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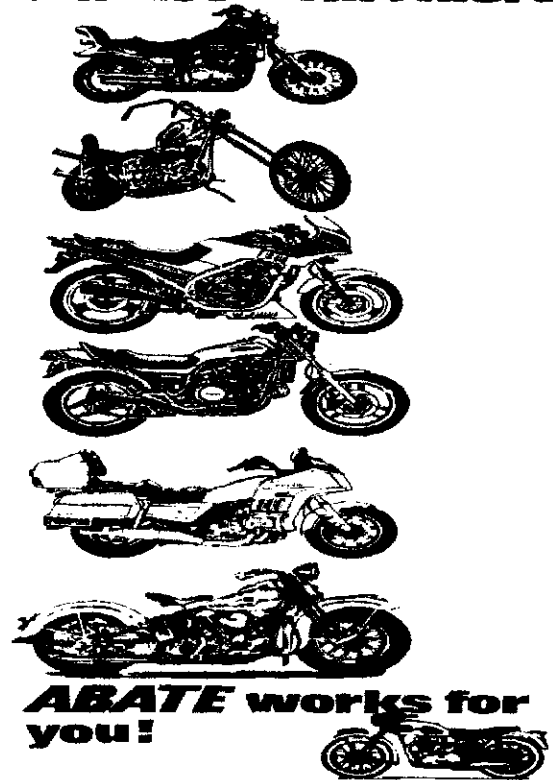
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
2st SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 pm, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 pm, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 pm, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 pm, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 pm, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 pm, Shilo Inn 1609 E. Harbor, Warrenton
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, Chen's Village 108th & N.E. Halsey/Portland
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 pm, Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill, 1360 Mohawk,
	Springfield	

ABATE OF OREGON

STATE BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 9TH, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 by Ken Ray, Vice-Coordinator North, filling in for Larry Schalk. There were 12 chapters in attendance with Blue Mountain attending by phone, North Coast and Southern Oregon were absent. Reading of the July meeting minutes was waived.

Coordinator's Comments: Communications in the ancient world required runners to carry messages back and forth. Times have changed dramatically, we now have fax, phone and e-mail, transferring information instantly. This organization's lifeblood is the information that moves back and forth between chapters, the State Board and all of the members that it serves. If you receive information, it doesn't help this body if you don't pass it along.

Correspondence: NHTSA

***** OFFICER'S REPORTS *****

Legislative Director: We are still alive! The Governor has grouped bills together (education, corrections, transportation) but we are still running! But...we haven't reached the finish line yet - Don't give up on this race until we break the tape. Bikepac has a new web page! <http://www.open.org/sdbpac/bikepac.htm>>. There are also lots of other motorcycle related sites to visit if you are on-line. On the Federal scene, things have been going well, except for the NHTSA "gag". This is running into much opposition. All the federal level Senators and Legislators are home on summer break. Now is the time to speak with them about the abuse of our tax money going to support a law we believe infringes on our rights. This is also a good time to involve yourself in a local campaign. An hour of time in an elections office is worth lots of money in donations later. Several of our biggest supporters will be running for re-election or for a new office, please let them know how much we appreciated their support by helping them.

Education Director: Mel has received reports on 3 courses taught in the Portland area recently. Todd Plaster and Dennis Smith were the instructors, educating over 100 students. Instructor course coming to The Dalles area soon. ABATE of Arizona has requested information on our education program.

Membership Secretary: Mother says we are experiencing a little summer lull in our numbers, but lets all make an extra effort to recruit at least on new person.

Newsletter Editor: Not in attendance, no report.

Products Director: Angie says "We have items for sale! Chiloquin tickets..advance sales end today! Need to turn those in please."

P.R. Director: See Report on page 9.

State Run Coordinator: Still working on Chiloquin. Need all chapters to help with Security. The gate will operate differently than the "usual". We are going to try a "Park and walk to the booth" system. This will help with accounting. Don't forget we need 2 door prizes from each chapter.

Web Page Editor: Bob says he received 2 submissions for the Web page, but would love more! If you have pictures or an article, contact him! We will begin registering with the search engine services soon.

Treasurer: Joy reports the Bulk mail account balance at \$2,882.94. Checking contains \$1140.16, General Savings at \$14,350.84 and Legal Savings at \$1540.20, for a total of \$19,914.14. A proposed budget for 97-98 was passed out. Chapters are to review and offer input. We need to ratify a budget at the September Board meeting. If you have comments please make them known at your next chapter meeting. **REMINDER !!!** This is Joy's last year as Treasurer. This is a very important position, but even if you aren't a bookkeeper, Joy is willing to assist in your training. We need YOU to step forward, and take on this important position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: No Report

Property Inventory: All chapters except for North Coast have submitted their inventory reports. Will assemble a report and have it at next month's Board Meeting.

Member's Handbook: Not much feedback on the rough draft. Will try to have a finished product here for next month's meeting. Phone connection established to Blue Mountain Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Budget: Suggestions on proposed budget include additional monies to cover a profession audit / review. Mother works with a CPA, will talk with him regarding our current bookkeeping methods, and listen for any suggested changes he has. Budget ratification tabled until next State Board meeting to allow chapter input.
2. Historian: Iris Yeager nominated, accepts the nomination. Appointed.
3. Newsletter computer: Tabled until budget is ratified.
4. AIM / PLL committee: Meeting date announced. If you want to be on this committee contact Larry.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bikepac annual meeting: 7 attendees. Vote on Legislative Director position was tabled until after the fate of HB 2454 is decided. Budget shortfall of \$2800 of Butch's salary. Will entertain any contributions! Also consider a benefit for Bikepac. Due to limits on donations, any monies cannot come through a chapter's general fund.
2. Executive Board Mass Mailing: The Executive board authorized a mass mailing to all ABATE members detailing the status of HB 2454. Costs of mailing and printing are still being totaled, but hopefully got the word out to all the importance of contacting Governor Kitzhaber...the bill is still alive!
3. Petitions for Seat-belt law repeal. If anyone is interested in working on this, see Ken.
4. Organizational planning and review session: This meeting is to help plot the future of ABATE and to review what things we did right, and what we need to do better. October 25-26, 1997 at the VFW Hall, Cottage Grove, OR. For more information, contact Larry Schalk.
5. ODOT Safety Conference: This conference gives us an opportunity to give our input on the way ODOT works. Last year we sent 2 representatives. Motion made by Brian, River City Chapter to send 2 representatives, allocating funds to cover conference fees and meals. Would like to find an ABATE member in the area to provide lodging. Motion seconded and passes.
6. TEAM OREGON: Mel contacted Steve Garretts regarding the insurance requirement for helmets at Team Oregon classes. Steve Garretts invited to attend next month's board meeting. Table until next month.
7. 21 and over only run: SE Portland inquired if there was any interest in a 21 and over only run. Both sides of the issue discussed, but would probably need to be on a chapter level, not a state run. Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36. (Thanks Ken for keeping it brief, since we all wanted to get back to BeaverCreek!)

Next State Board meeting, September 13th, Junction City at noon.
Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary



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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 1st 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

Hello from High & Dry Blue Mountain Country!

This is the time of year that you wish you could transfer your membership to the South Coast and it came with a condo and a strip of beach. Those dang helmets get pretty hot this time of year. Speaking of helmets, you should have seen the Blue Mountain chapter entry in the Union County fair parade. Our legislative representative, Bruce Coates wore a ten ton helmet that would have put Godzilla in traction! We've dubbed it the chapter helmet and any member in good standing with a strong neck can use this thing by calling Bruce.

Since this goes in the September issue, it will be after our little poker run and B-B-Q. I have always enjoyed any excuse to feed a big group of happy people and Catherine Creek State Park is a beautiful little park and the creek is fun to play in or fish in for that matter.

I do want to thank Gunny for coming to our August meeting and we hope he comes back many times more. For that matter, we have an open invitation to anyone to attend our meetings. If you're in the area, just drop by.

Before I melt into this machine, I just want to say I hope you are all enjoying this hot weather and riding safe.

Enjoy!

Diane Walker

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

The Summer is more than half over and life seems to move faster and faster. The Poker Run to Post was a great success with all amending enjoying themselves. Beaver Creek has come and gone with the beautiful weather hanging in there for the Coast. Again, I do believe all enjoyed themselves.

August is the month for our Teddy Bear Runs to begin. We will all gather and distribute the stuffed animals to the Central Oregon Hospitals August 16th. THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT! The public appearances we make can be very promotional or detrimental to our cause. We will keep you posed on the next Teddy Bear Run and the beginning of our Toy Run Season.

With thoughts of the coming Fall and cooler riding weather ahead I am sad to announce that I will be stepping down as Chapter Secretary due to some added family responsibilities. I would like any Central Oregon Chapter member to call me or step forward during our next meeting September 14th if they are interested. I will stay on board until the new person feels they are in control. This position is not gender specific. Please let me know if you are interested. It's been a pleasure serving as an officer and getting to know all the wonderful folks of ABATE. I will continue to be a very active member and you can count on me to be there for all benefit events and Toy Run activities. Again, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca

Columbia River

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

Pizza Perfect 6815 N.E. Killingsworth, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211

Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)-285-4329

Hey, fellow bikers! Good News! There was a fight! The Way Mean lady of our chapter beat out the secretary! Sooo there was a switch in jobs! The new secretart of Columbia River Chapter is Carol Clark, my wife, and I (Jeff) am now the way mean "person".

By the time this gets out our governor will have decided one way or another on HB#2454. Here is hoping its good news! At our metting, Spenser told us the governor still has 5 days to veto it. As of Aug, he had not put it on his veto list, so, here's hoping!

The question has been brought up as to whether we want an Adult only run for Oregon ABATE. My question is, why do we want an adult only run? ABATE is supposed to be family oriented and a lot of our members are under 21. So, wouldn't an adult only run kind of defete our pourpose? Its just my opinion, but think about it!

Summer Run is over, hope you all had a good time! We have Labor Day Run coming up and also our Family Picnic is in September 27. Everyone come and have a ball! There will not be another meeting in August for Col. River. Our next meeting will be September 14th at Pizza Perfect. We still haven't decided on a permanent meeting place. Ideas are welcome!

