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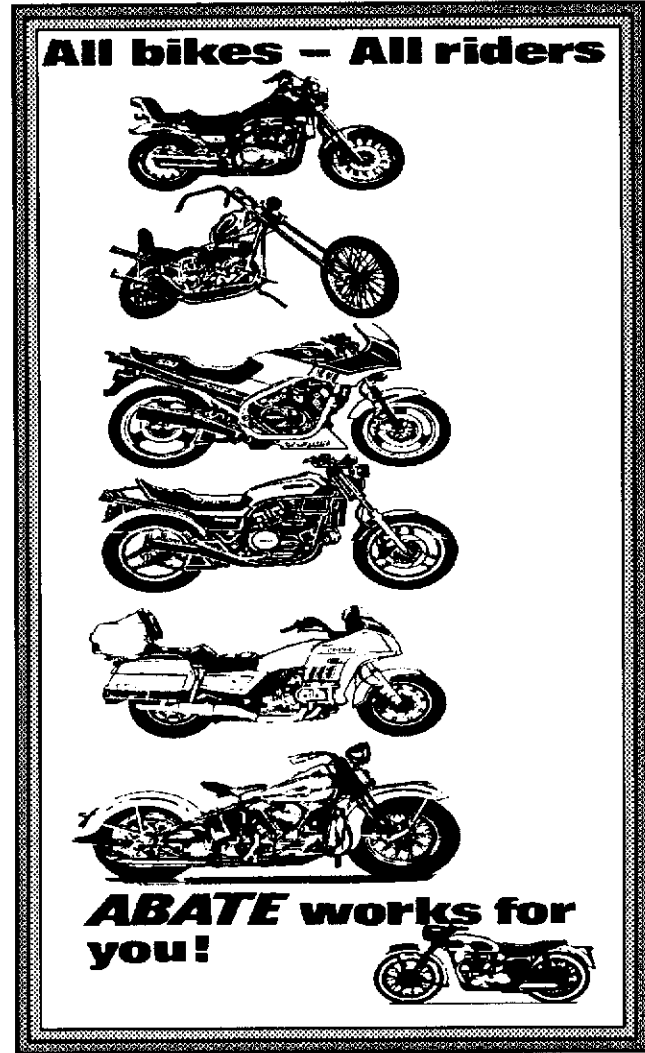
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**Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When**

1st & 3rd SUNDAY

2st SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY

2nd & 4th SUNDAYS

4th SUNDAYS

2nd & 4th TUESDAY

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd FRIDAY

1st THURSDAY

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

NORTH COAST ABATE

N.E. PORTLAND

LINCOLN COUNTY

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland

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, Chen's Village 108th & N.E. Halsey Portland

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

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

# Minutes for State Board Meeting

April 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order in Junction City at 12:26 by State Coordinator Larry Schalk. There were 13 chapters in attendance with 13 eligible to vote. The reading of the March 8th, 1997 minutes was waived by the Board of Directors.

**Coordinator's Comments:** Larry welcomed everyone, and asked that all representatives go back to their chapters to remind all that when we are out in the community representing ABATE, to remember that we support all motorcyclists, no matter what type or brand of bike they ride. Discrimination or condemnation have no place in this organization.

## Officers Reports

**Legislative Director:** Way to go everyone! We have completed the first step! HB 2433 passed the House on April 8th with only 1 negative vote. HB 2434 passed the House on April 9th with a 32 aye, 27 nay vote. Now on to the Senate! We need 20 yes votes to attain the 2/3rd majority. Brian also spoke about the Southern Oregon chapter and their great success with repeated visits to their legislator. It took 3 months of work and a rally organized in 10 days that resulted in 200-230 people attending but it worked to change the mind of the Representative! Please keep up the great work and calls to your Senator. The 2 bills go to the Senate Transportation Committee, where we have support. Now is also the time to begin working on the Governor. The 3 people to contact to relay information to the Governor are #1 Bob Applegate, (503) 378-6496, #2 Leslie Carlsen (503) 378-6307, and #3 is Jon Coney, (503)378-6169. There has been no movement on HB 2682 (the second funding bill for Team Oregon) or on the State Responsibility Act. Thanks again for all your hard work, keep it up!

**Education Director:** Not present, no report.

**Membership Secretary:** Mother not in attendance, Larry gave her report. Great news on the membership front. We now have 1,877 members. All chapters but 1 show growth. Fantastic work everyone!

**Newsletter Editor:** Thanks to all who got new advertising. Several chapters missed getting their Newsletter reports to Gordon.

**Products Director:** 50/50 and raffle tickets.

**P.R. Director:** New York Myke's speech taped from STEAM turned out great! Working on a flyer exchange with other ABATE organizations (Washington, Idaho...)

**State Run Coordinator:** Big posters for Fossil are here! Please keep working on the advance ticket sales. All unsold tickets and monies need to be turned in at the May State Board Meeting. Need volunteers to help load trucks in Portland, unload and set up at Fossil. Also need staff for the First Aid Booth. Can you help with any of this? Call Rotten Roger.

**Treasurer:** Joy reported balances of 3/31/97 are: Bulk Mail Account- \$760.08, Checking (\$70.89) General Savings \$3,193.47, Legal Savings \$1,327.73 for a grand total of \$3410.41.

**Historian:** Not present, no report.

**Web Page Editor:** Not present, no report.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** No report.

**Property Inventory:** Several chapters still haven't submitted a list of properties. We need this ASAP!

**Members Handbook:** Progress still slow, due to legislative activities. Ken is setting a deadline of the June Board meeting for completing.

## Unfinished Business

**Fossil Lawsuit:** Judge found in favor of ABATE. No damages awarded. We are still in negotiations regarding payment of expenses. Please continue to fill out helmet stop reports if you are pulled over, even if you aren't cited. There could be a pattern of harassment even if the Officer doesn't write a ticket.

**Washington D.C. Trip:** See the full report in this month's newsletter.

**Blue Mountain Chapter Update:** Elections have been held and all offices are filled. The suspension of the State rules is now rescinded. All reports are expected in on time. Thanks for all your efforts.

**Best of the West:** Gayle Loaiza and Brian Stovall attended. This was a great opportunity for networking, BikePAC info sheets were distributed to other states.

**NCOM:** Larry felt that it was important for someone from ABATE to attend. Motion made by Angie Jensen to send Larry Schalk with half of his fare to be reimbursed, but not until after Fossil. Seconded and passed 9 ayes, 2 nay.

**Meeting of the Minds:** This is another great opportunity for someone to meet and network with other MRO's nationwide. A motion was made by Bill the Bricklayer (Washington County) to send Jill Tracy with the State picking up half her costs and Washington County to pick up the other half. Seconded, passed 12 aye.

## New Business

**Golf Cart:** Roger has found a running Harley Davidson golf cart for \$240. Bill the Bricklayer made a motion to purchase the cart. Seconded and passed, 12 ayes.

**State Officer Nominations:** The State Historian and Sergeant at Arms East have resigned their positions. Nominations were opened for both. No nominations received.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 1997 in Junction City at 12 noon.

Minutes submitted, Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary.

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm

East Side Tavern Restaurant 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 242 LaGrande, OR. 97850

Chapter Contact: Howard Butts 541-534-5411

Greetings from the "Over the Hill" gang!

First, we would again like to thank our fearless State Board of Directors for coming to Eastern Oregon not once, not twice, but three times in the last two months. (I personally think a couple of them just remember what a good time we used to have over here back in the good ol' days!)

With State Coordinator, Larry Schalk presiding at the meeting, the chapter now has volunteer officers to serve until the elections come up in June. It took some arm twisting and money changing hands,....(I now have a dual membership)...but the officers are as follows:

Coordinator	Howard Butts
Secretary	Diane Walker
Treasurer	Joyce Coates
Membership	Joel Henshaw
Legislative	Bruce Coates
Sgt. At Arms	Dave Dooley

State Legislative Director, Brian Stovall updated us on the two House Bills and unloaded his little box filled with facts and figures to baffle and bewilder the sanest of men. We discussed lowering the age requirement from 21 to 18 years of age. While we feel that it's a losing some ground, if that would change some nay votes to yeas, we would reluctantly agree with the change. I only regret that there aren't any chapter members between the ages of 18 and 21 who could address this issue.

Please check the voting list and thank your representative for his/her vote or if they voted nay, ask for their reconsideration. Write the Governor, who has not met with BikePAC and ask him to not veto the bill or at least consider meeting with Brian and/or Butch.

Now it is back to bussiness as usual. We'll be planning our Parade of Teddy Bears and hope to see you there and at other events. If you are ever on this side of the Cascades, get lost, break down, or just want to visit, give the chapter contact or myself a call at (541) 562-5521.

Diane Walker

P.S. Congratulations to chapter members Steve Keeler and his lady, Wendy on the arrival of their future motorcycle rider, Shawn Keeler on March 16. We excused Steve from the meeting this time.

## 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

Biker Day in May! Don't forget to fax, e-mail, phone, or SHOW UP IN PERSON for the remaining Biker Days!

I am truly disappointed in the turn-out we had for our benefit dance at Coyote Creek March 22! We made just enough money to pay the band and make, oh about \$15.00. Those of us that did

attend had a great time and lots of dancin' was goin' on. Flyers and letters were sent to all members of Central Oregon ABATE. COME ON PEOPLE, HOW DO WE MAKE THIS WORK!?! I am at wits-end and truly have lost my motivation. WE NEED ATTENDANCE AT ALL EVENTS - NOT JUST FOSSIL! If you have any suggestions, please contact me through e-mail; french@bendres.com, fax: 541-389-7327, phone: 541-389-7327, or mail: 64550 Research Road, Bend, OR 97701.

It's snowing outside and I am ready for sunshine, warmth, and ridin'. With all of the e-mail I have been receiving it looks like more states are amending their helmet laws.

Great job to all those that work so very hard! With all the heavy hitters we have tending to business I hope our work will pay-off also! THANKS again to all of you that have put in so much effort!! (Thanks just isn't bough, maybe better participation at events?????????)

I keep coming back to the lack of participation on behalf of the Central Oregon members. Our purpose or mission statement should be read at the next meeting! We are here to continue to "Legatize Freedom"! Your input and participation is the ONLY way this will work. I hope to see ya'll at the next meeting. Second Sunday of each month at K.C.'s Pizza in Redmond.

Reminder to all to renew any memberships that will help with our efforts!

Enough said  
Rebecca

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### 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**

Greetings from Columbia River Chapter!

Sorry about the negativity last time. We've never done this before, and will do better! WE PROMISE.

Spike Neil says we need 8 more votes to pass the helmet law amendment. Please contact your Senator, let's push this through. Remember, fellow bikers, the DOT sticker goes on the back side of the helmet. Put it on! If you get pulled over, and no DOT sticker, oh well!

Our Historian still needs pictures for the scrapbook. Please be sure to date them and name the people in them. Also state what the event is.

Our State Rep. Ron Goodyear, has accepted a job offer in Ohio, so he will be leaving us. Sorry to see you go Ron, and thanks for the good job as State Rep. So we need a new State Rep.. If you are interested, call Angie.

We now have 107 members in Columbia River Chapter. Let us all try to be at the meetings. Second and fourth Sundays at the Alibi! We will have a meeting April 27th, and our next meeting is May 11th on Mother's Day. Bring your mom to the meeting!!! Also, all officers should be sure to attend the Mother's Day meeting. Our Historian wants a picture of us for the scrapbook. So, bring your smile.

Don't forget, the toy run committee is raffling off a leather jacket. Tickets are \$2.00 each, proceeds going to the toy run. This is a nice jacket, everyone buy tickets.

Deadline for Summer run T-shirt design is the 12th.

See you at the next meeting

Jeff (Upholstry Man)

### Douglas County

**Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am**

**Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg**

**Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97470**

**Chapter Contact: Ed Halkyard at (541)673-6120**

Hello from Douglas County!

I'm the new secretary former treasurer. I find I can do this job much better from 65 miles out oftown wish my new computer and the miracles of e-mail and fax.

We have had a couple of successful casino nights with more fun to come. Be sure and join us at the historic Old Oakland Tavern on June 14 1997. Always a fun place to be.

I waited till the last minute to get this out because I wanted to find out what happened at the Capitol. Narrow but well-fought victory there. Congratulations and gratitude to all the folks that worked so hard to make this happen. Two deep breaths and off we go to the Senate. Come on folks keep up the momentum and join in the fun. Do everything you can to see that we have another victory to celebrate by the end of this legislative session the ultimate victory. Show your support for our legislators and your brothers and sisters bustin' their a\*\*\*ess to make this happen. I'm one of those that basso stay at home and work and watch a housefull of kids after school so my people can be at the capitol at

those critical times. We all need to do whatever we can.

We're all looking forward to and gearing up for the 19th Fossil Campout. Time flies. Looking over run photos since 1972 I discovered pictures of people I now know I didn't know when I took them. All of us in Douglas County are looking forward to seeing all of you again!

Till next time,  
Ride Free,  
Ride Safe and  
RIDE OFTEN!  
Kim Vieira

### 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**

Hi to all,

First of all I would like to apologize for the lack of a letter last month, one of those computer #\*&##??. The E-Mail did not work, and I did not know this until it was too late...sorry. All though the rest of that month is in the past, I would like to repeat myself by commending John Ehmer, Lincoln County's Vice-Coordinator & Legislative Officer for all his past and present time and efforts to gain all of our freedom. He, along with a few selected members of ABATE and BikePAC, have done extremely well with their devotion to this cause. As you all know, there efforts have paid off.

I'd also like to congratulate Mark Watts, Gary Lechner & Joe Huff for all their education efforts, for they have opened new doors to the educational program. Joe Huff has also become certified. Congratulations, Joe!!

Vicki, Brenda, Pat, Shirley (and anyone else that helped), deserve a great pat on the back for all the time and effort to produce Biker Day Pins. If you did attend, and did not receive a button, you can contact the Lincoln County Chapter, and we will see that you do. These are only for the people that participated in the Biker Days. They are different buttons for each day, so we need to know which day you participated. You can call Vicki @ (541) 563-3520, Brenda @ (541) 444-2708, or E-Mail to Kandi@FBO.com.

I would also like to take the time to thank Debbie Becker for all her great work on our newsletter. We all enjoy it so much, sometimes we forget just what it takes to produce this....Thanks Deb!! Anybody that would like to put anything in our monthly newsletter can reach Deb at Beckerhill@FBO.com, or call (541) 563-2398, if long distance, add a 888 in front of that number on Friday's and it's a free call. She's always eager for any news or ads. (Continued on next page.)

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As for what the chapter is up to--some great rides. The monthly ride is growing larger and larger each month. It could have something to do with the excellent riding roads our Road Captains, Randy Becker & Kurt Speas have selected, or just the fun. If you would like to join in on the fun, call Randy @(541) 563-2398 or Kurt @(541) 563-6526.

We are heading into spring looking forward to Fossil. We also are preparing plans for the improved kitchen for Beavercreek, no more hour wait for breakfast or coffee. We want to make all that come happy. A Scavenger Hunt & Casino night are in preparations. So all in all, we're doing a lot of riding, working, planning and looking so forward to this summer.

Till next month.

Kandi

### **North Coast**

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

**Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria**

**Children are Welcome**

**Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, OR 97138**

**Chapter Contact: Jeff Oletzke (503) 861-0749**

The weather is getting a little better here so we are getting in some riding time without getting wet. We had a Poker Run in March and had a lot of people show. We met up with Gray's Harbor Chapter and Cowlitz County ABATE to end up at Naselle Washington to party with Pacific County ABATE of Washington.

We seem to steadily be gaining new members. Thanks to all our people doing their part, we gained another three members last month. Welcome aboard!!

By the time that you read this, J.J.'s 6th Annual Poker Run will have taken place hope I see some of you there.

We will be having our 2nd Annual Around Saddle Mountain Run in June. If you would like more information please give us a call. We will be sending out flyers sometime this month hopefully. We keep you more up to date in the next newsletter.

See you on the road,

Jeff Oletzke

P.S. Please write the Governor.

