION!









OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

December 24, 1996

Gary DaShiell
A.B.A.T.E. and True Apostles
P.O. Box 5232
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Gary,

How lucky we are to be able to work with volunteers like you! Thank you for volunteering during our December TV Membership Drive and making the holidays at OPB happy. Everyone here appreciates the efforts of your group. And -- a very special thanks goes to you for spending extra time and energy organizing your group. We thoroughly enjoyed the spirit of all of your members, and hope that everyone had a good time here!

During this Membership Drive, you helped us raise \$432,000 from over 6,000 viewers, topping off our important goals for the year. The total amount of pledges raised from volunteer call outs was \$13,469! Because of you, OPB will be able to continue to provide excellence in programming and education to the many communities in our region.

We hope your group is interested in participating in future OPB membership drives, too. A new group information form is enclosed for you to fill out and return. We must have this form on file to schedule your group. We'll contact you about future drives when we have the program schedule; usually six weeks before the drive begins.

We would also appreciate your thoughts about your volunteer experience with OPB. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed Comment Form, and return it (along with your group information form) in the envelope provided.

Once again, thank you so much for your generous support of OPB.' We really enjoyed having your group participate, and couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely,

Becky Chinn Manager of

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ACTIVISTREVIEW

This Month: Intelligent highways, important regulations, dumb public-lands bans and more.

January 24, 1997

Regulation could end discrimination against riders

Last fall, Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, designed to

prevent employer discrimination against various groups of workers in the area of healthcare benefits. But the process of ensuring that motorcyclists are clearly protected by that law continues.

Currently, officials in the U.S. Department of Labor are working to draft a regulation that will put this new law into effect. And concerns have been raised that the final wording of that federal regulation could circumvent the intent of Congress to include protections for motorcyclists.

A congressional conference committee report drafted during consideration of the insurance act clearly states that

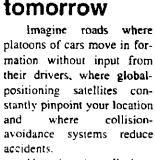
individuals should not be excluded from health-care programs due to their participation in legal off-work activities including motorcycling. But the AMA reports that some health-fund administrators have chosen to interpret the new law in a way that would permit them to continue denying health benefits to motorcyclists.

"The regulation to be issued by the Labor Department should put an end to the current speculation about the status of the law," noted AMA Washington Representative Rob Dingman, who is consulting with Department of Labor officials during this process. "The final language included in that regulation will be crucial in securing this victory for motorcyclists.

"Our opponents claim they can continue to deny injured motorcyclists

health-care benefits under the new law,"
Dingman added. "But that is not what
Congress intended, and we will be working hard to ensure that this discriminatory practice will no longer be
permitted."

Designing the roads of



Now imagine all these innovations being put into place without anyone considering the role motorcycles will play in the transportation system of the next century.

The Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) is becoming a reality. The first Automated Highway System utilizing hands-off technology is expected to be up and running in five years. But so far, no one seems to be interested in finding a place in that system for motorcycles.

Recognizing the potential challenges presented by these new technologies, the AMA has been participating in the planning process that will lead to the roads of tomorrow. As part of that effort, the AMA has become a member of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, the organization charged with implementing these transportation technologies.

"We have been monitoring ITS developments for some time," noted Sean Maher. AMA legislative affairs

specialist. "After attending the World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems last fall, it became apparent that we had to get more actively involved in the planning process to ensure that our interests were properly represented."

Maher returned to AMA headquarters and met with other staffers to devise a strategy that would maximize the opportunities presented by the proposed ITS system.

"One of our first goals," he said, "is to investigate how collision-avoidance systems might be used to reduce the number of failure-to-yield accidents that are responsible for many motorcyclist injuries and fatalities.

"There are other opportunities as well," Maher added. "Motorcyclists have argued for years that they should pay reduced tolls because of their negligible impact on highway and bridge surfaces. Unlike today's toll systems, which don't recognize motorcycles, automated collection systems could set a variety of tolls for different vehicles."

Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations, says the ITS program also raises concerns about additional issues, including motorcyclist access to high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

"These are just a few examples of why we will be taking a high profile approach to the ITS planning discussions," he explained. "We have to ensure that motorcyclists' needs are recognized and accounted for."

Trail riders to protest Massachusetts off-road ban

Nobody likes being unfairly kicked off public land, but that's exactly what has happened to trail riders in

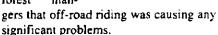


Massachusetts. And they're fighting back.