At our last meeing Carol Clark won the membership drawing. She also won the 50/50! Yes folks, that's me, and I promise it wasn't a set up! Angie, Rochelle and Bob all won great door prizes. Thanks Jeff!

Dson't forget DJ's Swap Meet September 28, also End of Summer Run for Washington Co. on Sept 19-21.

Get your motorcycle tickets! For yourself, and to sell, lets promote this big!

Well thats it for now!

Carol (Upholstry mans wife)

Douglas County

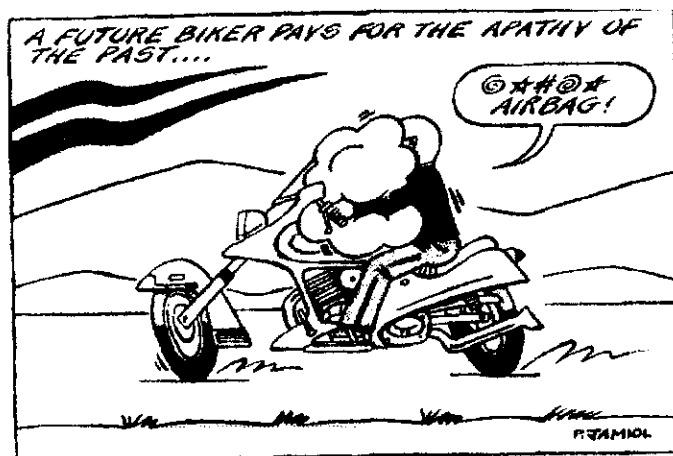
Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

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

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

REPORT ELECTRONICALLY DESTROYED!



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

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

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

NO REPORT, THIRD TIME.

N.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
 Chen's Village 10th & N.E. Halsey Blvd
 Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228
 Chapter Contact: Mary-Beth (503) 253-7343

Well what can I say, summer is in full swing! I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful Pacific NW weather.

Those of you that read the N.E. chapter report should remember the nominees for the "Camp Turd" award. We now have a winner - Lauri "speedbump" Debray. I will not go into the specifics of what earned her this award but I will say her new nickname is very appropriate.

By the time you read this report, we will have already gone to the Summer Run. Thanks for the great time!

I have not had the opportunity of attending all this summer's events. I would like to thank everyone who puts forth that extra effort in organizing these functions. I know it takes a lot of work and planning - again, THANK YOU!

As I am writing this, our bill, 2454 is completely in the hands of Governor Kitzhauber. Let's hope he makes his decision with an open and fair mind.

Take care and ride safe!
 Jen

River City

Meets 1st. & 3rd. Tuesdays, 7:30 PM
 ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles
 Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1103, The Dalles, OR 97058
 Chapter Contact: Kevin, Membership Secy. [541] 352-7471

Greetings from River City!

This month our report will be short & sweet. Short, because our members are all going to work, and calling the Gov. Sweet, because our time off is spent riding.

By the time this report is published we'll know whether we have to wear our helmets or use them to plant Petunias in.

Our last Sunday ride took us from the blistering hellish heat of The Dalles, over the mountain to Zig-Zag where we visited the Chrystal Moon bead shop. Sun & snow in August are just the right mix.

Klicatat County is the home of several of our members from Washington. With August upon us many family, friends & members have for years run from The Dalles to the Goldendale Observatory to view the beautiful Harvest Moon. Always a "Night Ride", everyone is welcome to join us!

Patricia Combs, CSA
 Secretary

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 (503) 390-7906

Greetin's y'all,

Broke the seal on a new bottle, got three hours 'til deadline. Now THIS is journalism.

Gotta clear up an apparent misconception concernin' last month's column: Rot Path got interrupted in mid-rant by the clock which indicated it was two minutes 'til deadline. (Rot Path usually writes in the PPTM mode: "Piss-Poor Time Management".) Slammed shut the file and E-mailed it off to Gordon without completin' the idea that folks who have paid their dues outta be allowed to play in society's sandbox again.

Rot Path ain't actually done hard time (unless ya count Viet Nam), but he's got a pretty good imagination. Seems to Rot Path that a lot of folks is bein' punished twice: 1) Doin' time for the crime; 2) Bein' branded a felon fer life an' not bein' givin' a second chance.

We all make mistakes. Some bigger than others; some we get caught fer. If folks learn from their mistakes an' play nice, they shouldn't be relegated ta bein' second-class citizens fer the rest of their lives. If ya've done the time, ya've paid fer yer crime. Seems there needs to be some reform in our legal process. Maybe that could be another issue ABATE takes up after the helmet and insurance matters.

Oh yeah, the chapter report.

There was every good intention of havin' the monthly chapter meetin' up at Fox Creek. But then good intentions don't involve pickin' up after three days of havin' fun. So it was postponed. Besides, how could they possibly have a meetin' if Rot Path weren't there? (Was that Pancake who said "Easily"?) Yeah, it's kinda embarrassin' after months of exhortin' folks to make it up to Fox Creek, but Rot Path's presence was conspicuous by his absence. Ended up havin' ta work Friday and Saturday until midnight at the "other job".

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Hope ta have the bike game results published in next month's column so's y'all can snuggle down while recallin' how warm it was. At least Rot Path made it ta Beaver Creek fer a couple of hours on Saturday. (Foxes and Beavers: what's that tell ya about the state of mind of motorheads?) Nice run, Lincoln County Chapter. Gotta ta bone ta pick with Daryle an' Bill: seems that chapter secretaries don't have ta wax their legs after all. (Smooth is nice, but stubble's hell.)

Talked to Beaver Bob (hmmm...) at the August state meetin' an' y'all may be seein' a pic of Rot Path on the web page astride his 4th of July scooter. Them tempera paints is a fun way ta put a temporary paint job on yer bike, but just make sure ya lay down a good coat of wax first. (An' no, ya ain't gettin' the pic of Rot Path naked on self-same bike.)

Rot Path was out behind the shop at sunset this evenin' waterin' the brown grass in his little clothin' optional area when a large aircraft flew over. Only a military plane bellows out that kinda power: a B-52. Got ta thinkin' about how complex it was ta keep all eight of them engines happy. (Lost track of how many times Rot Path has seen Dr. Strangelove.) Maybe we got it easy just tryin' ta keep one mill running. It was that golden time of day when all things is possible. Saw a barn cat out huntin' successfully. (Ya can always tell when a cat's caught something by the way it trots back with its kill.) Rot Path can't help thinkin' that those folks who detest cats musta been rats in a previous life.

Well, the crop's off the field and the ground's hard. Y'all talk about ridin' free, but nothin' beats livin' in the country an' ridin' yer scooter naked at dusk across the field. Now THAT'S ridin' free.

An that's just what Rot Path is gonna do now.
Rot Path

South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 am

Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

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

Chapter Contact: Bud Berliner (541)-267-2523

Hello,

Our July meeting was a short one due to Mel and Nick puttin on the Motorcycle Awareness Class. Unfortunately, we had several officers that couldn't attend that meeting including myself which was rather disappointing since I really wanted to attend it but I was out of state. From what I hear it turned out well with about 20 people attending the class. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Nearpass and Iris Yeager for taking minutes for me.

For all of you who missed attending out Coos River Run, you missed a wonderful and fun event. Even Rotten Roger had a great time (don't worry Roger, we won't tell, were going to submit pictures instead.) We didn't have a great turnout due to a little rain - only about 110 people and our run was the same weekend as Iron Horse, but we had great participation in the games. Our biggest hit was the duck races. We also gave out more than 70 door prizes not to mention the raffle items we gave out. Oere community support was fantastic! We hope that next year we can plan our date a little better so more people can attend. The run site is spectacular and we had around 15 vendors in which some even participated in the games. Here is a list of the winners:

Games:

Ping Pong Ball	Kurt & Shirley
Oh s*** The Ol Mans Home	Bud Berliner
Tire Pull Race	Randy Christensen & Dave McDonald
Winnie Bite	Charlie Hill

Bike Show:	
Best Touring	Tom Curan
Best Custom	John Guernsey
Best Foreign	Leann Christensen
Best of Show	John Guernsey
Best Sport	Storm
RAT BIKE	Randy Christensen

Also, a special thanks to Bruce Slate for the great imaginative trophies he made for us and Tom Crowl for the beautiful ribbons he made for the bike show. I hope next year we have a little better support from our own chapter, out of 75 members, only 20 attended.

Well I hope all of you are getting a chance to go on some runs and enjoy this wonderful weather while it lasts. Don't forget to attend the Labor Day Run, Beaver Creek and all the others listed in our newsletter, as it's all ood!

Ride safe,
Charlie Hill

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd Sunday, Noon

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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Chapter Contact: Jim Broman (541)-479-6111

Tom Orsini (541)-479-8635

Greetings from Southern Oregon-

As the chapter celebrates it's second birthday, we have elected (shanghaied) some of our members into leadership roles. As of September 3rd, the Southern Oregon Chapter Officers will be:

Chapter Coordinator:	Tom Orsini
Vice Coordinator:	Ken Witcher
Membership Secretary:	Michelle Dow
Chapter Treasurer:	Sandra Orsini
Chapter Secretary:	Val Tooley
Sergeant of Arms #1:	Bill Magnie
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**State Board Rep:	To be filled

We will be planning a trip to the State Board Meeting to introduce our new Officers as soon as it can be scheduled. We welcome them and their ideas so we can continue to grow and make a difference.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to cancel the planned Poker Run & Campout at the Coast that had been scheduled for September 6-7th. The Chapter will be holding two smaller chapter-sized events this fall after our new officers have gotten a chance to settle in to their positions. These events will be announced at the Chapter Meetings and in our Chapter Newsletter. Hopefully next year's calendar will be a little less complicated.

Until next time
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 so glad August is over. The weather was so hot, but good for riding. Craig went to Sturgis and I didn't get to go, next year I get to go.

Some of the people in our chapter are talking about an all adult run with no Pets. I can see the no pets. My feelings about the all adults, well I put it this way, I enjoy doing the kids games. Kids are members too, ABATE is a family organization. This is something we promote, more family events. We also are for freedom of choice, is this only for adults? I think not. I will not vote against it, but I won't vote for too. That's my freedom of choice.