### **N.E Portland**

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

**Chen's Village 108th & N.E. Halsey**

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

**Chapter Contact: Randy Phipps (503)284-1486**

Hello everyone and happy spring!! At least the weather and turning our clocks ahead makes me feel like spring is here. Marty and I have gotten in a few rides with our recent good weather. We're looking forward to alot of rides this summer.

I'm happy to report to those of you that don't know yet, our meeting place is back in N.E. Portland!! Many of you will feel right at home there because it's at the old Gino's Pizza on 108th and Halsey where our meetings we're held for so many years. It is now called Chens Village.

As you all know, Fossil is right around the corner. Our chapter is gearing up by collecting names for security. Marty, our sgt-at-arms is asking for volunteers at our chapter meetings. Anyone that hasn't made it to our meeting lately and would like to

volunteer, please call him at 503-835-9883. Security, as usual, is vital to pulling off our events without a hitch.

Great news about HB2453 and HB2454 passing thru the house, huh!! Now it's time for everyone to pressure your Senator. Did you know that more than half the states do not have a helmet law?? We can do this if we all give an effort. All it takes is a ten minute letter, phone call, and maybe a visit or two to the capital to make a difference. These are pretty cheap prices for a shot at gaining our freedom of choice back. If you are uncomfortable talking to your Senator in person, Butch Harbaugh has made it clear that he would be happy to accompany you. This is how the legislator's buddy program works. O.K. end of lecture!

Advance ticket sales for Summer Run are now available. You can purchase yours at the next chapter meeting.

Thats all for now, ride safe and enjoy that sunshine!

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: Vern Miller at (503) 390-7906**

>> BIG NOTE: Fox Creek '97 dates have been changed to 25-27 July to avoid conflict with Sturgis.

>> SOLE point of contact for chapter events should be Coordinator Vern Miller at (503)-390-7906

> Salem Chapter meets 4th Sunday at 1:00 pm at Pietro's Pizza on North Hawthorne.

Howdy y'all,

Early April was a lousy time to be outta town.

Rot Path missed all the excitement when HB2454 squeaked through the House, then zoomed over to the Senate. That don't mean we can ferget about the House. Hope everyone wrote to the Reps who voted with us and thanked them for their support. (If not, it ain't too late.) Need to keep pingin' politely on the nay-voters in the House an' Senate 'cause it ain't over yet. We're gonna need at least 40 folks with us in the House and 20 in the Senate to override any veto the Gov tosses our way.

Movin' on to the mundane, the Salem Chapter held its officer and general meetings back-to-back on Sunday, 23 March, so Ice Breaker '97 from the day before was still throbbin' in some folk's heads. (Probably the ones who didn't make it to the meetin'.)

Cindy Panchrei was elected to the Treasurer post, so now we got a full roster of occifers. She was promptly dubbed "Pancake" by our Sgt at Arms, Cindy Gentzler, who offered to put the first ding on Pancake's brand new beanie helmet. (Offer refused.)

Yep, Cindy G is back with us after survivin' various surgeries. Fortunately, it don't look like the bullet wound is gonna mess up her tattoo.

The Salem Chapter got a nice "thank ya" from the State Board for their work on STEAM-'97.

The State Board also claimed that ABATE has been losin' sight of its true objective -- raisin' funds for rider education and legislation.

And now fer that word y'all been lookin' forward to readin' -- Fox Creek '97.

BIG NOTE: Fox Creek '97 has been changed from the first

week in August to the last week in July (25-27) so's you folks puttin' back east for Sturgis don't have to rush around in a panic.

Most likely Fox Creek '97 will be held at its original site again up above Detroit. We got us a committee workin' on the paperwork, but they ain't letting Rot Path fill out any forms 'cause spellin' counts and crayola smears.

Bo was the winner of the 50-50 raffle. (Ain't it nice to leave a meetin' with more money than ya came in with?)

Backin' up to Ice Breaker for a bit, whoever ordered the weather couldn't have done a better job. Willamette and Salem Chapters did themselves proud puttin' on the event. Had about 300 people show up along with around 85 bikes. (How do ya get 3.5 people on a bike?)

About the only down side was that Rot Path got lost headin' over there following Rot Path's own map. (Yeah, yeah, Rot Path was an Ice Breaker virgin. Howsomever, notes were taken an' there WILL be an accurate map for next year with milages an' road names an' everything.)

Kinda nice to hold the bike games on blacktop instead of dirt or gravel. Cindy G did a good job of keepin' things movin' along includin' the fun. Gotta say though that the trike had an unfair advantage in the slow race, despite bein' piled high with people. (Rot Path took care of that by movin' the finish cone real close to the start line.)

Rot Path never did get a copy of the bike games or show results, so hopefully PonieRyder will cover that elsewhere in this ish. Seems like Woody won at least one of the events. (No bike show catagory for grungiest bike so Rot Path's commuter scoot wasn't entered.)

Tom and son did a grand job of fixin' hot chow. Much thanks to everyone who brought along their potluck fare to share. (Okay, so next time we'll have paper plates.) Patty G was especially grateful to whoever brought the chocolate brownies.

A grand time was had by all. Willamette and Salem Chapters, ya done good.

As for the offer to take a shot at PonieRyder, no thanks Gordon. Rot Path prefers the view from the high roads. We're all volunteers an' human. The main thing is that we're all tryin' together. So let's learn from our mistakes an' concentrate on the good that we do.

Keep yer wheels an' heads turning, y'all.

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**

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

### 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--

Busy isn't the word for the way things have been down here lately. Everything started to pick up speed the middle of March. First we had the Pleasure(?) of putting on a Motorcycle Awareness & Freedom Rally on March 22nd on the Courthouse steps. Everyone needs to try this one on for size; but you'll find a write up on it someplace else in this rag. I'd like to take a minute to thank Larry Schalk, Chris Viera, Brian Slovall, Bob Hansen (from Team Oregon), Jim Brock (Josephine County Commissioner) and everyone else who helped to make the event a success. Then things picked up again with our legislative efforts on Biker Day, with a group of people going to the Capital for the vote (which didn't happen) on our Helmet Bill, then going back up the next day for the vote and having it pass the House by a slim margin. We found out that all the phone calls, letters, and trips back & forth to the Capitol can pay off when Rep. Bob Repine (who voted against us on the previous vote) came up to me in the hall just before the final vote and told me he was going to vote with us. That brief conversation made all the work and time worthwhile.

We've just put the finishing touches on a Poker Run we're having on May 17th--Should be fun, starts at Medford Honda at 10:00 am. If you can join us, we would love to have you.

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,

I'm very sorry I had to leave in the middle of your chapter meeting. Thank you Glen for taking me home and Jerriane for taking my place as secretary. I really appreciate what you two did for me.

Blue Mountain Chapter, I have all the confidence in your pulling through the problems you've had in the past. I look forward in reading you next report to see how things are coming along. The best of luck to you.

It's the time of year alot of things are going to be happening, like May Awareness Rally, May 3rd. Our chapter is riding down as a group. If you are interested in riding down with us, we will meet at the Pizza Baron at 8:00 am. and leaving at 8:30 am. (Continued on next page.)



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On April 8th. HB 2453 passed the House, and on Wednesday the 9th. the Oregon House will be voting on HB 2454, our helmet amendment. I know by the time you read this it will be old news, but in case you never heard the out come, you can always call the Toll Free Legislative Hotline # it's 1-888-UR1-BIKE.

As for gardening, If you got an Easter Lily for Easter, don't throw it out plant it and you'll have years of blooms to come.

Also be sure to get your vegetable gardens planted by Mother's Day. If you put something up to mark where you plant things, a great way to recycle something is to cut up an old plastic gallon milk carton, in to 7 inch long strips about 1/2 wide/ you can write on them with pencil so, the rain or watering won't fade them out and reuse them next year by using a little cleanser to clean them off.

ENJOY  
DEBBY

P.S. I just got word that HB 2454 passed in the House, 32 yeas, 27 nays, but our fight for freedom isn't over.

### Washington County

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

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

**Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113**

**Chapter Contact: Jeff Tracy 503-640-5766**

**Bill The Bricklayer 503-640-9543**

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

### Willamette Valley

**Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm**

**Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill**

**1360 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield**

**Chapter Address: P.O. Box 23325, Eugene, OR. 97402**

**Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541) 998-1309**

**Russ Lax (541) 747-2787**

Our meeting for April was on the 3rd at the Prime Time in Springfield. We had 16 people sign in. There was a shortage of officers though. Since our meeting was going to focus on the legislative issues and other issues - most of the officer reports were skipped over.

Chuck Katon, OVMA, was our guest speaker. Along with Dennis Werst and Craiger, they updated us on the POW/MIA Memorial Ride for 1997. The ride is to start June 6 in Oakridge at the Shady Dell Camp Ground. After a night of camping, the ride will beginning the next morning, June 7th. The route they have planned includes Eugene, Florence, Newport and ends at Beverly Beach Park, where they have camping and activities planned for 8th. Several memorial stops are planned along the way. In our area, they have a bike blessing scheduled at Skinners Butte Park around 11:00 am the 7th. If you can't make the whole trip, try to be at the park for the memorial service.

On the same date is the Team Oregon Poker Run being organized by the Women in the Wind. Coincidentally, this fundraiser will be on June 7th and follow a similar route, ending at.....you guessed it..... Beverly Beach Park in Newport.

A flier is soon to be out on this ride, but I believe they will start at the Tom Tom in Albany (better confirm that first). The route includes Cheshire, Noti, Florence & Newport. Sounds like a lot of bikes on the coast that week-end. I hope everyone can make one

of these rides. Both deserve alot of support.

Sid updated us on news from the State Meeting and reminded us of Fossil. Since our chapter has no inventory - it won't take us very long to make a list for Chris. Also, since our chapter has no money - we won't be helping out the state treasury very much either.

Our chapter did just have a pool tournament fund raiser for our chapter treasury. Over \$600 in prizes were given away - including a leather jacket (1st place), a new pool que & case (2nd place) and a real nice HD belt & buckle (3rd place). Lots of t-shirts, gloves, pillows and other things were raffled off at the end. The Wheel of Fortune that Larry & Gayla rigged for us was a good attraction for those not entered in the pool tournament. Unfortunately - and I hate to pass on news like this, but the truth hurts sometimes - only eight of our chapter members turned out and 10 people played in the tournament. Don't get me wrong, everyone there had a good time, but it was kind of a pathetic showing for all of the work that was put into it, and we didn't make any money. I do want to officially thank those that helped and showed up - Woody, Sid, April, Larry & Gayla, Mike Y., Roxanne, Mary and Gordon. THANKS!!!!!! But guess what members, looks like there will be no chapter newsletter (not yet anyway).

Also had the Ice Breaker happen since last month. Again, for the first ride of the season, we had a really good time. Everyone was just in a good mood and the weather cooperated. Thanks Salem for inviting us to help again this year. I'll bet Rot Path has more details on this run in his report.

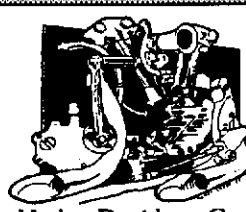
Now for what has been consuming so much of my time that my Boss is starting to wonder just how much I really care about work - THE VOTE AT THE CAPITOL. Yes, Woody and I made it to the capital two days in a row, along with anyone else we could get interested, to witness the session. If you haven't been there, it is a sight like you will see no where. Other than being so irritated about how are paid representatives conduct their daily business that they have to be forced to do their jobs - it is really exciting.

Some of our upcoming activities for May were talked about. Motorcycle Awareness Day in Salem on the 3rd. Rhody Run the 17th & 18th in Florence, Salem Biker Day the 19th (hope our bills are in the Senate then), and of course, FOSSIL on the 23rd. Sure hope our chapter can make a good showing for all of these rides.

Well, that's enough from me. Have fun this summer and ride safe.

X-PonieRyder.

P.S. Gordon S^&\*\$@^\*\$ is really Gordon Sechrist. I couldn't read his name on the sign-in sheet. But I do want to thank Gordon for all of his recent participation in our chapter and for his motivational attitude.



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# ***THINGS FROM THE INTERNET AND YOU!***

## **TEXAS:**

From the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association:

HB350 is now dead. We elected to kill this bill and just bring SB99 to the house to be voted on. This will speed up the process. We will only need to go thru the Senate for a Concur vote. We believe we have enough votes in the Senate to get the bill passed. This eliminates having to go thru a joint committee, and then have both the House and Senate do another vote.

SB99 went to the Transportation committee in the House. The Transportation Committee removed some of the Senate's amendments and added one of their own. The current version that will go to the House floor will look like this:

1. 21 years or older before you can ride without a helmet.
2. Motorcycle Headlight must always be on.

Amendments deleted from the Senate bill are:

1. Must show proof of Medical Insurance not less than \$10,000
2. Riding without a helmet exempts you from the state head and spinal injury compensation fund.

The House will vote on the bill Monday April 14th. We need to get everyone to call their Representative about this bill.

We also need as many people as possible to be in Austin, in the House Chambers to watch our legislators vote on this bill.

We are close to the final hour for Texas bikers. Each step we take is one more towards Freedom of Choice.

## **FLORIDA:**

The following article appeared in a Florida paper last Friday, and was forwarded by a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Florida.

### **PANEL OKAYS BILL TO EASE HELMET LAW**

About twice a month, state Rep. Nancy Argenziano hops on a Honda motorcycle and rides for fun. But the Dunellon Republican wants the right to ride without a helmet, and on Thursday the House Transportation Committee took the first step in helping her to do just that. The committee approved a measure that would allow people over the age of 21 to ride without a helmet or eye protection. Current law requires it. "People over the age of 21 can make the decision on their own", Argenziano

said. "Wearing a helmet obstructs my vision and I can't hear. "The measure, which passed a Senate committee as well, has failed in past years.

It is opposed by insurance companies, who say it will result in higher health care costs.

Keith Buczak

A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska

## **OREGON:**

From Brian Stovall, BikePAC of Oregon

Day 62 of the Legislature

**HB2453 & HB2454**

**PASS THE HOUSE**

On Tuesday, April 8, HB2453, the Team Oregon Funding Bill passes on the floor of the House in a 57 to 1 vote with two persons excused. Today, April 9, HB 2454, the Helmet Law Amendment, also passed the floor in a 32 to 27 vote with one excused absence. The House gallery was packed with motorcyclists and bikes lined the parking area out front.

Both bills carried amendments to their original form. HB2453 was amended to require rider training for first time endorsees up to the age of 21.

HB2454 carried an amendment to allow those 21 and over (instead of 18 and over) to choose about wearing a helmet. Both bills will now go to the senate. Following is a list of the yeas and nays:

**Yeas**, 32, Adams, L. Beyer, R. Beyer, Carpenter, Eighmey, Fahey, Jones, Josi, Kruse, Lewis, Lokan, Markham, Messerle, Milne, Montgomery, Oakley, Repine, Roberts, Schrader, Simmons, Snodgrass, Sowa, Starr, Sunseri, Thompson, VanLeeuwen, Watt, Wells, Welsh, Westlund, Whelan, Lundquist (MR. Speaker)

**Nays**, 27, Beck, Bowman, Carter, Corcoran, Courtney, Deckert, Devlin, Edwards, Gardner, Harper, Hill, Jenson, Johnson, Johnston, Lehman, Luke, Minnis, Piercy, Prozanski, Rasmussen, Ross, Shetterly, Shields, Strobeck, Taylor, Uherbelau, Wooten.

**NEXT WE NEED TO WORK ON THE SENATORS**

Contact information and current status of senate support will follow in the next several days. All but four of the senators have E-Mail and I will pass that info on as soon as I have it entered in the computer (if you got a new Legislative Guide at the capitol, all the addresses are in there).

BikePAC of Oregon

\* PO Box 5612 \* Salem, OR 97304

#### **WEST VIRGINIA:**

From Wayne Curtin, MRF

Just thought you would like to know the West Virginia state Senate approved HB2155 by a voice vote on its second reading today (4/10/97). This legislation has already passed the House of Delegates and faces one final vote (third reading) that will probably take place on Friday (4/11), but there is an outside chance it will come up in tonight's session of the Senate. For reference on the third reading, thought the second reading passed on a voice vote, there was a first reading roll call vote that approved HB2155 by a vote of 26 ayes, 7 nays and one senator absent.

