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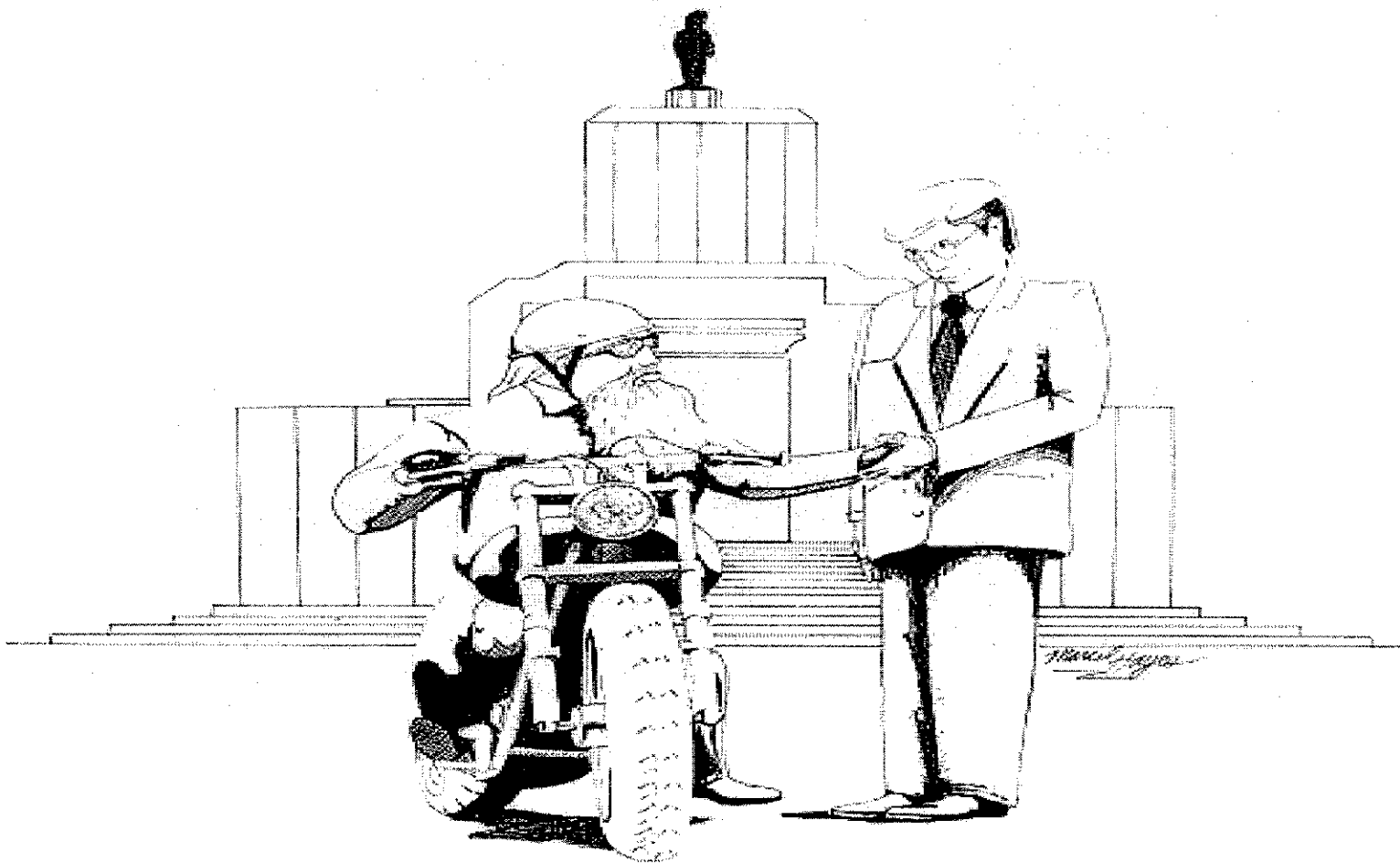


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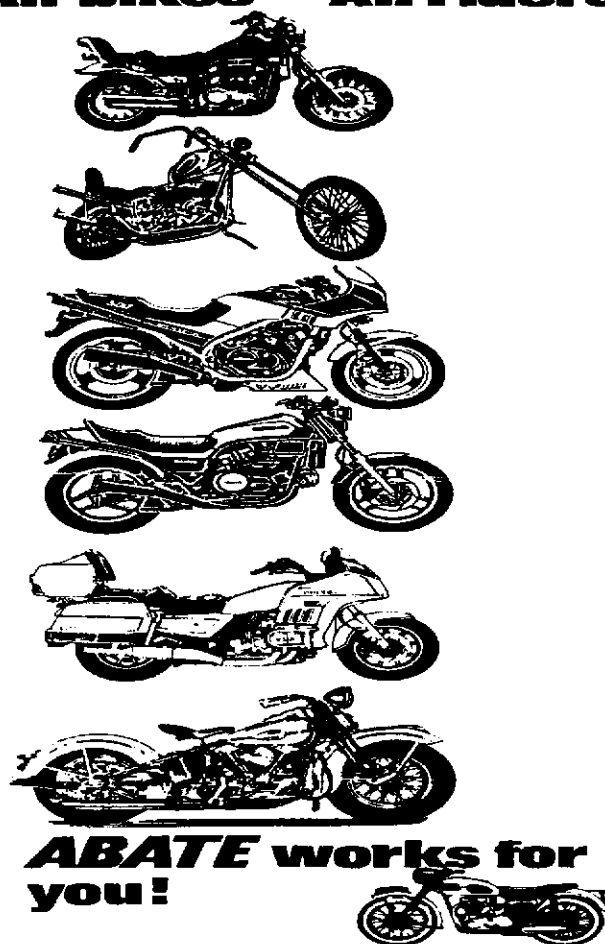
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY

S.E. PORTLAND

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

LINCOLN COUNTY

11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

1st SUNDAY

BLUE MOUNTAIN

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

2nd SUNDAY

CENTRAL OREGON

2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond

3rd SUNDAY

SOUTH COAST

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY

12:00, Noon 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 TUESDAY

RIVER CITY

7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles

2nd & 4th TUESDAY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

7:30 PM, Cassandra's Resteraunt, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY

NORTH COAST ABATE

7:00 PM, Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria

N.E. PORTLAND

7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland

2ND WEDNESDAY

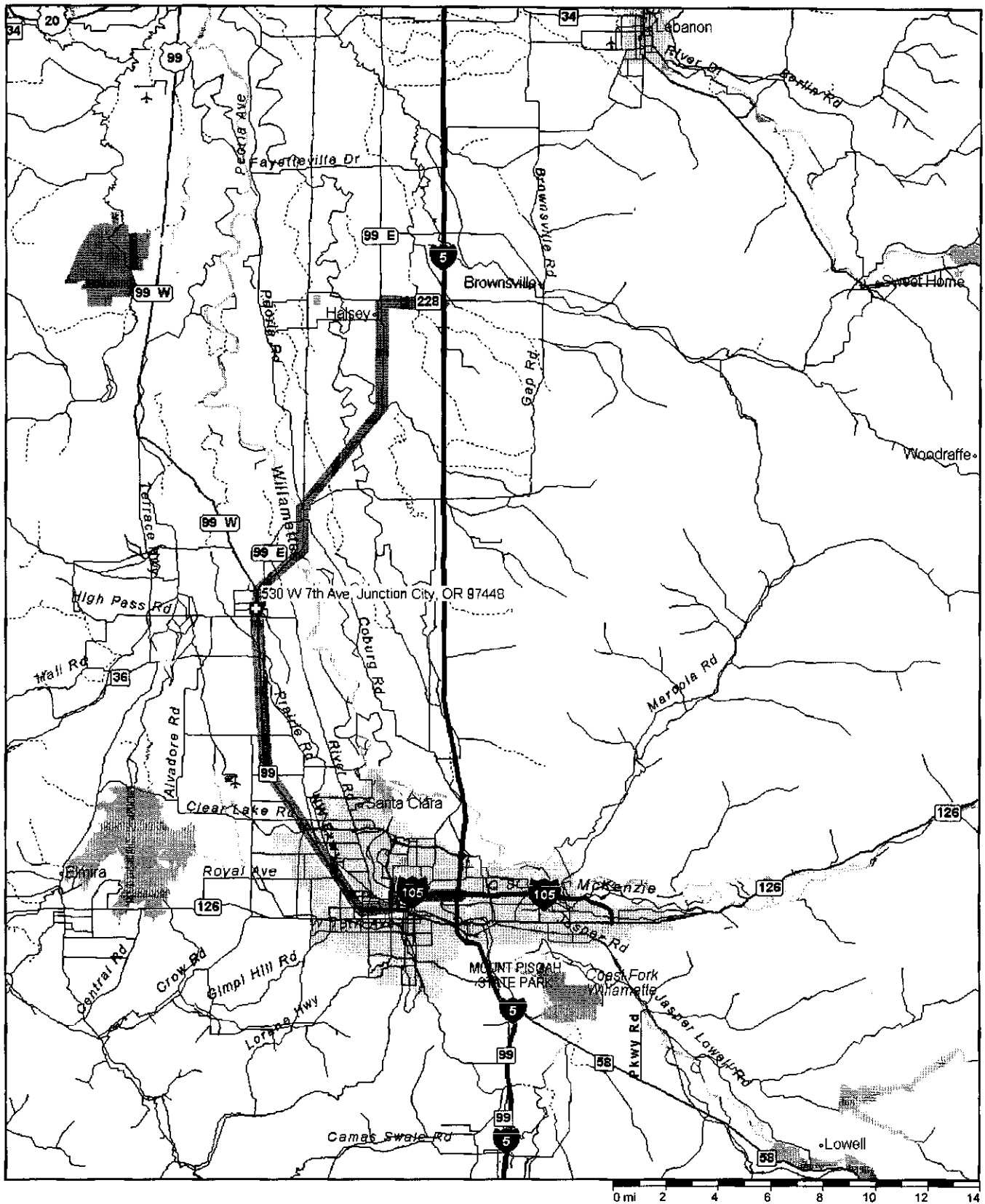
KLAMATH COUNTY

6:30 PM, Old Town Pizza Co., 722 Main St. Klamath Falls

3rd THURSDAY

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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



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**JANUARY STATE BOARD MEETING
 From I-5 North and South**

Comments from the Coordinator



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It's always strange to write one of these letters because I have to think a month ahead because you won't see this for a month. I have to try to say what I'm thinking now and look toward the time the newsletter will come out.

The timing requires me to say "Hope you had a good Holiday Season!" and also, for those of you like me who get stressed during the Holidays, "Praise the Lord and pass the Mad Dog, it's January 2nd!"

By the time you read this, we will have a bunch of new officers at the state and chapter level. I want to thank all of you for your efforts, whether you are retiring or staying for another sentence, oops, I mean term. I can't think of a person I've worked with who hasn't been an asset to ABATE. Thanks also go to your families and friends

because I am well aware of their sacrifices for ABATE and the cause of Freedom. Kim and I have had our set-tos, I love you Kim and Kristin and I thank you also. So now we have some new kids on the block, Welcome! You guys and girls are the future. You must understand the fact that you, as an officer, represent your members in your chapter as well as all members of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Our job as officers is to lead the membership, represent the membership and also express the opinions of the membership at all board meetings, etc.

If your job is a Board Director, your job is most important and also a little complicated as you have the same responsibilities mentioned before as well as reporting all the information from the board meeting to your chapter and being the sole voting member from your chapter at a board meeting. You need to understand your chapter's wishes. You need to think for yourself also. You may be required to make decisions based on your own opinions, your chapter's opinions, your perception of your chapter's direction, or your best feelings about what's good for ABATE. To put it bluntly, "Tag, you're it!" The rest of us are just here to run the business and to facilitate the director's vote. So welcome to my nightmare. It's fun, it's Hell, it's sometimes some of both, but it's necessary if we want ABATE and our rights as Free Americans and Bikers. All of you who stepped up or who stuck with it for another year, I thank you.

On a sad note today, I was informed that the Keizer Chapter might turn in their charter. I'm sorry to hear that. We need everybody who cares involved and I hope all members in Keizer, Indian Creek, or anybody not involved in a chapter will still stay involved in our political and legislative efforts. This is what we are supposed to be about. I just want everybody involved knowing you are important.

So, after all of this are you wondering why the first paragraph? Well, it's about our upcoming fun and games in the Legislature. First, I've got a question for you relating to our President's current problems. If our President can loose his job for lying in court, how will our courts ever find somebody to fill District Attorney's positions? Personally, I have always felt that if politicians were doing each other, they didn't have time to do me. What to you think?

So back to paragraph one. Recently I had the dubious privilege of taking my daughter to the hospital to have her tonsils out. I had to sign this consent form which was much longer than the paragraph at the top of this letter. Some parts signed away my right to doctor/patient confidentiality, some parts explained that what they do to my daughter may require blood. The only way she could need blood to have her tonsils out is if they screw up. I signed papers saying I was aware that giving my daughter blood could kill or infect her.

I am a responsible, thinking human being and I understand the fact that people only "practice" medicine. I understand the fact that things go wrong, that not every aspect of medicine is predictable. I understand the reasons why the medical profession has to cover their butts when they tell someone "you" need to have your guts ripped out. Now I, as a mechanic, charge \$25 an hour. They charge \$900 per hour. If I was to make a doctor sign the same contract before working on his Mercedes, do you think I would get the job to cut on an inanimate object? I think not.