We still have a few runs left. But don't forget the Family Picnic at Eagle Fern Park on the 27th of Sept. I know it will be great~ like every year. We will have better Prizes for the kids and the adults too. Like every year, we supply the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, pop and ice cream. All you have to supply is a pot luck dish.

My garden tip this month will start out about your lawns. For those of you that like you used to water your lawns to get them green. Lawns used to turn green and go dormant, just like we need our sleep, a time to rest. The next thing I want to talk about is it's time to split up your perennials into as many as 5 new plants. You can plant them in different places in your garden, or give some to friends. What a way to save money, paying for our plant and in one year you can have up to 5.

ENJOY

DEBBY

Washington County**Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm****Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland****Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, Or 97113****Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766****Bill the Bricklayer (503) 640-9543**

Hello again from Wa.Co.

We've been a busy bunch, getting preparations underway for the 1997 edition of the End of Summer Run. We've already got some great bands booked, with Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers lined up for Saturday. This great event will be held again at Horning's Hideout, a secluded spot in the Tualatin Valley, just above North Plains. We have all sorts of fun in store, with Bike games and activities for kids. Of course, there is the fishing pond / swimming hole to entertain everyone from young to mature. We still have space for a few more vendors, if you would like to get in on this event, contact Jill Tracy, (503) 640-5766. Need more info about the run? Bricklayer is your man, and you can reach him at 640-9543. Ticket prices are again \$10 in advance for members. Contact Ted Tracy (See Jill Tracy's phone number, we let him stay there sometimes, when he's not in the dog house!)

We have also been busy checking out other events held by the other chapters of this organization. We have had representatives at Fossil, The Cowchip Boogie, Fox Creek and the Beavercreek run. All these events are great, with lots of dedicated people working hard to keep the food, fun and beverages coming. If you are able to attend one of these fine functions, be sure to take a moment to thank the folks responsible for providing the fun.

Butch Harbaugh, the fine gentleman working for us through BikePAC has done a wonderful job this year on a shoestring budget. Unfortunately, BikePAC was not able to pay him his full salary this year (and believe me, he is a bargain!). ABATE cannot donate any more money this year due to funding limits imposed by law, but individuals can donate, to help cover the shortage. If you are enjoying the riding weather with or without a helmet, remember who was down in Salem working hard for you, and support them by sending them some funds.

Last month, several other chapters mentioned a letter they received from William Poirier, a friend of Mother who is "visiting" the Gray Bar Hotel in Florida. He is asking for letters, pictures of events and scooters, and says all letters will be answered. Mail should be directed to William Poirier, #718440, B11221, Jackson Correctional Institution, PO Box 4900, Malone, FL. 32445.

Well, gotta go, still have lots of stuff to organize before the End of Summer Run rolls around... Hope to see you there!

Jill

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**

Greetings from the Willamette Valley. I hate to complain (maybe hate isn't the right word) but it has been HOT here. What a grand riding season it has been in Oregon. So many activities that we just can't make them all - even if we could afford to. Anyway.....

We had our general meeting on August 7th. 16 people signed in. Sgt of Arms has been excused lately - since he's back on swing shift. Not much has been happening ABATE wise in this area. Everyone is too busy riding - so our officer's reported on their recent trips. Hey - ABATE is about riding too. On the legislative side - we discussed the victories of Texas and Arkansas in repealing their helmet laws, the requirements of having PIP insurance, the blacklisting of specific bikes by insurance companies and debated on whether or not the governor would veto HB2454. It was a pretty informal meeting.

We did decide to work together to put on a bike show in Halsey, Oregon - October 11th. The show - which will include a tailgate swap meet, games, observation ride and vendors - is geared toward promoting motorcycle education and awareness and is open to the general public. Proceeds from the show will be donated to our chapter toy-run fund for this year - of which a benefactor has not yet been selected for this year. (We are still taking suggestions at our meetings.) I am faxing Gordon a flier for this newsletter. It is preliminary - the event is a GO - but details are being finalized daily - and it's growing. Give a call for more information.

I guess I could give a report on how the first ever National Women and Motorcycling Conference went. But I'll get something to Gordon on it for the next newsletter - I hope. This is about all I have time for now. Come to the meeting - we'd love to see you.

X-PonieRyder

Thank You

Goes out to all those who put in long hours and all the effort to make it as far as we did this session. GWH

PR REPORT

Melinda McCrossen

I have one foot out the door on my way to Beaver Creek and I gotta get my report done before I ride off into the sunset. So here goes...

This month when Roger called and said it was time to stuff posters into tubes, I called my good friend, Brenda, who helped us with Fossil posters last April. Not only did Brenda say ok, but her old man, Randy came over too. I mention this because it's amazing the difference one person can make and Randy made a difference. It only took an hour for us to do a terrific job and we had a great time visiting (at least I did).

Roger and Larry are looking over a Chiloquin Press Release from me. After their approval, it'll go out this Sunday night, August 10th. I also contacted Mel Yeager and he's going to provide me with the info I need for the announcement about our new Education Director. I would like to send this one out after Labor Day in September because of the possible media tie-in of education, you know, back-to-school.

I'm still looking for a biker from the Salem area to be our liason with the Statesman Journal. I think either Daryl or Rot Path would make an excellent impression on the paper, but neither one of them has called me yet. Hint, Hint...

That's it for me! I'm outta here.

Yes, you have heard it rumored already. A bike show in where - Halsey, Oregon. It is a happening thing.

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From the Vice Coordinator South

Freedom Fighters:

As I write this letter we have had our meeting with the Governor. We still don't know the fate of HB2454, but no matter how it comes out we should all be proud. We have proven we are a force to be reckoned with. We have learned a lot. We have proven that citizen lobbying can make a difference and we may just win if we continue to work hard and keep an eye on our goals.

The reason for this letter stems from a discussion at the State Officers meeting. We were discussing our individual goals for the organization in the future. I stated that, in my opinion, we would not have achieved the success we have without some extraordinary efforts by individuals who were there for every hearing, every vote, every time Butch needed help. I would like to see a little financial support for these people in a legislative session, maybe just for gas. It was stated that the chapters should maybe help with this. As most of you know, I was one of those people, so it may sound self-serving for me to say this but I am also trying to speak for all the others who were involved.

I guess where I want to go with this is to talk about our future as an organization. We did amazing things this session. As you all know, we will be back next time around. We will be still fighting for our freedom, defending our freedom or trying to make motorcycling better for everybody in Oregon. In the coming year we will have some long-term leaders who will retire. I am going to do my best to stay in this effort as I hope many others will do. We are going to need much new blood around the state. We will need active chapter leaders to move up to the state level. We will also need good people to take their places at the chapter level. I ask you all to think about where we want to go. Look at yourself and decide if you would like to step up and help lead this organization into the future. As leaders, I think we must respect our retiring leaders' efforts and lead our organization into the future. As chapter members, I

ask you all to think about what your chapter can do to support our leaders and freedom fighters in the future. It is your choice as chapters to support our leaders or not.

If you are interested in guiding the future of our organization, be at the organizational planning and review session on October 25th and 26th in Cottage Grove.

Keep up the good fight!

Chris Vieira

State Vice Coordinator-South

Motorcycling Friends: At the eleventh hour, on the very last day that the governor could have exercised his veto of our freedom of choice helmet law (passed, of course, by our House and Senate), the governor did us in. He obviously knew all along that he was going to veto our bill. Oregon motorcyclists should nonetheless be pleased with what a terrific, well-organized and persuasive job we did this legislative session.

Here's what the guy says for himself. Wish us well the next time around - we don't go away. To paraphrase Schwarzenegger, "we'll be back."
Sam Hochberg

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

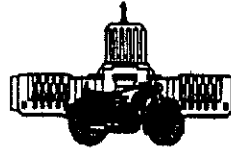
GOVERNOR VETOES

HB2454

This morning, on the last possible day, the governor of Oregon vetoed our helmet law amendment. I am including the text of his veto message which is the same OR Health Dept "party line" that we have clearly refuted over and over again. Please note that the message was dated August 8.

We must rally to the campaigns and election before the next session to change the legislative and executive branches to provide beter results. I know there is a lot of talk about changing parties if you are a Democrat, but please wait a moment. I think that those people who want to make this statement should consider the possible impact of doing it in their own county as a group and trying to get media coverage. Also, it may be a good idea to wait and see who surfaces as candidates in the primary. Let's do this, but not hastily.

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.



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August 8, 1997

Dear Secretary Keisling:

I am returning herewith HB 2454, unsigned and disapproved.

The bill would repeal the motorcycle helmet law for riders 21 years of age and older. While I respect motorcycle riders' desire to choose whether to wear helmets, maintaining the current law is clearly in the best interests of the citizens of Oregon. This is consistent with the public position I have held on this issue for almost 20 years.

I am vetoing this bill, based not only on my experience as an emergency room physician, but also because the research clearly demonstrates that motorcycle helmet laws save lives, prevent injuries, and save public dollars. Helmeted riders have 28-73% lower death rates than unhelmeted riders and helmet usage reduces the incidence of severe head injury by 46-85%. States with helmet laws have death rates 20-40% lower than states without such laws. Helmet usage is 90-98% in states with mandatory laws, and only about 50% in those without. Unhelmeted riders have higher medical care costs than helmeted riders in crashes, and the majority of the costs are paid by the public rather than by the injured motorcyclist. If our helmet law were to be repealed, Oregon Medical Assistance Program estimates an increased expenditure of over \$6 million of public funds per biennium to pay for additional health care costs.

In addition, Oregonians showed strong support for mandatory motorcycle helmets when they overwhelmingly approved the 1988 referendum by a 2 - 1 margin. The measure passed in every county. A recent poll conducted by an independent research firm has shown that the people of this state continue to support the helmet law by a wide margin.

I will continue to oppose repealing the motorcycle helmet law based on my concern for the health of Oregon motorcyclists and my commitment to the judicious use of public funds. As I have stated in the past, the only way I would consider signing such a measure into law would be if those who are advocating freedom of choice for adult riders would also ensure that those exercising such a freedom also accept the full economic responsibility for their actions.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaver, M.D.

NOW I'M MAD!!