HB2155 would allow motorcyclists 21 and older who have 2 years of riding experience to ride without a helmet.

#### **ILLINOIS:**

Update on Ed "Alaska" Wilson

I just got off the phone (Ed. note: not me, the author of the message!) with Alaska and I'm very surprised at the strength and alertness in his voice. He says he has no pain at all and has nearly set records for walking around after major surgery. No fluid in lungs and feels great. He told me he would definitely be at the board of directors meeting next Saturday, the 19th. I feel very relieved myself. He said the surgery couldn't have gone better if he'd written the script. He also said he's anxious to get back to work. I just hope he doesn't push too hard!

Thanks again to all. By the way, he says he'll be home Friday so if you're going to send a card, send it to his home address. Stay well, everyone and like Jean sez, **THINK SPRING!!!**

#### **FROM THE AMA:**

Following is a press release on the Health Care Act. This preliminary rule will appear in the April 8th

Federal Register. You can go to the Government Printing Offices' web site (<http://www.access.gpo.gov>) to obtain a copy... after April 8th of course.

In addition, I am in the interim process of switching to a new e-mail address ([smaher@ama-cycle.org](mailto:smaher@ama-cycle.org)). You may want to make changes in you address books now. Also, if you haven't heard, the AMA has its webpage up, <http://www.ama-cycle.org>.

Sean M. Maher

AMA Government Relations

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## **INTERIM RULE CLARIFIES FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW**

WESTERVILLE, Ohio--The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and others in the motorcyclist rights movement are cautiously optimistic about a preliminary federal rule that would curtail health insurance discrimination against motorcyclists.

The interim rule, to be issued April 8 and currently being finalized by officials in the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and the Treasury, is another step toward the final implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Portions of that act prohibit employers from denying health care coverage to employees who are injured while riding motorcycles. While some of the language in the interim rule indicates that federal regulators do not intend to allow employers to arbitrarily reduce health care benefits for certain classes of individuals like motorcyclists, there are other portions of the regulation where officials are still seeking public comment before drafting their final rule.

"We are extremely pleased that federal officials listened to our comments, and that the interim rule reflects our concerns," said Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations. "However, there are still areas where the various Departments are seeking guidance before they issue their final interpretation. We are encouraged, but our work is not done yet."

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 210,000-member non-profit organization. Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

## **BLUE DOTS???**

Are you aware of HB 2589 introduced at the request of a number of car clubs? It asks that antique autos be allowed to have blue dots on taillights. BikePAC may be interested in getting motorcycles added to that bill. As you are aware having blue dots on taillights is another reason cops have been using to stop cyclists.

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## **CRAP IN CORVALLIS!!**

I'm getting sick of this crap. Here we thought the 95 legislation would cure the harassment. It hasn't.

Here's another case.

March 27, 1997

Pam Roskowski

Chief of Police

City of Corvallis

180 NW 5th Street

Corvallis, OR 97330

VIA FAX: 541/745-1722

Re: Officer Claxton

Improper Stop For Motorcycle Helmet

Dear Chief Roskowski:

I represent David Reiland. On March 26, 1997, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Mr. Reiland was stopped on Southwest 9th Street, at or near 928 S.W. 9th, in Corvallis, by Officer Claxton of the Corvallis police. Officer Claxton blocked the motorcycle in with his patrol car, and turned on his overhead lights. Mr. Reiland was on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle at the time, and was wearing a smaller design "beanie" style helmet, which had a hard outer shell, some inner padding, a chin strap, and a "DOT" sticker on the outside. Officer Claxton told Mr. Reiland that his helmet was not legal.

Officer Claxton insisted at the scene that Mr. Reiland would have to get another helmet to wear, that his helmet did not meet "federal standards," and that if he rode off on his motorcycle wearing it, he said, "Make no mistake, I will cite you if you leave with that thing on."

Officer Claxton is wrong on the law. The 1995 Oregon Legislature removed the federal standards from Oregon law, and replaced it with a simple definition:

ORS 801.366: "Motorcycle Helmet"

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

In the case of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc., et al vs. Leron R. Howard, Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, et al (Civil No. 96-957-JE), Judge Jelderks, in the United States Federal District Court, found that this statute means what it says: There is no requirement that the helmet actually meet federal standards. Judge Jelderks said:

"In summary, ORS 801.366 means precisely what it says: So long as a rider is wearing a "protective covering" on his or her head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap type retention system,' and the helmet bears a DOT sticker indicating that the helmet meets U.S.D.O.T. standards, the rider is in compliance with the helmet law and police may not inquire further."

A.B.A.T.E. v. Howard,

Summary Judgment Opinion at 18

I have assisted a number of motorcyclists over the years in defending tickets for wearing supposedly improper helmets. Your agency has distinguished itself by its officers having on several occasions actually seized what they believed to be illegal helmets from riders, leaving them stranded by the side of the road. Given the new federal interpretation of the Oregon law, this kind of activity is no longer acceptable, if it ever was.

I am writing to advise that if Mr. Reiland is stopped and detained again for his helmet, or if any motorcyclist is stopped and detained for their motorcycle helmet, whether or not they are ticketed, if the helmet meets the legal definition of a helmet, I will advise that motorcyclist of their rights to make a claim for damages against the City of Corvallis. Please advise if you concur with my reading of the statute and case law, and if your officers will be promptly so advised.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this lengthy and complicated issue. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Very truly yours,  
Samuel I. Hochberg  
Attorney at Law

### From "In the Wind":

The Excelsior-Henderson Motorcycle Company will officially break ground on the site of its new company headquarters and manufacturing facility in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, on April 14, according to the company. The governor of Minnesota, Arne Carlson, along with other state officials, will join company co-founders Dave and Dan Hanlon in the ground-breaking ceremony of the \$50 million, 170,000-square-foot headquarters and assembly plant.

I suppose it's just another cruiser plant, but what the heck, it's 'Merican iron.

## U.S. TERRITORY OF GUAM REPEALS HELMET LAW FOR ADULT MOTORCYCLISTS

Second U.S. State or Territory In 1997 To Give Adult Motorcyclists Freedom Of Choice!

GUAM...Tom Matanane, president of the Guam HAWGS Motorcycle Club, reported to the MRF that on March 16, 1997, Guam's Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez signed into law Bill #7, which gives

motorcyclists 18 years of age and older the right to decide for themselves whether or not to wear a helmet. The law went into effect at midnight, so on March 17, 1997, motorcyclists in Guam were able to legally ride without a helmet.

Guam is a U.S. territory, where as they say there, "Guam where America's day begins." The sponsor of Bill #7, Senator Elizabeth Barret-Anderson, was extremely successful in moving the legislation through the Guam Senate. Bill #7 passed the Guam Senate unanimously on a 21 to zero vote. Guam has a unicameral legislature, so once the legislation passed the Senate it was sent on to Governor Gutierrez for his signature.

"The Guam Hawgs should take great pride and be commended for bringing freedom of choice to American motorcyclists," stated Wayne Curtin, MRF vice president of government relations. Curtin continued by saying, "This is the second time in a week that legislation repealing helmet laws for adults has been enacted in a state or territory of the United States. This shows that with continued perseverance motorcyclists in every state and territory of the United States have the ability to convince legislators and governors that freedom of choice for motorcyclists is the best public policy."

Guam joins Arkansas, whose Governor Mike Huckabee signed into law a helmet repeal bill for motorcyclists 21 and older on March 13, 1997, as the U.S. territory and state that have given motorcyclists the right to decide for themselves on helmet use in 1997.



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Following is a list of Oregon State Senators, their E-mail addresses, room numbers, office phones, and currently known positions on HB 2454 & 2453.

**All mailing addresses are:  
 Senator So-and-so,  
 Room #, State Capitol,  
 Salem, OR 97310.**

**The Governor's can be addressed by phone or snail mail,  
 but not E-mail:  
 Governor John Kitzhaber,  
 State Capitol,  
 Salem, OR 97310.  
 Phone 24 hrs:  
 503-378-4582**

KEY: H54pre = senator's position on HB 2454, helmet law amendment.  
 H53pre = senator's position on HB 2453, Team Oregon funding via motorcycle endorsement fee.

SP = sponsor of bill  
 YES = will vote in favor  
 FENCE = not willing to state position  
 NEG = leaning toward no  
 NO = will vote against  
 ? = position unknown

Party	Dist	Last	First	email	ROOM #	offc phone	H54pre	H53pre
R	S25	Adams	Brady	brady.adams@state.or.us	S-203	986-1600	FENCE	FENCE
R	S14	Baker	Ken	baker.sen@state.or.us	S-319	986-1714	NO	?
D	S07	Brown	Kate	brown.sen@state.or.us	S-310	986-1707	SP	?
R	S27	Bryant	Neil	bryant.sen@state.or.us	S-206	986-1727	?	?
D	S06	Burdick	Ginny	burdick.sen@state.or.us	S-306	986-1706	FENCE	?
D	S20	Castillo	Susan	castillo.sen@state.or.us	S-314	986-1720	FENCE	FENCE
R	S16	Derfler	Gene	sen.republican@state.or.us	S-314	986-1950	FENCE	?
D	S01	Dukes	Joan	dukes.sen@state.or.us	S-318	986-1701	NO	YES
R	S12	Duncan	Vern	duncan.sen@state.or.us	S-316	986-1712	?	?
D	S21	Dwyer	Bill	bdwyer@efn.org	S-311	986-1721	SP	?
R	S28	Ferrioli	Ted	ferrioli.sen@state.or.us	S-216	986-1728	NEG	?
R	S23	Fisher	Bill	fisher.sen@state.or.us	S-204	986-1723	SP	SP

Party	Dist	Last	First	email	ROOM #	offc phone	H54pre	H53pre
R	S02	George	Gary	george.sen@state.or.us	S-215	986-1702	SP	SP
D	S10	Gordly	Avel L.	avgordly@orednet.org	S-302	986-1710	FENCE	?
R	S05	Hamby	Jeannette	senhamby@teleport.com	S-312	986-1705	NO	?
R	S26	Hannon	Lenn		S-303	986-1726	YES	?
R	S03	Hartung	Tom	hartung@navicom.com	S-212	986-1703	?	?
R	S22	Kintigh	Bob	kintigh.sen@state.or.us	S-217	986-1722	YES	?
D	S09	Leonard	Randy	leonard.sen@state.or.us	S-309	986-1709	SP	SP
R	S11	Lim	John	john-lim@spiritone.com	S-205	986-1711	SP	SP
R	S13	Miller	Randy	miller.sen@state.or.us	S-211	986-1713	SP	SP
R	S29	Nelson	David	nelson.sen@state.or.us	S-317	986-1729	?	?
R	S04	Qutub	Eileen		S-210	986-1704	SP	SP
R	S15	Shannon	Marylin	shannon.sen@state.or.us	S-218	986-1715	SP	SP
R	S17	Stull	Shirley		S-209	986-1717	FENCE	?
R	S24	Tarno	Veral		S-214	986-1724	SP	SP
R	S30	Timms	Eugene	timms.sen@state.or.us	S-219	986-1730	?	?
D	S18	Trow	Cliff	trow.sen@state.or.us	S-323	986-1700	NO	?
D	S08	Wilde	Thomas	wilde.sen@state.or.us	S-305	986-1708	SP	SP
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## **INTERIM FINAL RULE ON HEALTH CARE INSURANCE ISSUED**

Motorcyclists Concerns Addressed,  
But Additional Response Required.

WASHINGTON, D.C... On Tuesday, April 8, 1997, the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Treasury issued the interim final rule for implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, also known as the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill. The interim rule, which took effect upon publication, addresses motorcyclists' concerns, but left us with additional work to do to ensure the end of health care insurance discrimination against motorcyclists by employer provided health care plans.

Sections 702 and 2702 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act dealt with preventing discrimination in health care by employer provided health care plans. These sections stated that health care plans could not discriminate in providing benefits for a number of reasons. Included in the list of protected areas is "health status."

In the conference committee report that accompanied the legislation, the definition of "health status" was further clarified with the following provision: "The Committee notes that the inclusion of evidence of insurability in the definition of health status is intended to ensure, among other things, that individuals are not excluded from health coverage due to their participation in activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing and other similar activities."

As the interim regulation was being developed, both the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) submitted written comments to the Departments of Labor, HHS and Treasury. These comments were submitted to make sure the regulation writers were aware of the history and intent of the legislation. We wanted to make sure that the regulation writers made their interpretations of the legislative language with the conference committee report views in mind.

We were successful in the fact that the regulation writers included the language from the conference committee report in the interim rule. This is a major positive action, as the regulatory language in the rules often does not directly incorporate the conference

committee report language. In this case the wording of the report language is quoted in the interim final rule.

However, they also raised some questions that will require motorcyclists to respond to before the final rule is issued later this year. Though the interim rule went into effect upon publication, there is a 90 day public comment period to address questions about the way the regulation writers interpreted the legislative language. Also, it is the period in which we must respond to issues the regulation writers have raised and requested additional public input to help them write provisions to be included in the final rule. The deadline for comments is July 7, 1997.

The main issue affecting motorcyclists on which the regulation writers have requested additional input is: "comments are requested on how future guidance should treat benefit limitation based on source of an injury." The MRF and AMA have learned that one interpretation that is being advocated by others is for a requirement that health care plans could not deny general plan coverage to a motorcyclist, but could deny coverage of injuries from motorcycle accidents. Of course, we know that both of those problems were what motorcyclists and Congress had addressed in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The legislation does contain provisions that would allow health care plans to not offer coverage for specific medical conditions (i.e. pregnancy, eye diseases, etc.). And, it appears, it is under this provision that the argument is being made to allow exclusion of motorcycle accident injuries from plan coverage.

It is the MRF's contention that this is wrong for two reasons. First, the legislative history is that motorcyclists specifically asked Congress to end the practices of employer provided health care plans denying coverage to motorcyclists and denying coverage for injuries resulting from a motorcycle accident. The legislative and conference committee language of the law is the result of Congress agreeing to address both of those problems. Hopefully, legislative history, intent and language is reason enough.

Second, a broken arm or collarbone is a medical condition. Riding a motorcycle is not a medical condition. So, it is MRF's contention that if broken arms and collarbones are medical conditions covered under the plan, then whether those medical conditions



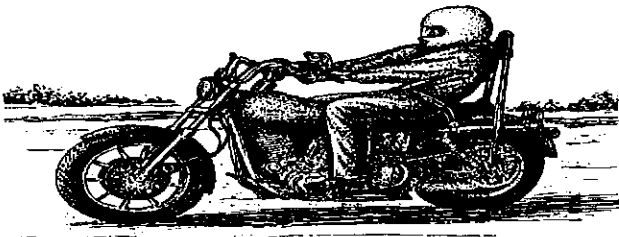
resulted from a motorcycle accident, ice skating or falling in the bath tub should not matter. Either, all, or none, should be covered. The MRF further maintains that limitations of coverage should not be placed on legal activities, such as whether or not the person was wearing a helmet if there was no law requiring them to wear one.

The MRF and AMA are developing a strategy for responding to the request for comments. In the next few weeks the State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMRO) will be contacted with requests for action. With a strong coordinated response motorcyclists will obtain an interpretation in the final rule that will ensure that the practice of discriminating against motorcyclists in employer provided health care plans is ended.

### TRACK A BILL

Ever wonder how to track a BikePAC bill's history, to find out how legislators voted on it in committee and on the floor? If you have a computer with Web capabilities (modem, service provider, browser, etc.), here's what you do...

- 1) Go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/>
- 2) Click on the "Bills and Laws" button
- 3) Click on the "Search Legislative Measures" hot link
- 4) Under the "Additional Search Options" heading, click on the "Search by ORS/Measure Number" hot link
- 5) Click on the button in front of "House Bill" (these are called radio buttons), then type the bill number in the number blank and leave the Search: "Current Measures/ORS" status alone. Click on the "Search" button to the right.
- 6) Click on the "View Measure History" button and there you have it. This information is updated on a weekly basis on Fridays.



Helmet Law Threat!  
What Next?  
... Seatbelts?