The medical professionals are "not" experts on accident prevention or road safety, we are! If I am in a hospital, and if I trust the man or woman I am talking to, I trust their best judgment and respect the fact that they are only "practicing" and I accept the risks involved. Most

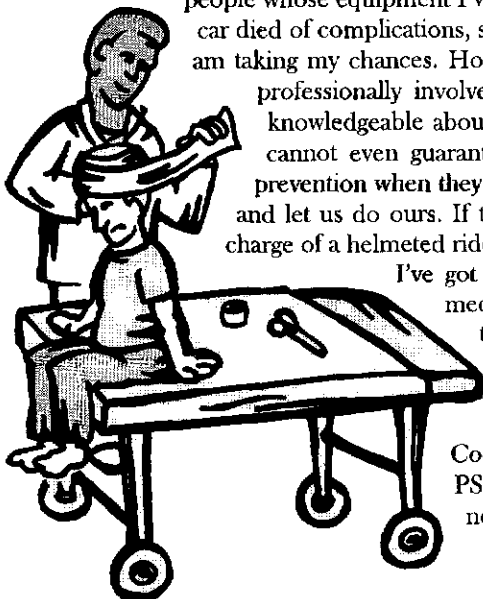
people whose equipment I work on, including doctors, are unwilling to accept the concept that "I did my best, but your car died of complications, sorry!". So why, if once I'm in the hospital they are only "practicing", I have no guarantees, I am taking my chances. How is it possible that the medical professionals know so much about an area they are not professionally involved with, i.e. motorcycle and road safety, an area we have proved ourselves to be very knowledgeable about. I think the medical professionals have no business dictating our safety issues when they cannot even guarantee my safety once I am in their hands. How did they become such experts at injury prevention when they can't even promise to cure the injury, only "practice"? I think they should stick to their job and let us do ours. If they are such experts on injury prevention, maybe we should sue every doctor who is in charge of a helmeted rider who dies while they "practice".

I've got to wrap this up because my hand is cramping and I don't want to have to have some medical professional "practice" on it. We have a lot of work ahead of us friends, but if we stick together and work hard, we will get there. Faces come and faces go, but if the love of Freedom of the Road lives on, we live on.

Later,
Chris Vieira

Coordinator, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

PS: In respect to the medical professionals who took care of my daughter, they did a fine job, no complaints.



CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 1st Sunday, 1:00 PM

Eastside Tavern & Cafe 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande

Chapter Address: 69873 Summerville Rd., OR 97876

Chapter Contact: Howard Butts (541)-534-5311

Happy New Year!

I'm sitting here surrounded by a year's worth of ABATE newsletters; mighty fine looking periodicals, I might add. I was just rereading and remembering what a year we had!

It can only get better if we all work together; attend meetings, S.T.E.A.M., rallies, Biker Days; just be for your Chapter and friends. The State Officers work hard for us, but we have to show our support for their efforts and be united in our cause. Bring a friend to the next meeting. Best wishes to all the newly elected officers in the various chapters & good luck to our newest Chapter in K. Falls! Congratulations and good luck to our State Officers for 1999! We're hoping to host the July State Meeting again and see your smilin' faces over on the East side of the State. We'll even try to provide the "hit show" but that's not strictly up to us. Good luck in the New Year and much success to all your endeavors!

Diane

P.S. My favorite quote for 1998 by Brian S. at the July State meeting in LaGrande, "You'll never find an older A.B.A.T.E. member than Diane....OOOPPS!" Thanks JUNIOR! See you in July!

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond

Chapter address: P.O. Box 816 Sisters, Or. 97759

Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

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: Spike 503-282-4604

Happy New Year?

Well lets hope it started out with at least a pop! 1999 looks good to me. Simple minds simple pleasures. What can I say. My friends and I thinks it's a fun Idea to hang-out at rest areas.(maybe make some coffee, bake some cookies ,make some friends)Glad that's still a right I have. Hope I can make at least one of the Biker Days! Being a biker and all. I kindda felt well you know, Empowered! Maybe I could make a difference. Or Something like that.(What do you think?)

Here's to the next years Officers whoever they may be. Because the heart of the matter is time. If you have it, are you willing to share it?(Speaking of sharing there are only 45 days till Valentines :)This has always seemed like the special time of the year for me. I look forward to seeing all of you at up coming events. Especially Ron Clark hope I remembered right. He's the guy who's riding my bike .I would like to move that we change the rules to you must be present to win!! Congratulations Ride safe and Free.

Oh I almost forgot to mention Bev Vernwald lost out on the cash she could have bought those twins a lot of toys with the cash she lost by not going to the meeting sorry Bev.

Later

Kornfed:)

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Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 12:00 AM

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

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

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

Christmas is over and it's a NEW YEAR.

SO> calling all members >CALLING ALL MEMBERS. Be on the look out for missing members. Remember we all are fighting for the same thing. But if we don't all get together at the meetings, how do we know what's happening? Not each meeting, just asking to see you at 4-5 a year.

Stay warm & here's wishing everyone - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Meets 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.

Old Town Pizza Company, 722 Main St., Klamath Falls

Chapter address, 75 Main St. Klamath Falls, Or. 97601

Chapter contact: **Gene Beckman 541-884-7735**

Fax. 541 882-7095

Hello from Klamath county. We are surrounded by snow, with more on the way. Looks like the bikes are down for the winter. We were not allowed in the Snowflake parade because we are a political group. No politics allowed. If there is an opening, we hope be enter as Bikers for Toys for Tots.

We now have 41 members. We would again like to invite all Indian Creek members in the area to attend our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at old Town Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

Officers are

Coordinator:	Carol Morgado
Acting Vice Coordinator:	Donald Brown
Secretary:	Jan Sellars
Treasurer:	Bob Motschenbacher
Sergeant at Arms:	Scott Sellars
Membership Secretary:	Cathy Brennan
State. Rep./ Legislative Director:	Nick Morgado Jr
Alt. State. Rep:	Scot Sellars
Newsletter Editor:	Judy LaMay
Ways and Means:	Bob Jenkins
Public Relations:	Jennifer Towner
Run Coordinator/Road captain:	Dennis Wallis

At our November meeting, there were 18 members present, including officers. Carol won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to the Chapter.

I liked the write up in the December 6th issue of the. Oregonian regarding the Toys for Tots run to Shriner's Hospital.. I plan to pass it around at our next chapter meeting. We bikers could stand some good press for a change.

I will close for now with thoughts of warm summer days with the wind in your face and eventually (maybe this year) also blowing through your hair!

Judy "Mom" LaMay

Lincoln County

Meets 1st Sunday, 11:00 AM

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97

Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-2254

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Happy NEW YEAR!

I would like to start by thanking all our 1998 Officers. We've all worked very hard in Lincoln County, and had a very successful year. Onward to 1999!

We have many nominations and lots of volunteers (3). We will hold our Chapter elections on Dec 20th. I'll have those results in the February issue.

The Chapter has adopted 4 families for Christmas, we will do everything we can to make it a great one for them. We are also working on a sweetheart dance, and our annual Long John Poker Run/Anniversary PARTY. That's basically it for now.

Ride safe!

Shirley

N.E. Portland

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

Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland

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

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Hey Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone's holiday season went well. Ours was just fine, aside the chaos that will sometime accompany that busy time of year.

Once again, sorry I didn't get a report in last month.

Our chapter is conducting our business and meetings are going well. In fact, we had a pretty good turn out on the meeting night that we held officer nominations. It seems that in the past that's when people like to hide. Anyway, here are the results:

Coordinator:	Rusty Taylor (still thinking about it as of 1218)
Vice Coordinator:	Marty Coon
Treasurer:	Jeff Giddings
Secretary:	Carmen (didn't catch her last name)
Legislative Director:	Mike Friend
State Representative:	Randy Phipps
Ways and Means:	Jim Lisac
Education/Public Relations:	Randy Phipps
Historians	Al Evans
Membership Secretary:	Tim Taylor
Sgt. at Arms;	Diesel Dave

Thanks to everyone for stepping up.

Together, we will build this chapter up to what it used to be!

How about that wonderful Toy Run weather! Man, was it cold and wet, or what?! Oh well, the kids are worth it! I love that run. It was nice to see the good turn out despite the weather.

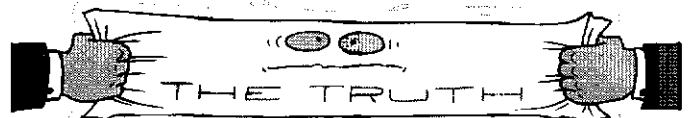
I hope everyone has the Bikers' Days on their schedule. You know that we can get what we want to happen in Salem if we all work together and be involved. We have the momentum from the last session with us and the lawmakers know that we are serious, so lets DO IT! Just remember that we pay those people so they must listen to us. But if we don't stand up and tell them what we want you know for damn sure that we won't get it. They will just push more regulations and restrictions down our throats like air bags, anti-tampering laws (in other words, forget about customizing!) noise restrictions, and maybe even some day, no motorcycles. You know there are people out there that would like to see us off the road and in a bus someday! Don't let apathy take over and let them get away with it.

All current N.E. Portland chapter members should have received a letter from a caring member about the lack of participation our chapter has seemed to come across the past couple of years. I hope everyone has had a chance to read it and take it to heart.

I sent out the "in memory of Angie" patches so if you ordered one and didn't get it, I didn't get your complete address or I screwed up. Just let me know; (503) 620-0435. If you didn't order one, have your Chapters State board rep. get you one from the state's products officer. They will have the limited extras that I ordered.

See you around

Marty



North Coast

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

Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria

Children are Welcome

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

Chapter Contact: Jeff Gee 503-861-1703

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

River City

Meets 1" & 3" 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

We had a wild and whacky meeting. I have no idea if the minutes are accurate or not. I could have easily missed something in that room! We have just one office with no nomination and elections are next meeting. It looks pretty good. Our Sunday rides continue and we are planning for our usual New Year's Day ride. We will start from Zim's at 11:00 am on 1/1/99.

Brian

Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

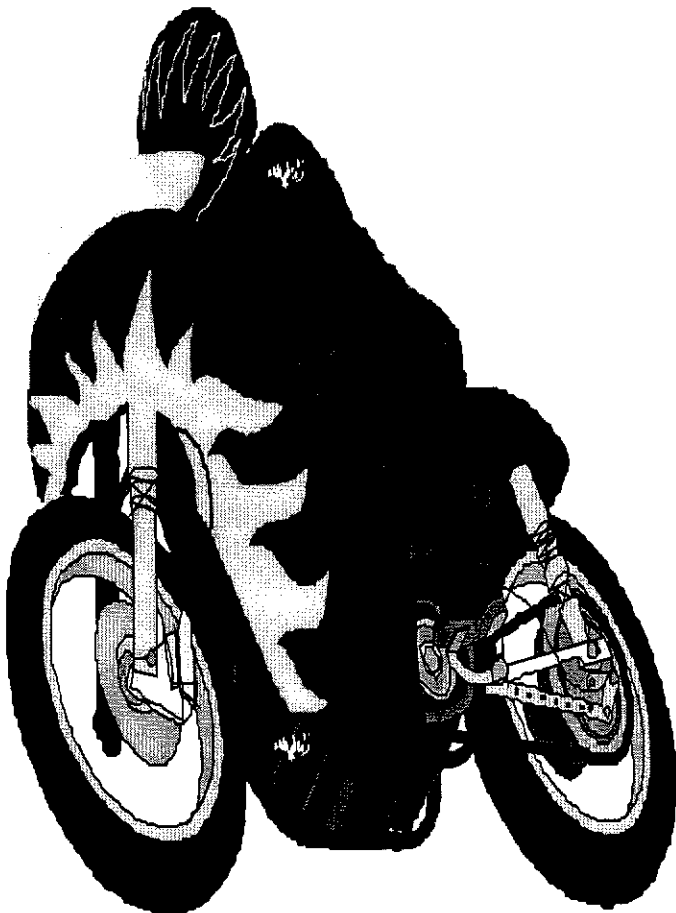
Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

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

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Chapter Contact: Jim Russell 503-743-4121

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.



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

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has a successful New Year.

I want to thank all of our previous officers for doing such a great job this past year. Bud, our Coordinator, did an excellent job.

We had a successful year. That's what teamwork will do for you.

We had several successful fundraisers. With each one of the events we put together or just attended, we increased our membership and had a good time.

Officer Nominations for 1999:

Coordinator:	Karen McIntyre
Vice Coordinator:	Abe Zaffarano
Secretary:	Charlie Hill
Treasurer:	Nancy Curran
Education Director:	Steve Corey
Membership:	Karen McIntyre
State Rep:	Tom Curran
Alternate State Rep:	Jack Stevens
Legislative Director:	Jeff Bauder
Road Captain:	Tom Smith, Gordon Dunn
Ways N Means:	Randy Christensen
Historian:	Mary Nearpass
Public Relations:	Mike Richard, Kelly Kinkade
Sgt. Of Arms:	John Guernsey, Jeff, Jessie and Monty

The final results will be posted in the next newsletter.

The following are the results of our November raffle:

T-shirt donated by Ways N Means was won by Cindy & Abe

T-shirt MGD donated by Thomas & Sons was won by Monty

MGD hat donated by Thomas & Sons was won by Charlie

T-shirt donated by Honda World was won by Larry

Bowling Certificate donated by North Bend lanes was won by Gordon

Beer Stein donated by Western Bev was won by Kelly

Picture donated by Larry was won by Sherm

Bowling Pass donated by North Bend lanes was won by Larry

Back Support Cushion donated by Larry was won by Sherm

Silver Plated Eagle donated by Larry was won by Sherm

Naughty Nighty donated by Mike Richard was won by Kelly.