Last year, officials from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM) voted to shut down all state forests to thousands of tax-paying off-road enthusiasts through the winter months, and most of them year-round. Those riders had worked for decades to maintain trails in the forests, while the money they paid in fuel taxes

and registration fees was dumped into other state programs.

The DEM took this action despite overwhelming public opposition and a lack of evidence from its own forest man-



In response, off-road activists have organized a protest drive March 9 on public roads through the Myles Standish State Forest to show their outrage with the DEM's ban. Past protest drives have attracted street riders, mountain-bike enthusiasts, snowmobilers and equestrians, all of whom recognize that their activities could be outlawed next.

"This will be a legal protest," noted Eric Lundquist, AMA legislative affairs specialist. "There will be no off-road riding. Instead, we encourage anyone interested in the future of recreation on public lands to load up their bike, horse or snowmobile trailer and drive their tow vehicle along the designated route. We need to show the DEM how many forest users are opposed to this arbitrary abuse of power."

Protest participants will meet at Capeway Rover's Moto X Track in Middleboro, Massachusetts. For more information, contact Mark Bettencourt at (508) 947-4450 or Jeff Bauer at (508) 823-6504 before 10 p.m.

Swedish bike ban?

Rumors that the Swedish government is about to ban motorcycles from its roadways are just that—rumors.

The AMA, utilizing its contacts within the Federation Internationale Motocycliste (FIM), the world motorcycling organization, has investigated reports about the ban that have been circulating in this country. The rumor apparently

began when a minor government official in Sweden stated publicly that eliminating motorcycle use would help the country reduce traffic accidents and promote his stated goal of zero accident tolerance.

This statement sparked a great deal of speculation within the European motorcycle community about the possibility of a nationwide motorcycle ban being im-

plemented in Sweden. The official who made the remark, Claes Tingvall, a Swedish road safety officer, has since expressed regrets for suggesting that motorcycles should be banned.

Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations, closely monitors European developments in his role as vice president of the FIM's International Panel for Public Affairs and Road Salety. He contacted Hans Hammarlund, who serves as co-vice president on the FIM panel and president of the SMC, the national organization of Swedish road riders.

Hammarland had been in contact with the Swedish minister of transport and assured Rusor that the comments made by Tingsall did not reflect the policies of the Swedish government. He further noted that a great deal of the speculation about the rumored ban could be summed up as "rubbish"

"While any news of an impending bike ban most be taken seriously," noted Rasor, "it's unfortunate, given the limited resources of the motorcyclist rights movement both here and abroad, that we have to engage in rumor control when our efforts would be better spent elsewhere.

"But our close ties with the FIM and the European motorcyclist rights groups aid in quickly separating fact from fiction when it comes to European developments, and help us clear up these misunderstandings and move on to more important matters."

New freedom fighter joins AMA government relations team

Terry Lee Cook of Hannibal, Missouri, has joined the staff of the American Motorcyclist Association's Government Relations Department in the position of state program development specialist.

In that position, Cook will be responsible for developing a training program that will help AMA members and volunteer motorcyclist rights advocates promote government relations activity on the state level. He also will serve as a liaison to clubs, AMA district organizations, existing state motorcyclist rights organizations and other groups that participate in state legislative activities.

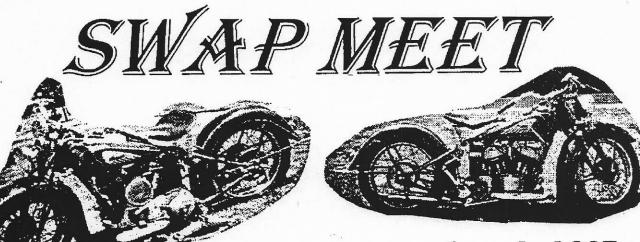
Cook, a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, brings an extensive motorcycling background to the position. He has been a motorcycle safety instructor since 1989 and was named Missouri Instructor of the Year in 1991. Cook served on a seven-member panel that reported directly to Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan on motorcycle safety issues. He also has served as an AMA Field Rep since 1986 and has held various positions, most recently serving as state chairman, in the Freedom of Road Riders, Missouri's largest motorcyclist rights organization.