### ONE OPINION

What we need right now is action directed at your Senators. Our weak vote in the House is a result of people sitting back and letting others fight the battle. If you want this victory, people, it is up to you. The only reason I can think of that we haven't had a huge response from our members is that ABATE people are all talk and little action. Is that how you see yourself? Do you let others fight your battles? If so, then God help the future of motorcycling in this state and this country. The helmet issue is only the first skirmish in the battle to save motorcycling as an activity and lifestyle in the future. We have leg protectors, airbags, noise restrictions, insurance nightmares, and computerized highway systems all on the horizon that threaten the future of motorcycling as we know it. If you think these things won't happen then you are just like the people who didn't fight the helmet law because "it will never happen here." Just sell your bike and get a multi-airbagged cage right now and quit sniveling.

Thousands of years ago Sun-Tzu wrote a book called "The Art of War". It said that the surest way to win a war was to convince the enemy they would lose before the battle even started. Take a look around folks—It is happening to us. If you don't fight now, the battle is already over. Even if we lose this battle, we win the right to fight again another day. If you give up now we lose even that.

Ken Ray  
Vice-Coordinator North

## What to say to someone who wants to drink and drive.

1. Don't give me an excuse, give me your keys.
2. Don't sleep at the wheel, sleep on my couch.
3. Don't take a chance, take a cab.
4. Don't drive, I'll drive you home.

If all else fails, say "no."

If you drink too much and drive,  
the least you'll lose is your license.  
Guaranteed.

Oregon Traffic Safety Commission

## REFUTING AN OREGONIAN EDITORIAL

Rot Path

Aren't newspaper staff writers supposed to uphold ethical standards of journalism regarding balanced, objective, unbiased reporting?

Let's deconstruct an editorial that appeared in the *Sunday Oregonian* on 09 March 1997, page G-4, and see if our state newspaper meets that ideal.

The unattributed editorial is headlined: "Keep helmets on cyclists". Beneath that, a summation refers to the "voter-approved motorcycle-helmet law". Consider the context under which the issue was delegated to the voters:

1. The legislature could or would not settle the issue themselves, so it was sent to the voters.
2. The federal government threatened to withhold highway funds (our own tax dollars) from states that did not implement mandatory seatbelt and motorcycle helmet use.
3. Insurance rates were supposed to decrease once the regulations went into effect. (Anyone notice any reduction in your insurance premiums since then?)

In the first paragraph of the editorial, the unknown writer indicates that passage of HB2454 would "end the state requirement that all motorcyclists wear protective helmets." This statement is absolutely false. HB2454 is an amendment that still requires helmets for riders under 18; for those over 18, it becomes a matter of responsible adult choice. In the third paragraph, the writer attempts to confuse the issue by introducing opponents of seatbelt use. Helmets and seatbelts are two completely different topics. Please focus on one issue at a time. This same paragraph also mentions "restrictions on personal freedom", as though it were a quaint notion whose time is passed. (As a military veteran who took an oath to "defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic", I take exception to people who trivialize the principles on which it is based.)

The fourth paragraph indicates that curtailing personal freedom for a minority is justified if it is too burdensome for the majority. How many people agree with that sentiment?

At long last, in the fifth paragraph, someone is

interviewed. Here is an opportunity to move from opinion to fact. Or is it? Dr. Grant Higginson is quoted as claiming that "the helmet law saves Oregonians \$20 million annually."

Why? How did he arrive at that figure? What is it based on? If this figure is a best guess, then it is nothing more than conjecture.

The writer further claims that "skulls surrounded by helmets are less easily broken than those that are not." That's true to an extent, but will helmets always prevent brain damage? Has the writer done her or his homework? Does she or he know that helmets are only tested from the earline up? That the brain can receive fatal trauma while bouncing around within the skull despite a helmet? That full-face helmets can cause instant death without leaving marks on the body?

The writer claims that the \$20 million savings comes from reduced care costs for helmeted riders. Yet figures presented to the House Transportation Committee indicate there is little difference between the hospital costs of injured automobile drivers and motorcycle riders. Given the relatively small number of motorcyclists in Oregon, a figure of \$20 million would seem to be a gross exaggeration.

In the seventh paragraph, the unknown author resorts to carefully massaged statistics to compare motorcycle accident fatalities in the year prior to voter approval of mandatory helmets with the death count of 1994, showing a decrease from 74 to 22. Are those fatalities strictly due to head injuries or do they include fatal body injuries? The writer is oddly silent on that account.

The writer further claims that "Higginson and others attribute this [drop in deaths] to the helmet law." This despite the fact that helmets don't actually prevent crashes. (They only come into play after a crash has occurred.) And who are these "others"? Doctors? Insurance companies? Helmet manufacturers?

Something else to consider: Why was 1994 chosen? Statistics must have been available from 1995 and 1996. Could it be those numbers weren't as low as the writer wanted them to be?

Higginson is quoted as saying "Oregonians who have health insurance will end up paying higher insurance premiums as injuries increase." As indicated earlier, I didn't notice my insurance premiums go down after the helmet requirement went into effect. Did

you? (Hummmm. I wonder where all those savings could have gone?)

The unknown editorial writer then selectively uses a Washington state study to indicate that taxpayers there are giving up \$1.6 - \$3.3 million per year for injured helmetless motorcyclist care. Is that per rider or for everyone injured?

If it's for everyone, why is their cost so much lower than the projected \$20 million it would cost Oregonians? Who commissioned the Washington study? Was it objective?

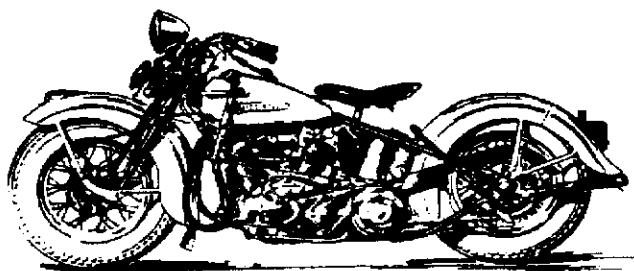
The unknown author finally acknowledges two paragraphs from the end that riders under 18 would still be required to wear helmets. Why wasn't that point brought up at the beginning of the editorial? Instead the impression was given that no one would be required to wear helmets.

Finally, the writer sums up her or his stance in the last paragraph: "If cyclists could ride bareheaded and not affect the rest of us, we'd be all for them." If the author would take the trouble to contact members of BikePAC, she or he would be provided with data that would allow them to fulfill that pledge.

What's interesting to note in this editorial is that the writer only interviewed one person, someone who supported the author's viewpoint. Why wasn't any apparent effort made to contact members of BikePAC in order to present a balanced view?

Obviously the editorial writer and I disagree on the subject of HB2454, an amendment to the Oregon helmet requirement. And that's exactly as it should be. The framers of the Constitution and Amendments believed that a free exchange of informed ideas would foster a healthy government and society. But the key word here is "informed". I believe that the author of the editorial discussed above erred in not researching the topic as fully as it should have been. It throws the validity of the writer's viewpoint into doubt and casts the Oregonian in a bad light.

(Oddly enough, the Oregonian has not responded



to this piece and apparently never printed it. So much for objective journalism. -- RP)

## SUNNY-SIDE UP

"April showers bring May flowers", is the old saying. That must mean there's got to be dry pavement arid sunshine somewhere. And hopefully here, soon !

Have you ever gotten angry at some one and said or done something you regretted? Some of us may do it fairly regularly. It's probably not on purpose, but we identify with the 0-60 in three seconds temper. The one we write off to nationality or red hair or something. Usually , we really don't want to be that way because we wind up looking really dumb, or hurting someone we care about. Well maybe this will help.

The greatest remedy for anger is "delay". In the Bible, the book of James says it this way, "Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger", James 1:19. Try it, I think you'll like it, and others may like you more too. Until next time.

Livin' on the Sonny-side,  
Don, Chaplain  
Douglas Co. ABATE



ALL TYPES OF BIKES AND BIKERS ARE WELCOME

## NEW CHAPTER FORMED!!!

The organizational meeting of the newest-oldest Chapter of ABATE of Oregon- River City was held 22 April 1997.

With over 22+ persons present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. at Darrell's Cycles & Rods, The Dalles, by Larry Schalk and Rotten Roger.

Larry went over Chapter requirements and officers positions.

There was a lengthy discussion followed by a notable hesitation, after which persons finally volunteered to fill the officers positions.

The temporary officers are:

Chapter Coordinator	Ken "Bear" Curtis
Legislative reporter	Brian Stovall
Rec. Secretary	Patricia Combs
Membership Secy.	Kevin Chapman
Treasurer	Pam Jewell
Board of Directors Rep.	Darrell Gosson

The First project approved by those present was a flyer campaign announcing the formation of the River City Chapter to be distributed to all motorcyclists or interested persons at The Dalles Cherry Festival Teddy Bear Run, Saturday the 26th of April 1997.

A boisterous 50/50 drawing was won by Brian Stovall, whom, in the spirit of the meeting donated his winnings back to the Chapter.

When the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. 3 new members had joined ABATE.

A concluding Organizational meeting will be held the 6th. of May 1997 at 7:30 P.M. at Bears.

For more information call Pam at 541-296-1226.

Unofficial minutes

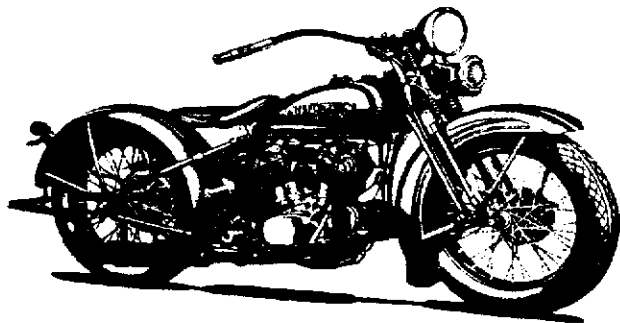
Respectfully submitted

Patricia Combs

*River City Quote of the Month:*

*"Sh\*t or get off the Pot!"*

*by Bear*



From The

**GUNNY'S SACK** comes:

### The AIM. . .ing Point

It seems like time has gained momentum on me since the first of the year. Suddenly I don't seem to have time to get everything done I have planned. I know I'm not alone with this dilemma. It appears we all have to prioritize our agenda's in such a way that we get things done, and I'm workin' on it.

**Politics:** Here in Oregon, right now, we are focused heavily on our legislative programs. We are working very hard to change our helmet law to something a little easier to live with; namely freedom of choice at age 21. We are also working to increase funds for "Team Oregon," our motorcycle training group. Our bill proposes that our motorcycle endorsement fees be increased seven dollars every four years (that's double the current fee), and that the money be used for Team Oregon's educational funding. It isn't public money, it's bikers paying for their own, with no fiscal impact on the Oregon treasury.

Motorcyclists in this state are willing to put our money where our mouth is when we say training and education are the best way to save lives and not necessarily the wearing of helmets. It's pretty obvious that helmets DO NOT prevent accidents nor do they save as many lives as some health officers would like to think. The opposite is really the truth of the matter. Some helmets can cause fatal injuries, just as sure as hanging by the neck.

The real problem, however isn't the wearing of helmets, it's the law that says only a certain part of the driving population must wear these devices, and we think it's discriminatory. There is more head trauma in cars than in motorcycle accidents.

But there I go again, preaching to the choir. My wife gets tired of hearing me when I get Joe citizen cornered and tell him the truth about helmets, but that's what we have to do if we ever expect to get free again.

There are a lot of people out there that are truly concerned about the cost of accidents on motorcycles, even though motorcycle accidents account for only about .64% of all hospital trauma room visits, and about 15 cents per \$1,000.00 spent on accidental

injuries. These same people are worried about the welfare of *all* our population and that's fine. The problem is they need good information not fables concocted by people that will fabricate statistics when they don't know what they are talking about especially when it comes to the truth about motorcycle safety.

Yes, I believe some witnesses were not fully truthful to our legislators when they testified during our helmet bill hearings.

The Oregonian newspaper has published some of these wild accounts without bothering to check facts or ask a knowledgeable biker. And you know there are some people who believe everything they read. I've written a response but haven't seen anything in print. I guess the next thing is get on the phone. We have to let newspeople know when we think they are irresponsible, and we, rightfully, can expect them to recant their articles and print appropriate apologies. The cows may be already out of the barn but we might be able to catch some before they all get away.

For all of you that have supported our efforts either by being here with us or writing letters or making phone calls or just being part of this wonderful motorcycle community THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!

**Stay on top** of the latest here in Oregon with the BikePAC legislative Hotline, sponsored by AIM. In Portland, call 972-3434, or toll-free outside Portland: 1-888-UR1-Bike.

**Riding:** The '97 riding season is about to start and there are a few things we need to prioritize in that area. There are three important things I can think of in this regard: #1 is making sure our insurance coverage is what we think it is, and that's done by taking up some of your agent's time going over your policy to be sure you have the coverage you think you have. Like Sam Hochberg says, you want super-high liability and uninsured motorist limits.

#2 in line is restoring your riding expertise. It's a good idea to take a refresher "Team Oregon" course. Now, I know all of you out there are experts, but do us all a favor and take the course appropriate for you this year. We tell people all the time we encourage motorcycle riding courses and if we don't take them ourselves we can't expect anyone else to. It's called practicing what we preach. Besides, you might accidentally learn something.

#3 is spring maintenance. Make sure you have

fresh fluids in your engines, brakes, and (if you have them) cooling systems. Check tires, brakes, cables, chains or drive lines and any other items that may need service or to be replaced. It might not just be your butt on that scooter, you might take a child for a ride or your favorite squeeze. You don't want problems because you didn't check things out.

Check the run calendars this year for your favorite runs and I'll see you there. Remember too, that I'm always looking for dependable people to help me out with the AIM Displays on some of these Oregon runs. AIM will even pay you to do it. You won't make a living at it but it's a great way to get to some runs that maybe you wouldn't get to otherwise. Give me a call at Sam Hochberg's offices at 503-224-1106 or if out of Portland, 1-800-347-1106. My home number is 503-463-5668, in Keizer, Oregon. There is a message machine and I do return calls. My new cell # is 503/910-8593 and there is voice mail on it. I'm also available on the Internet at AIMGUNNY@aol.Com. I'm trying to be available if needed, so don't hesitate to call.

**News bits & pieces: Brazil:** BMW is one the move here - they plan to increase their share of the motorcycle market (above 650cc) by 4% to 10% in the next two years. They plan new dealerships now and a possible manufacturing plant after the year 2000. **Britain:** (What's her NAME??) England's only woman motorbike racer is all ready to go for the coming season but is having trouble finding the sponsorship she needs in order to get through the entire season. What's a matter are they all male chauvinists? Give the bird a go at it.

**Britain again:** Now the Brits are ticketing riders for giving the family pooch a ride. I guess they didn't learn from the dog "Harley" that rode in Los Angeles. Reports say a rider was given a ticket for allowing pup on the tank. I guess the mutt couldn't reach the foot pegs, and was therefore illegal.

**China:** Our sources tell us that Chinese are spending more money on air conditioners, motorcycles and stereo systems now that the living standards are improving. They average 14 bikes per every hundred families now. Family ownership of motorcycles is up 13.2 percent, just from the previous year.

**Sam's AIM Tip-o-the-month:** Sam says to remember that if you come across **the scene of an accident** of a brother or sister, keep your head and 1)

get help, 2) administer any first aid you are trained to give, and 3) get witness info. Get the other guy's insurance info, and look at his license and insurance card, to make sure he isn't lying. If anyone's injured, get to a hospital, and don't be shy about taking the ambulance! Then, call your AIM lawyer, or any experienced personal injury lawyer, as soon as you can. AIM is at 1-800-531-2424, with free consultations. And I hope you never need to call!