50/50 was won by Kelly she received \$9.50

Hope to see you all at STEAM

Charlie Hill

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Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031 Grants Pass, OR 97528

Chapter Contact: Tom Orsini (541)-479-8635

Roberta Great 541-857-0244

I hope that all of you members had a great turkey day. The CMA toy run was a great success even though it was raining. There were 40 to 45 brothers and sisters who made the call with gifts. There's another run coming up on December 5 leaving from Ashland going to the Moose Lodge. There will be hotdogs and chili after the run. We set in to motion a committee to work on the runs and events that we want to do this coming year. We are also pushing for new members for this coming year. Georgia and I went to the State planning meeting up in Cottage Grove and they are thinking of having 4 regional runs per year. The Fossil run and the Chiloquin are going to be two of the events for sure. Also we will be raising the gate by \$5.00 for these two events. As for the other two runs they are still in the works and we will let you know what happens with them. We are open for suggestions so if you have something that you would like to talk about, bring it up at the meeting.

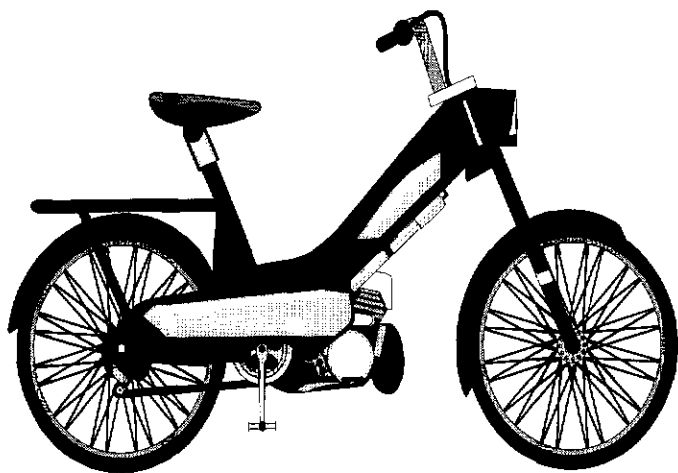
Spanky's shop in Grants Pass has been sold and now sports the name of HAWG WILD and all card carrying ABATE members get a 10% discount. The new owners have the coffeepot on and are just downright friendly. The new owners are Jeff and Cheri Wright. That's about all that I can think of right now.

Oh yes be careful out on the wet roads. With all of the rain and wet leaves and pine needles it makes for a dangerous situation. Just ask our friends Jessie and Carla as they found out the hard way. On Tuesday the 24th they laid their bike down in the Galice area. Jessie has a broken thumb plus some torn ligaments in his hand plus 2 cracked ribs and his shoulder is messed up a little bit Carla also landed on her shoulder. Jessie had to lay the bike down in order to get it stopped and it was a close one as they only stopped about 10 inches from losing the bike in the river. He couldn't stand the bike back up because of his broken thumb and cracked ribs. They were lucky that a car came along and got the bike up so that they could ride it home.

The crash wiped out the crash bar light bar and the windshield. Remember, if you are going to ride take along a buddy or let someone know your route in case we have to go looking for you.

TONY

CHAPTER COORDINATOR



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 503-760-9015

FAX 503-760-9013 E-Mail la44@qcsn.com

Hi Folks,

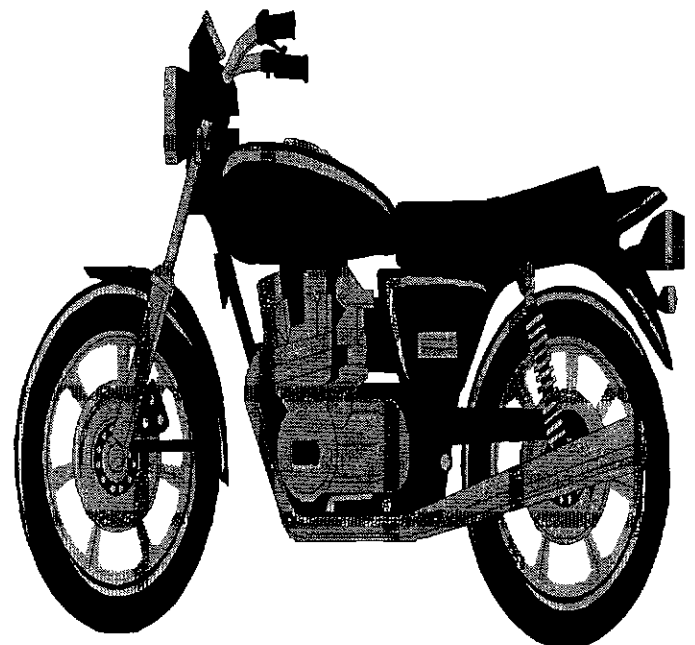
Happy New Year! It's been my pleasure to have presented to you the latest information from our Chapter. Beginning next month, this column will be submitted by Anna Dahl, our Chapter's new Secretary.

Chapter Coordinator's comments from the December 6 meeting: Now that the New Year has started and officers new and returning take up their positions for the coming year, it is time to 'go for the gold!' I, as your coordinator, will strive to meet new and better goals to bring this chapter to meet its highest goals: larger membership, more participation, and put ideas into being. We can make this a reality, and not just discussion folks - let's go for it!! The Toy Run was cold wet fun. I loved seeing so many folks turn out for a good cause. Thanks Patty for letting me sell tees and pins.

Chapter members, get the information you need (in this newsletter or at the next meeting) to get it together and show up at the State capitol for Biker Days. The first one Friday, January 22. Be sure to call ahead to your legislative leaders for an appointment to get our messages across. If it's a matter of transportation, call Lee Austin, and he'll get you in touch with a ride. You know how important this endeavor is.

Chapter member Marvin Peterson lost out on winning \$40 at the November 15th meeting, and at the December 6th meeting, member Karen Dugan was not present to win \$45. This is my last opportunity to put this into your mind: Remember, by attending chapter meetings, you not only can win up to \$50 in the membership drawing, but, most important, become informed as to how you can make a difference in this State when it comes to motorcycling and your rights as a citizen of Oregon.

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Washington County

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

Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 880, Cornelius, OR 97118

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Bill the Bricklayer (503) 640-9543

Hi, Well Christmas is almost here, and it's time to start thinking about the new year. But first let's recap the last month. Our WaCo toy run was Nov. 21 and in spite of the weather we had a great turn out, with over 100 bikes showing for the ride. After the ride we went to Cassandra's for food, libations, and door prizes. After that Brother Speed furnished a chili feed at their club house, and rumor has it that, from there, the party continued long into the night. All in all a very good time, and many thanks to Run Coordinator Fred for doing an excellent job. Also Thanks to Brother Speed and the NVMA for their participation and help with traffic control. Of course Dec. 5 was the Shriner's Toy Run, and we had even worse weather that day. I myself rode in everything from blue skies to snow, but mostly rain and lots of it. Again in spite of the weather, there was an excellent turn out, for an excellent cause.

WaCo chapter had their chapter elections last meeting. Unfortunately work prevented me from being there, so I can't tell you who's officially doing what. I don't expect to many changes, but there will be a few. To get the whole scoop, come to the next meeting on Jan. 12th and see what's up and where you might be interested in helping. Till then see you on the road and ride safe Ed.

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill

1360 Mulhawk Blvd., Springfield

Chapter Address: please address to:

5729 Main Street P.O. Box 256, Springfield, OR 97478

Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541) 998-1309

Russ Lax (541) 747-2787

Seems that more members have been showing up and we're looking at some chapter activities this Spring and Summer that should get us all involved even more. But for now we're full swing in the holiday kickoff events. We've been extremely busy raising funds the past couple of months and are now putting them to use supporting the local Free Souls MC toys for tots run. We're also doing our own "Shopping Run" for needy kids in the community. Thanks to everyone for helping keep up with this big holiday push. We're also trying to revive a quarterly chapter newsletter with Hal Fletcher taking on the chore of "publisher/editor". Our first attempt was a rush for the holiday openers but was filled with valuable info. Hope you read it through and I expect the bugs to smooth out by the next issue.

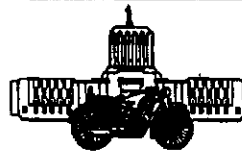
Bob Avery, our legislative point man, tells us that with enough strength now in the legislature to support our agendas, the governor is our biggest roadblock. Keep the pressure on and maybe he'll start listening more to his constituents and less to his own personal biases. Won't be easy though! We'll be setting up a ride to Salem for the January 22 Biker Day event to show our strength and resolve, and don't let that be the only one for you. There are more in February and March as well (check out the December state newsletter). Let's support BikePAC's efforts to wake up those sluggish-minded politicians!

Hope all your holiday cheer was safe and happy.

Think safe....Ride free!!

Michael

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.



PO Box 5612
Salem, OR 97304

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

My Voter Registration Card says:

U.S. Congressional District _____

State Senate _____ House _____

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

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

Name _____

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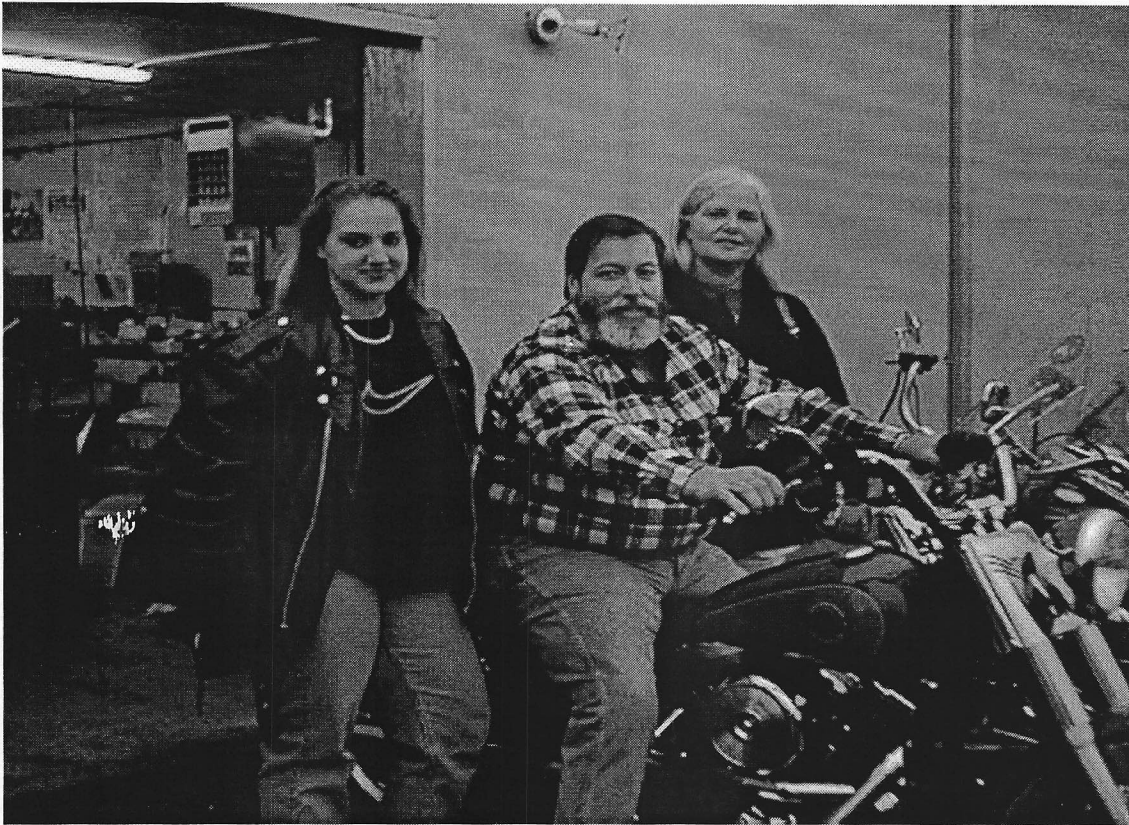
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Look Ma I won a new Harley Davidson from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Winning ticket number is 2795

Winner is ,Ron Clark of the Beavercreek area. Gave him a call as soon as we got to the Shriner's Hospital. A message was left on his recorder to call, if he wanted, and set a time and day to pick up his 1998 Fat Boy. Gave KEX Radio a call back, as had been interviewed before the drawing, and gave them the winning name and number. They put it on the air. I heard not from Ron by Sunday afternoon so called back. His son answered and said he was at work. Of course, the next question is, did he get my message? Yes, I told him this morning what the message said. He ran in his bedroom and got his wallet. Got the stub out and started behaving about like most of the rest of us when only family can see us. Now the plot thickens. Somebody had let the message get erased or covered. Who do you call? In a state of confusion and many thoughts, real? or a put on?, he goes to work. Well now the son can call him and give him a name and number to call. Ron does call from work. There is one happy man out south of Oregon City. Met Ron and his wife Carol at Columbia Harley on Thursday. One of their 4 kids, a daughter, as well. Real nice people. Make you almost glad you didn't win. PHTTTTT Asked him a couple of things that others have shown an interest in knowing. A Winning ticket was bought at the Beavercreek Bust. Sold to him by Uncle Bob (of SE Chapter). Seems that Uncle Bob and ,Rena Jackson had some time on their hands the weekend of the all HD Drags. They stopped by and sold a few tickets on a whim. Ron does not have membership in ABATE or any other motorcycle related organization. Take that back. He now belongs to HOG. Never been on the Toy Run. Rides a 1975 Yamaha. His son will get to ride that now. He has been riding about 20 years. Never been to Team Oregon or like training. Keep in mind that he is one happy man. That said, here are his comments. "I want to thank all those people that didn't buy a raffle ticket. I also want to thank all the losers for buying the tickets. I have always wanted a Harley. You just can't believe how good you have made me feel." Told him we could trade places and let me find out. No takers. He knows and feels you all are winners in that you helped us help the kids. We have said it before but here it is again. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING.

The Toy Run Committee.

Whoops!



Those BikePAC Stinkers
changed the schedule....

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to change a couple of dates. Here's the revised setup for Bikers Days! Please help spread the word.*

The right Biker Day cards are YELLOW!