Today the little maggot vetoed us. I called his office and told them he made an enemy of us all and we would see to it that he would not be elected dog catcher the next time around. They laughed, "ha ha" so let's see who has the last laugh. Reading through his letter to Phil Keisling, Secretary of State, I was astounded at the amount of BS! It was just like listening to Claudia Black, the lobbyist who was paid with our tax dollars by the Oregon Health Department to lobby against us. We smashed Claudia's statistics every time she got in the room with us in the Senate and House of Representatives, so I can only assume Kitzhaber's IQ is much lower than the average Senator or House Rep, or that he feeds from the same teat as Claudia. We should all be proud of what we did this session. We did amazing things and we must keep up the pressure.

This is what I think we must do. First, we must make our organizations stronger. (See my other letter previous to this one.) Second, we must go after our tax dollars being used by the likes of Claudia Black against us. How do you like your tax dollars being used to lobby against you? Third, Kim and I think this was a Democratic plot against us from the beginning. I am tired of this party trying to baby-sit me. Kim and I plan to switch parties. We are registered democrats until today. I urge everyone who is a democrat to get together in your area and plan a day to all march in to your local Democratic office and change parties as a group, stating why you have changed. Now this is up to you as individuals. No one can tell you which party to affiliate yourselves with and we have had some very good democratic supporters like Roberts and Eighmey and I can't thank them enough. However, I believe this has been a democratic stonewalling from day one and they used their top man to screw us in the end. Did you all know Claudia was on the Governor's side of the desk when BikePAC representatives got our 15 minutes with the Governor after 10 years of our hard work? We did not get to have a representative in his office when Claudia had her time to lobby. So it is up to you and me and all of us what to do next. I vote for a frontal assault!

Chris Vieira

State Vice Coordinator-South

Vice Coordinator North

Steve, Chris and all of you other mad-as-hell freedom fighters writing to talk about how mad you are and changing from Democrat to something else, hear me out. You are wrong.

As many of you know, I am a Precinct Committee Person for the Republican party here in Washington County. And I am saying: stay a Democrat.

Now don't get me wrong. If you have decided that the core principles of the Republican party are for you, then by all means become a Republican. But if you are just reacting to the party politics there is a better solution. The reason you feel that you were betrayed by your party is because you weren't allowed to be in the process. In other words you were an outsider. The answer is: Become an Insider.

We have a lot of good supporters who are Democrats in the legislature. Obviously, not all Democrats feel the way Kitzhaber and Courtney did. But the Dem party of OR can put a lot of pressure on legislators, especially freshmen. What you have to do is become an active part of party politics.

A precinct committee person is an elected official in this state. However, I became one by volunteering to become one and was appointed to fill a hole. There are usually more positions than volunteers to fill them. This gives us an excellent opportunity to get some of our people in to the party. We need people in both parties!!!! Note I have ignored the fact that there is an option to become an independent. I respect the people who want to become an independent. But I don't believe you can be a political activist and be a registered independent. Basically an independent is throwing their vote away in the primaries. In Oregon, anyway, an independent doesn't get to vote in the primaries. And that is where 75% of the important races are won or lost.

Once you have volunteered, you go through an approval process. I do not agree 100% with some items on my parties platform. I don't have to. The county chair usually talks to you on the phone and questions you a little. They send you a letter asking you to sign on to the platform. Then you're in.

To explain what PCP's do let me describe our central committee meeting last week. First of all I Continued on next page.

can say that organizations, whether biker or Republicans, are all about the same. To prove this out of 140 PCP's only about 25 showed up! It's just like ABATE, it's just like politics, it's just like life: "The world is run by those who bother to show up to run it." (My quote) Because of being at that meeting I got a chance to visit with some of our local area legislators. Because they are impressed by the fact that I have become active in party politics, my words carry a little more weight when I am speaking. There is a little more respect. This can go a long way to changing a legislators position.

I spent about 10 minutes visiting with Rep. Ken Strobeck. He has not been one of our supporters. It's too bad, because I really like the guy otherwise. I feel that I have gotten a dialogue with him so that if he was ever in a position to block a bill in committee, I could possibly sway him. This can be every bit as important as a vote on the floor. I visited with Charles Starr who has been a supporter and co-sponsor. He announced his candidacy to run against Jeannette Hamby. This would be very good news for us. As they are both Republicans this points out a race that will likely be determined in the primary. I talked with a man named Henri Schaffer. He is running for district 8 which is where Ryan Deckart is currently rep. He is very supportive of freedom of choice for motorcyclists. And finally I spent about 15 minutes visiting with Jon Kvistad. He is currently Metro presiding officer and plans to run for US House seat 1 which currently is Elizabeth Furse. He is also supportive of M/C freedom of choice.

As is obvious, I gained a lot of useful information that we would not have had otherwise. But now what to do with this information? Well that is the next step.

The way to make a politician respond is to affect their paycheck. People threatening to make sure Kitzhaber wasn't elected dogcatcher had no effect. He will go "Who is this person? They are just one vote. I don't care about them!" You have to make your vote count like 10,000 other votes. Here is how you do that: Become a volunteer. So you are already a ABATE volunteer. That's great, this is not much different. Can you talk on the phone? Lick envelopes? Stamp envelopes? Walk around and hand out flyers?

Congratulations!! You are a fully qualified Campaign volunteer. People think that money is what wins campaigns. NOT TRUE!!! What money can buy is what wins elections. 20-30 hours of enthusiastic volunteer work on a campaign is something that the candidate can't buy for \$5000!!! So do it.

Even if your candidate does not win, you still can gain. First of all you gain respect from other campaign volunteers. This last campaign for Chuck Carpenter, I made an acquaintance with a lady who is president of the Oregon Nurses Association. If Ms. Joanne Fairchild had started talking like she represented the ONA like she did last session, this lady (Pat Choate) was going to clamp down on her. Second, your candidates' opponent will have respect for you as an adversary. Although it is good to have friends, it is better to have respect from a politician. Even if the other side wins, they may think twice about getting on your bad side again.

It is simply not enough to just cast your vote and say "I did my part." Victory comes through hard work in the most useful areas. Just participation by itself is not enough to ensure victory.

Ken Ray
503 645 3376

Hear! Hear! I know emotions are running high. I seldom get involved in the dialogue, but we all knew that the Governor was likely to veto this bill. Ken's advice is sound. As one who is involved in Salem as a lobbyist for a trade organization his comments are exactly what I tell my clients. Get involved, don't drop out!

From the internet

Hi Ken:

I am a little calmer today, but my opinion has not changed. I do not believe Kitzhaber has any respect for us or our efforts. I do not believe he had any intention of listening to us in our 15 minutes. I don't believe he listened to us, that's obvious by his statement as to why he vetoed our bill. He did not have enough respect for us to tell us at that meeting that he would veto it, nor did he have enough respect for us to call and tell us on the 8th when he sent the statement to the Secretary of State.(Cont. Next page.)

I don't believe his office even counted our phone calls. They were laughing all the way. That's just fine, because deep down that's what I always expected from him, though I hoped it would be different.

To your statements about political parties and citizen involvement, I say yes. I have always believed and endorsed involvement by our members as a vehicle to further our goals as an organization. I must say though, that I don't think this is the only direction that we should pursue or the only one that will work. I don't believe this is a position all of our members would feel comfortable with. I think it is right for some and not for others.

I joined ABATE many years ago because I wanted to fight against a government that has despised my existence for many years. A government that did not represent me. A government that has gone out of its way to screw me out of my personal freedom and my right to privacy in my own home when I was hurting no one. I chose ABATE because I am a biker and our cause is near and dear to me, and because I can't fight on all fronts. I don't have the time or patience. I joined the Democratic Party many years ago only because I was tired of being denied the right to vote in the Primaries. At that time it appeared the Democratic Party was the least devoted to putting me in hand-cuffs. Today I can no longer tell who wants me locked up the most. I do not believe in the party system in this country. I think all it does is create some kind of sick gang affiliation within our government. I will never belong to a party because I believe in them, only for what it gets me. I applaud all you people who can be involved on that level and hope you can do us some good. I can only put my faith in individuals: House or Senate, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Independent who appear to be fair, open minded and sympathetic to individual rights. The only party I believe in is the one that takes place after the job is done, and thanks to Kitzhaber, the job is far from done once again. I will gladly support and assist any candidate because they are good people, not because of party affiliation.

You are right in thinking I am looking for blood and revenge. This is how our opponents played the game for the last 20 years. I was taught how to play the gutter game many years ago as a youth while I sat in a courtroom accused of things I did not do and watched representatives of our great state, police

officers, lie to convict me. My desire in those statements was to push our point, to continue to show our political power, force and determination. Maybe we have it, maybe we don't. If I spoke out of turn or inappropriately, I am sorry. If there is no room for my attitude in ABATE, I will gladly back off. I will always work for the desires of our membership and, no matter where I am, I will fight bad government.

Once again, anybody who can play that party game, I urge you to do so. All I ask is that you don't get caught up in their game and remember why you went there. It's just not me folks. I suspect I don't work for many others in our organization. But after careful consideration of both points of view, I think we should all take a little time to study all of this and once again work as a team. This is how we got to where we are. This is how we should move forward.

Chris Vieira

Vice Coordinator South, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Ken, a lot of what you say is very good information and although I am not sure of any of the following and am also not reacting as a "gone over the edge" revengeful crackpot, I think there is some backroom games going on at all times within the parties. These games are far from the public's eyes and are much of the reasons behind "simple" bills becoming law. These games usually involve money or some sort of "you rub my back and I'll do yours" type of party favors. This is an area that we will never be able to penetrate and make different, all we can do is be a part of it and "donate" to the right causes and hope they come through for us.

The system is flawed! Let's face it. In order to work within a flawed system, we must play by their rules, not the ones we're supposed to play by.

As for your "connections" to people you meet at these little elbow slapping political parties, you believe could help us in the future, I think that is a grand idea, but there are no guarantees that they will help us after they are elected. These people will say anything to get your vote and then s^&t on you the first moment they get to, because one of their more important colleagues told them to. These people in politics usually have no self respect and cannot tell the difference between what is good and what is bad because of the fact that they are so polluted with bulls%^t, that they can't even sort it out themselves.(Continued on next page.)