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

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## **WE KICK ASS IN LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE POLICE**

Spencer ("Spike") M Neal  
Attorney at Law

In a twenty-three page opinion issued on March 21, 1997, the Honorable John Jelderks, United States Magistrate Judge, agreed that our interpretation of HB 3422 was correct and that state police officers were not entitled to stop motorcyclists to determine if their helmets met the federal testing standards of FMVSS 218. As Judge Jelderks aptly wrote:

The legislature in effect established a conclusive presumption that a motorcycle rider is in compliance with the Oregon helmet law if he or she is wearing a helmet that has (1) a hard outer shell, (2) padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell, (3) a chin-strap type retention system and (4) a sticker which indicates that the helmet meets USDOT standards. This statute does not require a motorcyclist to second-guess a manufacturer's 'DOT' sticker, nor does it allow a police officer to make an independent assessment as to whether the helmet complies with the complex USDOT standards.

However, the judge ruled against our damage claim holding that since the law was so new and no court had yet interpreted it at the time of the Fossil stops, the state police officers could not be held liable for damages. He also held that we had not plead any evidence that the police officer stopped riders at Fossil because of our associating together in ABATE or because of legislative efforts to pass HB 3422 which would have been violations of our First Amendment rights.

It is my understanding that the state does not

intend to appeal Judge Jelderks' ruling. In return we have elected not to appeal his dismissal of our First Amendment claim. The issue of fees and costs has been settled so I will get paid for my work on this case. The check is supposed to be in the mail.

Sam Hochberg and I are now monitoring actions by local police jurisdictions, that is, county and city cops, to see if they are following the judge's ruling. Sam has already written the City of Corvallis about a stop based upon the cop's belief that the helmet did not meet federal standards despite the presence of a DOT sticker on the helmet. If you hear of any such stops, let us know and we will put an end to them. If local cops ignore Judge Jelderks' ruling, then they can be held liable for damages. We did not go through all the work we did two years ago just to let the police ignore our efforts.

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## **Almost Impossible. But Let's Try Anyway!!**

7:00 pm, Thursday Night, March 13th:

The phone rings and a voice on the other end said, "Hey, Tom. I've got an idea. Can we put on some sort of Motorcycle Freedom Rally here in Josephine County?"

Sure, I don't see why not. Where would you like to hold it and when do you have in mind?

The voice said, "How about in front of the Courthouse next weekend? It could get the media's attention and send a message to Salem from down here in the southern part of the state."

That's kind of short notice, but let me make a few phone calls and see what can be done. It maybe almost impossible, but let's try anyway.

And so began a week of making phone calls, sending out faxes, and talking to everyone under the sun. It started with calls to Brian Stovall and Larry Schalk. Both said it sounded like a good idea. A call to Chris Viera came back with the response that if we can put it together, he'll help by making phone calls to all the other chapters in the area and run the phonetrees for Indian Creek members.

Our next job was to contact our chapter membership and representatives from all of the other motorcycle groups in the Southern Oregon area. Since our General Membership meeting was only three days away, our goal was to get as many people to the

meeting so that we could get some feedback and some commitments from the membership.

At the chapter meeting, people thought it was a good idea and worth a try. The instructions were given to the membership that they were to call everyone they knew who rode motorcycles, and tell them about the event. The representatives from the other motorcycle groups agreed to contact their membership and spread the word. It was decided that we should invite our State Representatives and Senators for the Southern Oregon area to speak at the Rally. Brian Stovall was reached Sunday night and told that the event was on. Brian said he'd be there to speak. A flyer was quickly put together and a copy was faxed to Larry Schalk just for his information.

Monday morning the phone calls to Salem began. The normal response was "I'll have to check my calendar. I'll get back to you. Copies of the flyer were made and stacks of them were delivered to people who had volunteered to distribute some of them. More phone calls were made to Chris Viera and to Melinda McCrossen. Chris started his phonetrees and Melinda gave us some advise about Press Releases. It was agreed that a Press Release would be written and faxed to all the Radio, TV, and Newspapers in the Southern Oregon Area.

Tuesday morning some of the State Representatives called back to say that they had commitments elsewhere and would be unable to attend. Tuesday evening the Press Release was drafted and faxed to Melinda for review. The Press Releases were faxed out to all the media Tuesday Night.

Wednesday, KOBİ TV Channel 5 called and asked for more information about the event. An on air interview was scheduled for Thursday Morning In front of the Josephine County Courthouse. A phonecall to a friend at the Medford Mail Tribune Wednesday evening produced a promise for a reporter to call on Thursday so it can make the Friday edition. It was also discovered that the Grants Pass Daily Courier had not received the Press Release so a copy was faxed to them.

Thursday Morning KOBİ-TV showed up on time and the interview was conducted. The interview aired Thursday evening. Immediately after the news report, the reporter from the Mail Tribune called and was given a telephone interview. Thursday night the phone did not stop ringing. People from the various groups started calling saying that they were definitely coming

and bring 10, 20, 30 people with them. At this point we knew that what we first thought would be almost impossible was actually going to happen. Tom decided that it was too late to go AWOL and suicide was out of the question so he'd stay and see the event through.

Friday morning was the final planning session to solidify the event schedule and see if we had forgotten anything. Final arrangements were made for the sound system. A review of the schedule showed a gap In information about Team Oregon. A phone call was placed to Bob Hansen, the Head Instructor for Team Oregon for this area. Bob Hansen didn't seem to mind the short notice and agreed to speak at the event.

Saturday Morning dawned bright and clear. All the people who had been drafted to assist with the setup showed up at the Courthouse on time. A few people had misread the flyer and thought the event started at 10:00 am, so we put them to work also. At 10:30 we had about 40 bikes parked in front of the Courthouse. The Media arrived and started conducting Interviews. By 10:45 we had over 100 bikes lining both sides of the street, and more arriving all the time. By 11:00 we had filled the parking lot across the street as well. All the scheduled speakers were there and everyone was talking to the people around them.

The event started and it got quiet. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and seemed to set the mood for the event. Josephine County Commissioner Jim Brock, Brian Stovall, Bob Hansen, Larry Schalk, Skip Mazey from CMA and Badger from the Vagos all addressed the crowd. While the speakers were talking, the only other sounds you heard were the occasional car honking to us from the street. Then it was over. The people stood around and talked. They asked questions. They cornered some of the speakers to get more Information.

When it was finally over, all the bikes started up and the sound of the pipes echoed off the front of the marble faced Courthouse. We had made some noise here in Southern Oregon, now it is time to wait and see if anyone is listening. We thought that just putting on the event was almost impossible, but worth a try and it worked.

Maybe someone will listen.

The Southern Oregon Motorcycle Awareness and Freedom Rally took just over a week to go from "Idea" to "Finished Event". Through the efforts of just a few people (and a lot of phonecalls), we put over 125 motorcycles and 200 people at the Courthouse on

a Saturday morning. We made the Saturday Evening News on all three TV stations in the area and got coverage in the local newspapers. Our purpose was to try and open some eyes and ears in Salem and to motivate the riders in our area to get involved.

If we can put on an event in a week, Anyone Can!!! Don't dismiss any idea as impossible before you've tried. This event was Almost Impossible but WE DID IT. Now is not the time to be a Silent Minority. Other chapters can make noise too. Come up with some ideas, Almost Impossible or Not, (and a bottle of Aspirin) and give it a try--You might surprise yourselves with what you can accomplish.

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Southern Oregon Chapter

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## WASHINGTON D.C. and BACK

Ruth Trombetta  
(Lincoln County)

When I first found out Ken and I were selected to be the lobbyists in Washington D.C., I was thrilled; but as the day to leave drew nearer, my apprehension grew. Being from a small coastal town, I am not comfortable in crowds or cities and I was sure that at a crucial time, my mind would go blank, leaving me and Oregon looking pretty bad. Well, none of my worst fears materialized and I survived the trip with faculties and dignity still intact.

Ken Ray and I flew into Baltimore, Md. on Saturday, which helped save on airfare. Although we arrived late, our host family, Mike and Lynn Niznik, were waiting for us and made us feel right at home.

We spent our first couple of days doing the tourist thing and by Tuesday we were ready to take on D.C. and ISTEA.

Appointments with our Senators and Congressmen had been reconfirmed on Monday and we set out feeling confident. We soon discovered the federal level of government is not as flexible as our state level. Out of six confirmed appointments only one Congressman actually showed up in person for our meeting.

Our first appointment was with Congressman Bob Smith. As Chairman of the Agriculture Committee he was unable to be there and sent his aid Dave Rheinhardt. Dave was very positive toward most of our issues and made me feel this was the Congressman's position also. We tried for a photo op

but the Congressman's schedule made it impossible. However, upon arriving home, Ken and I received a letter from him apologizing for not meeting with us and to assure us he would keep our comments in mind.

Our next appointment was Senator Ron Wyden. We were joined by Carol Simpson of MRF. Though I was assured the Senator would be there for our meeting, he was not. His transportation aid, Carol was well informed and listened patiently to us. She also "tried" to locate the Senator for a photo op, which we ended up scheduling for the next day. The Senator then kept us waiting for over an hour. He was patronizing to me and I felt, rude to Ken, We were not impressed.

We did not have a confirmed appointment with Senator Gordon Smith. His aid remembered our organization from the Oregon legislature and was well informed, she assured us she would pass on our concerns to the Senator. Then to our surprise, Senator Smith showed up, with photographer, for a lengthy photo op and assured us himself of his support.

Congresswoman Darlene Hooley was our last appointment on Tuesday. Again an aid was sent. Lisa is not from Oregon and was not familiar with A.B.A.T.E. She did manage to pull the Congresswoman out of committee for a photo op but it was short and no commitment was made.

On Wednesday we had three more appointments scheduled.

Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse was in committee and unable to attend our meeting. Her aid Lesley, was knowledgeable but noncommittal. I did not get the impression of support. Ken did make arrangements to meet with the Congresswoman here at home over spring break.

Congressman Robert Blumenauer sent his aid, Elizabeth to meet with Ken, Carol(MRF) and myself. Elizabeth was well informed on ISTEA and reminded us the Congressman was pro-helmet. We made it clear we were not there to debate the helmet issue. She did not give us any impression of support from the Congressman and we left feeling rather pushed aside. We did manage a photo op later in the day, which seemed to be granted grudgingly.

Our last scheduled appointment was the highlight of our trip. This was with Congressman Peter DeFazio. We were joined by his aid Kathy and MRF's Wayne Curtain. The meeting was positive, upbeat and



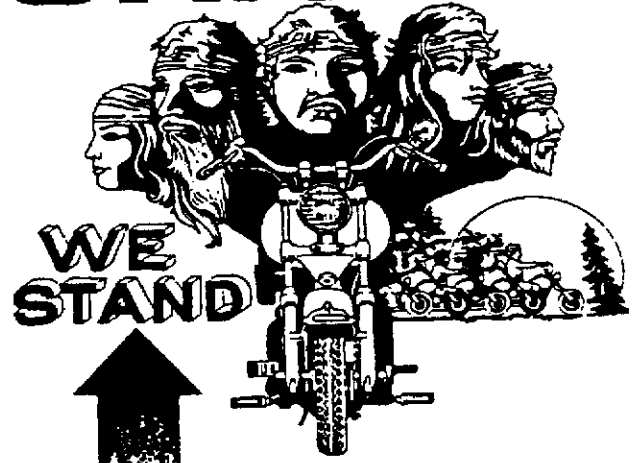
encouraging. The Congressman agreed to send a letter to the chairman of the Transportation Committee voicing our ISTEAs concerns. Pictures were taken and we left this meeting feeling we had the Congressman's full support. That we had actually been heard.

We headed back to the MRF office to meet Carol and head to Wayne Curtains' home where he and his wife Rosemary had put together an excellent Italian dinner for us and the North Carolina delegation. We got the chance to share ideas, hope and support with other bikers just as committed as we are. Until this trip I hadn't realized how much each individual states victories and defeats affect all the states across the nation.

Before I close this I'd like to say " thanks" to Ken. You're a wonderful tour guide and if it weren't for your great sense of direction, I 'd still be wandering around D.C. We worked well together and I appreciated the balance we managed to achieve that made our task easier.

Also, Thank You to all the members of ABATE of Oregon for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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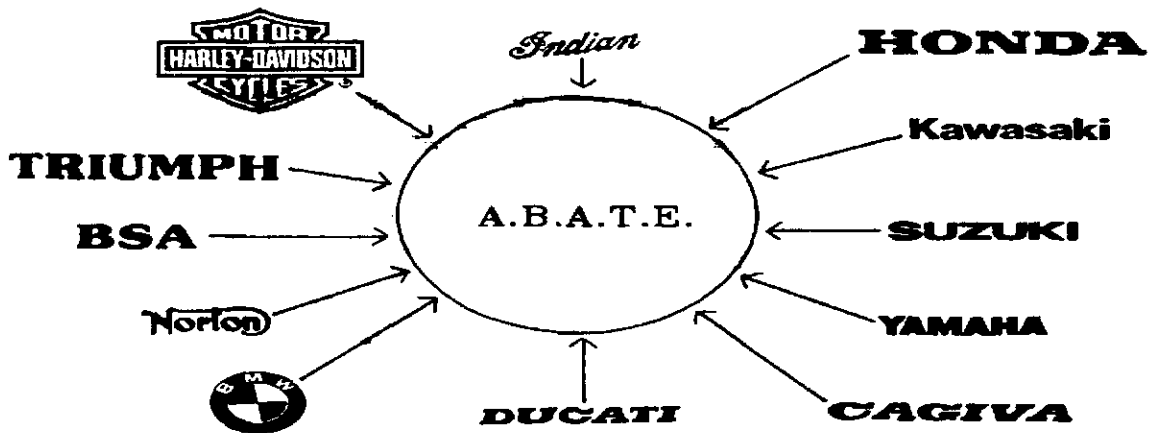
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BLUE MOUNTAIN	38	6	0	32
CENTRAL OREGON	124	10	5	114
COLUMBIA RIVER	107	10	0	97
DOUGLAS COUNTY	118	1	2	117
INDIAN CREEK	285	7	11	278
LINCOLN COUNTY	134	14	4	120
NE PORTLAND	165	0	3	165
NORTH COAST	64	4	0	60
SALEM	157	-2	11	159
SE PORTLAND	284	18	3	266
SOUTH COAST	75	1	3	74
SOUTHERN OREGON	73	3	0	70
WASHINGTON COUNTY	162	11	0	151
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	91	8	2	83
TOTAL	1877	91	44	1786



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# 1997 RUN CALENDAR

## MAY

3	MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY	STATE CAPITOL
10	Rose City 500	
10,11	New Riders School	PIR/OMRRA
17	SPRING POKER RUN	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635
19	BIKER DAY 9:30 am	Melinda McCrosen 503-231-2701
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	
19-20	POKER RUN/ABATE FUNDRAISER	Cent. Or. Charlie 541-383-1929
21	Poker Run	N.W. Riders Carl Reimer 503-684-2613
21-22	RUN TO THE SUN	Angie 503-285-4329
27,28-29	COOS RIVER RUN	Randy 541-269-2998

## JULY

13	Poker Run	Salem HOG
19-20	POKER RUN	Central Or. Charlie 541-383-1929
20	Poker Run	Rose City
26-27	STUMP LAKE RUN	Fast Eddy 541-673-6120
26-27	FOX CREEK	Vern Miller 503-390-7906
26-27	Ocean Shores Convention	Washington State

## AUGUST

8-10	BEAVER CREEK	Vicki Lechner 541-563-3520
15-17	SUMMER RUN	S.E., N.E. or Columbia River Chapter
15-17	Pig Rally	City of Pendleton, Oregon
29-Sept. 1	LABOR DAY RUN	Rotten Roger 503-285-4329

## SEPTEMBER

5-7	PARADE OF BEAR	Robie Vandiver 541-562-5987
19-21	END OF SUMMER RUN	Robin Maslin 503-648-1379
27	White Cane Run	Black Cats
28	Swap Meet	D.J.'s

## OCTOBER

17-18 Northwest Thunder

## NOVEMBER

2	Sanctioned Run	AMA
22	TOY RUN	Robin Maslin 503-648-1379

## DECEMBER

6	TOY RUN	S.E., N.E. or Columbia River Chapter
25	Christmas Day	Your Family / Friends

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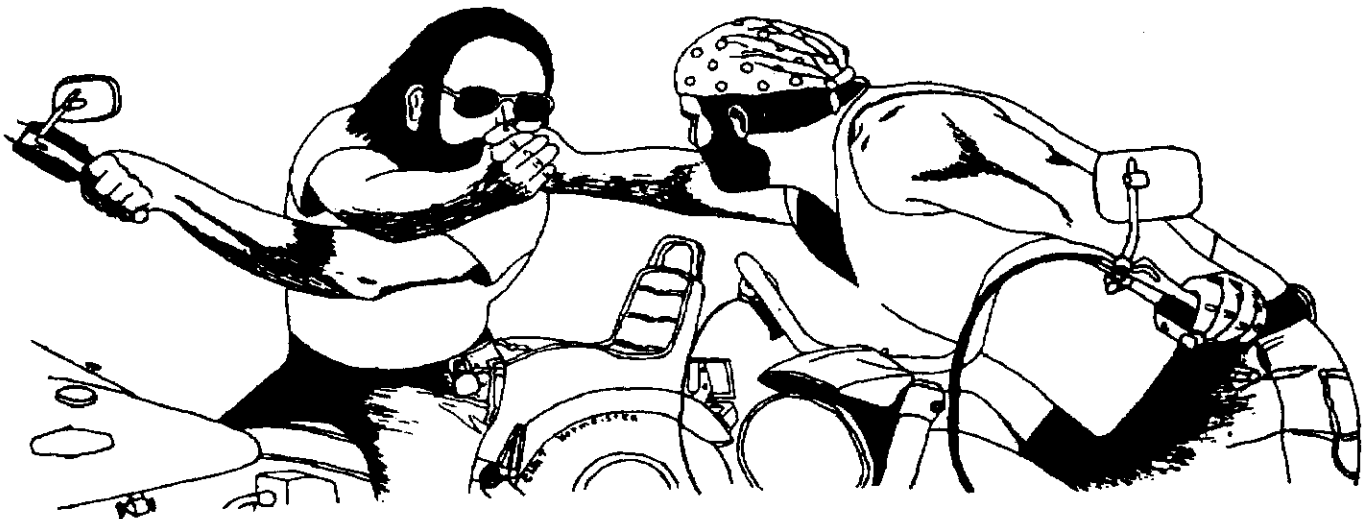
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May 25, 1997

WWI 3,350  
WWII 78,777  
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Vietnam 2,159  
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Assembly Area: North Pentagon Parking Lot 8 am.