BIKER DAYS '99

9:00 a.m. - State Capitol, Salem

THIS IS THE
BIG ONE
HIT 'EM
HARD!

(Jan. 14 CANCELLED)*
⇒ Friday, Jan. 22

IF YOU CAN
ONLY DO ONE
DO THIS
ONE!

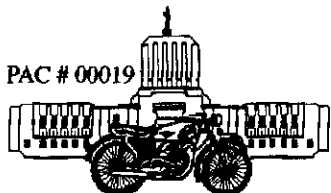
Monday, Feb. 1

Friday, Feb. 12

(Mar. 1 CHANGED to Mar. 3)

Wednesday, Mar. 3

* We will still have BikePAC representatives at the Capitol to meet & help anybody who doesn't hear that the date has been cancelled.



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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12th, 1998

Chris Vieira, Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 12:15. There were 13 chapters in attendance, with all eligible to vote.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS: This last year has been one heck of a year. When I got involved with ABATE, I never imagined myself in this job. I got involved because everyone need to stand up and protect his or her right to ride. Thanks to all who got involved this past year, and a special thanks to chapter officers, and a welcome to those new faces.

The Keizer chapter has decided to turn in their charter. I am sorry to see this happen, but I also know how much work it takes to keep a chapter going.

CORRESPONDENCE: MRF & NCOM news releases regarding Pennsylvania's helmet repeal passing both legislative offices and sent to the Governor.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR: There has been a revision to the dates for BIKER DAYS. The first one is Jan. 22. A handout with information on "How a bill becomes Law". The Oregon Health Policy Institute is forming a committee to study helmet effectiveness. The facilitator of this committee, Eldon Edmondson has asked us to join the committee. Teresa Hepker has agreed to represent ABATE and BikePAC, and will be assisted by Melinda McCrossen. The Dept. of Health requested this study, to analyze existing data and studies, and then draw conclusions, attempting to answer 4 questions. The questions are #1. Do helmets prevent injury. #2. Do helmets increase risk of injury. #3. Are helmet laws effective? #4. Do helmet laws save public funds. The American Motorcycle Assoc. has been consulted and will forward information that they have to Teresa.

Now is the time to e-mail, write or call your Senator or Representative, and ask that they make time in their schedules for the BikePAC lobbyist, and to reserve an appointment time for the first Biker Day on Jan. 22nd.

Information received from Chicago's attempt to ban motorcycles from a portion of a major hwy. Plans are under way to challenge this under the new TEA-21 law forbidding bike bans on hwy that receives federal funding.

BikePAC REP: Make plans now to arrange to attend Biker days. Don't forget the first one is Jan. 22nd.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR: reports received from classes that took place recently. Thanks to Steve Corey, Steve Zentz and Ray Hamilton who presented a class on 5/27. Steve Corey and Jeff Bauder presented a class on 6/8th. STEAM is on track, make plans to be at CHEMEKETA community college on February 20th.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR II: Not in attendance, no report.

HISTORIAN: At this time of year I take this opportunity to reflect upon the activities of the past year. Many functions of ABATE happened in nearly every chapter. Most of you were so busy doing the work that is necessary to have a successful run that you forgot to take a few pictures of the vent to share with your historian. I am aware that many new officers will be or have been elected in the past month and I encourage all of you to try to remember that a memory doesn't become history unless it is written or photographed to share with others. I look forward to meeting you and to see old friends again. I also want to wish all of you a Happy new year for 1999. It is my job to categorize and put the information you send to me into the ABATE historical albums. These albums will be available at STEAM in February and other ABATE state functions for you to look at. You will see a lot of old friends and stories in there. Wouldn't you like to be a part of the recorded history of this Motorcycle Rights Organization? By the way, how many of you can recite the MISSION STATEMENT of ABATE of Oregon? Look on the inside cover of this newsletter!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: 1,777 current members

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: BIKER DAYS inf. on the cover is wrong...There are bright yellow flyers and cards going out with the correct information. The cover art contest for January, 1999 is over and the winner is...Marcel Hayes from Washington County! Check out the cover for his design. The newsletter fax line is changing to (503) 492-9570, and the main phone # to (503) 674-7500.

PR DIRECTOR: Look for the ad in Cycle Trader. The ad will run for 6 weeks. Congratulations to WaCo for the Willamette Week pictures. Too bad the "story" was so short. Melinda has turned the SE Chapter Legislative Director over to Dick Edmonds, so that she can concentrate on the State PR job and the "Oral History" of ABATE.

RUN COORDINATOR: Run list dates!! Does Roger have yours? Get them in ASAP. T-shirt contest for the Fossil Run shirts...get your submission in by the March State Board Meeting (March 13, 1999).

WEB PAGE EDITOR: Waiting for you to get your run inf. to Roger, so the web page can be updated. Mission statement added, and meeting places / times corrected. Hoping to set up a "Classified ad" page just like the newsletter.

VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH: OPEN

VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH: No Report

VICE-COORDINATOR EAST: No Report

SERGEANT AT ARMS NORTH: Bob Earl attended the last Keizer chapter meeting, on November 15th. There was only 1 Keizer member that showed. Sorry to see them fold.

SERGEANT AT ARMS SOUTH: No Report

SERGEANT AT ARMS EAST: No Report

TREASURER: Clark reports balances as of 11/1/98 are: Bulk Mail \$2,538.06, Checking \$5,412.94, Savings General, \$17,601.50, Savings Legal, \$1,599.04 for a grand total of \$27,151.54 Chapter reports will be going to Joy Hoover soon so that she can complete the 1998 taxes. Several chapters have made donations to the state recently. \$1500 from Lincoln County, \$500 from South Coast, \$300 from SE Portland. Thank You!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership committee: No Report

Sanctioning committee: Sweetheart dance by Columbia River. Look for the flyer. Discussion regarding what needs sanctioning. If you have questions, call Tina Wright, Gary Ploub or Jill Tracy. Also, Clark or Roger must handle all run insurance only.

2. Confederation of Clubs: Meeting was held on 11/15. Spike and Sam have removed the Portland member who was listed on the "gang affiliate" list, due to their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Fact-finding survey: No completed forms turned in.

2. Chapter non-compliance: Central Oregon has elected a new treasurer and has come into compliance, so their charter is off suspension. Keizer had no representative again at the State Board Meeting, and has expressed to Chris that they will surrender their charter.

3. ODOT Conference: Report published in newsletter.

4. Cycle-Trader ad: Look for them in the next issues.

5. Planning session: Run committee met last week in Portland, but no minutes available. Lincoln Co. offered to assist any chapter in putting on an event. Much discussion about the regional run concept. Agreement that these were ideals and all ideas were subject to revision.

6. Officer Elections: Nominations were opened again.

Coordinator:	Chris Vieira
Vice-Coordinator North:	Jim Niece
Vice-Coordinator East:	Brad Peterson
Vice-Coordinator South:	Gary Ploub
Membership Secretary:	Mother
Recording Secretary:	Jill Tracy
Treasurer:	Clark Brooker
Newsletter Editor:	Gordon Hieronimus
Legislative Director:	Frank Saxton
WebPage Editor:	Maddog
Sgt. at Arms North:	Bob Earl
Sgt. at Arms South:	Tina Wright
Sgt. at Arms East:	Scott Greenfield
Product Directors:	Brad and Nancy Brooker
Education Director:	Mel Yeager
Education Director II:	OPEN
PR Director:	Melinda McCrossen
Run Coordinator:	Rotten Roger
Run Coordinator II:	OPEN
Historian:	Iris Yeager

Above named candidates were confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Incident report: Current format is a page in the Newsletter. Suggestion to change to a post-card size and stock, no postage required. Hope to improve the return rate. Teresa will research and return with a report.

2. Treasurer's Computer: Clark inherited the previous Treasurer's computer, which had previously been used by the Newsletter Editor. Discussion on whether to rebuild or purchase a new one. Teresa made a motion to authorize Clark to spend up to \$700 to repair or replace at his discretion. Second by Murge. Vote: 10 for, 0 against. Motion Carried.

3. Phone hookup for Klamath Falls chapter during winter: Klamath Falls will arrange for a speaker phone and fax machine. Board agrees that during inclement weather a phone hookup would be a good way to keep their participation.

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm. Next State Board meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 1999 in Junction City. Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary



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

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

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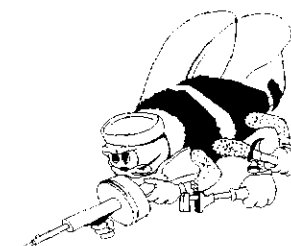
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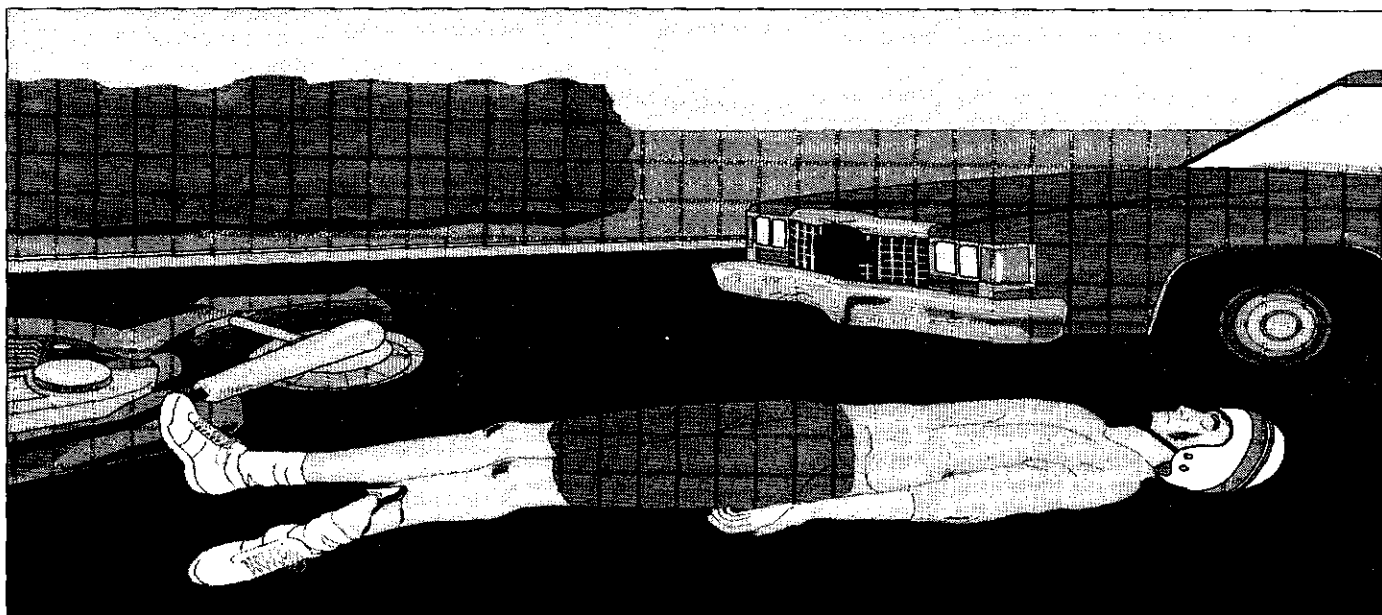
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ATTENTION ALL FAITHFUL READERS: The classified ads are for personal items only. If you have a business or service, please be honest enough to place a commercial ad with the NEWSLETTER. Page two (2) has all the info you need to place an ad that sells.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



Would you know what to do first?

ATTN: Members

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

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QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
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_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange.....	3.00	_____
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_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red.....	3.00	_____
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_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.75	_____

ABATE PINS

_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
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_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold.....	4.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin.....	3.75	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color.....	2.25	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted wing-5 color on White.....	4.00	_____
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_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or Hoop).....	4.00	_____
_____		Bandana.....	6.00	_____

MISCELLANEOUS

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

ABATE T-SHIRTS

_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-shirts.....	10.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts.....	17.50-20.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
NOTE: Assorted Colors.....X-Lg. and LARGER add \$2.00				
Chapter Logo setup				
Fee with each order (One time charge).....				9.50
(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, Orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)				

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS				
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_____		1984-1992 avail.....	1.50	_____
_____		License Plate Frames - Cars w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
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Nancy Brooker

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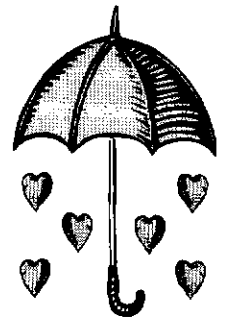
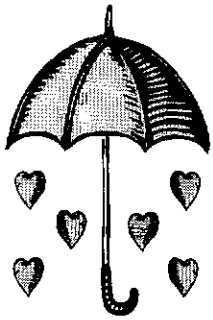
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John Ehmer	541-444-2445	X	X	X	X	X	X	Region
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-5766	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
Rotten Roger	503-285-4329	X	X	X	X	X	X	N. Portland
Howard Butts	541-534-5411	X	X	X	X	X	X	Summerville
Gunny Hutch	503-362-3767	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X			X		Junction City
Fast Eddie	541-673-6120	X	X	X	X			Roseburg
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Randy Christensen	541-269-2998	X	X	X	X	X		Coos Bay
Mary M. Nearpass	541-888-9003	X	X		X			South Coast
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John Guernsey	541-756-6317	X	X	X				North Bend
John Rieth	541-572-1951	X		X	X			?
Steve & Marian	541-247-4135	X	X	X		X		Gold Beach
Charlie Hill	541-888-8081		X	X				South Coast
Gordon E. Dunn Jr.	541-267-3256	X	X	X	X	X		Coos Bay/N. Bend
Kelly Kinkade	541-267-5579	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Jack Stevens	541-267-4978	X	X	X	X	X		South Coast
Tom Hazzard	541-267-3072	X	X			X	X	Coos Bay/North Bend
Ab Zaffarano	541-888-3490		X	X	X			South Coast
Phil	509-698-4330	X	X	X	X	X	X	Selah, Wa.