They want to make their friends and sometimes, their enemies happy and that is what they vote, not what you or I as a voting citizen wants. This party politics crap needs to be changed and that will only come with a total revolution on the system. I dont think we will see that in our lifetime because the American people are so used to getting screwed that they just cope with it year after year after year. We are a sad tribute to what our for-fathers had planned for us...

In closing I would like to say that the few people (of ABATE and BIKEPAC) that devoted great time and much energy to this cause, are the ones that receive my greatest respect as true Americans and keep that spirit of freedom alive in me. I feel, as do they, that we have lost something far more than just a battle over a bill... its like loosing a loved one, knowing that you will never see that "spirit of freedom" again.

"DEMOCRACY IS NOT SPECTATOR SPORT!"
Maybe if basketball wasn't such an important part of so many Oregonians lives, we wouldnt be wearing any lids come the end of THIS year instead of "in the future" ...if ever.

Paul Christoferson
WACO Chapter

TEXAS OFFICIALS ISSUE ADVISORY FOR STATE'S NEW HELMET LAW

WESTERVILLE, Ohio -- The Texas Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Safety Bureau has released guidelines to clarify who is allowed to ride without a helmet under exemptions in that state's recently modified helmet law, reports the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

Under the new law, which goes into effect on Sept. 1, motorcyclists over the age of 20 are allowed to ride without helmets if they have either completed a rider-education course that meets or exceeds Motorcycle Safety Foundation standards, or if they are covered by a health insurance plan that provides at least \$10,000 in health benefits for injuries resulting from an accident while operating or riding upon a motorcycle.

Additionally, Texas motorcyclists who meet the exemption requirements can apply for a helmet exemption sticker from the Department of Public Safety that will alert law enforcement personnel that they have complied with the law. Out-of-state motorcyclists are not eligible to obtain the exemption sticker. The fee for the sticker is \$5.

Out-of-state motorcyclists, or Texas motorcyclists who elect to not acquire the helmet exemption sticker, will be able to ride helmetless providing they are able to show law enforcement officials proof of either adequate insurance coverage or safety course completion.

The law, while achieving the goal of repealing at least part of the state's mandatory helmet law, unfortunately leaves motorcyclists open to being repeatedly stopped by law enforcement personnel trying to figure out if the rider has complied with the exemptions, notes Sean Maher, AMA legislative specialist.

"While we think that adults should have the freedom to choose whether to ride without a helmet, this law creates a morass of ambiguity," Maher said. "If you opt not to obtain a sticker, or if you ride in from another state, see riders without helmets and take yours off, you're suddenly subject to traffic stops at the whim of local authorities. Even if you carry the proper forms, that's one heck of an inconvenience."

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Dear brothers and sisters,

You may or may not know this, but on the way back home from " Summer Run " I crashed. My left shoulder is broken, roadrashed' both knee caps, hurt the bike a bit, and trashed my best jeans. I write this letter to all of you who rode past me on the side of the road and couldn't be bothered to check on a downed brother. I sat on the side of the road for three hours waiting for the Cavalry to arrive. While there, I had a short nap. Had I been nursing a head trauma, that nap could have been fatal. Fortunately, that situation did not develop and I was able to get a nice peaceful nap SINCE NONE OF YOU COULD BE BOTHERED TO STOP AND SEE IF I HAD HELP ON THE WAY, OR IF I WAS STILL AMONG THE LIVING!!!!!! It sure is nice to know just how well " We take care of our own "!. Now, I will admit most of the crowd had left the area before our departure, none the less, three hours is a long time when you're being ignored. I give my word that I will continue to stop for EVERY bike along the roadside, however, Karma's a Bitch! Some day you may find yourself interrupting a perfectly wonderful ride through some beautiful countryside with a hard landing and a slide through the dirt and rocks. With any luck, you'll be as fortunate as I was to have two riding partners who covered my back, and made sure I was found and got the attention I needed. Randy and "the Bitch", I Thank you both for everything. The best team I've ever had the pleasure of riding with ! Then again, you may find your self getting the same attention from the passing motorists as you , so graciously extended me when I could have used a little help. Now, and for a while yet to come, I will be so proud of our organization and all the good will we advertize. I know it sure helped me out (which way did I come in?).

Thank You,
Ken Skorepa
"Beetlejuice"

S.E.Portland Chapter,
Chapter Products Director

HB3987***South Carolina

On Jan. 23, 1862, Dr. John Rock addressed the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. Dr. Rock was a physician and a lawyer, the first African-American attorney admitted before the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. His words are as appropriate today

as they were when he spoke them so long ago.

"The free people of color have succeeded, in spite of every effort to crush them, and we are today a living refutation of that shameless assertion that we 'can't take care of ourselves' in a state of freedom."

I cannot accept the principle Dr. Rock promoted as being different from what I desire today. Have things really changed so much that adult South Carolinians, who happen to ride motorcycles, cannot "take care of ourselves?" I think not.

"Through education we seek to change attitudes; through legislation and court orders we seek to regulate behavior. Through education we seek to change internal feelings; through legislation and court orders we seek to control the external effects of those feelings."

When I first read those words of Dr. King I was taken aback. Thomas Jefferson could not have spoken more eloquently. Legislation simply seeks to "regulate behavior" and nothing more. Threatening me with arrest, incarceration and fine simply because I fail to wear a hat that some believe might be good for me is ludicrous. I may change my behavior, as many people of color did for decades under harsher threats, but does that make it right?

The answer is an unequivocal NO!

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed." Dr. King again. The bikers of South Carolina have worked for 22 years on this one issue and we understand implicitly what Dr. King meant. It is unfortunate that so many people closed their eyes and ears to his message. Even today there are many who fail to understand.

I've been working directly on this issue for 25 years. I thank God that I have been spared the trials and tribulations civil rights advocates have seen and lived through. And yet I must speak out. If the members of this committee sincerely believe that the use of a "safety helmet" should be mandated for adults under threat of a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail then I will respect that belief. But I would like to understand the motivations for that belief. If freedom and liberty have different meanings today than they did during the civil rights struggle of the past 100 years I implore you to teach me how they have changed. I abhor ignorance and seek knowledge. I hope you will assist me in my quest to understand.

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I close with Dr. King:

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Even a superficial look at history reveals that no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." The bikers of South Carolina are those dedicated individuals.

Part of a speech given by Jesse McDugald as testimony to the House Judiciary Subcommittee when they had H3987 up for discussion.

COORDINATORS COMMENTS

Okay, we didn't get what we wanted...freedom of choice to wear a helmet. I know, your mad as hell about it. Well, I don't like it either. We did everything we could to get HB2454 through the legislature, only to have it vetoed by the Governor. Yes, it is insulting to read the Governor's letter explaining his reasons for the veto and realize that he did not listen or read any of information we provided him. He didn't really listen to BikePAC when they met with him. Oh he seemed like he was listening, but he wasn't. He obviously paid no attention to the letters and phone calls either. It just isn't fair is it.

Well, guess what, life just isn't fair sometimes and we have to get used to that fact and then GO ON! We knew right from the beginning of this legislative session that the Governor stated he would veto the Helmet Amendment, it didn't stop us then and his veto won't stop us from coming back next session. The war isn't over just because we lost this battle is it? Of course not. We would have been back in the next legislature working anyway. Be proud that we were able to get the bill through the legislature, and remember we are NEVER going away.

The helmet issue is just one of many important issues affecting motorcyclists.

For example:

Did you know that NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to lobby state legislatures across the country to pass and/or maintain helmet laws? Is this a proper use of federal tax dollars, to lobby against some of the very taxpayers who provide those funds?

What about your motorcycle insurance, are you satisfied that you are getting your money's worth? Are you even able to find insurance at a fair price? Some Oregon motorcyclists are finding it extremely difficult to get insurance for their motorcycle's. Ever try insuring an assembled motorcycle or trike?

Have you ever been discriminated against just because of your clothing or because you ride a motorcycle? What should we do about this?

Did you know, many cities and counties are developing long range transportation plans? How will motorcycles fit into the plans? Experience suggests that if local governmental agency's had been allowed to plan without input from motorcyclists, motorcycles would not currently be part of the future transportation plans in the Portland -Metro area. We need to be ever vigilant to see that we are not removed from these plans. What about the area in which you live?

Shouldn't we be working on a campaign to see that motorcycles are classified as an alternative mode of transportation because of their ability to relieve congestion, save fuel, reduce pollution, reduce the need for more downtown parking spaces, etc.

As you can see, there are many issues we can and will be working on, INCLUDING A HELMET AMENDMENT in the next legislative session. Don't let Kitzhabers veto cause you to give up and quit trying, that's what he wants you to do. Don't change your political party affiliation solely out of protest as I've heard many of you say. Instead, get involved in the process, within the party system. Work on the campaign's of candidates who are sympathetic to our cause, and those who have helped us in the past. Don't forget Kitzhaber and those who stand in the way of freedom, if you can't change their minds then change their address.

Next time we will come back stronger than ever. Together we CAN make a difference.

Larry



This is from an article published in Car and Driver. I got it off the Car and Driver area in AOL.

Finally, in one courtroom, the defense asked tough questions, and the laser-gun folks had the wrong answers.

BY PATRICK BEDARD

This started with an ordinary \$96 speeding ticket clocked by a laser gun, exceptional for only one detail: Joe Maccarone's neighbor got it.

Maccarone is 44, a lawyer in Long Valley, New Jersey. As his neighbor fretted over the four-point ticket, Maccarone remembers saying to him, "I'll go talk to the prosecutor, get it down to two points. Won't charge you."

What Maccarone didn't know was that the prosecutor had been waiting for a defendant with a lawyer to contest one of these laser-based tickets. The New Jersey State Police had only recently starting using laser guns. Now they needed a test case to get the courts to validate police use of them. When new enforcement devices are used to produce evidence in a trial, they must be proven in court to be accurate and reliable. When a judge hears enough testimony to be convinced that the device is scientifically reliable, he takes "judicial notice" of the device. From then on in that court, defendants can argue that the device was misapplied, misused, or misconstrued, but they can't argue that it doesn't work. Judicial notice was taken of radar years ago.