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

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

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Last year we had 200,000 + riders. Demand a full accounting of those known taken captive. Correct the past and protect future veterans from being left behind. If you care, be there for them POW-MIA. All Veterans organizations and citizens are welcome. If you don't ride be at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 12 noon.


After the Run "Everyone Please go to the Reflecting Pool"

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You can help make the most of the "Golden Hour," the precious time between the accident and the emergency room.

Remain calm and think. Remember your ABC's:

- Airway:** Make sure the patient has an open airway.
- Breathing:** Look, listen and feel to see if the injured biker is breathing. If not, give 2 slow full breaths into his or her mouth.
- Circulation:** Check for pulse in neck. If no pulse, start CPR.

Assess the situation for safety factors. What is the traffic situation? Is the accident site secure? Is there a hazardous material spill, or gas leaking from the bike? Are power lines down? Is there a fire danger?

Form a safety line around the downed rider. Introduce yourself. Delegate someone to call an ambulance, preferably a woman (in case they need to go knocking on doors for help). Make sure they have as many facts as possible, including the exact location of the accident, how many people are injured and how seriously. The person calling the ambulance should hang up last.

Do not move the patient. Do not remove the helmet. Improperly removing the helmet can cause spinal chord injury, paralysis or even death (you can get a free helmet sticker that says: "WARNING: Do Not Remove Helmet Until A(n) Examined By A Doctor" by calling AIA to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.A.) at 800-N-A-B-I-K-E). If necessary, it is possible to give CPR without removing the helmet, even if it is a full face helmet (A.I.M. also has a free "Survival Card" that instructs how to properly remove a helmet from an accident victim if it is absolutely necessary).

Turn off the key to the motorcycle and shut off the gas.

Keep the patient talking. Ask questions: who are you, where are you, what day is it? Have someone write down all the details: vital signs, pulse, breathing. When the ambulance arrives, give them the notes and an honest evaluation of the patient's condition, including drug or alcohol consumption. Ask emergency personnel what you can do for them.

Talk with police when they arrive. Make their job easier by cooperating. Even after police and emergency personnel have secured the site, you can continue to help the downed motorcyclist by photographing the accident scene, jotting down notes about the accident while they're still fresh in your mind, and make sure police get the names and addresses of all witnesses for the police report.

We have to take care of each other out there. Take a CPR course or, even better, a First-Aid class. Be prepared to take charge if someone goes down. It's better to know what to do and never have to use it than to waste your fellow rider's Golden Hour because you think that accidents only happen to other people.

(Dick "Elder" Gilmore, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-I), introduces a 3-hour "Accident Scene Management" program designed to educate motorcyclists regarding the initial assessment, treatment and stabilization of an accident trauma victim. For information, call A.I.M. at 800-N-A-B-I-K-E. Thanks to the Milwaukee Motorcycle Riders Association for information used in this article.)

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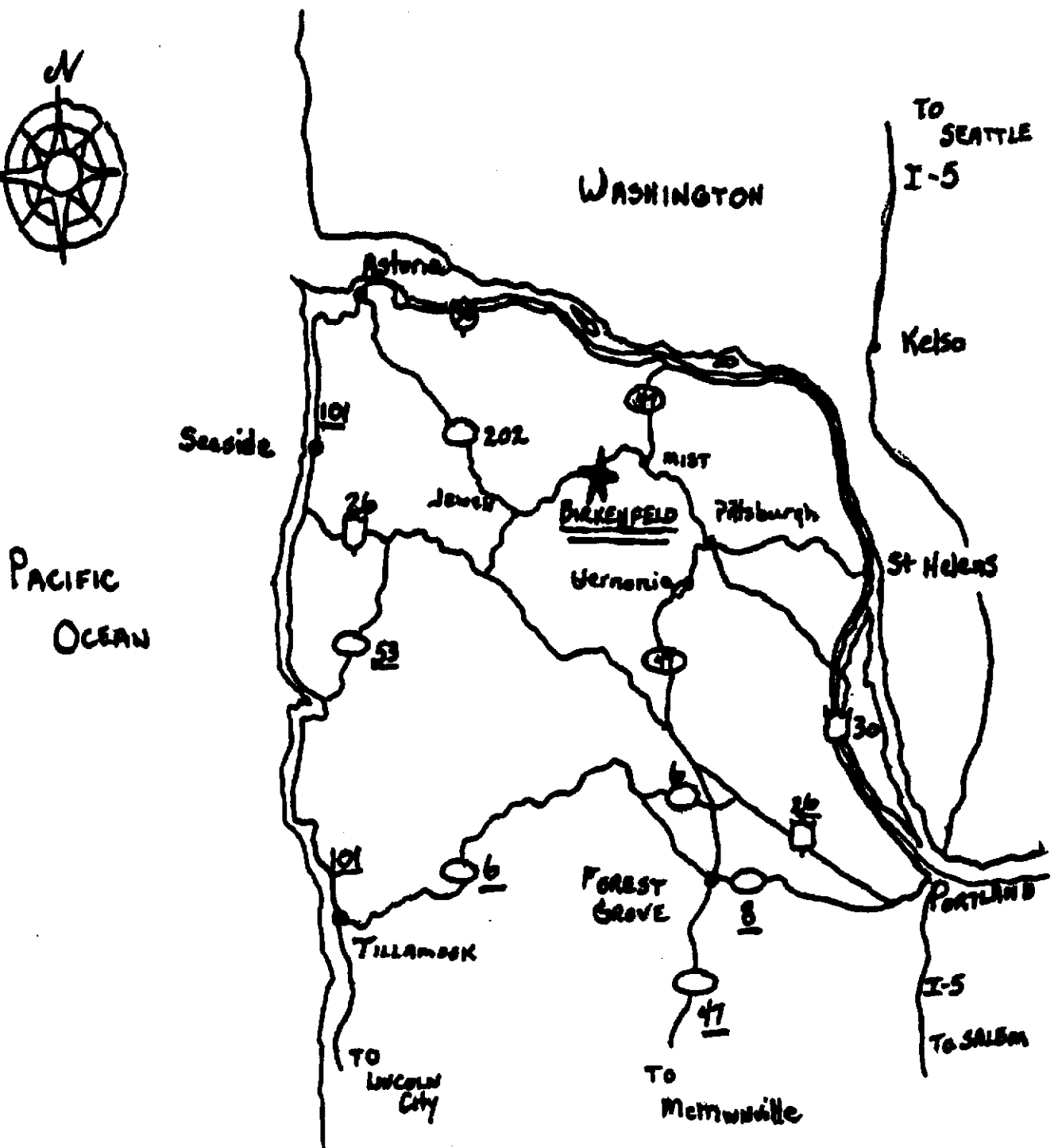
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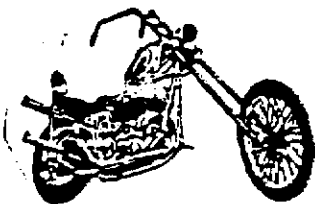
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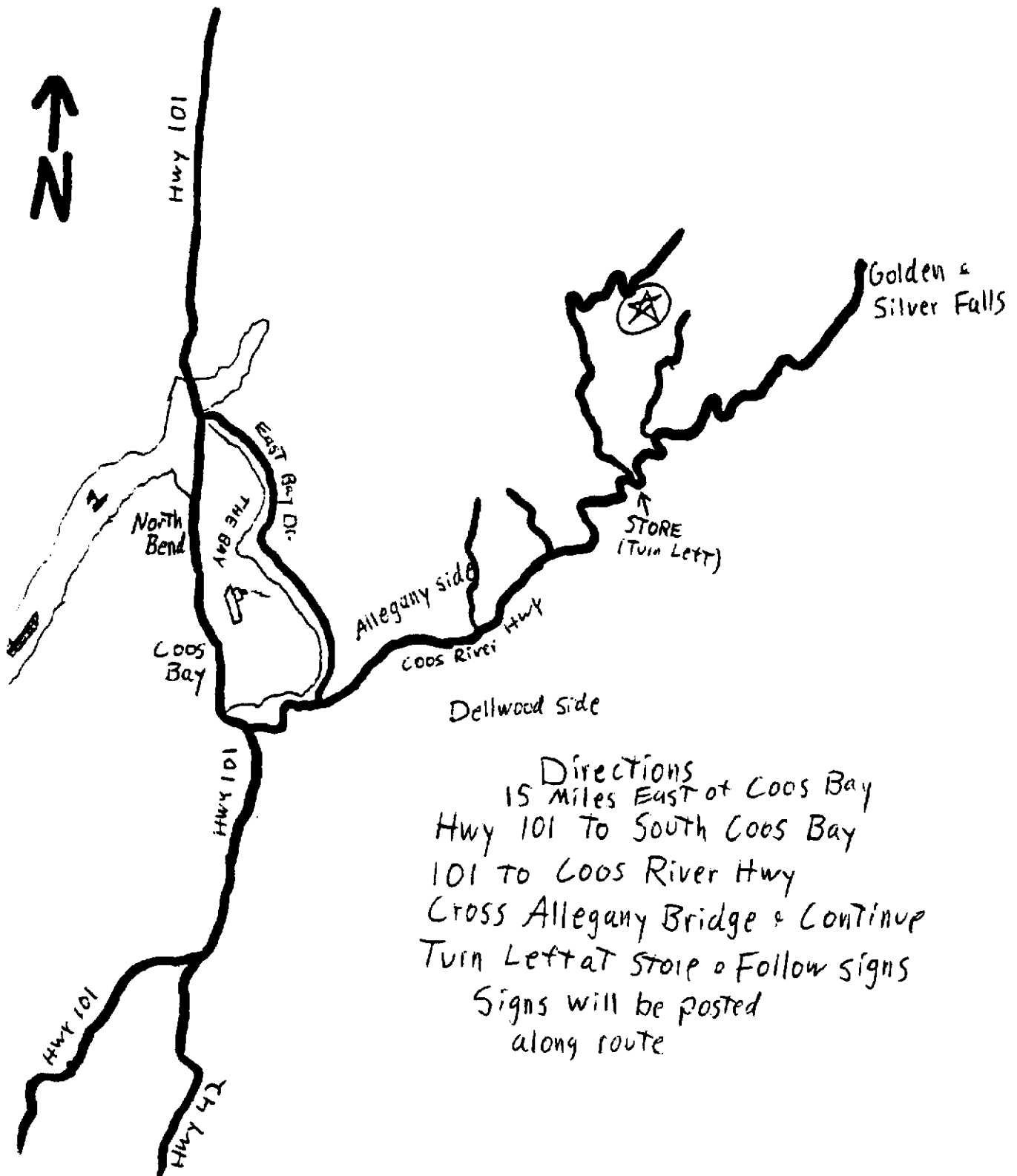
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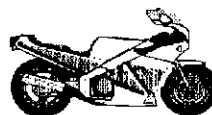
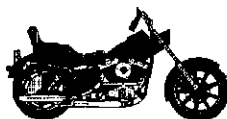
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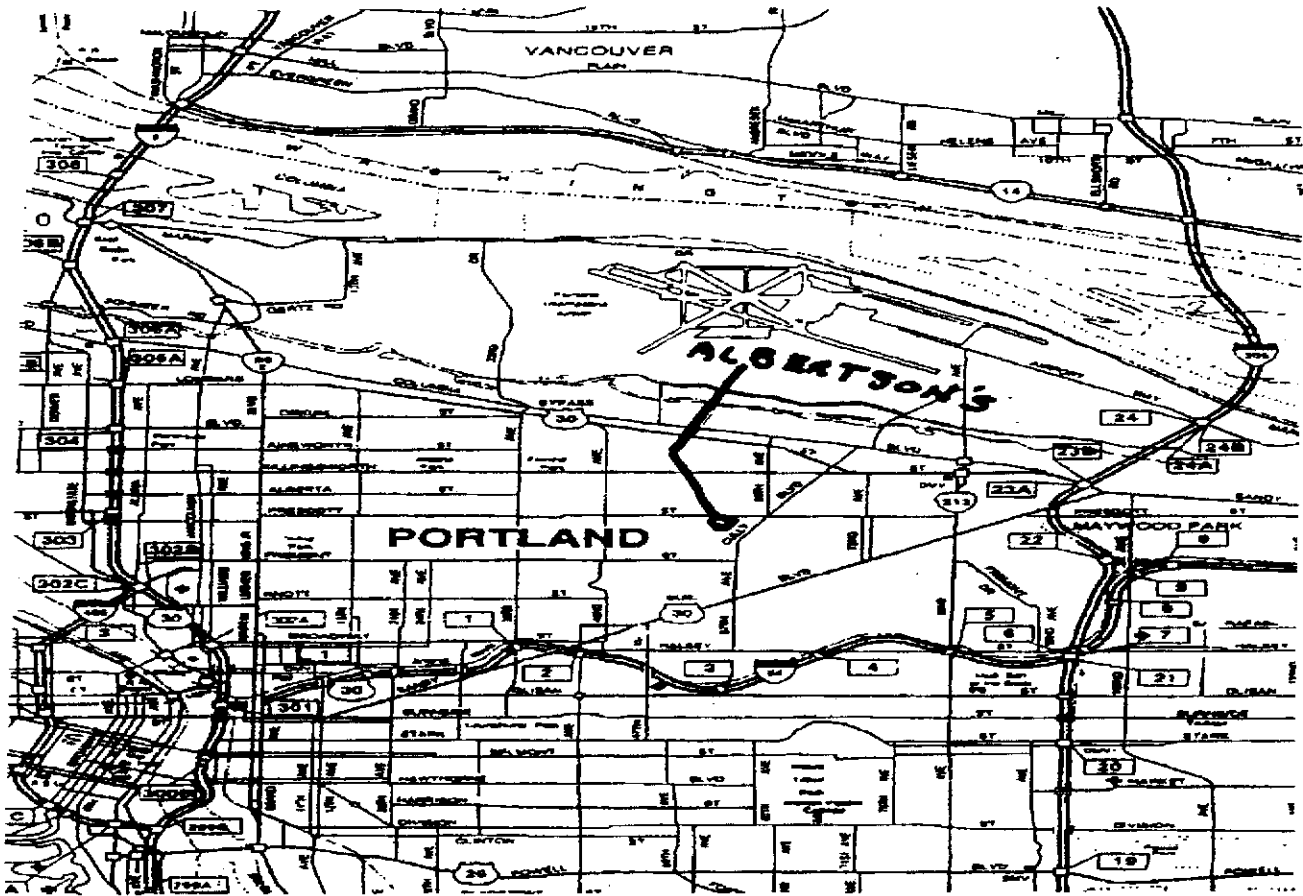
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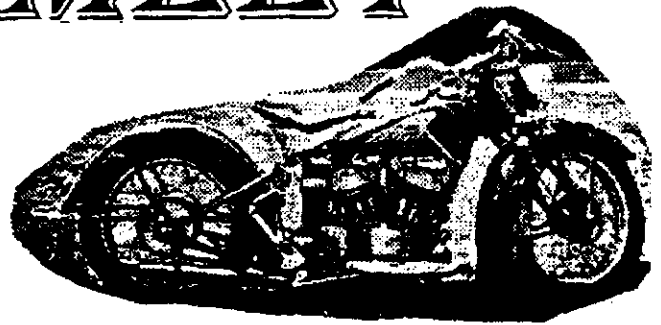
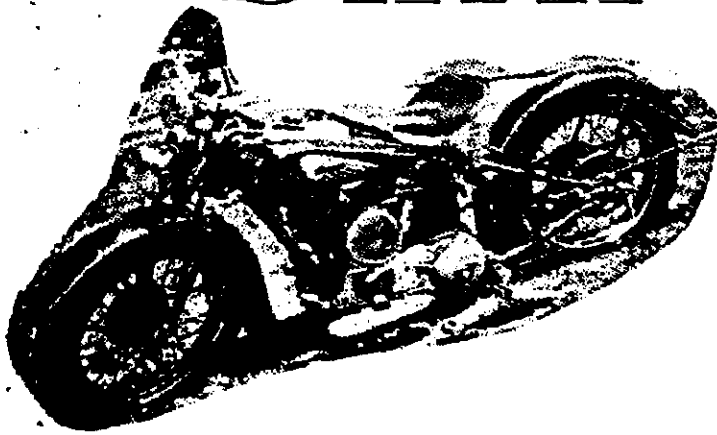