Please confirm or deny the truth about the information above. Thanks go out to the South Coast Chapter for being the only Chapter as a whole to respond...

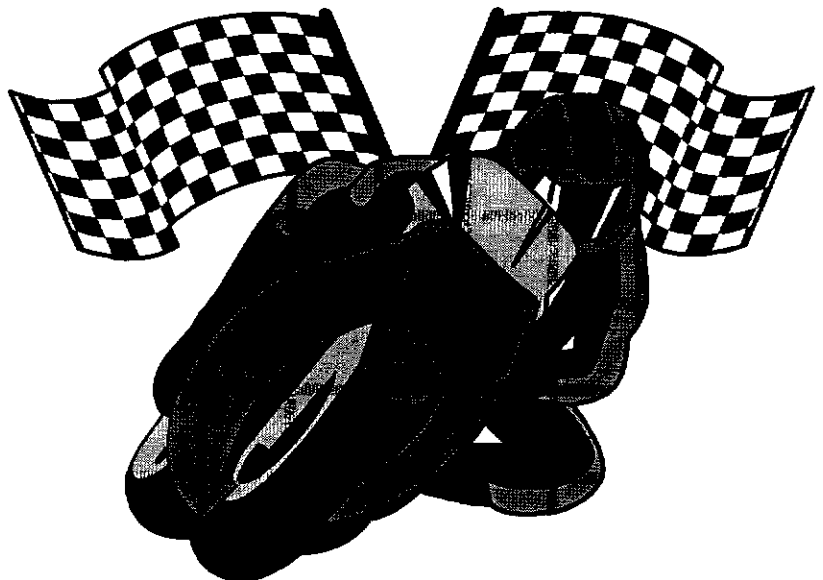
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A thanks goes out to **S.E. Portland Chapter** for donating \$300.00 to the State's general fund
\$1,500.00 was donated from Lincoln county, WOW that's GREAT
South Coast was generous enough to send a donation of \$500.00 to the State's general fund.

THANK YOU THANK YOU YOU THANK YOU

This kind of
teamwork shows a
winning attitude!

KEEP IT UP! TOGETHER WE ALL CAN WIN!



Quote: “Volunteers are the blood that runs through the veins of the USA.”

I believe that this is a quote that I made up but I could have read it somewhere.

There was a BikePAC fund raiser on Sat Nov 7th at Nobody's Tavern in Portland. Lee Austin with a crew of dedicated folks were able to pull it off. The owner of the bar let us run the door until Midnight. To me it shows the respect we have earned as an organization with our stick-to-itness. I interviewed Lee impromptu over the phone on Sunday and he named a number of the people who helped. I'll just say that every aspect was appreciated from the band to the individuals who fostered the atmosphere of camaraderie. The band, Marquee, was great. We had inspirational talks given by Brian Stovall and Ken Ray. Wow! I even saw the Merzo's together. Tried to talk to Don but the place was party down loud. With everyone's help BikePAC was donated \$552. This will go toward continuing the good fight so we can keep putting along, and organize the events that show we are an interested voting public and we are all going to get behind and support our issues. I really had a good time seeing some of the old crowd, the hard workers I am familiar with and a lot of new people.

I, as an individual do not only do this for ABATE, the Father Organization nor for BikePAC the Mother but for all riders. This includes the Clubs and the dirt riders and everywhere within. We work hard with a small group of people who also have full lives to lead.

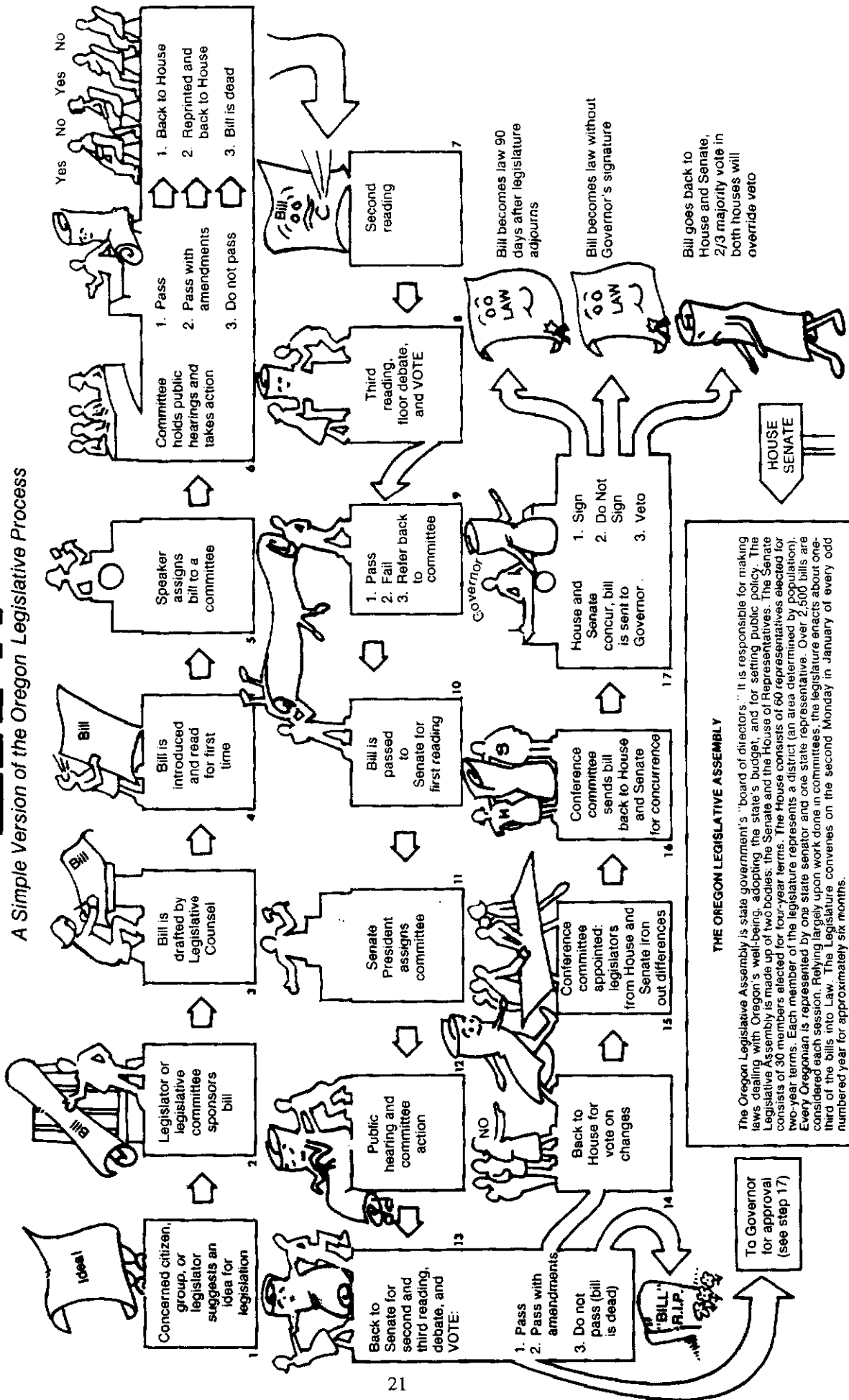
There is a great need for people who can read through information we have knowledge of and can be acquired from various websites. We need people to survey the hospitals to find all those indigents who are in the hospital being supported by the Government because of Motorcycle related injuries. There really is a lot to do. Come on and join us and be a presence and a part of the changing culture of our organizations as we find out how to do this better as we go. If you want to volunteer some time to research to help our political agenda so that we have hard core facts to fight with call me at 503-362-9136 I can put you in touch with the material we are interested in going through. Maybe you have some good ideas of your own and have found interesting facts that could help our cause send them to me. 1259 Chemeketa St NE Salem, OR 97301-4146. This kind of work is on going and we can not stop.

Being involved is a great opportunity to learn and to get out and do something for your rights as a citizen of the US. Once you get into the nuts and bolts of it you never know what you could be empowered to do. You may even decide to become a precinct committee person (PCP). The possibilities are endless.

Submitted by MURGE (Margy Jane Gunter) BikePAC Representative for ABATE of OR

How An Idea Becomes LAW

A Simple Version of the Oregon Legislative Process



Oregon Confederation of Clubs Report

I am proud to announce that Oregon now has an official Confederation of Clubs and ABATE of Oregon, Inc. is an associate member of this organization. As an associate member, ABATE has equal input and discussion rights to all member organizations, but no vote on board decisions. Historically, confederations have been formed world wide to fight for civil rights and against harassment, just as our organization was formed to fight anti-biker legislative issues. Over the years, these issues have tended to interrelate as evidenced by our battle with the "what is a legal helmet" war and the related harassment at Fossil and elsewhere.

I am aware that some members of ABATE are apprehensive about this association between ABATE and the clubs. My personal feeling is we all ride, we all suffer the same unfair attention from law enforcement and legislative BS. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. was formed to represent all motorcyclists, not just the "politically correct" as we see it. I think we owe it to ourselves and all bikers to work with this confederation. If it works, we are all better for it. If it doesn't, so it goes. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Remember everybody, ABATE and confederation members, united we stand, divided we fall.

I want to say right up front that there is nothing secret about the membership or names of the officers in this confederation. I have personally seen the cops over-zealous "protection" at many of these confederation meetings, so I have personally decided I am going to be very careful about printing names of members, officers or meeting locations publicly because I don't want to make our "friends" in law enforcement's job any easier.

The meeting was held in Portland at one of the member clubhouse after our November board meeting. Two representatives from each organization were invited. Tina, our Sergeant-at-Arms South, and I represented ABATE of Oregon, Inc. We paid our member donation, as did other Oregon clubs and associations. The meeting was held in a very professional manner and at this time there is only one order of business on the table. The business at hand is the designation of one club member as a "gang affiliate" by the Portland Bureau of Police. If this designation stands, it could influence sentencing if that person is convicted of committing a crime. This designation did not coincide with a with a criminal charge. Once designated as a "gang affiliate", that person has an appeals process available to them, but they would only get to appeal the Bureau's determination that they are a "gang affiliate" not the determination that the club or association is a "gang" or "criminal gang". The difference between "gang" and "criminal gang" has distinctions, but in the police paperwork I have read, they tend to use these terms interchangeably. So far the Portland Bureau of Police has refused to release information telling us how they decided this club is a "gang/criminal gang" organization.

At this point, I will give you their definition of a "gang/criminal gang". Study this and you will see that everyone from the Boy Scouts of America to ABATE of

Oregon, Inc. to the Portland Bureau of Police could be labeled a "gang/criminal gang". This excerpt from the Bureau of Police General Order dated May 17, 1996, section no. 640.05, Rev. #1.

Definitions

1. A gang is an ongoing organization, association or group of three or more individuals who:
 - a. Use a gang name, common identifying sign or symbol, or acknowledge an identifiable leadership; and
 - b. Have a high rate of interaction among themselves to the exclusion of other persons or gangs.
2. A gang is criminal if individuals affiliated with it have committed two or more crimes which:
 - a. Benefit members of the group;
 - b. Are committed as part of an initiation process or membership ritual;
 - c. Are designed to announce the existence of the gang, its membership, or its territorial claims;
 - d. Are committed in response to the race, color, religion, sexual preference, national origin or gang association of the victim; or
 - e. Are designed to intimidate a victim in the name of the gang.
3. A gang affiliate is a person who participates in either the criminal or non-criminal behavior of a criminal gang listed above, or who actively pursues membership in a criminal gang by performing criminal acts intended to gain the approval of the gang.

At this point, the confederation decided to back the effort to fight this discrimination. NCOM/AIM attorneys Sam Hochberg and our own Spencer Neal will defend this "gang affiliate" member Robert Challis. I thank Robert, Sam, and Spencer for taking on this fight.

At the end of the confederation meeting, Tina was honored as the first and only woman anyone could remember being involved in club business. I am proud to have her at my side. She is a true freedom fighter and one of our best, man, or woman. I want to thank Tina's family, my family, and all family members who cover our butts so us active members can be involved. I would also like to thank the confederation members who respect our position that both men and women can be effective members.

After the meeting, I was very proud to get to see the #001 ABATE of Oregon, Inc. membership card in a glass case at the clubhouse. Luke Metcalf was our founding father and a member of this club. It was his card. Small world isn't it, brothers, and sisters.

Chris Vieira, Coordinator
ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

AMA Announces Address, Phone Numbers to New Home

WESTERVILLE, Ohio – Starting Tuesday, Dec. 22, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) will have a new address and telephone number.

The AMA will be closing the doors to its Westerville, Ohio, home on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m., and re-opening Tuesday, Dec. 22 at its new home at 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio, 43147.

At that time, the Association's general telephone number will also change to (614) 856-1900. The AMA's toll-free (800) AMA-JOIN and (800) AMA-AMHF phone numbers will remain the same.

"We apologize for the temporary inconveniences brought on by the move," said AMA President Ed Youngblood, "but we do appreciate your patience as we begin to sort out our new workplace environment."

While the AMA offices will re-open for business on Dec. 22, The Motorcycle Heritage Museum will remain closed until its grand re-opening the summer of 1999 at its new, expanded location at the Pickerington site.

For more information about the AMA's move to Pickerington, visit the AMADirectlink, the official AMA website, at <http://www.ama-cycle.org/move.html>.