"We are very happy to have Terry on board," noted Robert Rasor, AMA vice president of government relations, "His experience and strong desire to represent the interests of motorcyclists will benefit the Association and our members."

For more information, contact the AMA's Government Relations Department at (614) 891-2425.



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LEGISLATIVE BILLS

HB2454 (Helmet Law Amendment), HB2452 (State Responsibility Act), HB2453 (Team Oregon Funding: motorcycle indorsement fee increase) LC1895 (Team Oregon Funding: state tax return checkoff).

These are the bills that are in the Oregon State Legislation. Please contact your Rzepresentitive and ask for support of these bills. Please ask them if they have CO-SPONSORED any or all of these bills and if they have not, then would they please do so.

Toll free phone number to leave a voice mail with your Rep is 1-800-332-2313, ask for your Rep and then leave a message, also ask them to call you back at a time you will be home(or at the number you give) and then be there so they can call. Call this number also for updated info on the bills progress and times for future hearings. It is free and up to you to do.

ADDRESS FOR FEDERAL SENATORS

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U.S. House of Reps

Rep. Earl Blumenauer 1113 Longworth Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515 phone---202-225-4811 write.earl@mail.house.gov

Write these folks and let them know that folks are coming to see them and that they represent your wishes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TO: State Board & Chapter Treasurers RE: Chapter Financial Reports

When I gave my report at the Feb. 8th State Board Meeting, I had this feeling something wasn't quite right. After I got home, I checked my files once again and discovered my intuition was correct. I had incorrectly reported chapter financial reports had not been received from Blue Mountain and The Southeast Portland chapters. My apologies to both of those chapters!!

For the record, as of February 9th the following chapters have not submitted their Chapter Finacial Report for the 4th quarter of 1996.

Douglas County - received phone call from chapter treasurer, report will be delivered to me by Feb. 15th.

Salem Chapter - no report or contact from chapter treasurer.

South Coast - received phone call from new chapter treasurer.

These chapters must submit the 4th Quarter Financial Report by the State Board meeting on March 8th.

Sincerely, Joy Hoover State Treasurer





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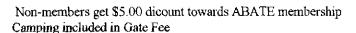
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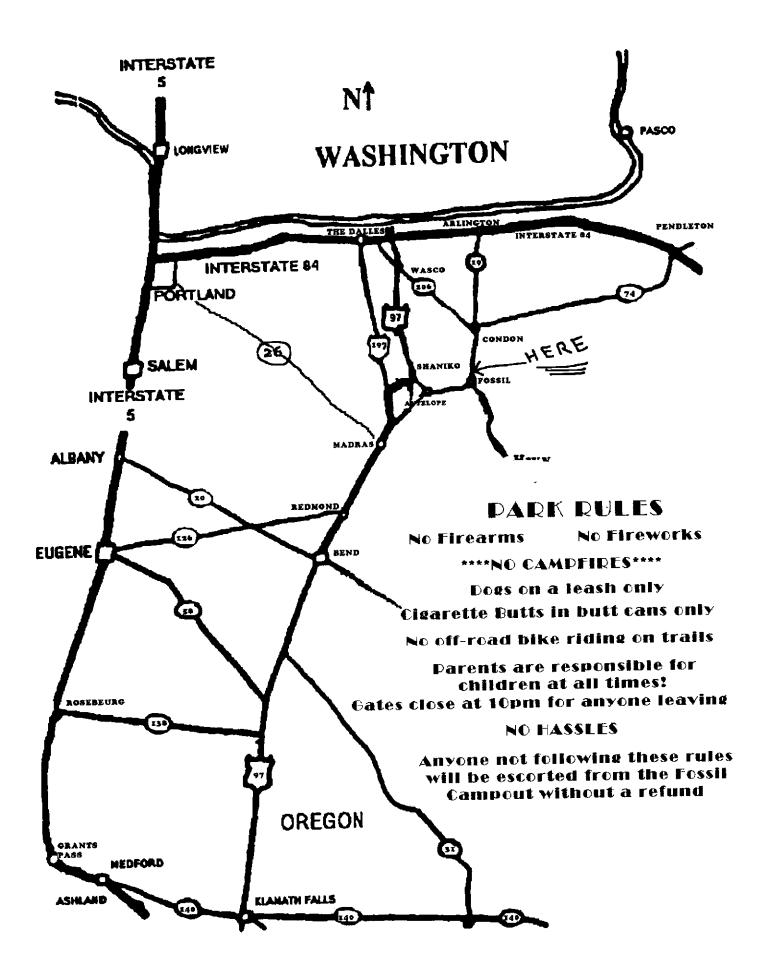
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. BYLAWS

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

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

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

Amended 11/95, ratified 1/13/96

Bylaws effective

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.