For this speeding case, the prosecutor brought in an expert witness, who received payment for his testimony from the gun's maker, Laser Technology, Inc. This witness testified that the LTI 20-20 Marksman used the same technology developed in the NASA space program. The defendant had a lawyer, and that means there's a chance that a guilty verdict would be appealed to a higher court. If that higher court confirms the correctness of the trial court's verdict, that would establish judicial notice in all courts within that district.

When Maccarone went to see the prosecutor, he was told there would be no deals. "Just the way he treated me, it pissed me off. I thought, He wants a fight, he'll get a fight."

When the courtroom slugfest was over in June 1996, all of New Jersey's "GEICO guns" -- so named to commemorate the \$950,000 loan from auto-insurer GEICO that rescued cash-short Laser Technology in 1991, allowing it to complete the LTI 20-20 gun -- were benched. Superior Court Judge

Reginald Stanton ruled that the LTI 20-20 was inadmissible as evidence. Technically, the precedent knocks out GEICO guns only in Stanton's district, but the New Jersey State Police have stopped using laser guns all across the state while they search for a legal comeback strategy.

In the future, you can bet prosecutors will be careful not to piss off Joe Maccarone. Purely as a favor to his neighbor, he burned through \$12,000 of his own billable time, rounded up three expert witnesses who would testify against the GEICO gun, put himself through tutoring so he could understand the technology, and tried the case, which amounted to five days of testimony over two weeks. He also was able to combine his neighbor's case with almost 200 other pending laser speeding cases and get the issue tried in Superior Court, not the lower traffic court. That way, if he won, precedent would be set barring laser. Joe Maccarone definitely knows how to get even.

Judge Stanton ruled against the GEICO gun for the simple reason that LTI couldn't prove that it works accurately. Police all across the country, it turns out, have been buying LTI 20-20s on nothing but LTI's word that they work as advertised. When finally pressed for test data to demonstrate that the device produces accurate readings in typical traffic situations, LTI could not prove its own claims.

The company also refused to disclose the algorithm designed into the GEICO gun that it claims will reject erroneous readings, saying that to make that information public would be taken advantage of by its competitors. Early in the trial, LTI officials insisted that the gun would never produce false readings. Instead, an error message would appear on the display indicating that it was unable to complete a correct reading.

With barely constrained glee in his voice, Maccarone recalled the end of LTI's pose of infallibility. "We were waiting for the judge to come back from lunch. The prosecutor was there. Jeremy Dunne [the gun's inventor] from LTI was there. And they had the equipment sitting on a desk. So one of our experts went over, picked it up, turned it on, and pointed it at the corner of the room. Then, as he pulled the trigger, he moved the gun sharply. It showed 4 mph. The wall was moving at 4 mph.

"We showed it to the prosecutor. He turned pale white. Then our expert got 4 mph [readings] three more times."

This moving-the-gun exercise illustrated a fundamental flaw in the GEICO gun's concept. It doesn't measure speed -- it measures distance. It makes rapid-fire distance measurements -- 43 of them in a third of a second each time the trigger is pulled -- and from those changing distances between the gun and the target over time, it calculates speed.

But speed of what? Since the operator can't see where the beam strikes, how can he know what it's tracking? What if it isn't tracking anything? What if it merely moves from a far spot to a close spot? Radar doesn't have this shortcoming, Judge Stanton observed, because it measures speed directly, and every part of a car is going the same speed. But if the laser beam is allowed to move from the windshield to the grille, adding about four feet to the change in distance during the one-third-second measurement, then the gun would show a speed about 8 mph too high.

Stanton was open to the idea that some error-trapping program could be invented to reject these erroneous readings, but he wasn't about to accept LTI's claim that "it's in there." Since LTI wouldn't disclose the error trap, and couldn't prove that the device produces accurate and reliable speed readings in real-world use, tough noogies for the GEICO gun. Other findings add to doubts about the gun:

In 1992, the Colorado State Patrol staged a shootout, two troopers side by side -- one with an LTI 20-20, the other packing a Kustom Signals ProLaser, and both targeting the same car in traffic. The two guns disagreed with each other by 2 or more mph 40 times in 89 tries, by 3 or more mph 16 of 89 tries.

In 1995, three German engineers at the university in Erlangen tested the LTI 20-20 and two European laser guns. They found that the LTI had three beams side by side instead of a single beam, which raises doubts about what spot on the car is actually being tracked. Moreover, the beam strike did not correspond to the targeted area, raising the possibility of hitting "other vehicles than the targeted one. In this way, the real advantage of the laser devices over radar is lost, namely, pinpointing a vehicle in moving traffic," their report concluded.

Comparing laser with radar is revealing in another way. Paul Greenberg, one of Maccarone's expert witnesses and himself a NASA laser scientist, points out that a radar unit sitting atop a dashboard can measure speeds all by itself, with no input from

a human operator. But a GEICO gun cannot operate by itself -- it must be aimed by someone, and it must track a moving target for the one-third of a second it takes to produce a reading. In effect, it's a hand tool, and its output can never be independent of its operator.

Greenberg also questions the ability of human operators to accurately aim a gun that weighs 5.6 pounds. The handgun-marksanship standard for military police in stand-and-shoot situations is this: The shooter is given 50 rounds, and the target is a 21-inch-wide silhouette placed 50 yards away; to pass, the shooter needs a 60-percent hit rate. With a GEICO gun at 1000 feet, that translates to a 60-percent chance of hitting a 12-foot-wide space. Yet cars are only about six feet wide. So the chance of hitting something other than the intended target -- other vehicles close by -- is very good. And this chance is amplified by the way laser gunners operate. They position themselves for an end view of traffic, or as near to it as possible. And that stacks all vehicles close together in the view. How does the operator know that his invisible beam hit the target and not one of the bystander vehicles?

The usual description of the laser beam -- four feet in diameter at 1000 feet -- overstates its precision in actual use, too. Henry Roberts, a retired Bell Labs scientist and another of Maccarone's expert witnesses, pointed out the "slice of bologna" problem. Laser gunners don't stand in the road, they stand alongside it, and therefore see a slight side view of traffic. What happens when the invisible beam sweeps down the side of a string of vehicles? Imagine bologna cut at a small angle. With a beam angle of two degrees to traffic, he calculates the active end of the beam to be an ellipse about 115 feet long.

From what does it produce its reading?

Laser accuracy and reliability can never be separated from the question "What did it hit?"

One of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's gambits to give credibility to laser guns was, in effect, laughed out of the courtroom. NHTSA had requested the National Institute of Standards and Technology to come up with minimum performance standards for laser guns, and a standard test by which to measure them. The results were published in 1995, and to no one's surprise, both guns offered by U.S. makers passed the test. But the test procedure is wildly different

from the way police use lasers. The test requires the gun to be steadied by a tripod and that reflectors be attached to the target car. "I always attach reflectors to my car," said Greenberg sarcastically. Judge Stanton dismissed the test as "largely meaningless."

This trial was one of the rare traffic cases in which vigorous advocates for the prosecution faced equally vigorous advocates for the defense. For normal speeding trials, "You have a lopsided playing field," Maccarone says. "A \$96 ticket -- who's gonna spend thousands to present scientific evidence that the device doesn't work? So the state puts in its case with next to nothing, and it wins every time."

To even the playing field this time, the four lawyers and three expert witnesses for the defense all worked for free. Laser had never before faced such a vigorous defense.

Usually, there's no defense. Consider the recent case in Mentor, Ohio, in which prosecutor Ron Graham brought in an LTI-paid expert to testify against a local social worker defending himself against a speeding charge of 73 mph in a 60 zone. Guilty, the judge decided, and took judicial notice of the LTI 20-20. But in the same court before the same judge a year before, Paul Greenberg appeared as the defense expert against the same LTI expert and foiled the prosecutor's attempt at judicial notice. I asked prosecutor Graham how he selected that most recent case. "I wanted to make sure [laser] got accepted, so that's what we did," he answered. At the social worker's case, the LTI expert introduced into evidence the same NHTSA test that Judge Stanton said was "largely meaningless." In the absence of anyone on the defense to raise doubts, Municipal Judge Richard Swain bought the LTI argument.

Mark Gardner, an attorney in nearby Cleveland, told C/D, "There's something un-American about waiting until you find a helpless defendant, then trying to establish [judicial notice] in that case. It's immoral."

It's also very easy for the prosecution to win these cases. Although at least 49 Ohio municipal courts have taken judicial notice, in none of these cases did an expert witness testify on behalf of the defense. One of Ohio's 12 judicial districts has taken notice, also based on a case without a defense expert. Technically, the defendant doesn't have to prove that a device doesn't work; the prosecution has to prove that it does. But who will hold the prosecution to high standards of proof if the defense is weak? No

one. Greenberg says he's appeared against laser seven times, defeating it each time.

LTI's goal is to establish judicial notice of the GEICO gun nationwide. The national scoreboard shows that Maryland's highest appeals court has approved the general admissibility of laser evidence, but it did not rule on the accuracy and reliability of any specific laser device, leaving that question open.

A circuit court in Little Rock has recently taken notice of the LTI 20-20, a decision that amounts to a moderately influential precedent in that state. Again, it was a trial with no expert witness for the defense.

Will laser guns eventually be accepted by all the courts in the land? Casey Raskob III, a New York lawyer and National Motorists Association (NMA) activist, believes it's only a matter of time. "Prosecutors have the upper hand. If they see that you're really prepared, they can jerk you around."

That's what happened to Luke Ball, an NMA coordinator in Texas. After he appeared nine different times in two different courts over an 18-month span, the prosecution finally dropped the speeding charge against him.

"Eventually," Raskob says, "laser will be judicially accepted. Not on its merit. There will be enough cases that are poorly defended. Moving radar didn't go through right away, but it finally did."

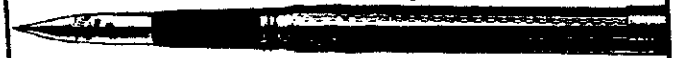
I just wanted to say thanks to everyone in A.B.A.T.E., AMA, BikePAC of Oregon and anyone and everyone else who put in some long hours on HB2454. While it was all struck down with the stroke of the Governor's pen this afternoon, all who supported HB2454 with calls, letters, fax's, e-mail and lobbying deserve a big pat on the back. Without these groups of riders coming together, we would have never come this far. All is not lost, it just feels that way.