New Name, New Home for Motorcycle Museum

WESTERVILLE, Ohio – After eight years as one of the country's premier motorcycle showplaces, the Motorcycle Heritage Museum at American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) headquarters is in for landmark changes that include a new name, a new exhibit and a new, more spacious home.

All the improvements will be showcased at the museum's grand re-opening this summer, after staff members relocate the museum from its current home in Westerville, Ohio, to the new AMA headquarters in Pickerington, about 20 minutes from the current location and still in the Columbus metro area.

As part of the move, the museum will be closed for several months so that extensive remodeling of the new facility can be completed and the new exhibit can be installed. The museum will close its Westerville location at 5 p.m. Dec. 17, and re-open this summer in the new Pickerington home that offers more than twice the exhibit space – along with new amenities for museum visitors.

"The new museum, complete with vaulted ceilings, plenty of exhibit space spread over two floors and covered motorcycle parking for visitors, will truly be a showplace for motorcycles and the people who have made them great," said Don Emde, chairman of the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation (AMHF), which runs the museum. "And to better reflect our expanding mission, we'll have a new name in our new home as well: The Motorcycle Hall of Fame and Museum."

"The re-opening will mark a significant step forward for the museum we launched eight years ago," Emde continued. "And we're confident that the new facility – along with a planned addition to the museum that will come sometime in the future – will be a home for history like none other in motorcycling; a place that will honor our heroes, showcase their machines, and

create a direct link to motorcycling's rich heritage and colorful history."

Highlights of the changes:

- The new 25,000-square-foot facility will feature a unique, two-level display area, with magnificent vistas of display motorcycles both up close and looking down from the second-story atrium. The Motorcycle Hall of Fame and Museum, which will include an expanded motorcycle-theme gift shop, will be located in its own building at the AMA's new 23-acre Pickerington campus that also includes a new home for the AMA offices. Included on the site will be covered parking reserved for motorcycles only, and lockers nearby so that museum visitors can stow their gear before taking in the Hall of Fame and Museum.

- The new name – The Motorcycle Hall of Fame and Museum – reflects one of the original goals of the museum board: the creation of a Motorcycle Hall of Fame. With the naming of "The First 124" Hall-of-Famers in 1998, that goal is much closer to reality. The Pickerington facility will include pictures, bios and memorabilia commemorating the achievements of those individuals, while planning continues for a future that will include much more as the Hall of Fame grows.

- The new exhibit to open this summer will be the museum's most ambitious ever. Called "75 Years of Excitement," the exhibit will feature more than 100 machines highlighting the AMA's diamond anniversary. Composed mainly of competition machines, this exhibit will span the years from early board-track racing to the era of night speedway, through hillclimb's dominance and then on to today's Grand National Dirt Track Series, the MBNA Superbike Tour, the Mazda Truck Motocross Nationals and AMA Supercross Series.

"The new facility will truly be world-class," said AMA President Ed Youngblood. "When we have the grand re-opening as one of the highlights of the year-long celebration of our 75th anniversary, I think AMA members and museum visitors alike will simply be awed."

For more information, contact Museum Director Aaron Fitch at (614) 891-2425.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 225,000-member non-profit organization. Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect, and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members. For more information, visit the AMA website at <http://www.ama-cycle.org>.

Trouble in Chicago

Chicago, IL. Wednesday, December 2, 1998, ... Alderman Barbara Holt (5th Ward 773-667-4658) introduced legislation in the Chicago City Council that would ban motorcycles from Lake Shore Drive, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Alderman Holt claims noise and safety are the issues. Illinois ABATE members, including influential council member Alderman William J. P. Banks (36th Ward) decried this blatant discriminatory attack on motorcyclists. Citing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) passed by Congress this year that prohibits motorcycle bans from roads using federal funds, the opposition to this new ordinance is gaining national attention. Not only is this a violation of federal law that could cost Illinois millions of highway dollars, it is also an example of a few Chicago

Aldermen thumbing their noses at citizens and the Congress which constitutes reckless use of political power.

Alderman Holt and the co-sponsors are using the safety issue to justify discriminating against an entire class of vehicle users. A Chicago Sun Times article reported ... [Alderman Holt] said there may be a way around the federal protection. The city may not enact a law that applies only to motorcycles. However, if there's a safety issue involved, that negates the restriction. There's a safety issue involved, its noise and safety. There have been fatalities as a result of reckless driving by motorcycles' weaving in and out of traffic, Holt said, declining to cite specifics.

Steve Zimmer, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, said, If safety and noise are the main concerns the city should enforce the laws they already have on the books. Innocent motorcyclists will pay the price for overzealous politicians trying to make a name for themselves. The majority of motorcyclists are law-abiding citizens riding motorcycles that comply with the noise ordinances. Motorcyclists have several options on how to fight this ban. Zimmer stated, We intend to pursue efforts to stop federal money directed at the highway construction projects for the maintenance and refurbishment of Lake Shore Drive. I'm quite certain the majority of the Illinois Congressional delegation that supported the TEA 21 language will be very interested in this obvious disregard of their legislative intent. ABATE will be going to Springfield to revive past efforts to eliminate these types of ordinances.

In addition to the introduction of legislation similar to the federal prohibition of motorcycle ban language, an effort to legislate the elimination Chicago home rule could also be on the horizon. ABATE of IL agreed to hold up on such legislation last year based on the political promise that a previously raised motorcycle ban issue would be resolved through the Chicago administration.

For further information contact Steve at 202-546-0983 or by e-mail at steve@mrf.org



EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT



I have finally received the first reports of Motorcycle Awareness classes that took place recently. All reports were from South Coast Chapter of ABATE. Steve Corey reports that he, Steve Zentz, and Ray Hamilton presented a class at Gold Beach High School on May 27, 1998, to 13 students. On June 8th, Steve and Jeff Bauder did an awareness presentation at North Bend High School to 28 students.

This fall, they started off with two presentations at North Bend High School. There were 22 students in their first class and 25 in the second. The teacher, Bill Masci commented, "Good presentation. I liked the use of motorcycles in the parking lot". Steve also informs me that Tom Curran was present and participated in both of these presentations and asked how to certify him as an INSTRUCTOR.

Here is my decision about that subject--Any motorcyclist who is willing and participates in the presentation of two or more Motorcycle Awareness Classes can be certified by the recommendation of one or more of his or her co-instructors. All they have to do is call me or include in the TEACHING REPORT that he or she did part of the tasks included in the Awareness Program. I'll do the rest. Tom Curran's Certificate as an instructor will be available at the State Board of Directors meeting on December 12th in Junction City. It will be given to the State Board Rep. from South Coast Chapter to be presented to Tom at a Chapter Meeting.

STEAM is on track. The final draft of the program is being given to Gordon at the board meeting to be included in the ABATE newsletter. Murge from Salem Chapter says that Salem Chapter will provide food at the STEAM for the noon meal. It will be at a nominal cost.

Mel Yeager
Education Director



Historian Report

At this time of the year I take this opportunity to reflect upon the activities of the past year. Many functions of ABATE happened in nearly every chapter. Most of you were so busy doing the work that is necessary to have a successful run that you forgot to take a few pictures of the event to share with your historian. I am aware that many new officers will be or have been elected in the past month and I encourage all of you to try to remember that a memory doesn't become history unless it is written or photographed to share with others. I look forward to meeting you and to see old friends again. I also want to wish all of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR for 1999.

It is my job to categorize and put the information you send to me into the ABATE historical albums. These albums will be available at STEAM in February and other ABATE state functions for you to look at. You will see a lot of old friends and stories in there. Wouldn't you like to be a part of the recorded history of this Motorcycle Rights Organization?

By the way, how many of you can recite the MISSION STATEMENT of ABATE of Oregon?

Iris Yeager
Historian





PR Director Report

The big event for me was getting the Cycle Trader ad set up. Watch for it this month. Thanks to Debra and Leslie for taking care of things and returning my calls. I think if we advertise anywhere, this will be our "best bang for the buck."

Speaking of bucks, I want to encourage any of you with budget questions, to talk to Clark Brooker, our State Treasurer. When I was asked to comment on the budget and couldn't see advertising as a line item, Clark took me deep into the budget to show me how things are set up. I could see at a glance what my press release faxes cost for a year and all the other expenses related to my job. It doesn't show up on the print out because the entire budget is in reality, several pages long, but it is all there, under the simple, single page document circulated at the meeting.

What does the budget have to do with PR, you might ask, everything. When we decide to advertise, it costs lots of money. I believe that we should have both a target audience in mind and a specific purpose. The Cycle Trader ad is a good example. We should be looking at the, "Can we afford it?" question as it relates to "What results are we expecting to get by advertising?" The Cycle Trader ad was specifically targeted for getting new members into ABATE by advertising in a place that we've never tried before and to tie into the upcoming legislative session. This made sense to me and so I supported the idea, even though I'm fairly cynical about the dollar value of advertising, versus word of mouth as it relates to reaching motorcycle riders.

I ran a press release for the Shriner's Toy Run and when a biker at the Run quoted me as to what he heard on the radio, I knew it was my work. Good media turn out. Please take the time to promote your chapter's events, it doesn't cost a thing except a little time. Shriner's Hospital has always promoted the event, but I believe we got a little extra coverage because of our press release. It sure doesn't hurt to send out more information, rather than less. Remember, the best way to get your press release noticed, involves a biker hand delivering the release to a real live media person. We are an impressive bunch of volunteers, in person.

Speaking of turn out... I missed the Washington County Toy Run but attended the party afterwards (no rumors about me, please). It made me realize how important it is for us as state and chapter officers, to attend other chapter events. Talk about good public relations! The usual suspects were glad to see me, but it was an excellent opportunity for me to meet other ABATE members. I've met some great people this year at our runs and at our retreat and I look forward to the coming new year.

I hope that all of the newly elected Public Relations Directors feel free to contact me with any questions or for help. I'd love to meet all of you at STEAM. Happy New Year and best wishes to you and your loved ones.

Melinda McCrossen, (503) 231-2701, melindam@teleport.com



SUNNYSIDE UP

Well and New Year is upon us. Out with the old in with the new Just think another three hundred and some days and there will be a new millennium, the year 2000, AKA "Y2K" A century not many people in history have lived through the change of a century, and even fewer a millennium. Have you thought about what "new" tech-no-stuff Harley will introduce for the new millennium? How about B.M.W. or Ducati...and the Japanese? What if any "new" designs will we see to launch us into the future? It seems to me that everything is changing -nothing stays the same very long these days. New H-D motor, the Japanese keep refining their products to look more and more like Harley's. Computer technology changes daily. TV is on the march to some serious changes. Our government seems to be redefining itself too. We used to know what was right and what was wrong, but now we have define right and wrong for ourselves!

Some changes are of course necessary. My mother used to tell me never to be afraid to change. However, I am concerned at how much is changing and how fast it happens, and how little time we have to figure it out When all this gets a little much, I am reminded of a passage in Hebrews that says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever". He doesn't change. He is the same miracle working God now as he was then.; He works in people's lives creating "new life" for anyone who will say yes to Him. So if you're feeling a bit stressed, overwhelmed with life, or just plain out-of-sorts, talk to God. Remember, things go heifer with Jesus.

Living on the "Sonny-side",

Don, Chaplain

Douglas County ABATE



From The

GUNNY'S SACK

Good news to start off: Oregon's Confederation of Clubs is up and running. Bill Bish from NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists, 1-800-531-2424) told me the other day that ours brought the number of Confederations to 32 in 21 states, 2 in Canadian provinces, and several more about ready to form. These are the fastest-growing motorcycle rights activist organizations.

The Confederations are busy fighting for our rights in the courts and against harassment and discrimination, while the rest of us are working in the legislatures to change laws. This is the best teamwork we could ever ask for. We get a two-pronged sword. On top of that, most Confederations, like ours, encourage associate memberships for non-clubs, so that there's plenty of information exchanged.

Now all we need to do is get *ALL* motorcyclists to exercise their right to vote. We CAN put bikers in places of power, all we need to do is vote. Just look at what happened in the Governor's race in Minnesota! Ain't America great?

PORTLAND "GANG MEMBER" WINS! Bobbie Challis, a member of the Portland chapter of the Brother Speed M.C. was sent an outrageous letter from the Police, telling him he's a member of a CRIMINAL gang, as described in an earlier Sack. This case was a high priority for the new Oregon Confederation. Our Oregon AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney, Sam Hochberg, represented Bobbie. **PORTLAND, OR:** Sam Hochberg has acquired a copy of the new NHTSA videotape that lobbies the general public about HELMET laws. This is an outright attempt in my mind to set in motion the demise of motorcycling in this country by going around the law that congress passed prohibiting NHTSA from lobbying legislatures. They do make compelling arguments about the value of wearing helmets - but what's far worse, the tape implies that without mandatory helmet laws, bikers will cost the public untold millions because we choose to ride scooters in the first place. The tape is free, just ask NHTSA to send you one. After all, it was our tax money that paid for it.

PENN: From the Internet comes disturbing news that the infamous "Trooper Devlin" won his appeal of the \$400.00 fine for killing Ken Fowler, a biker and family man on his way home, during an ill-advised car chase of a driver with expired plates. His fine was reduced to \$140.00 and I'll bet we'll see him reinstated in Penn's State law enforcement machine before it's done with. I've said before, if it had been me the least I could have expected would have been a sentence for manslaughter. Makes me SICK!

IRVINE, CA: The well known KELLY BLUE BOOK web site car dealers all over the U.S. use has a new section now that deals with the resale value of motorcycles. Time will tell if they run good info on what our scoots are really worth.

BALTIMORE: Here's good news for Sportster riders: There is a new NON-EXPLOSIVE fuel on sale now you can carry with you on those long rides when you have fuel stops that might exceed your range. The drawback is the stuff sells for around \$40.00 a gallon. It's called Spare Tank Emergency Fuel.