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from Oregon

Trophy for M/C Rider riding  
the longest distance to Fossil

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## PARK RULES

NO FIREARMS NO FIREWORKS

\*\*\*\*NO CAMPFIRE\*\*\*\*

**DOGS ON LEASH ONLY**

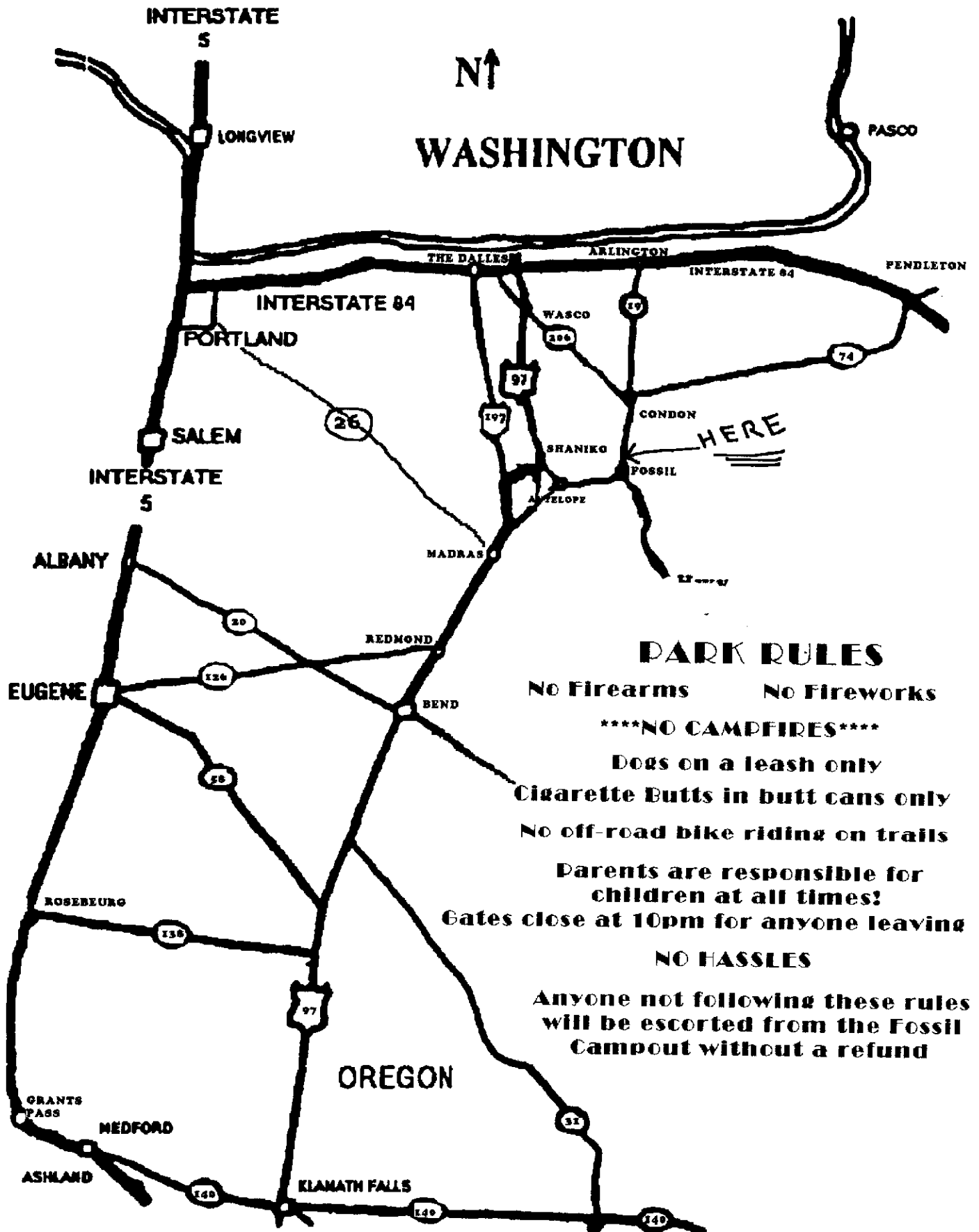
Cigarette Butts in butt cans only

No off-road bike riding on trails

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES!!**

GATES CLOSE AT 10 pm for anyone leaving  
NO HASSLES

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted  
from the Fossil Campout without a refund.



## **PARK RULES**

**No Firearms      No Fireworks**

**\*\*\*\*NO CAMPFIRES\*\*\*\***

**Dogs on a leash only**

**Cigarette Butts in butt cans only**

**No off-road bike riding on trails**

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SPRING POKER RUN  
MAY 17, 1997**

**50/50  
POT**

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MILE  
SCENIC  
ROUTE**

**MEET  
NEW  
PEOPLE**



**DOOR  
PRIZES**

**FREE  
COFFEE  
&  
DONUTS**

**MAKE  
NEW  
FRIENDS**

**Event Starts at:  
Kawasaki & Honda of Medford  
3835 Crater Lake Hwy**

**\$5.00 donation per hand  
First Bike Out: 10:00 am  
Last Bike Out: 11:30 am  
\*\*\*For More Information\*\*  
479-8635 or 878-3073**

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June 6, 7 & 8, 1997

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"BLUES RENDERS" FRIDAY NIGHT

"BLUE LIGHTENING BAND" SATURDAY NIGHT!

ALL BIKES WELCOMED  
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CAMPGROUND

I-90 East EXIT 40

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More Info-509-922-8361

TICKETS:

\$15.00 Members holding current M.R.O. Card

\$20.00 Non-members

NO ONE UNDER 21

NO FIREARMS!

NO PYROTECHNICS!

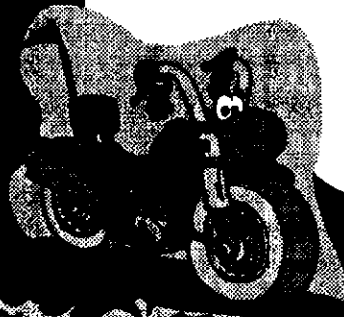
NO ANIMALS!

Raffle tickets for  
HD Quilt



*Averages Vended  
RV's Welcomed*

*Dyno-War  
Saturday*



# ACTIVIST REVIEW

A publication of **AMA**

**This Month:** Helmet repeal news, rider education funding fiasco, motorcyclist discrimination victory and more.

March 25, 1997

## Arkansas Repeals 30-year old Helmet Law

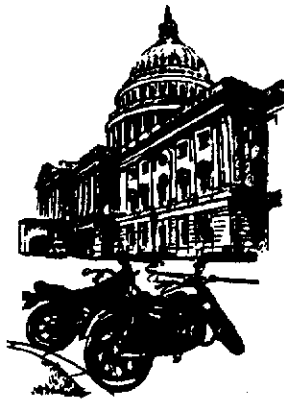
Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee has signed legislation repealing his state's 30-year-old mandatory helmet law. The new law, which will take effect in late June, will allow motorcyclists 21 and over to decide whether to wear a helmet.

The bill passed both houses convincingly—in the Senate by a 23-10 margin and by a 62-31 roll call vote in the House of Representatives. The law's passage makes Arkansas the 26th state to support voluntary helmet use, and the first in over 14 years to repeal or modify a mandatory helmet law. ABATE of Arkansas, under the leadership of Rodney Roberts, with support from the AMA and other motorcyclist rights organizations, spearheaded this historic effort. Roberts credits the strong leadership of Senators Mike Everett and George Hopkins, and Representatives Sandra Rodgers, Buddy Wallis and Greg Wren as instrumental to this success.

"This would not have been possible if the AMA, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and other concerned motorcyclists had not been successful in their efforts to repeal the federal penalties placed on states without mandatory helmet laws for all riders," said Roberts, referring to the National Highway System Designation Act. Signed by President Clinton in 1995, the Act ended a federal government blackmail scheme designed to coerce states into passing mandatory

helmet laws.

"We are all pleased by ABATE of Arkansas' victory," noted Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations. "While we vigorously support voluntary helmet use, we also support the right of adult riders to decide personal safety issues for themselves. Governor Huckabee's signature has restored that right to riders in Arkansas."



## Senator Koella to Face Felony Hit-and-Run Charge

A grand jury has elected to send Tennessee State Sen.

Carl O. Koella Jr. to trial on a felony charge of leaving the scene of a fatal accident, overruling an earlier judge's decision that Koella should be charged only with a misdemeanor.

Koella had been arraigned late January for his involvement in the hit-and-run death of AMA member Terry Barnard. After hearing from witnesses the judge ruled that the facts did not support felony charges and sent the case to the grand jury as a misdemeanor. However, the grand jury reviewed the same facts recounted by witnesses last week and decided that Koella's case would proceed to trial and that he should be charged with a felony.

According to eyewitness reports, the accident was caused by the driver of a

minivan 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 away 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 minivan driver stopped briefly to inspect his vehicle after the collision, but then got back into the vehicle and drove away. Eyewitnesses at the crash scene identified the senator as the driver of the minivan.

A conviction could result in one to six years in prison and a fine of up to \$3,000. Additionally, a felony conviction could result in the senator losing his state senate seat, an office he has held for 24 years.

## Colorado Says No to Motorcyclist Discrimination

Colorado riders have decided not to wait for the federal government to stop health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists. They went to their state legislators to get their own law.

Gov. Roy Romer signed the measure, House Bill 1131, in March. The legislation prohibits any insurance company operating in Colorado from denying health-care coverage or benefits to "any individual based solely on that individual's casual or non-professional participation

in motorcycling, snowmobiling or off-highway vehicle riding."

The legislation defines such



insurance practices as unfair and deceptive.

"ABATE of Colorado and the Colorado Motorcycle Dealers Association took the lead on this issue," noted Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations. "They have made history with this precedent-setting law."

The U.S. Department of Labor is continuing its work to draft a final rule addressing a similar issue on a federal level. That rule, based on legislation passed last year, should prohibit health-care discrimination against motorcyclists by companies that provide health insurance to their employees. But the Colorado law goes farther, preventing similar abuses by insurance companies offering private health-care plans.

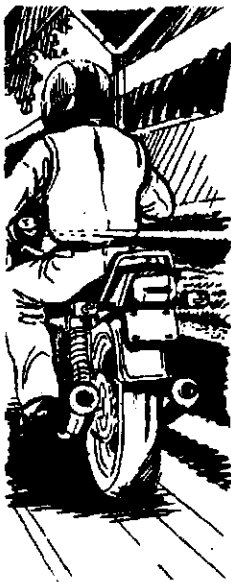
The law takes effect October 1, and will apply to all policies written or renewed after that date.

## Chicago Bike Ban Victories

City officials in Chicago have removed signs banning motorcycles from the city's Grant Park area as well as a neighborhood on Chicago's north side.

The victory came about as a result of negotiations involving Mayor Richard Daley's office, plus Aldermen Burt Natarus and Bernie Stone, the advocates of the two bans. Representing motorcyclists were members of ABATE of Illinois, with support from the AMA.

Those negotiations ended a ban prohibiting motorcycle use on several streets at the north end of Grant Park between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., as well as a separate ban on two north-side residential streets during business hours.



## North Carolina Rider-Education Grant Held Hostage

In a move that can only be described as counterproductive and spiteful, the director of the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program recently canceled a \$30,000 federal grant that would have been used to buy motorcycles for the state's rider-training program.

Why would a North Carolina official take away federal funds from a state program? Apparently to get back at the rider-ed program's director for failing to lobby against a bill that would repeal the state's mandatory helmet law.

Joe Parker, the director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP), explained the grant cutoff in a memo to William Vortriede, director of the rider-education program.

"The reason for this action (taking away the federal grant)," Parker said, "is the lack of agreement and commitment demonstrated and conveyed by the North Carolina Rider Education Program concerning motorcycle helmet usage.

"Both the GHSP and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which have provided funding for your agency's projects the past several years, as well as provided initial funding to establish the program, are totally behind laws that require motorcyclists to wear DOT-approved helmets," Parker stated in his memo. "Funding of a motorcycle project that does not share this view is not an option."

In other words, if you don't lobby

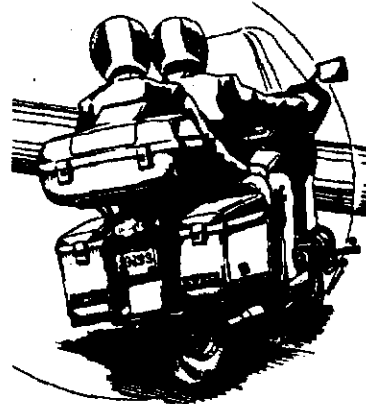
against legislation we oppose, we'll cut off your funding.

"This action is ludicrous," noted Sean Maher, AMA legislative affairs specialist. "Presumably, the GHSP is charged with improving North Carolina's highway safety, yet the director has terminated a federal grant just because his political agenda wasn't satisfied.

"You don't promote highway safety by handicapping the North Carolina Rider Education Program," Maher says. "The primary mission of the rider-education program is to train riders, not lobby the state Legislature.

"Hopefully, officials in the governor's office will reconsider and get back to the job they are supposed to be doing—making the roads safer."

If you would like to let North Carolina's governor know how you feel about this issue, address your correspondence to: The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr., Office of the Governor, 116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603-8001.



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



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- \*ANIMALS
- \*ATTITUDES
- \*YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE\*
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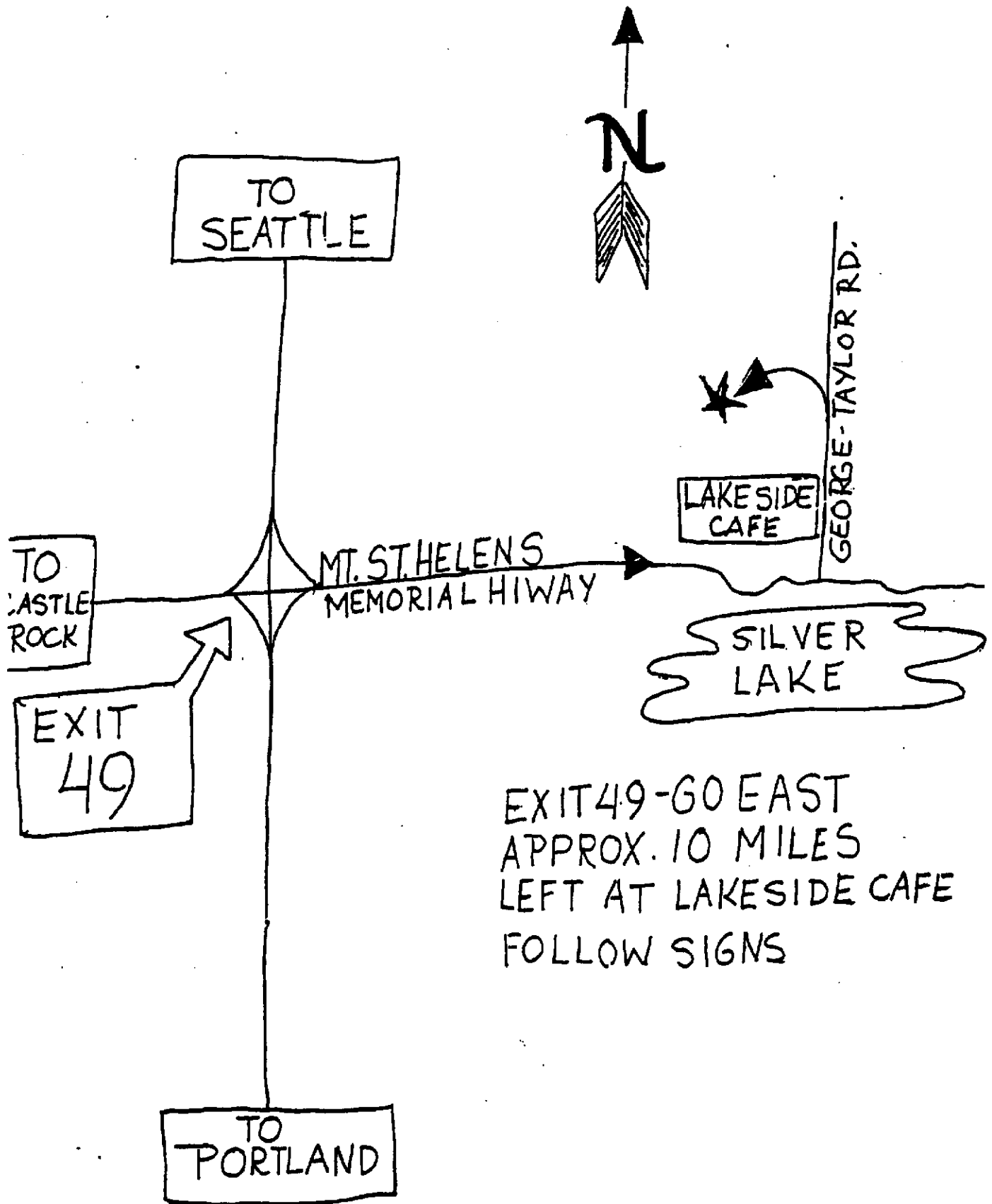
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\$20 NON-MEMBER  
\$15 MEMBERS OF ABATE

**VENDORS:**

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BECKA (360)423-1168  
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FOLLOW SIGNS

# Freedom Rally

# Abate's 13th Annual

# Humboldt Iowa



Bike Show  
Vendors  
Tattoo Art  
Field Events

ABATE OF IOWA

### NATIONAL BANDS

**THURSDAY**  
SKI BAND  
BIG AL & THE HEAVYWEIGHTS  
69 BAND  
**FRIDAY**  
CROW  
MOLLY HATCHET  
**SATURDAY**  
JIM DANDY BLACK OAK ARKANSAS  
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RAIZING CANE  
LYNN ALLEN  
ROADKILL  
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**THRU**  
**JULY 5th**

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Eldora, Iowa 50627  
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GOLF CARTS  
UNLESS  
HANDICAPPED

NO ONE  
UNDER 18 YEARS  
ALLOWED  
PHOTO ID's  
ARE REQUIRED

No  
Drag Racing  
In The Park  
No  
Attitudes

PLEASE:  
Due to limited area  
no 4-wheelers  
will be allowed  
in camping area

PLEASE:  
No Pets  
No Firearms  
No Fireworks

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Hamster-Time

## Hamster Goes Primetime

Good morning, America! For those of you reading this column for the first time – my name is Hamster. For the past few years, I have been writing this pile of words (that the smart folks at the ABATE of Indiana office turn into a legible column). Awhile back, someone suggested I take the column national, so I made a few inquires to other ABATE's across our great land and discovered I was welcomed with open arms! Also during my period of discovery, I have learned we all share the same problems, hopes, fears and dreams.

I take ABATE very seriously, and I hope to use the ability God has given me to better our organization from South Carolina to Oregon and all points in between. The love I have for our freedoms and our country runs deep, and when some NBA (National Basketball Association) player refuses to stand for our national anthem, you bet I am going to be pissed off! This is America, and it is his right to express himself anyway he or she chooses to, but I do not have to like it, and if he can slam my country and our national anthem- I can slam him. I am tired of all this so-called "political correctness." We are Americans - we have been kicking ass and taking names for over 200 years and now some human hemorrhoids are trying to turn us into a bunch of candy-assed wimps - afraid to voice our opinions and stand up for ourselves for fear of being labeled as prejudice, racist, homophobic or any number of labels being thrown around in today's media.

Today's media, both print (newspapers, magazines, etc.) and electronic (T.V., radio, fax, e-mail, etc.) are powerful tools, and in many respects, the media still owes the motorcycle community, as a whole, a huge apology for all of the negative stereotyping it did to us in the 1960's with films like "The Wild One." As ABATE members, we need to use the media to our full advantage at every opportunity - if your group has a blood drive, a food drive, toys for tots, etc, get on a telephone and call them all. If you don't, and say, someone screws up (and because we are human, we will), gets busted and a motorcycle of any kind is involved, it can and will be exploited, sensationalized and otherwise used against every motorcyclist in your area.

My mother called awhile back to let me know some idiot was on one of those Jerry Springer/Geraldo-type shows saying it was okay to beat his wife or kick his dog and was saying all of this crap while wearing an ABATE t-shirt! Please people, if you are going on a TV talk show to make an ass of yourself — don't wear a t-shirt that mentions ABATE or bikers or motorcycles. We do not need people like this to pull us down.

Well brothers and sisters, a brand new riding season is upon us, and I am proud to be a part of it. To all of my fellow riders from Indiana, thanks for all of your support over the years, and for all of the new readers all across the U.S. thank you for reading my column. It is great to be a part of something like ABATE. I hope the column makes you laugh, think or just look inside yourselves from month to month. A big thank you to Marc, Jaime and the rest of the staff at the ABATE of Indiana state office. Because of you, your time, and talents, we are now read by over a million people a month.

Happy anniversary (20 Years) to ABATE of Georgia. I hope to be with you all for the next 20 years. Peace.

*Until Next Time*

*Hamster*

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Questions and correspondence:

"Hamster-time"

c/o Hoosier Motorcyclist

P.O. Box 665

Bargersville, IN 46106



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### CHARITIES BENEFITED:

Bike games  
Bike show  
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Bands  
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Fun for all

M/C Rights  
Education  
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5 Information 6 Meal 7 Location

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Randy & Debbie	541-563-2398	X	X	X	X	X	X	Central
Gary & Vicki	541-563-3520	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coastal
John & Brenda	541-444-2708	X	X	X	X	X	X	Region
Rich Rau(R&R Hawg Shop)	541-265-7628	X	X		X	X		Area
Bill Gabrielsen	503-640-9543	X	X					Washington Co.
The Pack Rat Ranch	541-324-8142	X	X	X				Banks, Or
Don & Rose Murry	503-693-6466	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
Bill Ballard	503-640-5461	X			X			Hillsboro, Or.
Rocket Motors	503-985-7738	X	X		X	X	X	Gaston, Or.
Terry & Carla Richesin	503-357-0245	X	X			X		Hillsboro, Or.
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-5766	X	X	X		X		Hillsboro, Or.
Randy	503-284-1486	X	X	X	X	X	X	N.E.
Gordon & Mary Beth	503-253-7343	X	X	X	X	X	X	PTLD
Roger & Angie	503-285-4329	X	X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Crazy Steve	503-282-9434			X				PTLD
Carol W.	503-239-8167			X		X	X	AREA
Davencin	503-284-1729			X	X	X	X	N.E.
Paul & Pam	360-693-3433			X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
Dale & Judy	360-892-1583	X	X	X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
Anna & Ron	503-252-5645	X	X	X		X	X	S.E.
Glen & Gayle	503-760-7378	X						PTLD
Rusty	503-777-5121		X			X		S.E.
Mavis & Bryan	503-252-1539		X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Jim L.	503-658-2206	X	X				X	Clackamas, Or.
Mike & Delese	541-386-8744	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hood River
Nic & Gigi	503-394-3456	X	X	X		X	X	Salem
Gunny Hutch	503-463-5668		X	X	X	X	X	Salem/Kaiser
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X			X		Junction City
Bill Foster	541-687-8981	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Jim Singhose	541-942-2971	X	X					Eugene, Or
Tom Carr	541-334-0686		X	X				Eugene, Or
Rick Wadkins	541-484-1855	X	X					Eugene, Or
Pappy Brown	541-485-3550		X	X				Eugene, Or
Sid Ingham	541-342-3303	X	X					Eugene, Or
Greg Coen	541-461-4638	X	X	X	X	X	X	Springfield, Or
Bill Belveal	541-741-0565	X	X					Eugene, Or
Russ & Barb Lax	541-741-2787	X	X			X		Eugene, Or
Tamara&Jay Reynolds	541-383-3418					X		Bend
Rick Jobe	541-383-1758	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Lori Vitaris	541-383-3554		X			X	X	Bend
Rebecca French	541-383-7327		X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Charlie&Vee	541-383-1929	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jay&TotsycSwartz	541-389-6773	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Mitch Maxwell	541-382-7079	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
James Hale	541-382-8701		X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jason Knoke	541-389-7327	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Don Darms	541-548-0020	X		X	X			Redmond, Or.
Mark	541-548-3153		X	X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
Ron or Rene Duran	541-548-3824	X	X		X			Redmond, Or.
Tom & Lorrie Kent	541-923-3334	X	X			X		Redmond, Or.
Ted & Hiedi Adams	541-548-5772			X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
***Tim Rhode(Renegade)	541-858-9796	X	X	X	X	X		Medford, Or.
John Newman	541-573-2076	X	X	X		X	X	Burns, Or
Don&Becky	541-679-7729	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Dave&Joy	541-673-1304	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Bob&Jennie	541-673-1282	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
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Tim&Cindy	541-672-3210	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Bill	541-440-9307	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Pat	541-672-9695	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Gary	541-459-1851		X			X		Roseburg
Bill	541-672-4886			X		X		Roseburg
Tommy&Sally	541-459-9457		X	X		X		Roseburg
Bill&Mary	541-673-8843		X			X		Roseburg
Tom&Sandy	541-479-8635	X	X					Grants Pass
Deby & Gene	541-882-4738	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
Pat Allen(Spanky)	541-479-6838	X	X					Grants Pass
or page me at	541-474-4729							
Jim Broman	541-955-8764	X	X					Grants Pass
Kevin	541-474-6843	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wilderville, Or
Jim Wilson	541-878-8341	X	X					Trail/Shady Cove
Phil	509-698-4034	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yakima, Wa.

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<b>YEAR PINS</b>				
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.75	_____

**ABATE PINS**

_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	3.25	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIB	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	4.00	_____
_____	AUWIP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	4.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	3.75	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	2.25	_____
_____	ACWIP	ABATE Uplifted wing-5 color on White	4.00	_____
_____	MUG	ABATE Logo on Mug	5.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings(post or Hoop)	4.00	_____
_____		Bandana	6.00	_____

**MISCELLANEOUS**

_____	AFRB	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Belt Buckle - pewter	15.00	_____
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black	5.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____

**ABATE T-SHIRTS**

_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	10.00	_____
		Sm _____ Med _____ Lg _____ X-Lg _____		
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	15.00	_____
		Sm _____ Med _____ Lg _____ X-Lg _____		
		NOTE: Assorted Colors.....X-Lg and LARGER add \$2.00 Chapter Logo setup fee with each order (One time charge)	9.50	
		(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)		

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS</b>				
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available)	1.50	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small 1984-1993 avail.	1.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large 1984-1992 avail.	1.50	_____
		License Plate Frames - Cars w/Let Those Who Ride Decide	5.00	_____
		License Plate Frames - Motorcycles w/Let Those Who Ride Decide	5.00	_____
		<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		_____
		<b>Shipping Charge</b>		_____
		<b>UNDER \$25.00=\$5.00</b>		_____
		<b>\$25.01-\$100.00=\$6.00</b>		_____
		<b>T-SHIRTS = \$8.00</b>		_____
		<b>SHIPPING CHARGE</b>		_____
		<b>TOTAL</b>		_____

**ABATE PRODUCTS**

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Portland, Oregon 97208

Angie Jensen, Products Director

PHONE: 503-285-4329 FAX 503-286-5830

PREPAID \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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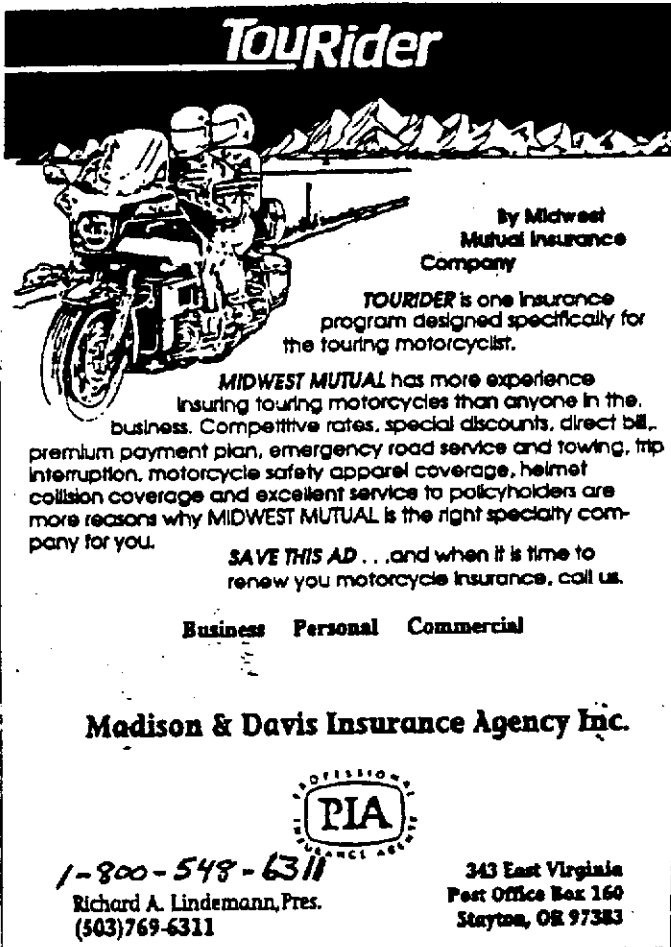
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 FULL MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, <i>The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd &amp; Division, Portland</i>
2st SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 pm, <i>KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond</i>
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, <i>Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend</i>
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 pm, <i>East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande</i>
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, <i>Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg</i>
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, <i>Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill</i>
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, <i>Alibi 4024 N. Interstate, Portland</i>
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 pm, <i>Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem</i>
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 pm, <i>Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland</i>
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 pm, <i>Shilo Inn 1609 E. Harbor, Warrenton</i>
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, <i>Chen's Village 108th and N.E. Halsey, Portland</i>
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport</i>
1st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 pm, <i>Prime Time Sports Bar &amp; Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield</i>