Get out and ride.

Thanks again to everybody and I look forward to working with you all on the next effort.

Cheers,
Dave

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THAN THE SWORD.
EXCEPT MAYBE, A PEN.**



Freedom Isn't Free . . .
Write to your legislator!

Protect Your Rights against NHTSA

This is a call for action. Anne Arundel Chapter of ABATE of Maryland asks your help to fight back against an end run by a Federal Agency who wants to meddle in your legislature.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is currently spending a couple hundred thousand dollars on a contract (Contract DTNH22-96-C-05128) to produce a video showing state legislators how to resist anti-helmet forces in each state. Essentially, this means that an agency of the Federal Government, not Congress, the Judiciary or the Executive branch, but an un-elected, politically appointed agency, is using tax dollars to meddle in local, state politics. We believe this to be wrong. Whether you support helmet laws or support the right to decide, the specter of Federal Agencies producing videos to influence internal state legislative battles is wrong.

ABATE of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Chapter, is asking you to do the following .

They have developed an online easy 3 field form at their website to automatically email a letter to several senators, congressmen & women, the President & Vice President, and various other state and federal agencies. They are asking us to enter our name and email address, read the letter and press the Submit button.

This is all that you need to do to participate. Here's their Web address:

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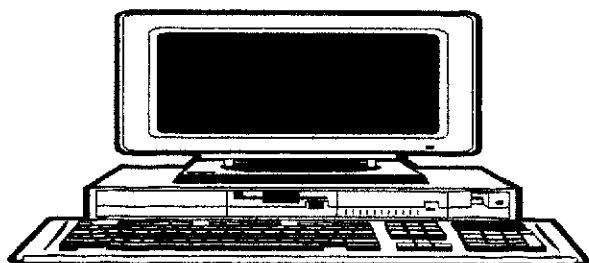
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10th Annual Cow Chip Boogie

Hello everyone again,

Well that wonderful piece of paper from my trusting P.O. let me cross the state line again. Not that I was needing it to keep me out of trouble, but it does have a tendency of following me around. About 6 of us including a good friend of mine, Bob Shields, yes I do have a couple of friends, left my house about 6:29 Friday evening heading for Cow Chip. We would of had two more, Jim Harkles and friend, but inroute to my house one was ran off the road by 3errant people from south of the border. Fortunately no one was hurt, although Jim's wife Jan was taken to the hospital to have her foot checked. Unfortunately Dave's bike had to be trailered off. Jim and better half did show at the Chip. It was a uneventful ride up and when we arrived I located another friend (that's two) and set up camp with them. We partied hard that night putting away quite a few beers and a leeetle of the ol' Yukon.

I won't get into the details of Friday night but it did turn out to be another eventful night with my "bud" Lee getting a free beer, not exactly in the spot he would of liked it and not exactly his fault.

Saturday morning was a little rough to say the least, but we weathered it fine with a couple of good cups of joe. We traveled down into Toutle for the fireman's breakfast then headed back to check out the whole shindig. Decided to take a ride up to the volcano via the new road they built and I can't say enough about it. It was extremely beautiful in it's own way and amazing at the extent of damage that covered hundreds of square miles. If you've never been up there it sure would be a nice ride for the day.

After we got back we watched a few of the games and watched my friend (3) break his collar bone and a couple of other ones I don't know which ones. There were a couple of other accidents with the games, but the one that really rattled me was the parachutist. Eight jumpers tried to land in the center of the vendors, but the last one was coming in too fast and too low and collided with a horse trailer at about 50mph(?). I was sitting about 35yds away watching the whole thing and knew he was seriously hurt when he hit. Just stayed where I was at. Anyway the last I heard, from Chaplain Vic Voltz, was he is

still in Legacy Emanuel.

Saturday night came and went, along with a few beers and another jug of Yukon. Now don't get me wrong, this is spread out with a few people, so when I say it's gone in about ½ hour I'm not the only one slugging at it. The extracurricular activity for the evening proved to be quite enjoyable and I'm not talking about the bands either. I thought the MC for the evening did a hell of a good job.

Sunday morning we got up packed our gear, headed on down the road to the SE chapter meeting at noon. All in all I had a good time and it had been a few years (92) since I had attended a Washington event. I really enjoy them. Next year I won't have to carry that all famous piece of white paper. Summer run next month. Stay out of trouble and keep the sunnyside up.

See yal in the funnies,
Maddog

Dear ABATE,

I just got back from the Douglas Co. Stump Lake Run. It was a wonderful run and the members worked incredibly hard to make it a success. A problem has existed for sometime with the bike show contest. The person counting the ballots is in cahoots with the owner of a motorcycle which has taken at least three first place trophies in as many entries-when there were other bikes which were much more qualified and the owners put many more hours of toil into their machines.

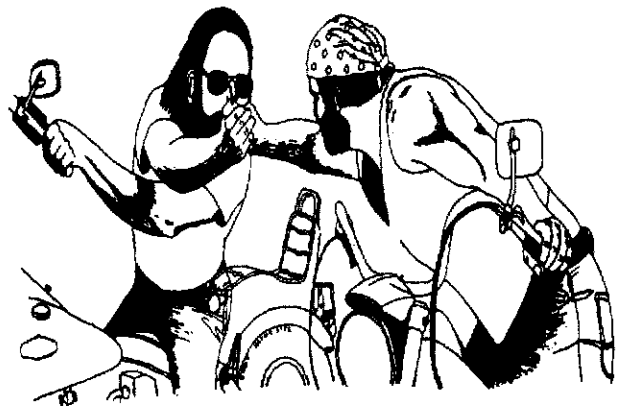
In almost every kind of contest the scoring is counted by unbiased judges. Of course there probably no way now to prove that the ballots were cheated on, but the fact still exists. Also in the stock bike class, a booger eater on a tricycle(pedal type) won first place--this is absurd. There were many more people who put many more dollars and miles as well as countless hours of toil into their motorcycles. They also rode their bikes to the event. This is no joke and it is a lap in the face of people who truly care about motorcycles. I have supported ABATE for many years in many ways and would appreciate it if you could print this letter so all members could read it and give their input.

Thank you,
M Madd
Eugene

dated July 28, 997

On June 28,1997 my wife and I were on a trip from our home at Quinter, Kansas on my '83 FLHT Harley when we developed problems. We went from Roseburg, Or. To Crater Lake. We were already wet from rain and we went thru fog and large drifts of snow to get to the top. We went into the resturaunt at Crater Lake, froze to the bone with a bike that wouldn't start and a full Lodge. The waitress poured coffee down us trying to warm us up----What were we going to do? A member of your ABATE from Tokatee Ranger station came to our rescue. They happened to be up there and Tina, on talking to us decided that we needed to get down off of the mountain. Tina and Randy along with other Rangers got us to Diamond Lake by jumping my bike and following me while they took my wife in their RV. They made sure we got a room before leaving us. The next day they brought Chris up to look at the Bike. He charged the battery and took us back to the Ranger Station where he worked on it. Chris said we needed a vottage regulator. Tina and Kim went to Roseburg, while they were there they picked up the regulator from Fast Eddie who had one down to his shop and gotten one. When they came back, Chris put it on and we left the next morning. These people fed us and kept us overnight and they gave us a roadlist in case we had more trouble with the Bike. We can't say enough for these folks who went out of their way, opening their hearts and homes for fellow Bikers. These are all members of Douglas County Chapter, ABATE of Oregon Inc.

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way
Jim and Marge Tilton



**WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE, RIDE AND WORK TOGETHER AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS
OR WE SHALL ALL PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS!**

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Outstanding State Program- Category II

Team Oregon

Motorcycle Safety Program

Spearheaded by Director Steve Garets, Team Oregon, under contract to the Oregon Department of Transportation, has a stellar record in motorcycle safety. Their reputation is well known throughout the industry. Not only are the hard numbers impressive-accidents and fatality rates- but the number of people contacted through both rider education and public information rivals the effort of much larger states.

Team Oregon supports four fixed sites and thirteen mobile sites. The mobile program reaches the 20% of the population not located in the four metropolitan areas of the state. Team Oregon boasts making training available to anyone in the state within 60 days of their registration.

While Team Oregon may lack a dedicated funding source for public information and education campaigns, program staff is quite adept at getting word out about motorcycle safety, riding training benefits and opportunities. Last year alone, more than 1.5 million people were exposed to motorcycle safety and rider training throughout the part-time

promotion efforts of just ten people and a few instructors.

In cooperation with the Western Insurance Information Service(WIIS), Team Oregon obtained a pair of vehicles that were involved in an alcohol related fatality. In six short months Team Oregon staff presented this display at four county fairs, several schools and several more civic events. In total, more than 500,000 people directly viewed this display and saw the horrific consequences of drinking and driving.

Rider training in Oregon has increased 15% in 1996 alone. Over the past four years the increase was a whopping 52%. In 1996 Team Oregon sites trained 2706 students(2447 MRC:RSS and 259 ERC). Quite an achievement in a state with fewer than 60,000 motorcycles registered for street use.

The comprehensive quality control system in place in Oregon includes site compliance audits, technical assistance, internship and mentor programs, staff assistance and an Instructor's awards program.

Motorcyclists and the general public have responded well to the efforts of Team Oregon, with statistics revealing a very low rate of accidents and fatalities.

Team Oregon is truly an example to follow in providing a high quality, effective program in rider training, public information and awareness.

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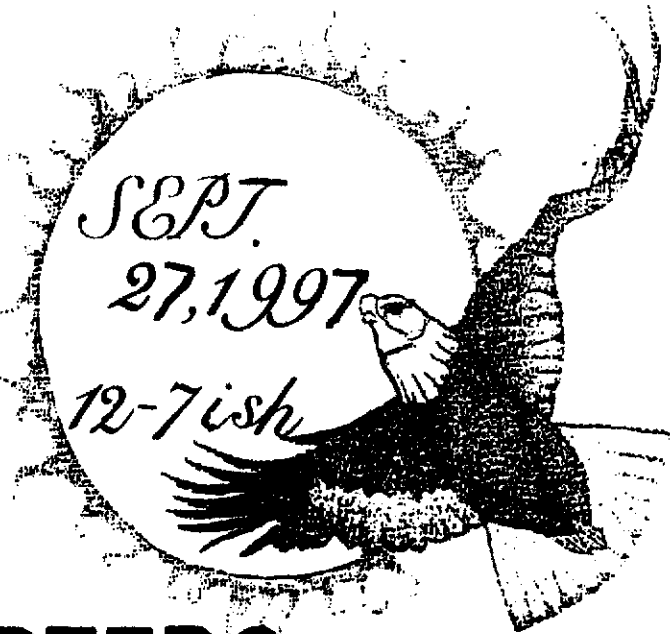
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Prizes for all winners!!!

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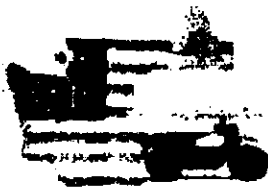
Debbie May

654-4386

Angie

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Washington Riders **BIKEPAC**
Legislative **of OREGON**
TASK FORCE



“Northwest Motivation Conference '97”

October 5th, 10-6PM

Best Western Executive Inn, Fife WA

Some Comments from last years Conference:

Regarding Speaker Spunk:

"I still have goosebumps " " most inspirational "
 " incredibly motivational "

Regarding entire event :

" larger room " " more about our state local legislators "
 "Thank you for the food and breaks "

Regarding entire event :

" last year I was Pumped --this year I'm Dangerous!"

More on entire event :

" I heard and saw what I wanted Fire In The Eyes that's what motivates me "

This year we have combined with the NCOM Regional Meeting for FREEDOM WEEKEND!
The Agenda is full...Friday - Welcome/Hospitality Night, Saturday - NCOM Meeting (participation is free),
Saturday Night - Awards Presentation/Auction/Fundraiser Party (hosted by WRLTF & Bikepac of Oregon),
Sunday - Motivational Conference

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS *have something to say,*
now lets give them a voice!

Registration:		
Name: _____	Phone: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____		
Group Rate Accommodations are available through Best Western Executive Inn 5700 Pacific Highway East, Tacoma WA 98424 Phone: (800)938-8500 Please mention the WRLTF/NCOM Conference for a reduced room rate		
Seminar Fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 WRLTF Members		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Non-Members
Amount Enclosed: _____ Make check payable to: WRLTF		
Send to: WRLTF, PO. Box 39155, Tacoma, WA. 98439		

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
WRLTF (VICKIE HOUK) AT (253) 473-2276 OR BIKEPAC (BUTCH HARBAUGH) AT (503)838-1400

HALSEY MOTORCYCLE EXPO

A MOTORCYCLING EVENT FOR EVERYONE

October 11, 1997 - 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

BIKE SHOW

Registration begins 8:00 AM. Entry Fee: \$5.00 first class - \$2.00 each additional class. Judging begins at 10:00 am with qualified class judges. Public Entry Fee: \$1.00 per adult - includes one Raffle Ticket and People's Choice Ballot. Special award presentation at 5:00 pm. Trophies & Ribbons.

TAIL GATE SWAP MEET

Clean out your garage before Winter sets in. Tailgate/Truck/Backseat/Saddlebag Swap Meet. Private party handmade crafts welcome. Entry Fee: \$3.00 per vehicle and \$1.00 per adult.

OBSERVATION RIDE

A unique tour with a share of the entry fees as a special cash award. Entry Fee: \$5.00 per bike.

PARKING LOT GAMES

At 6:00 pm, a special selection of the most popular motorcycle games presented in fun only. Entry Fee: \$2.00 per game. Trophies & Ribbons.

VENDOR ALLEY

A collection of vendor and information booths that promote the essence of motorcycling. Commercial vendor space available for a \$10.00 donation and one prize for the raffle. Public Entry Fee: \$1.00 per adult.

**Event to take place in the Heart of the Willamette Valley
at the Corner of American Drive and Highway 99 E.
Halsey, Oregon - (18 miles South of Albany & 25 miles North of Eugene)
Gas-up 2 short miles away at I-5 Exit 216 (Brownsville/Halsey)**

Proceeds to Benefit the Willamette Valley Chapter - ABATE of Oregon and their
1997 Toy-Run for Children

**INFORMATION, UPDATES & PRE-REGISTRATION:
Nan & Woody - (541) 998-5133**



FREEDOM FIGHTERS FORUM

*An opportunity to meet Freedom Fighters from around the Country,
and help the Motorcyclists' Rights network grow stronger!*

**NCOM
REGION I**

ALASKA
CALIFORNIA
HAWAII
IDAHO
OREGON
WASHINGTON

**ALL OTHERS
WELCOME**

free **REGIONAL MEETING
AND SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1997
FIFE, WASHINGTON**

Meeting Starts at NOON

*Co-Hosted by ABATE of Washington, Washington Riders
Legislative Task Force, ABATE of Oregon & BikePAC*

BEST WESTERN EXECUTIVE INN

5700 Pacific Highway East

\$68.00 SINGLE/DOUBLE - FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS, CALL (800) 938-8500

- 12:00-12:15 p.m. **WELCOME & ORIENTATION**
Moderator - **Swede Matzek**, NCOM Board of Directors/ABATE of Washington
- 12:15 -2:00 p.m. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - "Bringing It All Back Home"**
Moderator - **Butch Harbaugh**, Chairman, NCOM Legislative Task Force/
Lobbyist, ABATE of Oregon/BikePAC
Washington State Representative Jerome Delvin, Prime Sponsor of Washington Helmet Amendment
Bill Bish, NCOM Executive Coordinator
Karen Bolin, NCOM Legislative Task Force/ABATE of Washington
- 2:15 - 3:45 p.m. **REGION I MEETING - Legislative Reports from Other States**
Moderator - **Bill Johnson**, NCOM Board of Directors/Business Manager, MMA of California
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **DISCRIMINATION - "How to Draft Biker Anti-Discrimination Legislation, and
How to Lobby an Anti-Discrimination Bill Through Your State Legislature."**
Moderator - **Jeff Rabe**, Lobbyist, MMA of California
South Dakota State Representative Jim Putnam, member of NCOM Legislative Task Force/
NCOM Anti-Discrimination Task Force
Butch Harbaugh, Chairman, NCOM Legislative Task Force/
Lobbyist, ABATE of Oregon/BikePAC

Don't forget the Washington Riders Legislative Task Force Motivational Seminar on Sunday!

SEE YOU AT DJ'S SWAP MEET SEPTEMBER 28, 1997

LOVE LEATHERS

3415 "O" St. Vancouver, Washington 98663
or call 360-693-3812/FAX 360-0596

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road
A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc.

ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING & REVIEW SESSION

WHO:

All ABATE members interested in the continued success of ABATE of Oregon

WHAT:

An organizational planning and review session where we can plot the future of ABATE and review what we did right, what we did wrong and what we need to do better.

WHERE:

VFW Hall , 3160 Hillside Dr., Cottage Grove, OR.

WHEN:

October 25 - 26, 1997 We will start at 10:00am on the 25th and finish at noon on the 26th

VFW Hall Directions:

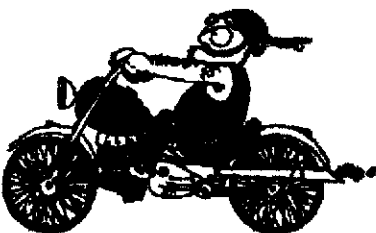
Heading South on I-5, take EXIT 170 (Cottage Grove - Lake) head east across the freeway and then take the second road on the left . . . Hillside Drive.

Heading north on I-5, take the first cottage grove exit (Cottage Grove - Lake), take U.S. 99 north approx. 4 miles to Lathen Rd., turn right on Lathen Rd. and then go to London Rd., turn left onto London Rd. and go approx. 1 mile to Hillside Drive. Turn right onto Hillside Dr.

For Information call: Larry at 503-774-2479

MAX'S TAVERN
550 E 13th Street
Eugene, Oregon
"The Universal Joint"

13 Beers on tap
Pool table
Bikers welcome



Max's presents the second annual "Berkeley North" motorcycle celebration on Sunday, September 21 at 2:00. Live music, no cover

ACCOUNT OVERDUE

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

1. Don't give me an excuse.
a. 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,
a. 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.**

Original Text: Scott Greenman

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

NEW _____ IF NEW RECEIVED PATCH _____ RENEWAL _____ IF RENEWAL, MEMBERSHIP NO. _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN SAME HOUSEHOLD (Use additional paper if necessary)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

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

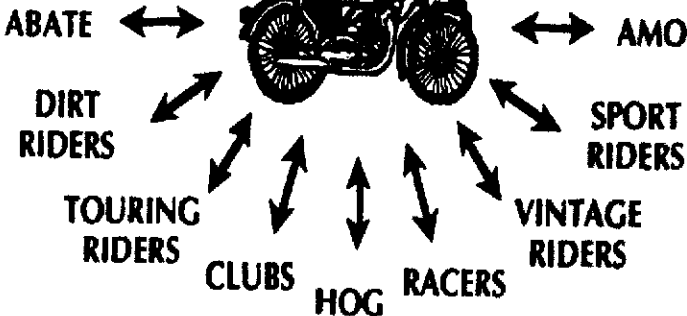
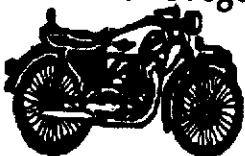
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SEND TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY P.O. BOX 4504 PORTLAND, OREGON 97208



ONE VOICE

BikePAC of Oregon



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

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

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

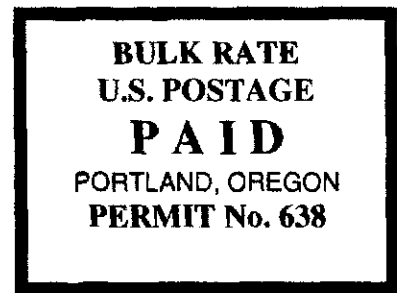
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORT! The rest of ya.....
ENOUGH SAID(GWH).....

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, <i>The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & 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>Pizza Perfect, 65 NE Killinsworth, Portland</i>
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 pm, <i>Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem</i>
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 pm, <i>Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles</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&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield</i>

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