ISRAEL: A company here has a new anti-theft device that just might be a good thing for motorcycles. It has motion sensor that activates an alarm if a vehicle's angle of rest is disturbed.

through two stages of hearings. His plan was to co-counsel with Spencer "Spike" Neal, to try and knock out the law in Federal Court. The cops must've figured that out, and they backed down, claiming they'd violated some time line in their own ordinance. Bobby was "un-designated" by the cops. Sam and Spike have more up their sleeves, though. Watch here for more. If you want more info on this, or for that matter, for other legal info, call Sam at 503-224-1106, 1-800-347-1106, or e-mail him at SamBikeLaw@aol.com. I'm still

AIMGunny@aol.com.

News bit's n pieces: **PENN:** SB279, the helmet modification bill, has passed and at this writing is headed for the governor's desk. It'll be history by the time you read this. If signed, adults age 21 with 2 years experience or rider education courses will have the freedom to ride without a hat, if that is their choice. This news comes from the Internet, courtesy of the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation).

CHICAGO: Again the spectrum of road bans has raised its ugly head. Some members of the city council here proposed a ban on motorcycles on Lakeshore Drive in this city! This promises to be a real donnybrook of a whizzin' contest. It happens that Lakeshore Drive is a government-funded highway and a ban would be against federal law according to the new TEA21, the Federal Highway Funding Act. It seems residents in the area are complaining about NOISY MOTORCYCLES. My thought is: loud pipes cause more trouble than they're worth, but that's what freedom of choice is all about.

The motion sensor is supplied by Analog Devices in Norwood, Mass, and sells for around \$25.00.

FLORIDA: Mike Tyson isn't the only boxer that has trouble keeping motorcycles upright. Hector "Macho" Camacho crashed his bike in Orlando and was cited for reckless driving, driving while suspended, and riding without a motorcycle endorsement.

CHICAGO: The hottest new Christmas gift this year was a HARLEY BARBIE, available for extra \$\$ with bike, leathers and of course, to make NHTSA happy, a helmet! It's also complete with propaganda about why BARBIE should WEAR a helmet! Now I've seen everything.

D.C.: There is a move in this very political town to DRAFT Elizabeth Dole as the GOP candidate for President. This lady was once the top cat in the USDOT. Do you remember the job she did on us there? I'm worried if she were to run this country the way she did USDOT.

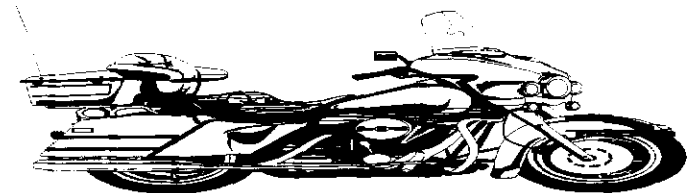
GREECE: The cops here are so worried about the rise in bank robberies committed on motorcycles they are purchasing 100 of their own to try and combat the trend. I hope they take a rider Ed course before they are turned loose on the public.

Sam's AIM Tip O' the month: Real short: Flip your brights when approaching intersections with cars waiting to turn left. Sam just signed on to work for another badly hurt biker from a left-turning kid. So flip that switch.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny,

Oregon Aim Chief of Staff



SE Portland Chapter Members!

Our members are important to us and we noticed that many have chosen not to renew their SE Portland Chapter - ABATE of Oregon membership. If you are one of these people, would you please take a few minutes to let us know why you didn't renew, it will help us to better meet our members' needs in the future. Mail it into the address below. Thanks for taking the time to do it. We hope you join again.

Why did you join ABATE in the first place?

We really do miss you.

How active or involved were you in the SE Portland Chapter of ABATE of Oregon?

What did you like most about being a member of the SE Portland Chapter?

What did you like least about being a member of the SE Portland Chapter?

How did the SE Portland chapter meetings meet your needs and expectations as a member or how did we fail to do so?

What is the main reason you are not renewing your membership?

What would have kept you active or helped you to become a more active member?

Any other comments?

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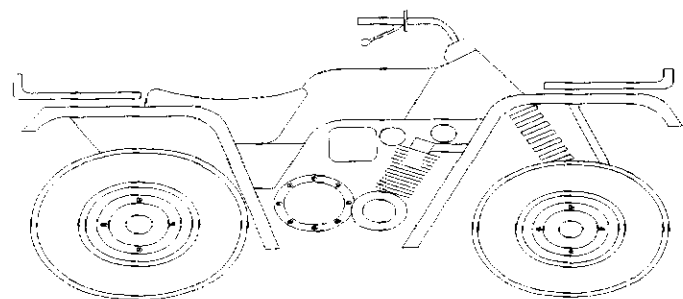
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Can't remember when that am is? Somebody else misplaced the newsletter? Call and find out what is going on in the next couple of weeks. It will be updated about the 1st and 15th of the month.

This is all courtesy of your A.I.M. representatives. Need one? 1-800-531-2424 for the one nearest you.

The line they pay for to get legislative information to you is being lent for this purpose. When the Legislature reconvenes we will start with a mixture of both. Just remember at that time the politics will take priority so the other information will get a little thinner.

The privilege of selecting what information goes here is mine. Edd Dahl A life member of A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, INC and a member of S.E. Portland chapter. Want to talk? 1-503-771-0188.



One Active Members Comments on the ODOT Conference October 28, 29 and 30.

I was quickly reminded of why I live in the country. When traffic began to slow from 65 down to '0' at 7:00 a.m. on I-205 at Oregon City. When just two-hour's earlier I had left Oakridge the slow pace of rural America.

The DJ on the radio said there was a 'crash' on the exit to I-84 traffic was slowing. Well it took an hour to get to that exit that ment I was running late for the O.D.O.T. conference. I sure would of like to get there on time -- Oh well.

Upon arrival at the Hood River Inn only five minutes late. I found the Orientation room, of course the only remaining seat is right up front. Great entry Black leather jacket, 3 piece suits, starched uniforms and professional dressed people everywhere, as usual you could hear a pin drop. So I seated myself right up front and heard how ODOT spends our tax dollars Federal and State.

First session's start at 10:15 'safety belts', 'communities/youth', 'law enforcement/speed/engineering' and 'impaired driving', which I attended. Seems to me that impaired driving is number one on the hit list. I do think this is an important issue, but it is going to create over policing, ODOT and police agencies across Oregon want to set up road blocks whenever where-ever for seatbelts/D.U.I. which they want to lower to .04 in 1999. Better watch what mouth wash you use. To top all this off the federal government is giving large amounts of money for compliance in setting up new laws. This session lasted till about noon, which at this time they feed us lunch. At this time I am still wondering where the other ABATE members are, when I run into Randy Phipps at the registration table. Randy and I then attend the welcome and legislative forum, which lasted till 3:10 after a 20-minute break. They presented Wayne Reece, Reece & Associates, Atlanta GA. He gave a talk on 'organizing for public policy change' he was a good speaker with a good outline. This lasted until 4:30 and after this there was a reception until six o'clock after which Randy and I headed back to Portland, long Day.

October 29 picked Randy up at 6:30 a.m. headed to Hood River, when just about 1000 yards before exit 64 on I-84 there's a sign saying Motorcycles use right lane, no other explanation, but Randy had noticed what looked like an expansion join running east/west in the middle of the fast lane. So being that we are at the ODOT conference we decided to find out what this sign means. Come to find out two days later and many bodies it is a expansion joint. The proper people are in the process of making the appropriate changes in signage to give the rider fair warning of road hazards ahead. With a great continental breakfast out of the way Randy and myself headed for session one. We had both decided to attend. "New Technology in Engineering" other workshops were Oregon Green Light, this was about truck scales. New direction in children's injury prevention session and the role of emergency services in traffic safety. We thought that roads were our important issues. The first thing that I notice was that motorcycle is not in the vocabulary of the people who engineer roads for ODOT or DOT period. They speak of cars, trucks, trains, pedestrians and mopeds but not motorcycles. I asked if they wished we would just go away and got a good laugh. ODOT is in the process of making signs bigger and brighter, that's a great idea in my book. ODOT is at this time trying a new/old idea that the European's like. The new ideas are

called roundabouts, they are a fancy intersection with an obstruction in the middle instead of a green light. All traffic enters by yielding right of way and drives around until your street is in front of you. Proven fact that more bicycle and moped crashes occur at these intersections. But Salem and Eugene are willing to gibe them a try. Seems cyclist in other countries avoid these like the plague.

With session one out of the way at 10:15 am we have a 30-minute break. Then its on to 'New Technology in Enforcement' this was about photo radar, Red light cameras and lasers. Photo radar doesn't work in this state on motorcyclist because it needs a photo of your plate, but it only gets a picture of your face at this point in time. This session ended at noon lunch break.

1:45 sessions resumed. I attended 'aggressive driving - what can be done' I learned at this session that the word accident no longer is used in the ODOT vocabulary. It was said the only things that have accidents are infants, kitties and little puppies all, the rest are called crashed or collisions. I am glad I live in the country! Randy attended 'How to Win Legislators and Influence Legislation' we did not attend 'Mini-Grants that Work' or 'Safety Investment program' this workshop ended at 3:00 p.m.

3:30 and I'm sitting in a workshop called 'Issues of the Maturing Driver' put on by the 55 alive people and the DMV. Seems that age had nothing to do with when you have to surrender your drivers' license. It's your ability to handle a motor vehicle and of course you're physical ability. Seems like they have a real good approach for testing the aging. I had a conversation with John Meredith of 55 alive of how we would like to get our motorcycle awareness information out to the people that take part in their classes. We exchanged phone

numbers and said we would get back in touch. This ended at 4:45 p.m. Randy attended 'Gap Analysis - The Need for More Troopers' we didn't attend 'Black Box Technology in our Cars' or 'Building Effective Traffic Safety Committee'. Dinner was served from 6:0 to 8:00 p.m., Randy and I ate dinner with the head woman in charge Helen Liere, ACTS Oregon. We then headed our way back too Portland as it as getting late and we weren't fortunate enough to have a room at the conference, maybe next time.

October 30 6:30 am randy and I are back on the road, headed for you know where Hood River. Another breakfast and workshops start at 9 am. I am attending 'New Developments in Multi-Modal Transportation'. Randy's taking in 'Meet The Transportation Safety Staff'. We didn't attend 'Teen Courts' or 'New developments in Child Safety Seats'. After attending that session I'll tell you I wish we has as much freedom of the road as we had freedom of the waterway's. Seems that there is no speed limit or drivers license, no noise limit, no limit on horsepower, no drinking and driving laws, no open container, it goes on and on, hope it manages to stay free. Maybe I'll buy a boat! This session was about railroads, mass transit and of course waterways. It was very interesting.

Well its 10:45 AM and the last session I choose to go to was, 'Draw, Blow or Go'. I don't think this was for the general public. OH WELL!! Only two people other than Law Enforcement personal attended this session, a man and myself from the trucking industry. This basically was a class on how not to screw up a DUI arrest. There are many ways to fail a rode side test. Don't do anything until you are under arrest then making wise choices. The officers have quite a few choices! All I know is that I came out of the session feeling like I was in Hitler controlled Gemenary. From road blocks for

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seat belt / DUII infractions to 'Draw, Blow or GO' I just don't know where its all headed for sure. Randy attended 'Drivers Ed / and Graduated Licensing - What's Happening'. We didn't attend 'New Roadway Technology' or "Spread The Word - Using The News Media and Internet'.

With all the sessions out of the way its on to lunch and the awards presentation, which I am sorry to say randy and myself didn't receive one. But Randy did manage to win a iron workers ball cap how do you figure at ODOT conference. Anyway this has been a interesting event.

Kind of a summary we need to keep an ever watchful eye on the DOT as well as ODOT, our elected officials and the federal governments, as they sure like to spend our tax dollars doing things we don't always approve of like, ZERO tolerance BAC (blood alcohol content). I think TNTT(trauma nurses talk tough), and MADD (mother against drunk drivers) can bobby extremely well so these can quickly become laws. Oregon is already in the fore front for giving up its rights and the federal government is quickly rewarding, it just gave Oregon one hundred eleven million dollars or should I say the ODOT. So if you don't want things like road block, excessive show of force, zero tolerance, told to wear a helmet, seat belts, what kind of muffler you can put on you bike or car. Just sit there and o nothing because then it will happen without any effort from you. So here is a challenge to the unseen membership get off you butt and attend a meeting or two get involved, we need you help!! It's a hard battle for the 10% of 1700 members that keep the ball rolling.

Ride safe, vote smart, and don't elect your next enemy. See 'Everyone at STEAM in February'.

Signed: Lincoln County Chapter Coordinator
Lincoln County Chapter State Rep.
State Sanctioning committee person
Lane County DPCP

Gary Ploub



Why Ride?

Reprinted from American Motorist April '98

I think we've all been asked, 'Why do you ride a motorcycle?'

Generally, the question comes from a person trained to view motorcycling as a dangerous pastime.

'If you want the wind in you hair, why not just roll down the windows of your car,' they ask. I've tried to explain, but more recently, I've just taken to shrugging. I figured it just couldn't be put into words.

Recently, I was reading Charles Lindbergh's account of the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean. When I read this passage, it all came together.

'I open the cockpit ventilator and start to slip the left window into place, when I realize that a new factor has to be considered, one of those factors engineers cant measure with their curves, yet one on which all performances must rest - the condition of the pilot.

'Windows would cut down the flow of air through my cockpit. They'd form a barrier between me and the elements outside my plane. They'd interfere with the crystal clarity of communion with water, land, and sky. They'd insulate me from a strength I'll need before my flight is done, and which, for some reason, cannot penetrate their thin transparency.