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.

The State Executive Board shall be comprised of the following State Officers:

Coordinator

A. Vice-Coordinator North

Vice-Coordinator South

Vice-Coordinator East

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Recording Secretary

The State Executive Board, by simple majority, has the authority to:

A. Issue statements on the behalf of the organization

Expend funds

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

All funds obtained from membership fees, donations, and organizational benefits shall be used for:

Rider and non-rider education

A. Distribution of information

B. Legislative action

C. 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.

Assure the democratic right to assemble, voice opinions and take action on matters of mutual interest to motorcyclists.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

A. MEMBERSHIP

- Applications:
 - a. Membership in ABATE shall be obtained and maintained through application to ABATE.

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.

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.

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.

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

- To receive a Charter as a Chapter in ABATE a group must:
 - a. Have Ten paid-up members.

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.

Insure participation of Chapter State Representatives at State Board of Directors' meetings, unless excused by State Coordinator.

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.

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.

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.

A minimum of one-third of the chapters of ABATE must be present and eligible to vote to constitute a quorum.

The State Board of Directors will use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline to conduct meetings.

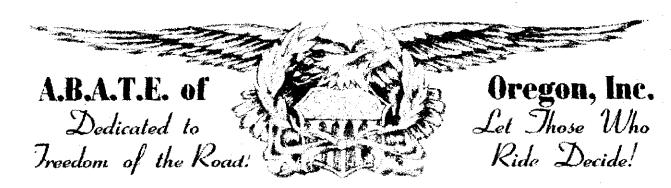
1. The fiscal year of ABATE will be January 1 through December 31.

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, 1/1996.

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.



From The Office of Historian

mstrdeck@spiritone.com

(503)335-0403

PO Box 4504, Portland, Oregon 9708

Greetings All

The first month of the year has come and gone with ZERO response to the request for the chapter historians to get back to me with their address information. This information is very important if we are going to be able top correspond with each other through out the year.

Without your help our year book about ABATE is NOT going to represent all the chapters in the state. Your address can be

E-Mail

Snail mail

Chapter mail

Any of these would be sufficient as long as we can get together and discuss this coming years ideas. Are You planning to go to Fossil this year, Maybe that would be a good place for all of us to get together for a meeting.

Thank you Ron Goodyear III

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT - State Board of Directors Meeting Feb 8, 1997

A press release promoting the first Biker Day was faxed to Oregon radio and tv stations. We had excellent results. I was contacted by the following stations:

KBZY (radio) Salem - phone interview

KUIK (radio) Hillsboro - phone interview

KBND (radio) Bend - phone interview

KKRB (radio) K Falls - phone interview

KOVI (TV) - phone conversation

KOIN (TV) - actual coverage

KOBI (TV) - actual coverage

The Oregonian and the Statesman Journal both sent reporters. The Oregonian article was excellent and I think a thank you note on letterhead is in order. Also, I would like to know if there were any other media contacts that members know about that are not on this list.

I was able to add Oregon daily newspapers to my fax list this month. A media contact list has been created for distribution at the state meeting.

There are two purposes for these lists to go back to the chapters. First is that this list is not complete and will need to be enhanced by local bikers. I will need the media source and a fax number. That's all!

Chapter PR Directors can mail, email or fax that info to me and they will be added to the list immediately.

A summary press release about the first Biker Day was distributed to the entire media list on January 19th and 20th. I am not aware of any results from that release.

Secondly, Chapter PR Directors have this list to use to promote their own events with a reminder that the State PR Director must be notified prior to any planned publicity campaigns.

It is my plan to spend some of the time in my STEAM workshop to talk to PR Directors directly about some simple organizational requests that I have.

An example of this is that I would like to have identified a biker spokesperson in every corner of the state. I hope to do the sound bite demonstration as well at the workshop as well.

My last concern is that a Portland cable access producer had promised to cover Biker Day on videotape and never showed up. This was a huge disappointment because of the historical nature of the event. I have finally purchased a camcorder so I don't have to depend on others. However, I did want to have a third party taping so that we could do the work that we came to the capitol to do. This is an area of my internal communications goal that I'll work out over the year.

That's it.

ATTN: Members

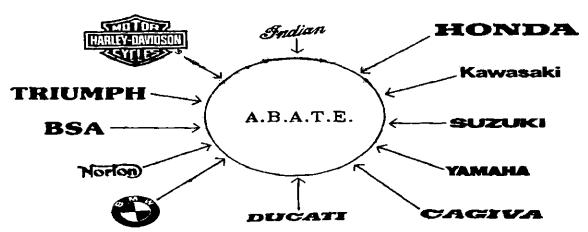
Following is a list of products available through ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Products are another way of helping support ABATE.

Revised: March 1995

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

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CHAPTER	2/1/97	2/1/97	2/1/97	1/1/97
BLUE MOUNTAIN	34	-11	10	45
CENTRAL OREGON	113	-7	9	120
COLUMBIA RIVER	98	0	0	98
DOUGLAS COUNTY	113	-7 	9	120
INDIAN CREEK	283	6	1	277
LINCOLN COUNTY	120	3	6	117_
NE PORTLAND	160	4	1	156
NORTH COAST	49	0	3	49
SALEM	155	1	2	154
SE PORTLAND	265	-12	14	277
SOUTH COAST	71	o	2	71
SOUTHERN OREGON	64	-4	4	68
WASHINGTON COUNTY	127	-7	8	134
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	81	-7	10	88
TOTAL	1733	-41	79	1774



Help Protect Your Motorcycle Rights!

All motorcyclists welcome.

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.

Gunny Hutch.	: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 M		
	ADDRESS.		-
STATE:Z	ADDRESS: IP:PHONE: work	home	
MAY WE USE	YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE	E PURPOSES? YES	S/NO
WHAT HAPF	PENED WHEN YOU WERE	STOPPED?	
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PRIMARY REASO	N FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specif	fy)	and the second s
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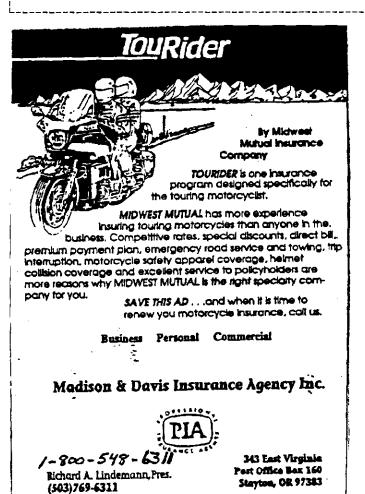
WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date?
YES : How did you plead?
If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$
If guilty, what was the sentence?
FINE: \$ ASSESSMENT: STATE, \$ COUNTY, \$
CITY, \$ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: LOST WAGES: \$
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:

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

NEW	IF NEW RECEIVED PATCH	RENEWAL I	F RENEWAL, MEMBERSHIP NO.
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STA	TE:	ZIP:
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	ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN SAMI	E HOUSEHOLD (Use	additional paper if necessary)
NAME:		NAME:	
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\$20 FULL ME	MBERSHIP \$25 COUPLE	MEMBERSHIP	\$30 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
TOTAL AMO	UNT ENCLOSED: TOTAL N	UMBER OF MEMBER	RS: DATE PAID:
SEND TO ME	MBERSHIP SECRETARY P.O. BOX	4504 PORTLAND, OF	REGON 97208



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you or someone you know has moved and you haven't received your newsletter since, DON'T BLAME US! Just fill out this form and return it to:

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. P.O. Box 4504 Portland, OR 97208

NAME		
NEW ADDRESS		
CITY	_ STATE	ZIP
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER		
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

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PERMIT No. 638

TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED DATED MATERIAL

Ride SAFE< SOBER and TO BIKER DAYS......BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH and spruce the ride up for the spring...look out here it comes. Remember that on chilly morns, the frost is still a possibility, SO BEWARE! Enough said.......GWH

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
2st SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 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
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon,Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
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 &3nd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 pm, Shilo Inn 1609 E. Harbor, Warrenton
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm,Papa's Pizza, 162nd and S.E. Stark, Portland
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 pm,Prime Time Sports Bar&Grill,1360 Mohawk, Springfiel