'No, I'll leave the windows in their rack, waste the miles of range they offer, I'll sacrifice their efficiency to mine...Now for the first time, I'm taking a favor from my plane. It makes the Spirit of St. Louis seem more like a partner in adventure than a machine of cloth and steel.'

Inspired words from a great man and a kindred spirit.

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ABATE Members:

Thank you to all of the members that supported our booth during the three runs that we participated in. you were great as always, and we want you to know what we did with our profits so I will break it down for each run, then show the total and how we divided up the money. 1998 was the lowest in profits that we have had, but we feel it was still a success because we can still help our communities.

Net profits(or loss) for the following are:

Fossil Run	\$1243.89
Summer Run	\$ 318.82
End Of Summer Run	<u>\$-353.48</u>

Year end total = \$1209.23

This is how we spent the	\$1209.23
Scholarship Fund 15%	- \$ 181.39
Sharing Tree 25%	- \$ 302.31
(local kids xmas)	
ABATE Shriner's Fund 7%	- \$ 84.64
Gamma Upsilon 20%	- \$ 241.84
(playground equip)	
General Fund 33%	- \$ 399.05
(Amer Legion)	

100% - \$1209.23

Also thank you to members that are saving the can pull-tabs, we are collecting them for help to defer the cost of Kidney Dialysis.

Sincerely,

Jami Johns
Commander



From the Desk of Preacher Jim

More On Concealed Firearms Laws

A big thank-you to Spencer Neal for his excellent article on the possession and carrying of guns in the city of Portland. As a concealed permit holder and as a small-arms instructor both military and civilian, I would like to add some more info and some personal experiences of my own.

First, I would like to mention a few more places that forbid the carrying of a gun with or without a permit. You cannot carry a firearm in ANY federal facility. This includes a federal building or any building use by federal authorities. (You're local IRS office for example), you cannot carry inside a local Post Office branch. Several permit-carrying persons have, inadvertently, carried a concealed handgun into a PO just to check mail and were apprehended. It is also unlawful to carry a concealed weapon on or in any Tri-Met vehicle with or without a permit. There are other facilities that could trip you up such as the Donald E. Long home (Juvenile Lockup Facility) or other incarceration facilities.

ORS 166.250 allows a person, over 18, to possess a handgun (loaded) in their residence, place of business or in a recreational vehicle while it is being used as a residence. No permit or license is required but said individual must comply with ORS 166.270. (Ex-convict in possession). Persons with a carry permit should understand that other 'incorporated Areas' (cities or towns) may have laws of their own concerning carrying concealed weapons. If in doubt, unload your gun as per Spencer's article and ASK. Violations of concealed carry laws WILL forfeit your right to a concealed carry permit and can result in a fine and/or jail time.

I have been riding for over 50 years and have been a serious, lifestyle BIKER for 30 years. On several occasions I have been stopped by police on my Harley while carrying a concealed handgun. We know that a police officer's adrenaline is rushing when pulling a Biker over. I cannot understand the reason for the adversarial attitude we are 'encouraged' to adopt toward police officers. I have sensed the apprehension of police when pulling me over and I try to DEFUSE the situation immediately. I inform the officer first that I am carrying a concealed handgun with permit and I keep my hands on the handlebars!!! Here are some of the replies I have received: P.O. 'where is the gun now?' me, 'on my right hip' P.O. 'ok, just leave it there.' Next scenario: After informing the officer I'm carrying) P.O. oh, what kind of gun do you carry?' me, 'a govt. model .45' P.O. 'do you prefer such a large gun compared to a compact .45?' me, 'I really like the feel and balance. I also use it in competition events.' P.O. 'what kind of events?' me 'IPSC shoots and the Place To Shoot Friday night shoots' P.O., 'yeah, with I could get to some of those events.' From this point we talked more about guns and the 2nd amendment. This P.O. then said he stopped me for changing lanes several times without signaling. He then said 'it was nice talking with ya. Watch out for the crazies out there.' Then he left WITHOUT giving me a ticket.

There have been other times I was pulled over both on the Harley and in my car. I follow the same procedure and never once has any officer EVER asked me to show my gun or asked to examine it. Do you suppose that I'm doing something right??? Several years ago at Fossil when so many of us were stopped for helmet checks, I was stopped too because my passenger was wearing a 'beanie' type helmet. I informed the

officer I was carrying and he just said 'ok'. He then went on to explain WHY the helmet was illegal and said that for our own safety we should get a good helmet. He was very polite and pleasant to us. We did NOT get a ticket!!! Do you suppose respect begets respect!!!

I'm sure many will take exception with me on this approach. All I can say is that it has worked for me for thirty years. One officer asked if he could ask a personal question. He wanted to know if the bikers who wore the 1% patch (I do not) have actually killed a cop to get to wear it. He was a very young officer and was told at the academy that that's what it meant.

We spend so much effort to educate the public about how we are really good people and so much effort to educate drivers of our rights on the road. But, has anyone ever given any thought to ask if ABATE might give a presentation at the police academy about what we are really like? Wishful thing I know!!! As an organization AND as individuals we consider police officers to be an adversary and to be treated as such. Of course it all started decades ago I know and we just keep it going with our attitudes. In the long run, we are the losers!!

Preacher JIM
Columbia River Chapter



Editor's Mailbag

Reprinted from the Albany Democrat-Herald

Daytime headlight may endanger motorcyclists

Since people are concerned about cars and trucks driving with their headlights on during the day, let's review the subject.

About 20 years ago a law was passed that required motorcycles to have their headlights on all of the time, day and night. It was determined that it would make the relatively small vehicles more visible to auto drivers, therefore they would be safer while using the roads. It seemed that it actually did have some merit and the accident rate between cars and motorcycles started to decrease.

Along with the safety programs that were instituted about the same time, Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Training, and ABATE of Oregon's Motorcycle Awareness Program, the accident rate continued to decline.

Now the current feeling is that if using headlights make motorcyclists more visible, the 'Let's all turn on our headlights and we will all be safer on the road.'

What do you think happens to the motorcyclist? The very ones the law was drafted and passed to protect? They become invisible, just like twenty years ago.

With all due consideration, trucks and cars with their headlight on during the day should be ticketed for it because they are endangering the safety of others who have the same right to use the highways as any other vehicle.

Mel Yeager, Education Director
ABATE of Oregon
Albany (Nov 25)

State recommends daytime use of headlights

Reprinted from the Albany Democrat-Herald

By Hasso Hering

Whether it annoys some motorists or not, Oregon state officials recommended that drivers turn on their car headlights during the day.

'Yes we do,' says Stan Porter, coordinator of the team Oregon motorcycle safety program in the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The reason, he adds, is that according to studies in the United States, Canada, and the Scandinavian countries, 'your twice as likely to be seen with lights on that without them.'

Lt. Greg Hastings of the State Police in Salem says the agency 'highly recommends' the use of daytime car headlights even though they are not required by law.

'It increases the ability of other motorists to see you,' he says in a telephone message to the D-H.

The Democrat-Herald asked ODOT and the state police about the daytime use of car headlights after the issue was raised in letters to the editor. A couple of letter writers said they were annoyed by other cars' lights being on during the day.

On Monday, Albany resident Mel Yeager, the safety director of the ABATE motorcycle organization, argued in a letter that the widespread use of car lights during the daytime could endanger motorcyclist because their headlights - required to be on in daytime - would no (not) longer stand out as much.

Thought no studies have yet been done, Porter acknowledges that this might prove to be a problem. For that reason, he says, Oregon allows motorcyclists to use modulating headlights.

State law says motorcycle may use daytime headlights that modulate - from dim to bright and back - between 200 and 280 times a minute.

Porter knows of two makers that equip their bikes with modulation headlights. For older machines, owners can get after market-modulating lights installed for under \$75, he said.

The next step for motorcycles may be modulating brake lights, already provided by BMW but not yet legal in Oregon.

As for car headlights during daytime, these trends are at work:

- General Motors equips all its cars with daytime running lights. Now the company has begun to reduce the brightness of the running lights, according to Mitch Putman, parts manager at a Woodburn GMC store and a member of the governor's motorcycle safety committee.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is said to be pushing for a U.S. law similar to Canada's, which requires daytime running lights, though this could not be confirmed with the Washington agency.
- The use of car headlight - not just automatic running lights - during the daytime is increasing, state officials say.

Further, the state police recommend daytime lights in specially designated safety corridors such as Highway 34 between Interstate 5 and Corvallis in order to reduce accidents.

Porter says ODOT especially recommends the use of car headlights during the day on narrow two-lane roads such as those from the valley to the Oregon Coast.

Here are a number of website you may find useful. The State Law: State & Local Gov. website gives you access to all state governments on the web, so it can be used to compare laws or governments across the country. The possibilities are endless!!

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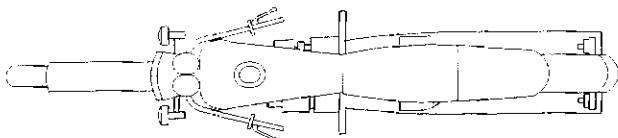
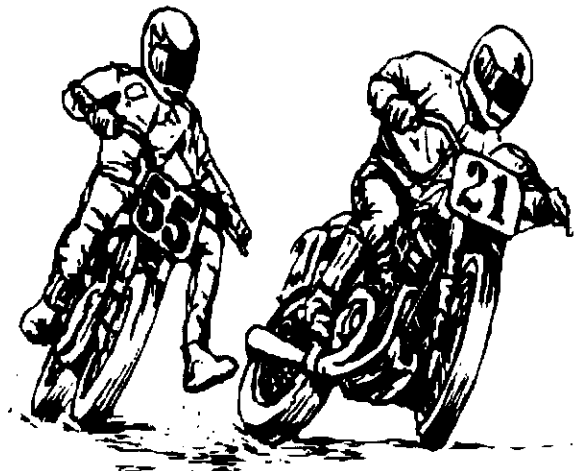
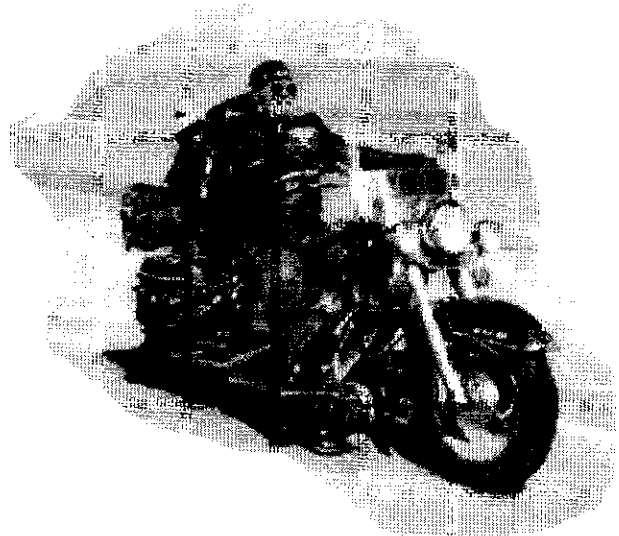
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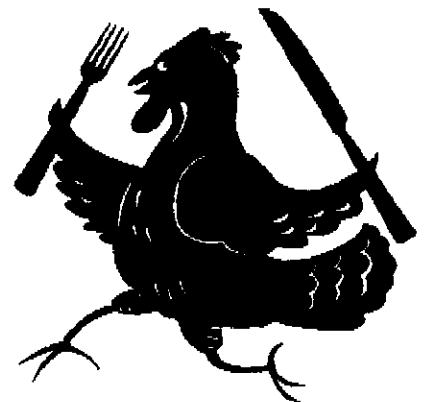
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The TEAM OREGON Motorcycle Safety Program recently honored several groups, organizations and individuals for their contributions in making Oregon's roads safer for motorcyclists and motorists alike. The awards were presented during the 14th Annual Instructor Awards Banquet, held November 21 in Salem. **More than 100 people were in attendance at this event. In all, thirty-three people from across the state and region were recognized.**

I'm pleased to announce that **ABATE of Oregon** received a **Certificate of Recognition** for long-standing support and uncompromising dedication to safer motorcycling. **Great achievements in safer motorcycling have been realized over the years, many of which would have not been possible without ABATE's advocacy and support.**

Please extend my congratulations and appreciation to your members across the state for this long overdue recognition.

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9 SIMPLE WAYS TO IMPACT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

1. BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR A LETTER

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

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

5. PHONE CALLS

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

6 . HANDWRITTEN VS. TYPED LETTERS

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

7 . PETITIONS AND FORM LETTERS

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

8 . ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WRITE

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

9 . FOLLOW-UP

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

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

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

THE BOTTOM LINE...

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



HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

YES : How did you plead? _____

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

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

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

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

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

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

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Portland, OR 97208
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____

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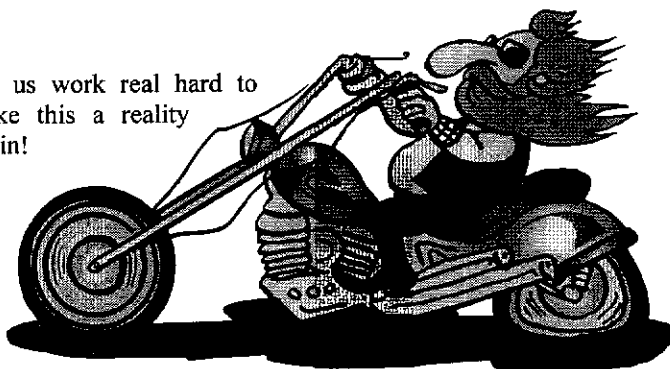
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1 st SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00 Noon Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
2 nd WEDNESDAY	KLAMATH COUNTY	6:30 PM, Old Town Pizza Co., 722 Main St., Klamath Falls
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, PrimeTimeSportsBar & Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield