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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

March 1999

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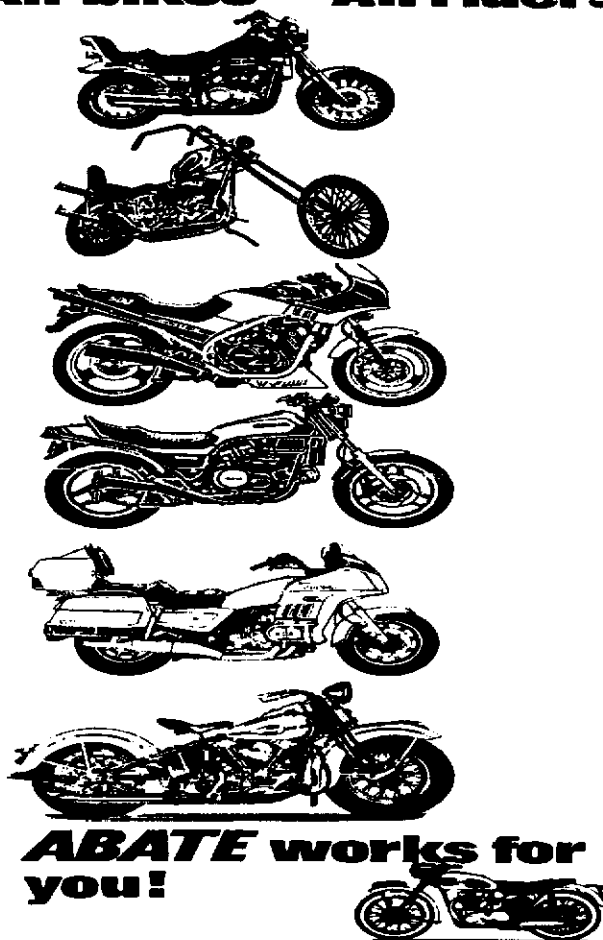
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All bikes - All riders



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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
1 st SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
	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, Oregon'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 TUESDAY	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, Farmhouse Café, 3500 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM, Astoria Eagle, 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, Prime Time Sports Bar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield
1 st FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Coordinator's Comments

Hi Friends,

It's about 12:00 AM. I've been sitting here reading e-mail notes, reports, etc. and making phone calls for ABATE since about 5:00 PM with Tina's help and Kim at the electronic brain (computer). There is still no end to the unread piles of correspondence. Once again I stand in awe and respect for all the brothers and sisters who have persevered, sweat blood and just plain spent their whole lives making ABATE and BikePAC what it is to keep the dream of freedom alive. I don't know how you folks did it. This time of year, with work and all, I just can't seem to keep up.

Yesterday, Fast Eddie and I were B.S.'n about back when I first got involved at the state level. I was a Board Rep for River City and Ed was the State Treasurer I believe. I think it was winter '84-'85. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. was typically operating on \$300 to \$1000 treasuries at the time, stashed in somebody's closet in an old Crown Royal bag and we were all a lot younger. I really didn't have a clue back then. I'd been riding all my life, I hated authority and ABATE just seemed to be the thing to do.

It's a good thing for all of us there were some people with vision and determination. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. has accomplished some great things over the years. As with any non-profit or civil rights organization, success and survival depends on devotion and Herculean efforts and it tends to be done by a group of long-term devoted people.

We should be proud of the accomplishments of ABATE of Oregon and all the related organizations nation-wide. If it wasn't for some folks back in '67 or '68 I think, who saw the first legislation coming (I think related to safety of choppers, it may have been helmets too) we could have been legislated out of existence years ago. From those humble beginnings has grown a strong political force nation-wide. Strangely enough this force was formed out of a group of citizens our opponents and many in government claim are irresponsible, reckless burdens on society and generally incapable of being productive. Well, we have become a force to be reckoned with across the nation and in Oregon. Our monthly budget is larger than that Crown Royal bank of years gone by. We have made the roads safer for bikers and made bikers safer, especially the young beginner who now must receive training to become endorsed. This was no small task in the bureaucratic world we live in. We still have a small problem with a Governor who has blinders on. He seems to think his freedom should not be ours. No big deal, he won't be around forever.

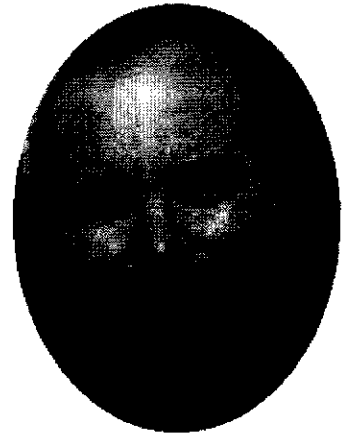
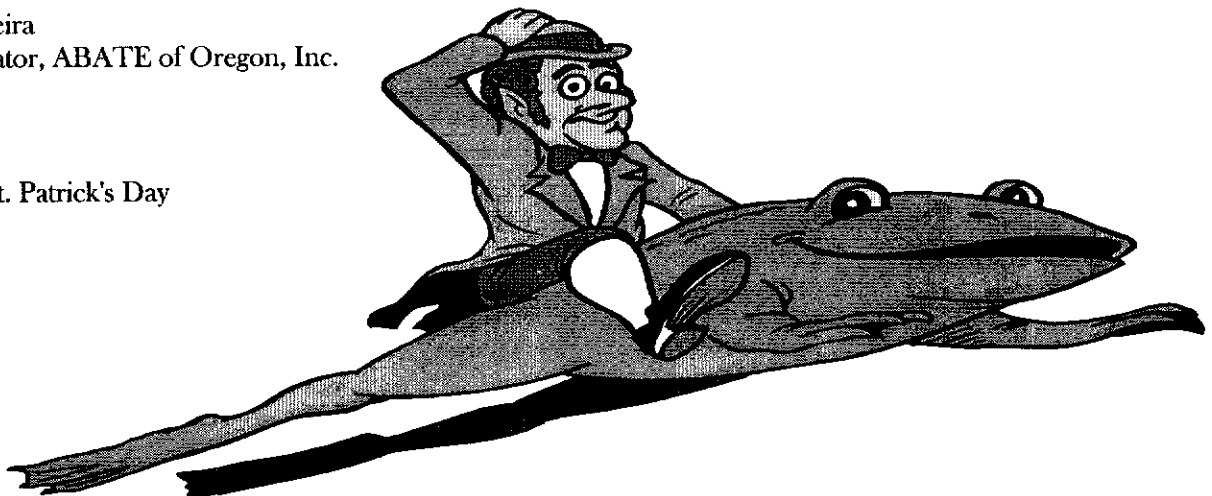
Now to the future. Many of those long-term devoted folks with the vision who created this thing are tired. They put their lives on hold for ten to twenty years because of their belief in freedom. Some of them want to start up their lives again. I don't blame them. I am feeling the crush myself sometimes. If there is a future for ABATE of Oregon, Inc./BikePAC, it must come from new blood. So, in the future when you run into an Elder, hug them and say thank you for all their efforts. But remember the best way to honor their work is to take the load off their backs. We must find new blood to carry on their dream and give them back their lives.

Later,

Chris Vieira

Coordinator, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 by Scott Greenfield, Sergeant at Arms East. Gary Ploub, State Vice Coordinator South is filling in today for Chris Vieira, due to motor vehicle difficulties. There were 14 chapters in attendance with 13 eligible to vote.

Coordinator's Comments: Gary welcomed everyone.

Correspondence: None

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: Biker's Days have been very successful, but still need people to attend, especially for the March 3rd session. Frankie has been working on the Legislative Buddy program, and has signed up several people, but is always looking for more. If you are interested in this program, contact Frankie. If you want to check on the status of pending legislation, the # is 1-800-332-2313. The "End of Life" directive in Europe that has been troubling our friends across the ocean has been minimized by the amendment that bikes over 20 years old are considered "antiques" and therefore not subject to the directive. Many folks have written or called to order their copy of the NHTSA video. If you haven't, and are interested, see last month's minutes for the info. If you have seen this video, now it's time to write to NHTSA and explain your opposition, at the minimum about this waste of taxpayer's dollars.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Murge was unable to attend the recent BikePAC meeting, due to illness, but received a report from Gunny. Strategies for the current session were discussed. Brian Stovall and Teresa Hepker have announced their intention to resign, looking for volunteers to fill some very big shoes. Discussion about setting up more Biker's Days. May Awareness Rally discussion. BikePAC will not be able to run the event this year, but Murge will coordinate this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact her.

Education Director: Mel and Iris gave two Motorcycle Awareness classes, one at Corvallis High with 31 students. The other was at Linn-Benton Community College with 25 students. Tom Curran and Bud Berliner taught a class for a father/son event on January 21st. 55 people there got the message to watch for motorcycles. STEAM will be history by the time you read this, hope it went well!

Education Director II: OPEN

Membership Secretary: Numbers are down this month. Chapter membership secretaries need to work on retaining those expiring members. Several chapters are running membership drives.

Newsletter Editor: Blue Mountain chapter has had no newsletter paragraph for 2 months in a row, will not be able to vote at this meeting. Advertisements are needed as well as cover art. Gordon issued a challenge to all chapters that they get a proclamation from their area's Mayor for May, which is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Have you looked at the Road List lately? Many names and numbers were removed, due to old, outdated information. If you are interested in appearing on the list, contact your Chapter coordinator to be added.

Products: Angie memorial patches are available

PR: Fossil flyer and run list distributed to ABATE of CA, ABATE of NV, ABATE of WA, and ABATE of ID. Several other national publications received our official run calendar, including Biker, Easyriders, Thunder Press, Asphalt Angels, Motor Sport News, AMA, and MMA. If you know of another group that would like this information, get it to Melinda.

Run Coordinator: Fossil flyers here, help get them out, spread the word. Tickets for Fossil are also available, get yours today! Bike Games and Show in need of a chapter to put them on, anyone interested? Contact Roger. Roger also needs several rolls of surveyor's tape, preferably white or fluorescent. T-shirt contest ends on March 13. Get your artwork in to be considered. The winner of the T-shirt contest wins 2 T-shirts and tickets to the Fossil Run. Run Coordinator II position open. This job is important and needs to be filled so that Roger isn't so overworked. Please think about applying for this office.

Run Coordinator II: OPEN

Treasurer: Clark reported balances as of 1/31/99: Bulk Mail \$2,117.00; Checking Account \$2,750.42; General Savings \$10,170.57; Legal Savings \$1607.37; for a grand total of \$16,645.36. Discussion regarding a proposal to change financial policies and procedures. Tabled discussion until New Business.

Historian: Several framed certificates received, will be archived with the rest of the ABATE history.

WebPage Editor: No report, not in attendance.

Vice Coordinator North: Jim is in contact with a non-profit attorney regarding some corporate questions. Discussion regarding State Board Representatives from various chapters. Discussion regarding mandatory

officer discrepancies on the Bylaws and on the "New Chapter" guidelines. Jill will amend the "New Chapter" guidelines to reflect the information on the Bylaws. Jim also noted that any chapters that have their own bylaws need to submit this to the State Recording Secretary, as Jill is responsible to maintain these records. At this time, she has only the bylaws from SE Portland.

Vice-Coordinator South: Gary is planning to attend chapter meetings in his jurisdiction.

Vice-Coordinator East: Brad will also be attending chapter meetings in his jurisdiction

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob is getting ready for Fossil, will be contacting Chapter Sergeant at Arms to begin sign-ups for security.

Sergeant at Arms East: Scott had no report

Sergeant at Arms South: Tina is experiencing motor vehicle difficulties, not in attendance

Committee Reports:

1. **Membership Committee:** This committee was just formed, and has not had time to develop anything to present to the Board. Report to come soon.

2. **Sanctioning Committee:** Jill reported on several events that have received sanctioning. She is working on a more "user-friendly" way to get items to the committee for sanctioning, but again stressed that adequate lead time for an event should be at least 90 days to allow for participants to learn of the event. A full presentation will be held at STEAM regarding sanctioning, make plans to be there to get all your questions answered!

Old Business:

1. **Fact finding survey:** Minimal information has been gathered

2. **Incident reporting forms:** Gunny agreed to work on this last month, not in attendance today, no report.

3. **Helmet law review panel:** Teresa Hepker and Melinda McCrossen attended this Panel. A preliminary 24-page report has been issued to panel members, will be out soon to the general group.

New Business:

1. **May Awareness Rally:** BikePAC will not be sponsoring this event this year, but Murge has agreed to chair this event, will need help! Contact her if you are interested.

2. Ted Tracy of Washington County made a motion to allow the NW Veterans Motorcycle Group a discounted rate in the Newsletter for a flyer. Seconded by Bob. Discussion on Media Guidelines regarding reciprocity for other MRO's, and whether NW Vets qualified. Vote 10 aye, 0 nay. Motion carries. NW Veterans will be offered a full-page ad space for 3 months for \$75.

3. Motion by Ted Tracy that ABATE of Oregon spend \$324 for a 300 gal. water tank. This tank would fit into a regular pickup bed, and be available to chapters putting on events. This would lessen the dependency we have on Roger and his truck to transport the current water tank. Seconded by Bob. Discussion whether a suitable vehicle or trailer would be a better option. Past experience shows ABATE owning a motor vehicle is not good. Lincoln County noted that they have a water tank available for use by other chapters, but were unsure of water quantity and whether it would fit in a pickup. Motion tabled until further information received from Lincoln County.

4. Motion by Brenda Trainer-Huber that the state purchase a copy of "The Oregon Non-Profit Corporation" handbook for \$45, "Rules of the Game" for \$25, "Being a Player" \$15 and "Guide to the Lobbying Disclosure Act" no charge. These books were recently updated and can assist the State Officers in performing their jobs within the framework of the law. Vote 12 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Kurt to take proposed changes to the Treasury Financial Policies and Procedures and impact of these changes back to the chapters for discussion. Second by Bob. Discussion regarding addition of penalties for chapters that do not conform to the policies. Discussion regarding difficulty last year with chapters whose treasury did not conform to state policy. Federal laws require information from Chapter treasuries to be filed with the State's taxes. Changes are being proposed to help break up the job of the chapter treasurers and to reduce the amount of work required in the event of problems with the treasury at the chapter level. Vote 11 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried. Vote on the changes to procedures to be done at the March meeting.

Discussion regarding Legislative District information not being up to date. Each Chapter is requested to complete an update of their rolls and secure this information ASAP.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.

Next State Board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1999 at Noon in Junction City.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary.

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)-534-5411

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

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

Chapter address: P.O. Box 9188 Bend, Or. 97708

Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

Burr!

During our March meeting we will be holding officer nominations.

Then for the April meeting we will have officer elections.

The following is a rough draft of 1999 Central Or. Events:

March 20th Casino Night

April 11th 3:00 pm we are having a potluck after a short meeting.

This is open to everyone. Bring a side dish, family, and friends, and get reacquainted with old and new members. If you know someone interested in ABATE this would be a great opportunity to bring them.

May 15th Poker run

June 24th Poker run

July 24th Timed run

August 21st 3rd Annual Teddy Bear Run & Poker Run

September 18th & 19th End of Summer B.B.Q.

Watch for information on the runs & events. We would also like to see some old faces show up at our meetings. We need new ideas. We need you for the upcoming elections. We hope to see you all soon. Riding Weather is right around the corner, so let's make this year a good one.

Keep warm and think SPRING!

Sherri

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

I would like to start this out with a Big Thank-You to Janet who covered by backside as always and got our letter in on time. As you might have read in the last month Newsletter. I lost my Father over the Holidays. I had to drop everything and catch a plane to the East Coast. Normally that would be fine but four days after Christmas and two days till New Years good luck getting a flight out. Not detoured in the least, after all this is the man that gave me my start hanging out in the garage fetching tools and my undying love for travel and adventure, not to mention my very first motorcycle ride.

I thank all for your prayers and letters.

Family is forever.

I would like to also thank all those people involved in this years Sweetheart Dance. The decorations were great, the door prizes wanted by all, most of all the feeling of family ever present. It's good to be in A.B.A.T.E. (I love You Man!!)

We are also accepting new applicants for the fight for freedom! Feel free to submit your resume. Requires only Hardwork, Dedication, and the will to change Anything!!! That's right Anything!! Must be that "Steam" coming out my ears sorry. For those of you who are not involved "Seminar To Educate And Motivate". All I can say is I paid Attention:) That and a nickel and they say I ain't got no sense. Now here is a good example. Sorry to my lovely daughter "Miss Chelsea Colvin" Who if her mother would have listened to her. If I had only taken her to last weeks A.B.A.T.E. meeting. She would have been \$84.00 smacks as she calls it Richer. I'm sorry and I promise to always take you as long as your willing to go.

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: Connie 541-440-3079

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Just a short note to let everyone know that the Chapter has it's officers for another year.

We wish to thank everyone for stepping up when we needed you. Remember to go to BIKER DAYS if you can. Let them hear you out there!

Until next time. Take care in this weather.

The PEST

Cyndi

Klamath County

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

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

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

Chapter contact: Deby Beekman 541-884-7735

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March madness, who knows: but one thing I do know is - - the first day of spring is the 21st of this month. That is cause to celebrate because bike riding days are on the way. Its time to get over the winter doldrums and look ahead to a great year. Even though it is snowing out my window as I type this, I know sunshine is not far away and I hope for a long dry spring.

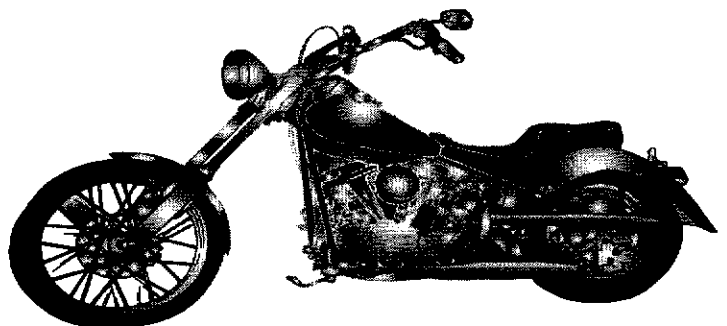
No election results until after February meeting, due to poor attendance in January, everything was put on hold for a month.

Welcome to all the new officers in other chapters.

Congratulations to all of you. Your work is cut out for you. I also want to thank all of our officers for doing their part this past term.

Happy Easter to one and all. Lookout for Peter Cottontail, he may be lurking behind a door somewhere.

Judy "MOM" LaMay



Lincoln County

Meets the 1st Friday, 7 pm
and 1st Sunday, 11:00 AM

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97
Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-3476

Hi!

I wish I could make it to BIKER DAYS on Feb. 12, but I got the luck of the draw,....Jury Duty. I hope to make BIKER DAYS on March 3rd, hope to see you there.

Some of us got together and went bowling. I would like to speak for everyone and say we had a BLAST! I won our roving trophy for highest score. We're talking about maybe going again sometime in April.

Hopefully the Flyer for our Anniversary Party made it into this Newsletter. If not, on March 27th our Long John Bike Ride will start 11:00am at Moby's for breakfast, and will leave at 1pm SHARP! Party starts 7pm at Logsdan Community Center.

We have changed our first meeting of the Month to the first Friday, 7pm, at Moby's. Our second meeting stays the same, 3rd Sunday, 11:00am, same place. Hope to see more Members.

I believe that's it.

RIDE SAFE!

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

Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor 503-777-5121

Hello Members

Did you enjoy the Super Bowl commercials? As for the football game, well we won't go there.

Trust everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day! Hope you were able to "take it to Columbia River Chapter's 9th Annual Sweetheart Dance.

I am S-O-O-O-O glad to hear the little ground hog did not see his shadow, which means spring will be approaching us soon. I can smell the flowers already. I must have cabin fever! Speaking about spring, hope you marked your calendar for the up-coming events. Remember by attending regular Chapter meetings, we try to bring you updated current A.B.A.T.E. News and events.

Last month we were in preparation for Biker Days and focused on Legislation. Chapter Legislator, Mike reported very interesting news from the WEB. He spoke about the propaganda and misconceptions released to the public regarding helmet use. In addition, Mike reported on Helmets Recommended for Skiers by Michael Kennedy, Consumer Product Safety Commission. He is recommending that skiers and snowboarders wear helmets to reduce injuries and save lives. This recommendation of course is due to the fatal ski accident of Sonny Bono. However, I think this is just another way of adding to the propaganda and misconceptions regarding the use of helmets. From what I understand, this is not going over very well with Skiers and Snowboarders especially with Extremists. We just might have some company here shortly, in joining us in our fight for freedom of choice, regarding the mandatory helmet law. What do they say, EXTREME strength in numbers! In addition, Frank Saxton, a guest member, gave a progress report on where we stand on issues presented, to the Committee.

I understand there were approximately 65 supporters at the Capital on January 22. I would like to thank all those troopers for banding together to show your support, and for those whom rode your scooters and endured the elements on the way down, I have to say, What dedication!

At our January 20th chapter meeting our Chapter Coordinator, Rusty Taylor presented Appreciation Awards to Sgt. of Arms, Diesel Dave and Jeff Betts, for their involvement and services. Congratulations fellows!

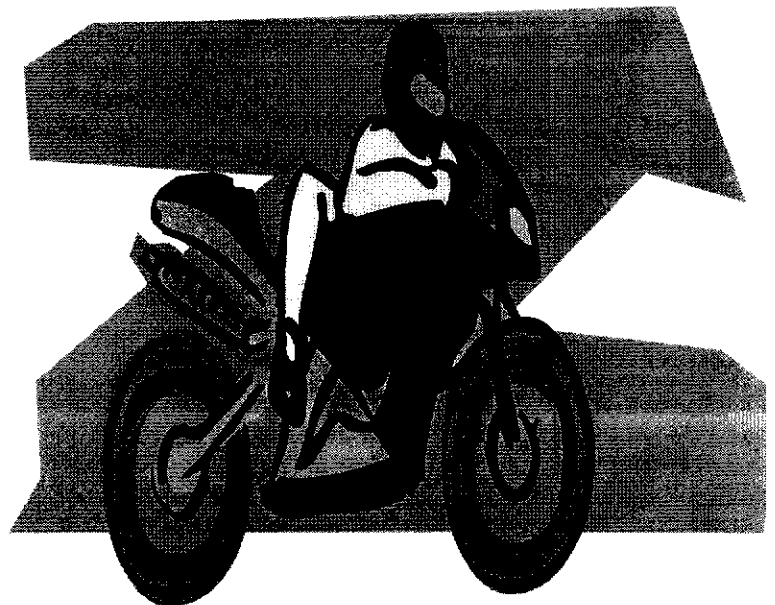
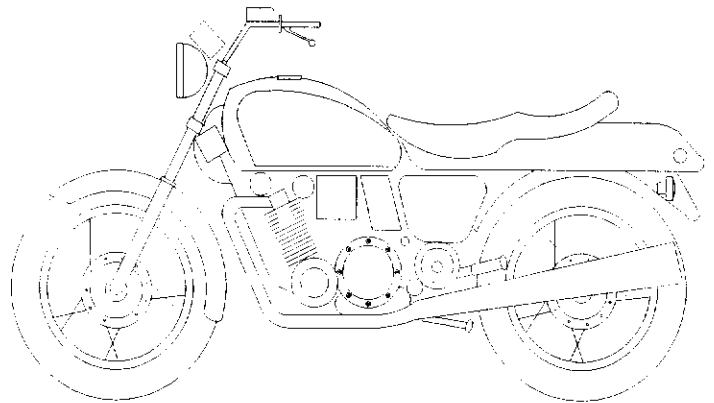
I would also like to announce our new Chapter Chaplain, Mike Friend. Mike, whom is also our Chapter Legislator stepped up for this position and spoke briefly on his past; and how the Good Lord entered his life. It is nice to hear we have Mike to offer his prayer when in need.

Ways & Means, Jim Lisac presented two raffles last month one of which were a "mystery raffle" and on both occasions, prizes were a die cast model "Harley" and a model of a 1942 "Indian." The winner of both prizes...Rotten Roger! (I think we need to shake those raffle tickets harder).

Lastly, SE Chapter has challenged NE Chapter to compete with them, in a Membership Drive. What to think of that!!! Well, we decided to go for it, so all you members hibernating out there WAKE UP! We need your help to kick some

Whoops did I say that! Take Care!

Carmen



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

A Blustery greeting from the Coast!

It's been a stormin' out here! January is our month for chapter office elections and we delayed to the first meeting in February. After much writhing and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and then the generous volunteering of some the dastardly deed was done. The officers for '99 are,

Coordinator--Jeff Gee

Deputy Coordinator--Mark O'Shay

Secretary--Betty Kelso

Treasurer--Andi Toombs (yeah Andi!)

Membership Secretary--Andi Toombs

Ways and Means--Ken Luethe

Run Coordinator--Jamyne Lucier

Historian--Amelia Bellmer

And last but not least the coveted, State Rep.(ha!), has been fulfilled with various volunteers. It is too difficult a task for one person to take on due to the usual arduous distance. After much discussion it was decided the chapter will cover a nites stay at a motel and pay for the gas. This will certainly ease the burden of driving.

We recognize the importance and need to have a rep present at the meeting so our plan is set with different volunteers signed up for different months throughout the year. I trust this will be acceptable. At least we'll have someone there.

Seems as tho everyone's getting an itchy throttle hand and we have some runs coming up. The 8th Annual JJs Benefit Poker Run and Pig Out will fall on May 1st this year. After that it's Pacific County ABATEs 2nd Annual 101 Run on May 15th, and finally our NorthCoast 4th Annual Round Saddle Mountain Run on June 26th.

All these runs are a lot of fun so watch for flyers in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

That's about all for now,

Happy Trails,

Jamyne

River City

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

ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1103, The Dalles, OR 97058

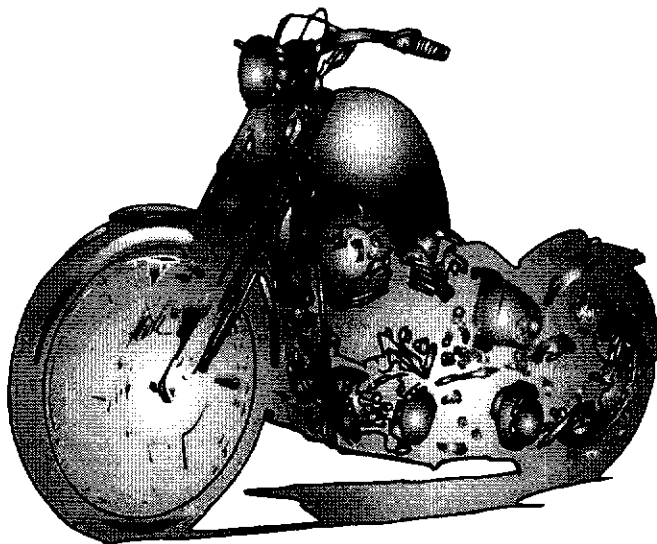
Chapter Contact: Kevin, Membership Secy. [541] 352-7471

Cindy rode her new HD Hugger (44 miles on the odometer), and was having trouble with her teeth getting cold because she couldn't quit smiling! Since we have not gotten anyone to step up to the Ways and Means position, Randy is taking charge and looking for some possible things to do to raise money. He also brought up the idea of a membership drive or recruiting effort. Our weather is still good enough for some good rides on the weekends, so ride it or truck it over and let's go! EVERYBODY SHOW UP AT BIKER DAYS, PLEASE. We had a very good meeting with discussions of several topics. Our Chapter was well represented at the first Biker Day and got their work done with our senator, Ted Ferrioli. We spent some time discussing a proposed fundraiser of going to the local parade and selling pictures on a bike. We also had a heated discussion about the recent article in the Portland Police newsletter that degraded us all as bikers. Our group talked of various responses. The one most people liked was to present the author (and some notable officials) with a demographic presentation of who we bikers really are. We'll see what happens. We are still out there for those Sunday rides (some of us here are true all weather riders) and invite all to join us. We meet at 11:00am at Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St, The Dalles. Last Sunday three of us went about 75 miles through all kinds of weather. Cindy did her first rain riding and now knows how hard raindrops really are!

Brian



Let us be birds of a feather and fly together to
VICTORY



Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE
(Call 503-581-3138 or 503- 581-8637 for information)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309
Chapter Contact: Jim Russell 503-743-4121
Elaine and Gary Devore (503)-581-0006

Begorra y'all,
Death sucks.

But then, bikers ain't gotta be reminded of that.
Seems like we're always losin' good folk through no fault of their own – other than poor timin'. ("If I'd left 7 seconds sooner/later, it'd never of happened.")

But sometimes it ain't the road that gets people.
Like Angie.

Sometimes the spirit wants to fight on an' cling to life an' love but the body just can't take any more.

Lost a buddy from work in early February.
He loved his wife an' sons so much. We know he never would have left them if he could help it. Forty-five is just too young to go. He fought that damn e-coli infection bravely fer over six weeks. Just when it looked like he was gonna make it, it went an' overtook him.

Don't know that Bruce Brown ever rode a bike (though he was offered the chance jokingly), but he knew that Rot Path rode an' he empathized with us.

Learned a lot from Bruce, had hoped to learn more. About dealin' with people despite differences in belief systems. About bein' upbeat about yer circumstances an' not sweatin' the small stuff. About bein' loyal to family an' friends.

Bruce Brown didn't ride, but he had a biker's heart.
I'm really going to miss him.

Rot Path is told that there is an African tradition that teaches that there are five stages of death. Not sure about the first two. (Probably has to do with bein' born an' prom night.) Number three is when the spirit an' body part company. The fourth is when a person is livin' in the memory of those who knew her/him. The last stage of death is when a person is utterly forgotten.

But can anyone be totally forgotten? There are characteristics that are passed from person-to-person, generation-to-generation. In that sense, everyone endures as long as anyone endures.

Oh yeah, the chapter report.

Rot Path was outta town the weekend of the January meetin', so thanks goes to Elaine an' Murge fer takin' notes an' passin' `em on in a timely manner.

Had Frank Saxton attend the January meetin' even if Rot Path didn't. (Writer's conference.)

He (Frank) reminded folks that Legislative Buddies need to spend time with our elected representatives year around, not just during legislative sessions.

Among the items that Murge brought back from the State Board meetin' was that driver's ed classes seem to be teaching a 2-second following distance instead of 4-second.

(Rot Path remains convinced that any cage driver less than 2-seconds off the rear tire of a biker should be convicted of attempted murder.)

Salem Chapter is gonna try to give more recognition to sponsors an' invite `em to Chapter functions.

It's lookin' more an' more like Fox Creek is gonna move back down to the river site just a couple of miles south of

Independence. (That'll be 6-8 August fer those of ya who ain't made to the back pages of this rag yet.) The local bu\$ine\$\$e\$ is lookin' forward to seein' our bug-stained teeth. An' what can top some skinny-dippin' in the river on a hot summer day? (Just had to get nakedness in there somewhere.)

The followin' weekend Beaver Creek takes place, so get yer run calendar runnin'.

Jim Russell, our exalted Chapter Coordinator, had a birthday bash at his place on 26 February. No doubt the tea and scones were quite superb.

Rot Path's anniversary of bein' born was partially spent doin'a celebration of Bruce Brown's life over at the Capital Community Television studio on 14 February.

Fer Bruce!

May yer road be smooth an' cageless,
Rot Path

P.S. Remember Rot Path's web page at –
<http://www.open.org/pwdh88/rot-page.htm>
(18 hits the first week of February.)

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: Charlie Hill (541) 888-8081
Email - SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

We didn't have a huge turn out for our January meeting. I'm assuming it was because of the football playoffs.

This is my first newsletter as secretary so it will probably be short and sweet. The meeting went very well for having all of our new officers in place.

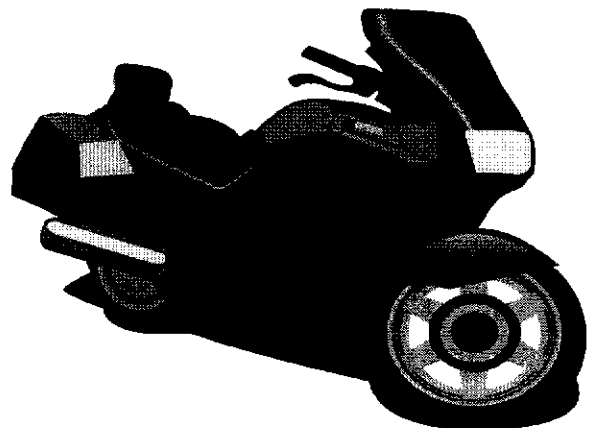
January is a slow month, but we are gearing up for our Mall Show in May and the Coos River Run in July. If anyone is interested in being on one of these two committees, please contact Charlie at 888-8081.

Two of our members, Jeff Bauder and Karen McIntyre, both received certificates of appreciation for their work at the Chiloquin run. Way to go Jeff and Karen.

The first biker day was January 22, 1999. Unfortunately not many of our chapter members could make it. I commend Charlie Hill, Bud Berliner, Steve Corey & his wife Maryann, Abe Zaffarano and Greg Jackson, a non-member (we're trying to recruit him) for making it to Salem. They are the only South Coast Chapter members to attend. Abe and Greg even road their Harley's in the nasty weather.

Hope to see you next meeting.

Cindy Ralston



Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon
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

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
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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. That is the group we signed up for. We signed up for it because of the motorcycles we ride. What about the totalitarian enactments that affect other areas of our lives? What are we doing about that? I feel guilty because I hear about new laws or suggested laws that will further restrict my right to privacy, or free speech, or my right to bear arms, and, I don't always speak up in objection.

I should. I know I should. For instance, I heard that the states of Florida and South Carolina have sold the drivers license pictures for their states for less than a penny a piece to a company called Data Imaging Systems. This company is making the pictures available to merchants on demand, "to protect against fraud." And, both state legislatures agreed to sell the drivers license pictures WITHOUT telling the state residents! There was no opportunity for public discussion or comment ahead of time.

How it works is when you write a check, the vendor checks your drivers' license, enters the number into a computer, and your picture pops up on the screen so the vendor can verify that the picture on the license matches the person in front of them. That may sound ok to store owners and business people that could be affected by check fraud, but, where does it stop? It's bad enough that I have to ask the state for permission to operate a vehicle, and, to provide proof of this permission on demand to law enforcement. Now, I have to provide this proof of permission to drive, with my picture on it, when I pay with a check.

I see lots of potential for abuses with this new concept of selling the entire states' database of drivers license pictures. I foresee this opening entire new halls for the dishonest of our society. It could take credit card fraud to all new lows. Anyway, this is the most recent news item that I think qualifies as a 'totalitarian enactment'. I hope you forgive my straying away from the motorcyclist rights issues. And, I seem to have avoided much "fluff". So I'll close by saying - riding season is almost here again! Woo-hoo!

Ride safe and free.

Sondra Nolan
Southern
Oregon
Chapter
Secretary

By the time you get this, most of the BIKER Day's will be a thing of the past.

Hopefully an impact was made by the effort of those who worked so hard to make them a success. We all have a lot of work ahead of us. WE need you to keep in mind that it takes numbers to get things accomplished. YOU need to really take time to think why you joined this organization. Hopefully it was for more then just the great parties we put on. We all love the wind in our face and the freedom you feel going down the highway.

BUT, we all have to work to keep that freedom. Please come to some meetings and show some interest. We have been having some very interesting and informative meetings. At the same time I am nagging those of you who haven't been able to show, it's important to let those of you who do show know how much you are appreciated. THANK YOU!!

Chapters Coordinators comments are KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Take time to attend the BIKER DAYS. Let's stay UNITED and win this thing.

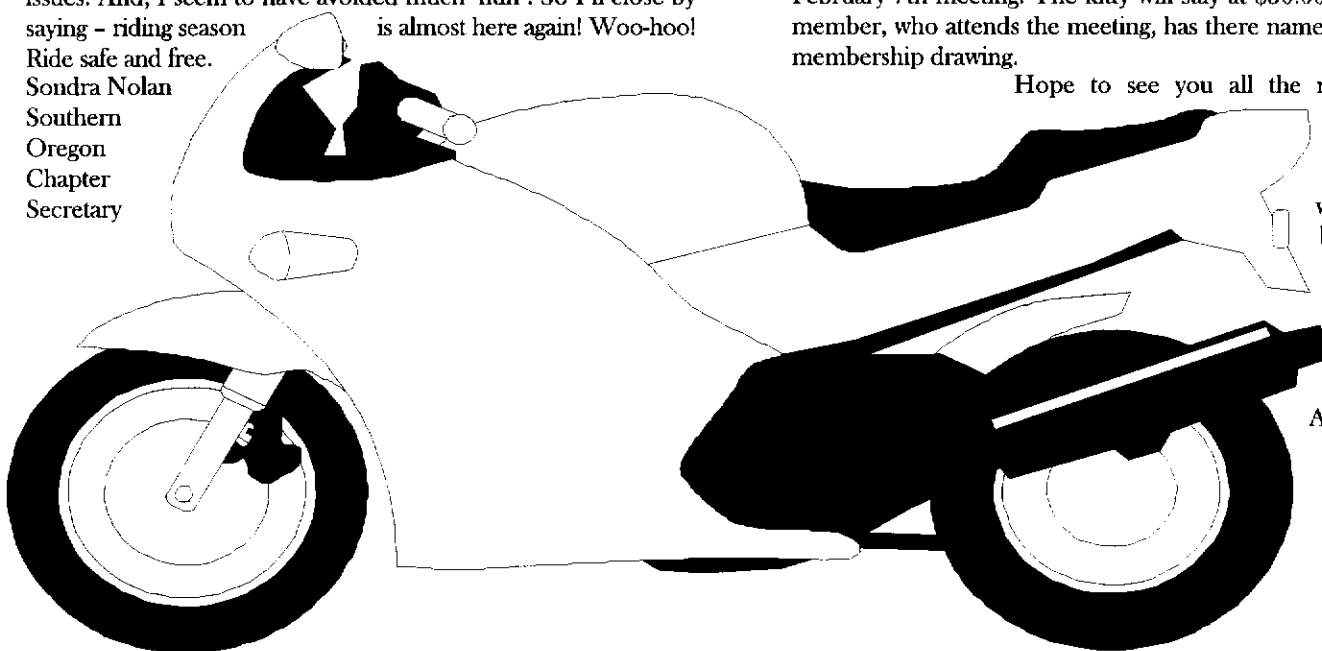
There are several events coming up and we hope to see you all there, The Anniversary party at the River Road House and The Cisco Canned Food Drive delivery both on March 13th (see flyers in this newsletter).

We will be selling tickets for a leather jacket at meetings and as many events as possible. The proceeds will go to the Fossil EMT's. I personally know they are worth every dollar, a hundred times over, for the efforts they put out for us. Please when you see someone selling the tickets, help out by buying some. (\$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00). You never know when you may be on the receiving end of "their" generosity.

Chapter member Duane Komlofske lost out on \$50.00 at the January 17th meeting and Toni Deery out on \$50.00 at the February 7th meeting. The kitty will stay at \$50.00 until a lucky member, who attends the meeting, has there name drawn in the membership drawing.

Hope to see you all the meetings, the upcoming events and on the road with your hair blowing in the breeze. Let's stand strong together and gets the lids off!

Anna



Washington County

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

Farmhouse Café, 3500 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro

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

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Work has been progressing for the Pool Shoot at Maguff's Pub on Saturday, March 20. This will be a double elimination tournament with cash prizes for the first, second, third and fourth place winners. Entry fee is \$7 and sign-up starts at 11:00am. We hope to see you there.

Just a reminder to all WaCo members that we need more attendance at our meetings at Farmhouse Café, 3500 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro on Tuesday nights. Coordinator Ted has stated that when we have a meeting with 50 members in attendance, he'll wear that pink tu-tu to the next meeting. The first meeting in February was just over 35 so come on out and see what it's about!

Also, please don't forget that the battle to protect your freedom to choose takes place every day, not just on Election Day. Volunteers are needed to remind legislators where we stand on issues. Please share your time and energy for our common goals.

Until next time, be safe and watch for the other guy.

Linda Wells

Willamette Valley

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill

1360 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield

Chapter Address: please address to:

4618 Daisy St. C/O Rick Maish, Springfield, OR 97478

Chapter Contact: Michael Taylor 541-485-2352

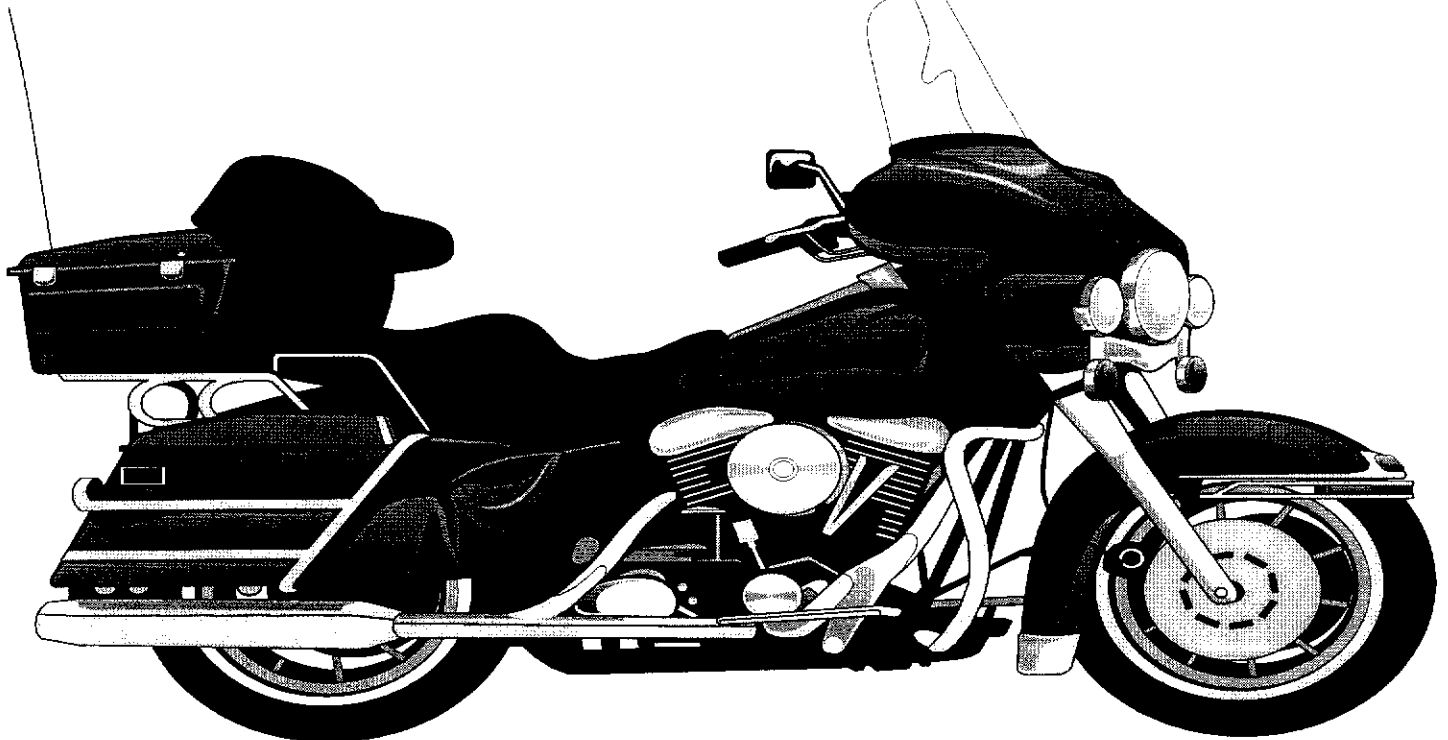
or Rick Maish 541-746-7837

Biker days.... An event that truly reflects what ABATE is all about. Wendy and I rode up and back in the drenching rain as did a few other die-hards. But two wheels or four, the turn out was good and watching all the black leather and patches moving through those hallowed hallways of power and decision-making was a humbling and inspiring experience. In spite of the suits, and the granite, and the gavels on walnut lecterns, the capital was, after all, only filled with people: intelligent, determined (sometimes uninformed) and listening.....Always listening. It was an opportunity for motorcyclists to be heard and seen. For those who couldn't make it, I assure you they are all listening. Find out who your reps are in Salem and send them a note! It's easy. Better yet, the next time you plan a drive through town call your rep and make an appointment. Just 15 minutes. They WANT to see you! Really! The best thing that could happen to them (and us!) would be to see a genuine, voting human being walk in and talk to them about their concerns. They get most of their info from advisers and lobbyists like AMA, NHTSA and businesses. They NEED to hear from those of us who work, pay bills, raise families.....and RIDE!!

This was suppose to be a short note before we head off for a sunny week south of the boarder. Guess I was so taken with the whole legislative experience I got a little carried away. Anyway, we're putting together another poker run for the Florence Rody festival and a camp out later this summer. And lets do some rides!! Fair weather is just around the corner!

Ride safe - Ride free,

Michael



Legislative Director Report

Frank Saxton <http://www.europa.com/~frankie>

Our Biker Days down at the State Capitol have been very successful, especially when you consider how uncooperative the weather has been, for the most part. Riders are becoming more comfortable speaking with Legislators and are reporting that Law Makers are listening closely to what we have to say. Because of these successes, we are putting additional focus on recruiting volunteers to become "Legislative Buddies". Essentially, a Legislative Buddy teams up with a Legislator for the purpose of building a long-term relationship of trust and understanding. The Buddy is there to answer questions about our legislation and about motorcycle rights and safety issues generally. In cases where the Rider is teamed up with a Legislator who is supportive of our issues, he/she may assist with letters to the Editor which defend the Law Makers' vote or position on non-motorcycling issues. He/she may also organize election campaign help or provide assistance in a wide variety of other political, legislative and social activities. Legislative Buddies are not "Lobbyists". They are Constituents and friends who share lifestyle and philosophical similarities with each other in a mutually supportive framework. I have already placed some very helpful folks in contact with Legislators who have been troublesome in the past. I'm looking for more volunteers! I have a long list of folks down in Salem who need someone like you to Partner up with. If you want to participate, I am confident that I can find a really effective place to put your energies.

I have been very busy working on my Oregon Legislative homepage. If you haven't visited lately, please drop by <http://www.europa.com/~frankie>

BikePAC has put out some great "Fact Sheets" for use this session. There are quite a few of them. Each Fact Sheet is a simple to understand, stand alone paper that address one or a small number of points. BikePAC has intentionally avoided the charts, graphs, formulas, and other complicated comparisons used in the past in favor of crisp information that anyone can understand and relate to. Be sure to get yourself copies of this information so that you'll have plenty of straight talk to employ when countering the expected onslaught of NHTSA misinformation being provided to the Legislature.

When talking to Legislators, be sure to emphasize the fact that we are not anti-helmet. We are simply against being commanded by Government to wear one against our will. Focus on the fact that helmet use causes accidents by reducing our ability to see and hear. Remind Law Makers that the accident rate per registered motorcycles is higher in States that require helmet usage and that the fatality rate per accident is lower in States that do not require helmet use. Don't let anyone sidetrack you with the so-called "social burden" theory. Using NHTSA's own 1996 testimony before the US Congress, it was proved that it is more expensive to treat injured Riders who were wearing helmets when they were involved in an accident than it is to treat unhelmeted Riders. Hopefully, Law Makers will vote for the helmet law bill because they believe as we do that living in a free Country ought to mean that we shouldn't be forced to wear one. If the "social burden" issue is really that important, Government needs to start by outlawing hamburgers and french fries which are responsible for 700,000+ heart disease deaths in America each year. If it's statistics that they are worried about, be confident that the facts

are on our side. Helmets cause accidents. Helmets kill Riders. Education, experience, and sober riding not helmet laws, save Rider lives.

We are pretty sure that we have enough votes to get through the House and the Senate again this session. This is an important fact to remember when talking to Legislators. Nobody wants to vote no on a bill that's going to pass anyway, especially if voting no is going to cause several hundred Bikers to be working on your Opponent's campaign next year! We only need a handful more Law Makers on board to veto-proof our legislation. Let's put in that extra effort to get this thing done this year!

Even if you don't have the time to become a Legislative Buddy, I hope that you will be able to attend at least a few Biker Day events. Please make a special effort to make it down to the Capitol on those days when our bills are being voted on in the House and Senate.



A JOKE

Arthur Davidson, of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Corporation, dies and goes to heaven. At the gates, an angel tells Davidson, "Well, you've been such a good guy and your motorcycles have changed the world. As a reward, you can hang out with anyone you want to in Heaven."

Davidson thinks about it and says, "I wanna hang out with God, Himself."

The befeathered fellow at the Gates takes Arthur to the Throne Room and introduces him to God.

Arthur then asks God, "Hey, aren't you the inventor of Woman?"

God says, "Ah, yes."

"Well," says Davidson, "You have some major design flaws in your invention:

1. There's too much front end protrusion
2. It chatters at high speeds
3. The rear end wobbles too much, and
4. The intake is placed too close to the exhaust."

"Hmmm..." replies God, "hold on." God goes to the Celestial Supercomputer, types in a few keystrokes, and waits for the result. The computer prints out a slip of paper and God reads it. "It may be that my invention is flawed," God replies to Arthur Davidson, "but according to My Computer, more people are riding my invention than yours."



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LOBBYING AT THE LEGISLATURE

By Spike (Spencer Neal)

I participated at the First Biker Day in the 1999 legislative session and had the chance to meet with my representative, Gary Hansen, District 17. I had made an appointment to see him and we talked for almost 30 minutes. In order to break the ice, I first mentioned that I knew that he had moved out my neighborhood, which is Overlook in North Portland, and asked him where he now lived. That led us to an extensive discussion about him and his family and his new house. That discussion broke the ice between us and we both dealt with the other as a human being and not just as "legislator" and "constituent". At the end of our meeting, he was favorable to our handlebar bill and open-minded on the issue of adult choice of helmet use. I think that he can be persuaded to vote with us if we can discredit the public burden argument. He was interested in the idea that helmets might save lives but render people paralyzed.

I also offered my assistance to him in other legislative areas; he, for example, is on the House Judiciary Committee for Criminal Laws, an area in which I have both an interest as a civil libertarian and some expertise as a lawyer. I hope that he will now look to me as a resource which will provide me and our cause with important access to him.

Long-time Salem legislator, Senator Peter Courtney, gave the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, an organization in which I am a member, some information about influencing legislators. Many of the ideas you may have already heard so I will just mention a couple that you might not have heard.

1. Get to know your legislator's staff members. Those persons have great influence with the legislator and are frequently more available. Always, always be nice to them.

2. If your legislator has a town meeting in the district, go to it and bring your friends. Courtney says that legislators love to brag to other legislators about how many people show up at their public forums. It is also an opportunity for us to be visible and to make our legislators that we are interested in what they are doing so that they will be interested in us.

3. Write a personal letter to your legislator. Postcards and form letters are of very minimal value and are frequently ignored. Personal letters impress them because it shows someone took that extra time to communicate with them.

4. Call your legislator- at home or at work. Courtney says that it works. I would add that you should be polite and don't call him at home at dinnertime; I hate calls at dinnertime.

Know something about your legislator's biography so when you speak with him, you can impress him that you have done your homework. I did this with Representative Hansen and I thought it was effective.

Courtney ended his article with the following statement: "When all is said and done, influencing a legislator is not difficult at all. Legislators are everyday people with everyday backgrounds. For the most part, they are not mysterious or complicated. You influence them the same way you would anybody else. In fact, they are just like you."



MRF Responds to Pro-Helmet Law Lobbying

Washington, DC - February 4, 1998 ... The Winter 1998 issue of SAFE CYCLING, a publication of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), openly promotes mandatory helmet laws and endorses anti-motorcycling positions and studies. Many of the studies endorsed in the publication have been discredited by motorcyclists' rights activists. In a letter to MSF President Tim Buche, Motorcycle Riders Foundation President Mark Buckner voiced the MRF's displeasure regarding the publication of such inaccurate and misleading information. Remarking on the studies endorsed, Buckner stated, "Your inclusion of studies such as the roundly discredited Harborview paper, while excluding the North Carolina study funded by MIC - whose findings refute many of those in the studies quoted - leaves little doubt as to MSF's intent." Members of the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) sponsor MSF activities.

Buckner went on to say that despite MSF's claim that it is not a political organization and does not endorse helmet laws, the SAFE CYCLING issue in question was little more than advocacy for legislation. Buckner asked, "Why have MSF and MIC made this change in policy? Why are MSF and MIC again actively lobbying for mandatory helmet laws - and endorsing the debunked 'social burden' theory - after staying out of the debate for so many years?"

The MRF feels that the motorcyclists' rights community in America has supported MSF over the years by promoting its training curriculum, and has been instrumental in the passage of rider education legislation in many states and in the implementation and continuation of training programs. Remarking on MSF's claim in this issue of SAFE CYCLING that motorcyclists refuse to take a reasonable approach concerning helmet laws, Buckner said, "We find MSF's inference that motorcyclists' rights activists lack objectivity concerning statistics that are used in an obvious and premeditated attempt to justify the effectiveness of mandatory helmet laws insulting."

Buckner closed by saying, "MSF and all of motorcycling would be better served if MSF chose to work with motorcyclists whose goals are to preserve and protect motorcycling in an open and honest dialog rather than relying on government bureaucrats at NHTSA for your direction. I remind you that motorcyclists and industry need to work together in the future on pressing issues such as insurance and global harmonization standards if we are to be successful."

MRF has called on MSF to thoroughly review the studies quoted in its publication and to publish the findings. MRF has also offered to assist in reviewing the material.

For further information contact Mark Buckner at <mark@mrf.org>

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and

information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS. Voice: 202-546-0983, Fax: 202-546-0986, E-Mail: steve@mrf.org, <http://www.mrf.org>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces 1999 Legislative Agenda

Denver, CO. January 23, 1999 ... At the January Board of Directors meeting held in Denver, Colorado the Motorcycle Riders Foundation announced their 1999 legislative agenda. "The focus this year will be on familiar issues", said Steve Zimmer Vice President of Government Relations for the MRF. "We will be revisiting some of the issues of the past after having had the opportunity to see the implementation and effectiveness". The MRF will continue to pursue an aggressive, proactive agenda expected by MRF members.

1998 saw considerable ground gained for motorcycling issues in the passage of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century (TEA-21). This law included the prohibition of road bans on highways using federal highway money, change in National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's, NHTSA, mission statement to include accident prevention, restriction on NHTSA's ability to lobby at the state level, and inclusion of motorcycles in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System.

Since the passage of TEA-21, we see certain areas that need to be addressed. NHTSA continues to pursue and perpetuate an agenda of promoting helmet laws. They often stray into a gray area of their definition of lobbying. The MRF will pursue language to further restrict NHTSA's ability to lobby for helmet laws. They produced and now continue to distribute the Helmet Law Video that raised so many questions two years ago. "The congressional intent seemed clear to every one but NHTSA", Zimmer said. "We want to go back this year and insist they hear us." Congressman Shuster (R-PA) has determined that TEA 21 went through rather quickly and contained several issues, particularly funding, that need to be 'revisited' now that the legislation is in place. To this end he has reestablished an 'investigation and oversight committee' that will address problems cropping up from TEA 21 implementation. We are looking at a mid-term correction bill to TEA-21 to pass during the 106th Congress as our mechanism to address the NHTSA issue as well as ironing out the road ban prohibition language.

The most recent problems in Chicago over the motorcycle ban on Lake Shore Drive have highlighted the need to review this issue. We are watching to see if this problem will be dealt with administratively or if additional language be necessary. Congressmen Ray LaHood (R-IL) and John Shimkus (R-IL) have taken the lead on seeing that the Department of Transportation takes action with the errant City of Chicago Aldermen. If additional language is necessary the mid-term correction will again be the place to make adjustments.

A somewhat related issue we will pursue in this Congress deals with road bans in National Parks. There have been and

are proposed bans on public roads passing through national parks. We will seek sponsorship to extend the prohibition of road bans to include federally funded public roads regardless of where they are located. Steve Zimmer stated, "Any time our tax dollars are used to plan, build, and maintain a public road, motorcyclists should have access."

We will be watching the discussions on managed health care and HMO's to see if there is any place we can get similar protections in public health care that we got in the private health programs under Kasenbaum/Kennedy. Health care issues will be big in the 106th Congress including the discussions on the 'Patient Bill of Rights', which could be an excellent opportunity to seek those protections for motorcyclists.

We are continuing to work on access to the UN by applying for Non Governmental Organization (NGO) status. This is a two-year process and we will keep you posted as this moves along. The application has been received and the information requested is being gathered. NGO status will provide the MRF the opportunities to access the decision making process on issues such as Global Harmonization and Standardization. Emission restrictions and import/export restriction are just a couple of the harmonization issues we see needing to be dealt with here in the United States. NGO status will allow motorcyclists an insiders ability to track these types of issues.

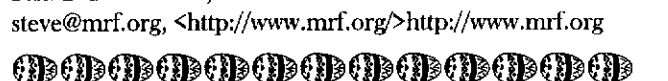
We will be watching for bills containing tort reform to insure motorcyclists don't lose any protections already in place. Last years failed S. 2454 attempted to reform the tort process in U.S. Courts. The bill contained exemptions for motorcycles. Should there be an attempt to revive this legislation, the MRF will work to protect motorcycling.

As always we will be watching for any other legislation that could be a potential detriment to motorcycling. There are several crime bills that could have a potential for damaging language.

Motorcyclists around the country are encouraged to contact their Federal Legislators concerning these issues. As in the past our greatest strength is the connection between the MRF and motorcyclists back home. Any state wishing to make a lobbying trip to Washington, DC should contact the MRF office. The congressional schedule can be reviewed to determine when would be a good time for your trip.

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

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Sanctioning procedures

A step by step review

Once your chapter has decided to host an event, there are several steps you must go through before the event date. The sanctioning guide and checklist was formed to prevent unauthorized use of the ABATE name and reputation. If a chapter holds an event without sanctioning or insurance and someone is injured, the chapter officers and the state officers could be held liable.

The first step is to assemble the event flyer and other promotional material. Then, using the checklist, assure that all required information is on them.

You can submit this information in a couple of different ways. If you have adequate lead time, a flyer and checklist can be submitted at a State Board Meeting.

If you have access to a fax machine, you may fax the flyer and checklist to any of the sanctioning committee members. Another option is to mail the flyer and checklist to the State's PO Box, and ABATE's mail room boy will forward it to the sanctioning committee.

Please be aware that if the event requires insurance, a check for the premium must be included with the flyer and checklist.


The sanctioning committee is composed of Tina Wright, Sergeant at Arms South. Gary Ploub, Vice-Coordinator South, and Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary. You can reach Tina at (541) 498-2519, Fax (541) 498-2412 or e-mail at cvieira@wanweb.net. Gary can be reached at (541) 782-2254 or Fax (541) 782-2254. Jill Tracy can be reached at (503) 640-5766, fax at the same number (but you must call first) or e-mail at tntfam@europa.com.

The Sanctioning Committee requests at least a 90-day lead-time for all events. If, on the spur of the moment your group decides to hold an event, you may still get it sanctioned, but you must contact the committee. Events scheduled less than 30 days in advance may be refused sanctioning.

If you are holding an event that requires insurance, the Sanctioning Committee requests that you submit the flyer, sanctioning form and insurance payment by the April Board meeting, as the insurance year is from June 1st to May 30th of the following year. If you request insurance for an event after that date, there may be an additional charge from the insurance company.

The Sanctioning Committee recommends that you purchase insurance through the State, as we have negotiated a very good rate with adequate coverage. If you wish to pursue insurance through another company, you must provide the Sanctioning Committee with a copy of the proposed plan, so that we can verify that adequate coverage is being offered.





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YOUNGBLOOD RESIGNS AS AMA PRESIDENT

PICKERINGTON, Ohio – Ed Youngblood, who has served as president of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) since 1981, submitted his resignation to the AMA Board of Trustees during meetings February 13 in Indianapolis.

Youngblood joined the AMA staff in 1970 as managing editor of American Motorcyclist magazine, and he later served as head of the Association's

Government Relations Department before being named president. In addition to his 28-year tenure at the AMA, Youngblood served 25 years as a delegate to the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), where he rose to the position of deputy president, the organization's second-highest post.

He also has served as a trustee of the Clayton Foundation and the Motor Sports Hall of Fame.

About his decision to resign his position as the AMA's chief executive officer, Youngblood said: "My decision was made in part because of my belief that the organization would benefit from different leadership, and in part for my own health and well-being, and the desire to spend more time with my wife, Margaret. It has been a demanding, exciting and rewarding experience, but I believe there are personal and organizational reasons why the AMA and I can both benefit from a change."

During Youngblood's tenure, the AMA experienced record growth in membership, and it launched many new programs aimed at reaching broader motorcycling interests. He helped set up the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation (AMHF) in 1982, resulting in the creation of the Motorcycle Heritage Museum in 1990. A larger facility is currently being prepared, and the museum will reopen as the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum in July of this year.

"I've enjoyed almost every aspect of this very diverse organization," Youngblood said, "but my greatest love has been toward the work of the AMHF. I hope my departure from the AMA's presidency will give me time and opportunities to better support the Foundation and its projects."

About the decision, AMA Board Chairman Carl Reynolds said: "The Board of Trustees regretted receiving Ed's resignation, but understands and respects his reasons. We look forward to working with him in the process of transitioning to new leadership."

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 232,000-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.amacycle.org>.



PR Director's Report



It seems to be a cleaning time for ABATE, and me too. This last month I cleaned up the run list and faxed it and a Fossil flyer out to ABATE of CA, ABATE of NV, ABATE of WA, and ABATE of ID. Speaking of major clean up jobs, many thanks go out to Bill for cleaning up the little Fossil flyers on his computer. It looks terrific,

especially the map on the back which you can easily read! ABATE organizations in the western states exchange flyer space in our state newsletters to promote other state runs. The State Run Coordinator and State Newsletter Editor set this arrangement up many years ago and it's a great idea. I'm hoping to attend some of those other state runs. All in the line of duty, you understand.

National motorcycle publications also received our official run calendar. They include: Biker, Easyriders, Thunder Press, Asphalt Angels (Harley Women), Motor Sport News, AMA and MMA! I'm telling you this so that if you have a fax number or email address for an organization that I'm missing, please tell me. I would love OMRRA and NW Vets fax numbers, for example. Look at your coffee table or in your bathroom and see what I am missing. Please leave the information on my phone machine or send it to me through email and they will be added immediately.

Still more to be done... I helped to clean up ABATE of Oregon's Financial Policies and Procedures and I also worked to clean up the SE Portland Chapter's Bylaws. Technical stuff! You may wonder how a Public Relations Director gets involved in these cleaning activities. Well, I mention that I'm

interested and then before you know it, I'm volunteering. Another biker I love to assist is Teresa Hepker, who is highest of all on the list. She is a phenomenal woman. Gladly, I accepted the offer to go face-to-face with the Oregon Health Policy Institute with her this month.

We read every "relevant" medical study related to head trauma and were an awesome tag team surrounded by MD's and PhD's. It was very intense and I had amazing insights. I will forever be grateful to her for the opportunity to represent all of you. It gives me all the more confidence to say that we are right on in our basic desire for freedom. Thanks go out to all the freedom fighters at the State Capitol too.

Speaking of teams that are working hard for you, I'd like to acknowledge members of the Sanctioning Committee who have spent a great deal of time and thought in making the sanctioning process relatively painless. Thanks also go to the Membership Committee for attempting to tackle the problems of loss of membership and improved communication.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated members. The pleasure of doing all this work happens when there is inspiration, and I am constantly inspired. I look forward to a productive run season with the hope that more members volunteer to help state and chapter officers in our common cause. If you're not sure about getting involved, read our mission statement. It says what we want it to say and we need your help doing it.

Mission Statement: ABATE of Oregon promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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1999 has started with a BANG. Many of the legislatures around the country that convene only every other year are now in session, including ours here in Oregon.

As is becoming the norm, all the different groups think their agenda is the most important and should receive the first consideration. Wrong! The way it really works is the fastest with the mostest.

In Oregon we have two bills so far and we PRE-filed them. That gives us a small head start and that's the key. This year there are more pre-filings than ever. The earlier filings get early consideration.

The first bill is, of course, our continuing helmet law battle. Last session we made it to the governor's desk and he in his infinite wisdom vetoed us. Maybe this year we will have enough of a majority that the veto can be overridden. That's the goal.

Bill number two is repeal of the handle-bar height restrictions in our state. I think we have a real shot at that because all that law really does is give police another tool for harassment of motorcyclists.

We that ride know that handlebar height has very little to do with proper control of our machines. I don't see too big a problem getting the measure passed in light of the handlebar height on the old stingray bicycles. No one thought anything about high bars when on a pedal bike. In my mind it should be the same on a motorcycle. Of course, for what it's worth, a person should be able to reach their bars from a relaxed sitting position on the scooter.

Here in Oregon our first BIKER DAY of the year was more

successful than I expected, given the sloppy weather. We had about 20 bikes and about sixty people show up. All in all it was a good day for us but we need MUCH more support on the rest of our planned biker days or we may not get far with our proposed law changes. Biker Days are organized by BikePAC, to get our people out to their reps, to talk to 'em right in their faces. Calmly, pleasantly, politely, and persuasively. If you can make it, give me a call (503-362-3767) or an e-mail to AIMGunny@aol.com, and I'll get you the details.

Our elected officials look at the support they see in the galleries of the capitol building and many times vote accordingly. Fewer visible supporters get fewer votes. Sixty or so motorcyclists in leather showing up at these events doesn't say as much about how valid our concerns are, when there are well over a HUNDRED and SIXTY THOUSAND registered bikers in this state! Oregon riders if you want the laws changed to better serve our needs YOU are going to have to get off your tush and help us just a little bit. I would think your personal freedom would be worth at least one day off work to get to the capitol and show your support in this battle. That's enough of me. Now we will get on to other news:

NEWS BITS' N PIECES: FLORIDA: Evel Knievel, the well-known stunt biker, got his liver transplant recently at a hospital here. Apparently he's doing well and I'm sure he's pleased about that. The man hurt himself in his stunt career far too often for me to try it. Wow! More than 34 broken bones from motorcycle crashes during his stunt life. HARD way to make a living.

PHOENIX, AZ: It appears the American heavy motorcycle industry is something like 40,000 bikes short of national

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needs each year, so competitive bike manufacturers are happily licking their chops anticipating greater sales than ever before. They intend to fill that gap in available machines at attractive prices and proven reliability. Some of these heavy V-twin bikes can cost upwards of \$30,000.00. And

yet the general public thinks of bikers as people of little worth and ner-do-wells with a death wish. That condition has been with me most of the fifty years I've been riding. Amazingly enough, I'm still around.

INDIA: Motorcycle sales here have for the first time in history overtaken the sales of motor scooters. Motorcycles sales stood at 870,000 units while scooter sales were ten percent less at 792,000 units. Moped sales were at a low of 517,000 units this during the time period of April through November 1998.

WASHINGTON STATE: Picked up on <mclaws@UserHome.com> was this item of interest to bikers of all persuasions. Apparently there is a biker somewhere in WASHINGTON going to truck driving school who happens to be a member of ABATE. He asked his instructor if there was any class time set-aside for motorcycle awareness instruction. The reply, in so many words, was that it wasn't necessary. His opinion was expressed as: Any dumb biker should have enough sense to look out for trucks and he wasn't concerned about a bunch of damn bikers and their brain bucket issues.

Cheryl Adams from Washington ABATE is concerned about it and asked for advice as to how to handle this serious problem.

A safety director from a large trucking company in Arkansas responded, saying that the State Motor Carrier Assn. in Washington should be notified and the driving school identified and it would get immediate attention. He also said that this sort of an instructor should NOT be teaching drivers anything. What else wrong might he be telling young new drivers?

SAM'S TIP' O THE MONTH: Sam Hochberg spent a real tough week in late January at the AIM Attorney Conference, this year in Jamaica. About 30 of these guys got together, and actually spent a lot of time talking about how to better protect our rights in two major areas -- in injury claims against rotten drivers and insurance companies, and against big government intrusions -- both in terms of helmet laws and other regulations, and about civil rights issues, too. Sam got to give a talk, to share our own experiences in Portland with our recent victory against the Police's "Criminal Gang" designation law, as discussed in previous editions of this here Gunny Sack. I DID get it out of Sam that these guys spent just a little time enjoying themselves, too -- but I can't print any details. Sam, of course, is our Oregon AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney, and you can always catch him at his computer at Sambikelaw@aol.com -- although he didn't take his laptop to Jamaica. Office number for legal info is 503-224-1106, or 1-800-347-1106. Sam's tip THIS month: Stay away from that overproof rum, and don't buy no ganja, mon, you go to jail.

GUNNY AGAIN: The AIM attorney in your state is as close as your telephone and it's toll free. The way it works is that you call the national number: 1-800-541-2424. All AIM attorneys will talk to you free of charge. They ride, they handle bike wrecks, and most will talk to you free about civil rights matters, too. We now have AIM criminal attorneys (Aid to INCARCERATED Motorcyclists) in most areas as well. It

doesn't cost a cent to get good legal advice and AIM guys really care about your welfare. That's my message -- and the other message is:

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



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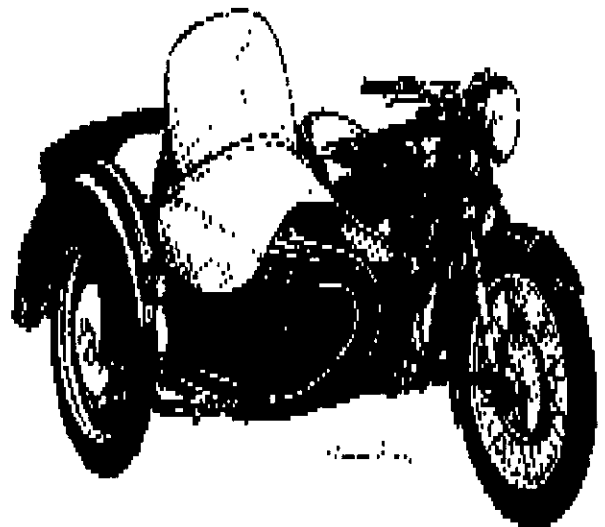
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FOR MB BIKER, IT'S 'RIDE ON'

Judge dismisses ticket in helmet-law battle

By Emily Adams

Danny Fix - retired teacher, biker, street revolutionary - won a small battle for himself in court Thursday when a judge ruled he could not be fined for the thin padding in his helmet.

But Fix wants more.

Specifically, he wants Torrance police officers to stop pulling over bikers and giving out tickets for wearing bowl-shaped Gestapo-style helmets. Like his.

"It's like an officer pulling you over and checking inside your Levis to see if you're wearing underwear," Fix declares. "He's not allowed inside my helmet.

The helmet he has chosen to wear is 75-year-old Fix's small rebellion against the law requiring him to wear a helmet at all. The problem with it, according to Torrance officer Dana Munde, is that the helmet does not have the required 1 1/4-inch padding.

The decision issued Thursday by South Bay Municipal Court Commissioner John Slawson, pronouncing Fix not guilty of wearing a noncompliant helmet, did not clear up the padding question.

But that verdict sends a message to police, who wrote 30 tickets last year in Torrance for helmets deemed unacceptable.

While the Torrance Police Department is still studying the issue, a department spokesman, Sgt. Marc Wilkins, acknowledged the law, as written, is difficult to enforce.

"Because of the decision today, we are taking it under review and working with the city attorney to determine what we're going to do as far as writing tickets for unapproved motorcycle helmets," Wilkins said.

The difficulty with California law is that it requires helmet manufacturers to state, based on their own calculations, whether the helmet is in compliance with complicated national standards. Bikers must wear a helmet equipped with a sticker showing it complies with the law.

In Fix's case, his helmet carries the required Department of Transportation sticker.

A motorcyclist is guilty of an infraction only if he is wearing a helmet which he *knows* is non-compliant. How to establish what a motorcyclist knows as he passes by on the street is the quandary for police, Wilkins said.

If Torrance chooses to continue issuing such tickets, the Police Department could get locked in a battle with someone bigger than a former Hawthorne High School teacher: Easyriders magazine and its "Freedom Fight" organization.

So far, the organization has fought the California Highway Patrol, Huntington Beach police and San Diego Sheriff's Department over the same issues. And prevailed each time.

Against the CHP, Easyriders won an injunction forcing patrol officers to stop issuing the same kind of ticket that Fix received. The other two departments settled with Easyriders out of court by agreeing to stop writing such tickets, said Mike Osborn, technical editor of Easyriders and administrator of Freedom Fight.

"Ultimately, we're going to find that the law is unconstitutional because of these problems," Osborn said after Thursday's hearing, which he attended.

In the meantime, Osborn keeps busy putting out small fires like the kind ignited by Fix and officer Munde.

"In Torrance, I'm going to call the Police Department and show them the CHP guidelines and ask them to correctly enforce the law. If they don't, we'll seek an injunction against them," Osborn said. "All we want is for everyone to get along and enjoy their lives."

Fix emerged from the brief court hearing triumphant, surrounded by friends who each had their own tale of helmet law tickets.

None of the bikers was completely happy with Commissioner Slawson's ruling, which praised officer Munde's arguments even as the court ruled against him. But Fix, at least, felt he was safe from future tickets.

Whether tooling around his hometown of Manhattan Beach, or cruising through Torrance on his 1955 Panhead, Fix will be carrying a copy of Slawson's three-page ruling, he said.

"This is my ticket to heaven," Fix exclaimed. "If I get stopped, all I've got to do is show off the court's decision."



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Business, Club/Group	\$50	\$100	\$200+

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

My Voter Registration Card says:

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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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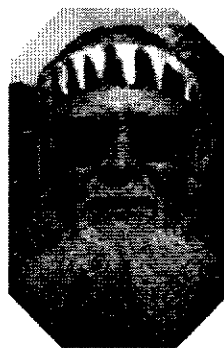
Email address _____

Brian Stovall, Executive Director
541-298-1317 Phone & FAX
illmostro@gorge.net

Ken Ray, Legislative Director
503-645-3376
CAPTKEN@AOL.COM

Steve Benson, Secretary/Treasurer
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT



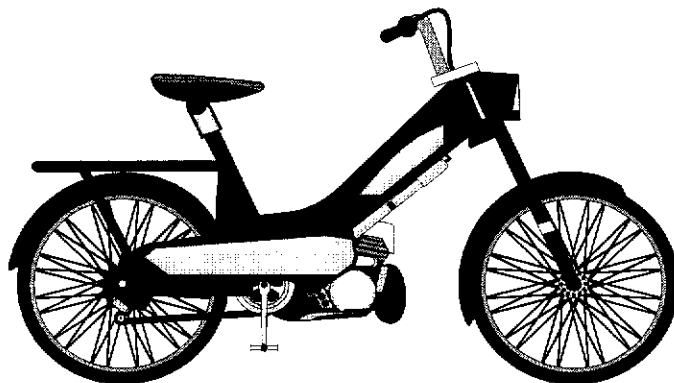
During the month of January Iris and I have been involved in two Motorcycle Awareness classes. We gave one at Corvallis High School, in the evening of the 26th. Harold Compton is the teacher and there was 31 students attending. What a bunch of boring kids. Couldn't get them to answer questions or ask them either.

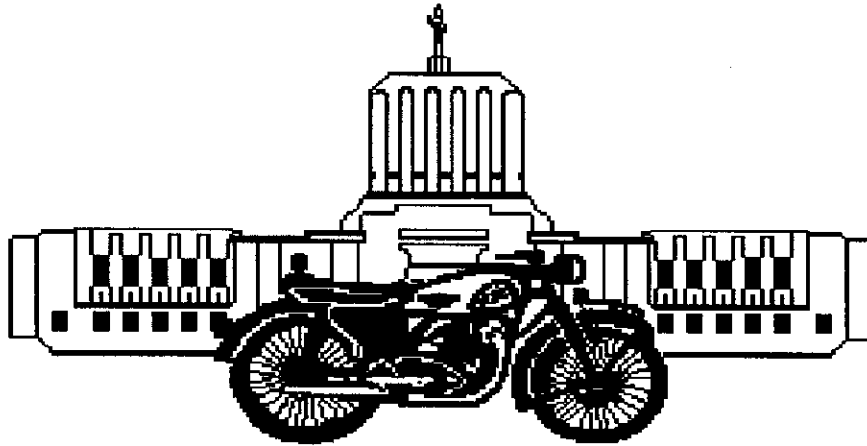
They must have all been court-ordered to be there. The next class we put on was at Linn Benton Community College the next night, Wednesday, the 27th. What a difference. These kids were lively and involved from the start of the program.

Sharon DuBeau, the temporary teacher for the class had heard about our program from the previous Instructor, Iris Patton. She was quite impressed with our teaching techniques and felt we had done a good job teaching the 25 students. Iris and I were not the only ones putting on the classes. Tom Curran and Bud Berliner put on an abbreviated course for a father/son event on January 21st. The riding demonstration was not done. There was 55 people that got the message at Roosevelt Elementary School in North Bend. Thank you!, South Coast Chapter for your continuing efforts. At the time of this report I can think of no other classes that were taught during January. If any other classes were done, get the report forms back to me ASAP. If you need keyfobs for your course, let me know along with the report or at a State Board meeting.

STEAM will have become part of history by the time you read this. It is my hope that those who took the time to attend found it interesting and informative. The final report will be found in next month's newsletter. Some minor, last-minute adjustments were necessary and I hope it all worked out. Everyone attending gets a chance to critique the course and to make suggestions about next year's conference. It is my intention to make it better every year.

Mel Yeager
Education Director





BikePAC of Oregon

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

February 6, 1999

Position open until filled

BikePAC of Oregon is seeking a person to assume the volunteer position of Communications Manager.

The By Laws describe the position as follows:

The Communications Manager is responsible for assisting in coordination of research activities and publications as directed by the Executive Board. You will manage the publishing of newsletters, creation of press releases, researching and preparation of fact sheets and supporting documents, and providing information for use on the website.

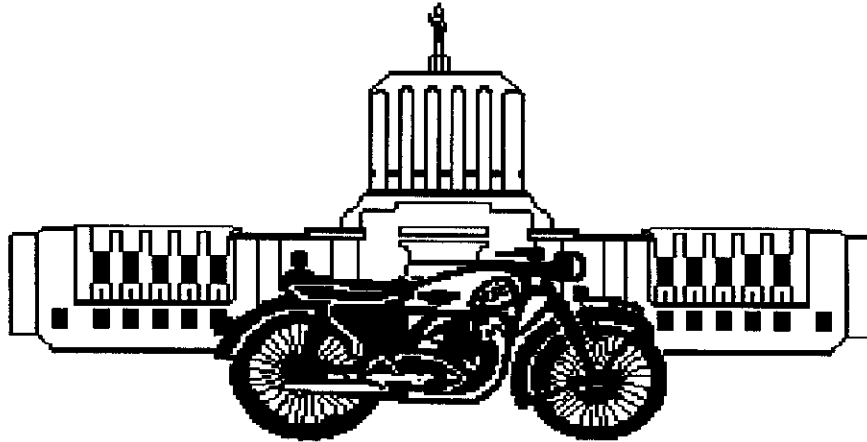
Access to a computer and knowledge of its use is a must.

This is a non-voting appointed position.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume' describing their experience and abilities. The BikePAC of Oregon Executive Board will make the appointment.

TO APPLY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Stovall
3909 Chenoweth Rd. W.
The Dalles, OR 97058
Phone/FAX 541-298-1317
E-Mail: ilmostro@gorge.net



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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

February 6, 1999

Position open until filled

BikePAC of Oregon is seeking a knowledgeable and determined individual with leadership experience for the volunteer position of Executive Director.

The By Laws describe the position as follows:

The Executive Director shall be responsible for the conduct of all meetings of BikePAC of Oregon, either personally or by an appointee of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the general coordination of the business of BikePAC of Oregon, and for any other duties designated by the Executive Board.

In more real and practical terms, the Executive Director is involved in everything from political decision making to fundraising. Public speaking ability and computer literacy are a must. Time, travel ability and enough income to sustain the position are essential.

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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.

<p>'75 Sporty 1,000 cc Good Shape, runs excellent \$4,500.00 WILL PAINT TO SUIT Jim 503-630-2685 (4/99)</p>	<p>Metal Lathe, Power Kraft, made by Atlas Swing 5 inch from center, 48 inch usable v- ways. Just like the ones in metal shops in High Schools. Most commons accessories, extra chuck Call Charlie 503-648-6760 Hillsboro Asking \$1,500.00 (4/99)</p>	<p>ABATE OF OREGON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING SOLD THRU THESE ADS. THESE ARE THINGS THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE SELLING NOT ABATE OF OREGON. (except membership to ABATE) THE EDITOR 1-99</p>
<p>Ladies First Gear, Leather Motorcycle Jacket. Hip length size 8. Removable full lining, belt, elasticized back. Worn once. \$425.00 new; sell \$300.00 CASH. Call 503-640-1459 Gretchen (5/99)</p>	<p>1949 Panhead 1,000 miles on motor, 2,000 on rest \$12,500.00 John Ehmer 541-444-2445 3/99</p>	<p>FOR SALE: '66 El Camino V-8 (327), auto {turbo 350} P/S, P/B, TILT WHEEL. Everything rebuilt or new stripped to bare metal & painted white w/ black inter. EXCELLENT \$7995.00 ALSO FOR SALE: '79 Triumph Bonneville low miles, polished cases, runs great, red/black, all original, looks like new \$3,700.00 503-648-1367 Ken (4/99)</p>
<p>'74 Sportster (XLCH1000), Custom frame & seat, Forward controls (have the org.), 74 FX front end, 54 style handlebars. 84 FX Carb w/1500 miles on lower end, Complete tune up by TITAN this summer. Teardrop tank. Could use a paint job but ready to roll. Asking \$5,500 OBO. Hillsboro 503-640- 2252. (3/99)</p>	<p><u>NEEDED</u> <u>DODGE MOTOR</u> <u>318-360-400-440-</u> <u>V-8</u> <u>FOR THE</u> <u>MOTORHOME SO</u> <u>WE CAN GET TO</u> <u>FOSSIL</u> <u>THANK YOU ROGER</u> <u>503-285-4329</u></p>	<p> Happy 2nd Birthday C.J. Hieronimus 2 Fossil's, 2 Biker day's series, 2 M/C Awareness Rallies... What a biker of tomorrow, heck a biker of today! Love ya Dad </p>
<p>Wanted: 2 stroke street bikes- any condition, any make, NO TIDDLERS please. Doug 503-985-7738 (4/99)</p>		
<p>YOUR AD COULD HAVE BEEN HERE! LOVE NOTES AND B-DAY GREETINGS ALSO ACCEPTED. MAIL TO PO BOX AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!</p>	<p>FOR SALE: '66 Chev 3/4 ton P/U TRADES WELCOMED ROGER 503-285-4329</p>	

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!

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

IS THIS THE YEAR OR WILL YOU WAIT TILL NEXT CENTURY TO TRY AGAIN?

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

ATTN: Members

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

Revised: December 1998

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
YEAR PINS				
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.75	_____

ABATE PINS

_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIB	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	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	_____
_____	MUG	ABATE Logo on Mug.....	5.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or Hoop).....	4.00	_____
_____		Bandana.....	6.00	_____

MISCELLANEOUS

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

ABATE T-SHIRTS

_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-shirts.....	10.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts.....	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				
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available.....)	1.50	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small.....	1.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large.....	1.50	_____
_____		License Plate Frames - Cars w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
_____		License Plate Frames - Motorcycles w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
_____		SUBTOTAL		_____
_____		Shipping Charge		_____
_____		UNDER \$25.00=\$5.00		_____
_____		\$25.01-\$100.00=\$6.00		_____
_____		T-SHIRTS = \$8.00		_____
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_____		TOTAL		_____

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Portland, Oregon 97208
Products Director
Nancy Brooker

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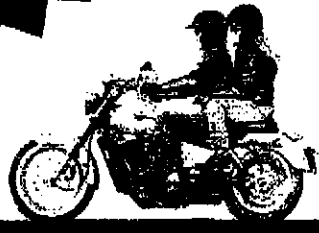
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S.E.PORTLAND CHAPTER PRESENTS
EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

You're Invited

CONTACT: LEE 760-9015

**WHERE: RIVER ROAD HOUSE
MCLOUGHLIN BLVD. AND RIVER ROAD
MILWAUKIE**

TIME: 7:30 PM TO 1:00 AM

DONATIONS: \$5.00 SINGLE \$8.00 COUPLES

**ENTERTAINMENT: LIVE MUSIC, BROOM STICK POOL TOURNAMENT
SINGLE ELIMINATION, PARTNERS , BLIND DRAW, \$3:00 ENTRY, SIGN
UP 7:30 PM START 8:00 PM.**

RIDE IN BIKE SHOW "PEOPLES CHOICE"

**RAFFLES, CHAPTER AWARDS, GOOD FOOD, FAVORITE
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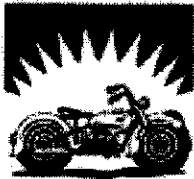
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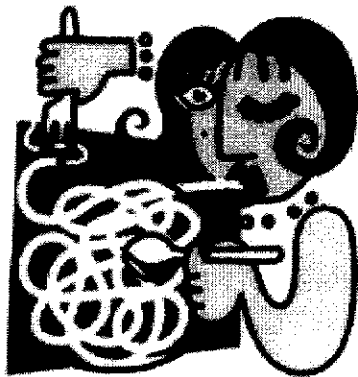
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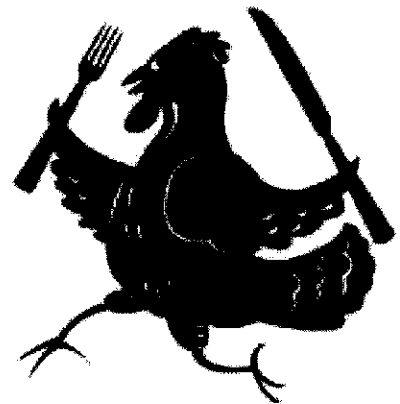
**CELEBRATING OUR 18TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!
WITH A SAME DAY CANNED FOOD DELIVERY
MARCH 13TH 1999**

**WHERE-MEET AT CAVOTA,S CUSTOM CYCLE
AT 11904 N.E.HALSEY AT 12:NOON DEPART AT
1:00 PM, WE WILL DELIVER THE FOOD TO THE
SALVATION ARMY AT THE LITE HOUSE MISSION**

**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE RIDE. ALL
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THERE WILL BE HOT COFFEE AND DONUTS
FOR INFO.CONTACT LEE AT 760-9015,
MADDOG AT 252-4842, BILLY BOB AT 257-7390**



**LETS
HELP
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THE
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BikePAC: Continuing the Biker Day Blitzzzzz March 3rd

Quote: “Coming Together is a Beginning, Keeping Together is Progress and Working Together is Success.”

You would be surprised how the simplest most obvious things can help another person to see the light.

Meetings are gatherings of people who have individual input and perspectives on like issues. I happen to love going to the meetings and if I was to live in the Portland area I would more then likely attend all of them. Just for the input of different views from a wider variety of motorcyclist.

At the State Board meeting we have been talking about reaching interested people and ways to make them feel more welcomed when they first sign up and attend that 1st meeting. Make a point to ask if there are any guest, recognize each guest and introduce them. One good ice breaker is to ask them to say something about themselves. I always feel a little self conscious when doing this but I am glad to be asked. Make a point to ask a new persons opinion on one or more of the topics being discuses. A well run meeting is also a plus sticking to the agenda and working through each thing gives credibility.

I know that SE has been working on a great idea that asks new people for information and we are looking into a wide based plan for a Survey for new members and one that will target members at the time they would renew their memberships. The time has come to put some of our efforts into really hearing what members have to say. To learn from the information gathered is the next step. This is a task that we have not been put up to yet as an organization. I, for one, have become a volunteer on the Membership/Communications Committee now in place. We will be working together via E-mail and connecting via the phones. Any and all input by both those of us who have been here forever and the newest of members will be appreciated. In the front of the ABATE of OR, Inc Newsletter are E-mail addresses for two of the committee members Melinda (Public Relations) and Mel (Education). We will share the information.

Topic of the Month, another Idea that would allow for Chapters to enlist the organization to address topics that are of interest to members. On the cover of the Newsletter Would be the Topic of the Month and each chapter would talk about this issue and take some input to the State Board and see if we can entice information flow from both the Chapter Level and the State Level so that everything does not always flowing from the top down. This is a way to increase the effectiveness of our Communications Media. Please submit a Topic of the Month Idea to Gordon the Newsletter Editor before the monthly deadline for submission and let's see who submits the first one. I am really looking forward to this new aspect of the organization. No one person is an island unto themselves it takes all of us to make it really work.

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



ABATE of Oregon, Inc. 1999 RUN CALENDAR

March 13th	Casino night Central Oregon Chapter	541-447-6158
March 20th	Ice Breaker Salem Chapter	503-743-4121
April 11th	Get Acquainted/Re-Aquainted Potluck Central Oregon Chapter	541-447-6158
May 1st	Motorcycle Awareness Rally ABATE of Oregon, Inc.	503-362-9136 - Murge
May 8th - 9th	Mall Show South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud
May 15th	Central Oregon Poker Run Central Oregon Chapter	541-447-6158
May 28th - 31st	Fossil Campout - State Run ABATE of Oregon, Inc.	503-285-4329 - Rotten Roger
June 12th	Central Or Poker Run Central Oregon Chapter	541-389-6773 - Jay
July 16th - 18th	Coos River Run South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud
July 24th	Central Oregon's Timed Ride Central Oregon Chapter	541-389-6773 - Jay
July 24th	Southern Oregon Poker Run Southern Oregon Chapter	541-479-8635
July 24th	Boys and Girls Club Benefit Run Washington County Chapter	503-640-5756 - Ted
July 31st - Aug. 1st	Run to the Sun Columbia River Chapter	503-282-4604 - Spike

August 6th - 8th	Fox Creek Run Salem Chapter	503-743-4121
August 13th - 15th	Beaver Creek Run Lincoln County Chapter	541-563-6526/514-563-3711
August 28th	Teddy Bear Poker Central Oregon Chapter	541-389-6773 - Jay
September 3rd - 6th	Chiloquin M/C Rally - State Run ABATE of Oregon, Inc.	503-285-4329 - Rotten Roger
September 11th	Cranberry Festival South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud
September 12th	Show - N - Shine South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud
September 17th - 19th	End of Summer Run Wash. County Chapter	503-640-5756 - Ted
September 25th	Thank You Campout Central Oregon Chapter	541-389-6773 - Jay
September 25th	State of Jefferson Awards Southern Oregon Chapter	
November 20th	Toy Run Washington County Chapter	503-640-5756 - Ted
November 21st	Food Drive South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud
December 4th	Shriner's Childrens' Hospital NE/SE/Columbia River Chapters	
December 12th	Toy Run Salem Chapter	503-743-4121 - Jim
December 19th	Toy Run South Coast Chapter	541-267-2523 - Bud

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LETTER WRITING TIPS

Don't hesitate to write to your legislator if you have something to say that you think should be called to his attention.

Letters from constituents, which arrive every day at a legislator's home or office, are one of the best indications of what the voters are thinking about.

Thoughtful, sincere letters on issues that directly affect the writer get the most attention. Such letters are often quoted in committee hearings or in debate.

BE BRIEF

Write about one bill or issue at a time. Keep it short and to the point. A one-page letter will surely be read and is always the most effective.

BE LEGIBLE

If your handwriting is legible this is the best way to write your letter. You might write a draft first, then make a second copy to make it neater and shorter.

If your handwriting is not easy to read, use a typewriter or ask someone else to write as you dictate, then sign the letter yourself.

BE POLITE

Show respect even if you feel the politicians don't respect you. Avoid being threatening, demanding or abusive. It's an immediate turn-off. Be courteous and reasonable.

BE NATURAL

Use your own words. Legislators are sensitive to grass-roots opinion, and they want to know what you think. Your honest, straightforward communication counts.

Tell the legislator how a bill will affect you. Will it affect your income? your quality of life? do you think it intrudes on your privacy or your rights as a citizen? is it based on wrong information?

SAY THANKS

Write when your legislator does something of which you approve. They hear mostly from people who are against something, and that gives them a one-sided picture of their constituency. A note of appreciation will make your legislator remember you favorably next time you write.

CONGRATULATIONS

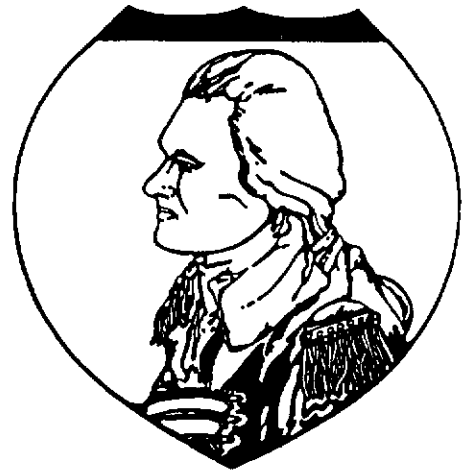
Winning an election is no easy task. Congratulations from you will also help your legislator remember you in a good light.

Like the "right to vote," you have the "right to write."

LEGISLATORS SPEAK FOR YOU.

You elected them, so you have the responsibility to tell them what you think. Send them a message, so the next time you vote, they can't say they didn't hear from you.

STATE OF JEFFERSON TOUR 1999



The State of Jefferson Tour is a self-guided vehicle tour of the historical and semi-fictional State of Jefferson. Back in the 1850's when the federal government was trying to decide how to divide up the Oregon Territory, one plan called for the northern third of the current State of California and the southern half of Oregon to be combined into a new state called Jefferson. However, due to a variety of circumstances, the territory was divided into three states (Oregon, Washington, and Idaho) instead of four. This tour is designed to take the participants through some of the scenic sections of the area that would of been the State of Jefferson. The tour is set up so that you can complete the tour while you are travelling to other events. For instance, if you are planning to go to Reno for Hot August Nights, you would look at your tour packet and see what tour stops are along your route. All you do then is plan to make your coffee or gas stops in those towns. For those who just want to complete the tour as a tour, there are (4) routes provided in the tour packet that will take you through the majority of the tour stops. The remaining stops, due to their distance off of the selected routes, should be planned as side trips.

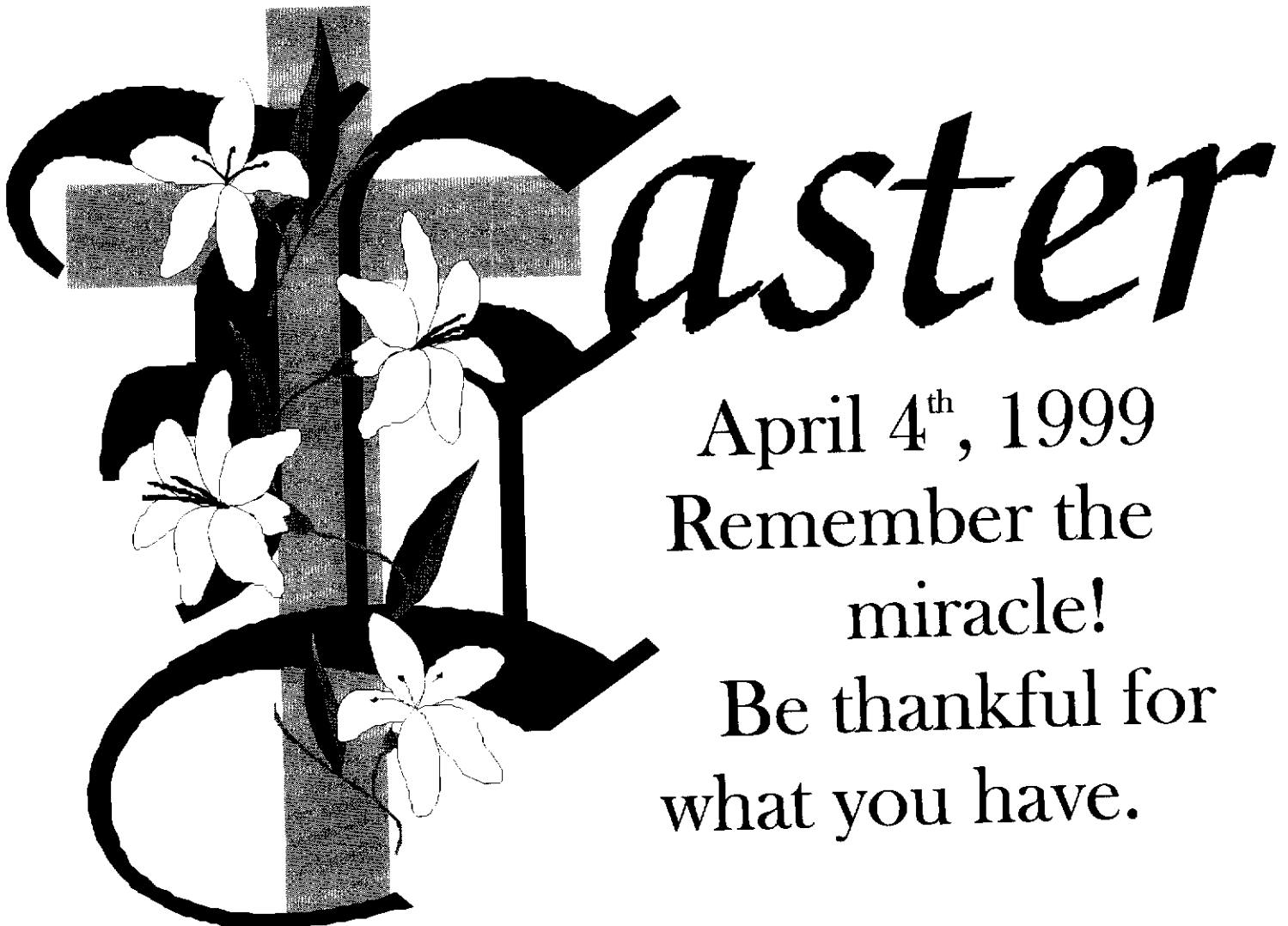
In 1999, the State of Jefferson Tour will include 40 tour stops; (15) in Northern California and (25) in Southern Oregon. The tour will encompass the area from Eugene Oregon to Red Bluff California and from the ocean to the Nevada stateline. The Participants will have from May 1st through August 31st to visit as many of the 40 tour stops as they wish. At each stop, the participant should pick up some sort of souvenir from that location to show that you were there. The souvenir can be a photograph, matchbook, business card, cashregister receipt, or even a postmark— anything that shows the name of the town that is designated as one of this year's tour stops. Those individuals who complete all 40 tour stops this year will have travelled at least 1900 miles of scenic highways and visited 15 different counties during the four month period.

This is the second year that Southern Oregon Chapter of ABATE of Oregon has put on the State of Jefferson Tour. None of the tour stops included in the 1998 State of Jefferson Tour are duplicated in this year's tour. In 1998, we had 56 people compete in the event and had (6) people complete all 40 tour stops. Last year's routes covered just over 1200 miles and included points in (8) different counties. Although this event is put together by a motorcycle organization, the tour is open to everyone and can be completed in any type of vehicle. Many of the tour stops were selected because of their historical significance or because of a recreational opportunity that makes it a fun trip for the whole family.

On September 25th, there will be a Bar-B-Que and Awards Ceremony for the Tour Participants. You will earn (1) door prize ticket for each tour stop you complete and will also have the opportunity to compete for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Plaques that will be awarded to the individuals who complete the most tour stops. There will be an extra credit system included in this year's event which will be used for tie breaking purposes.

The cost to participate in the 1999 State of Jefferson Tour will be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. The cost includes your Tour Packet (2 packets for a couple) with your passport, map, some history of the State of Jefferson, a list of the tour stops including the interesting places to visit, things to see and do while in the areas, and your admission/meal ticket for the Bar-B-Que. The Tour Packets will be available for sale as of April 15, 1999 and can be purchased until August 1st. Get your State of Jefferson Tour Packet early and plan your summer travels today.

For more information or an application, contact the Southern Oregon Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc at P O Box 2031. Grants Pass, OR 97528 or call (541) 479-8635.



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POOL SHOOT

Saturday, March 20th, 1999

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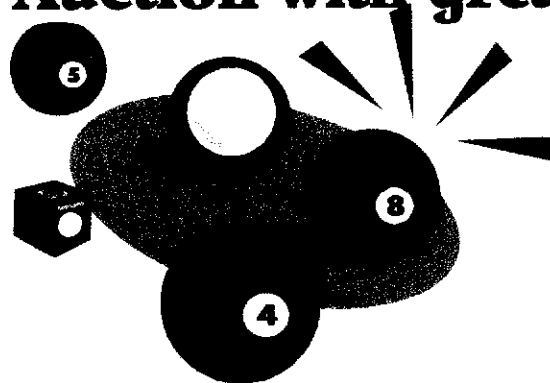
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CASINO NIGHT
ABATE OF OREGON, INC
CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Saturday, March 20
(First day of Spring!)

American Legion Hall
704 SW 8th Redmond
7:00 PM

For information please call:
Jay:389-6773
Brad:447-6158

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BEST of the West '99

Tentative Agenda

Friday, April 9, 1999

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Meet the MRF Board - Ask questions / make suggestions

Saturday, April 10

8:30 AM - 10 AM - General session: Welcome, MRF financial report, overview of issues & events

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 12:15 Workshops

Everything you always wanted to know about politics - Karen Bolin & Larry Walker, ABATE of WA

Strategic Planning & Budgeting for Your SMRO - Mark Buckner & Tom Pauley, MRF

When Things Go Wrong - Maggot Mike Williams, ABATE of Colorado

12:15 - 1:30 PM - Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Workshops

Freedom of Information Act - Chuc Coulter, Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety

Holding Successful Meetings - Dave "Hisser" Hissong, MRF

Getting Proactive on the State Level - Steve Zimmer, MRF

The Run for Public Office - Tillman Jones, ABATE of Nevada

3:00 - 3:15 PM - Break

3:15 - 4:45 PM - Workshops

Memberships & State Reps - Deb Buttita & John Bennett, MRF

Leadership Principles - Mark Buckner, MRF

Oregon Technical Review Panel on Helmets & Helmet Laws - Teresa Hepker & Brian Stovall,
BikePAC of OR

4:45 - 6:00 PM - Free Time

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Cash Bar, Social Hour & Silent Auction

7:00 PM - Awards, Banquet & Auction

Sunday, April 11

9:00 - 11:00 AM - An MRF Special Presentation:

"Gambling" on the Future of Motorcycling in America?

Panel discussion on global issues, NHTSA's continuing lobbying activities, health care & insurance ramifications: strategic planning to meet these challenges.

11:00 AM - Closing Remarks, Rosemary Curtin, MRF

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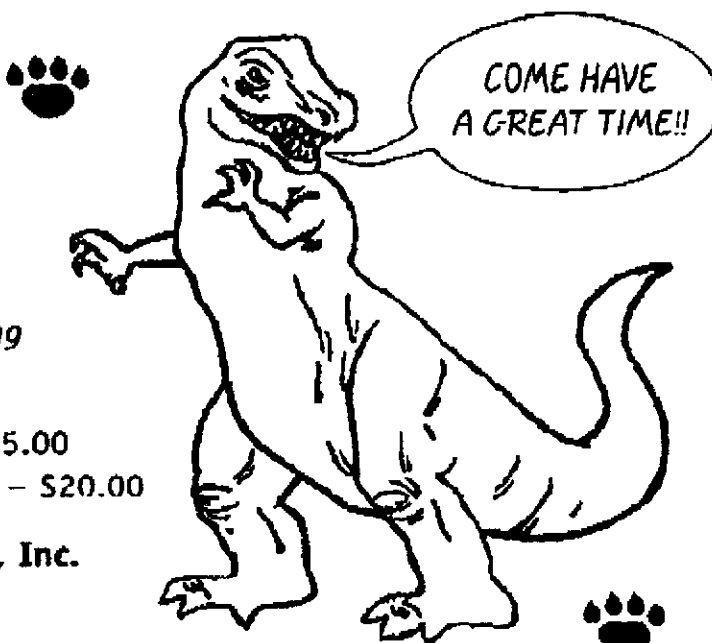
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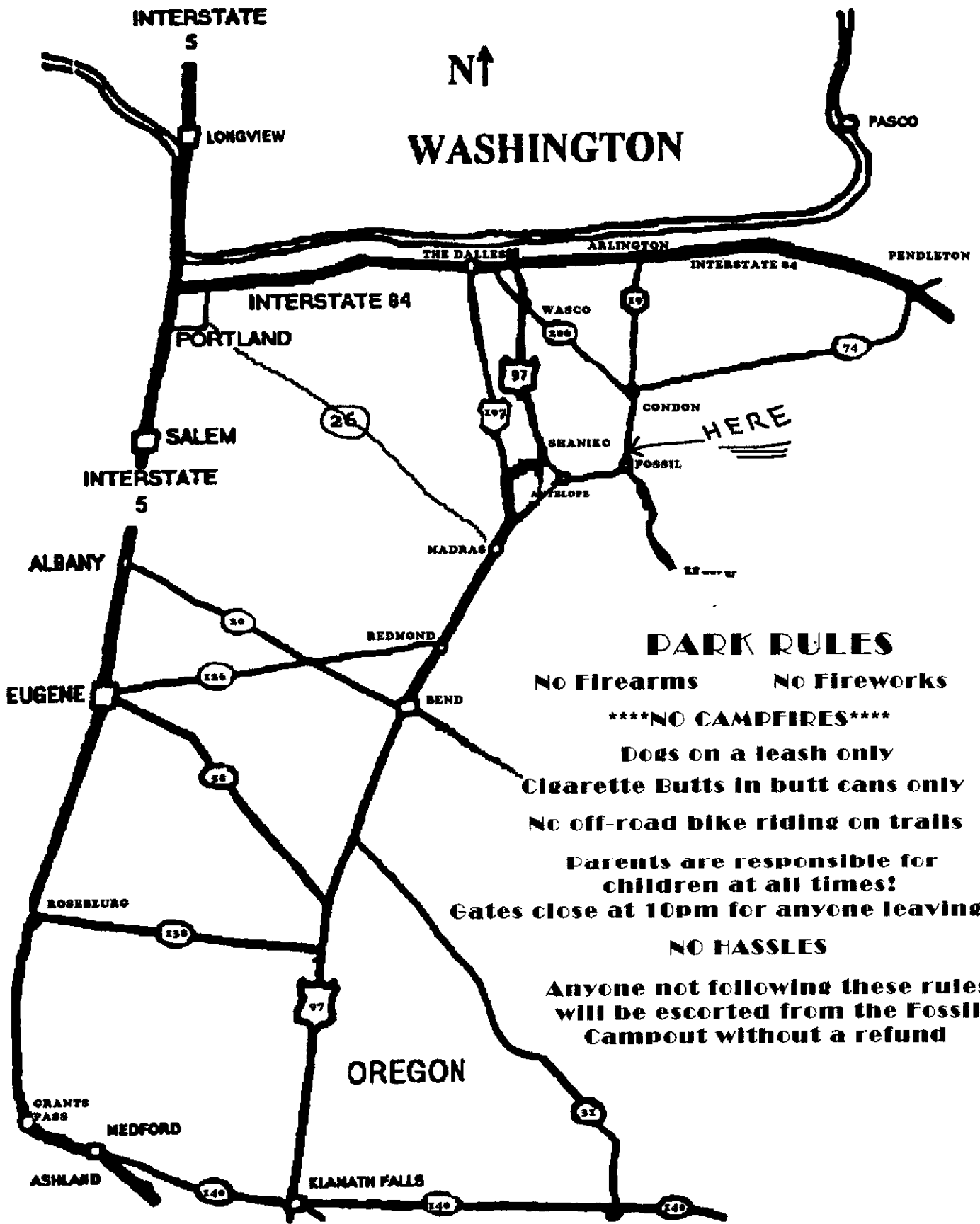
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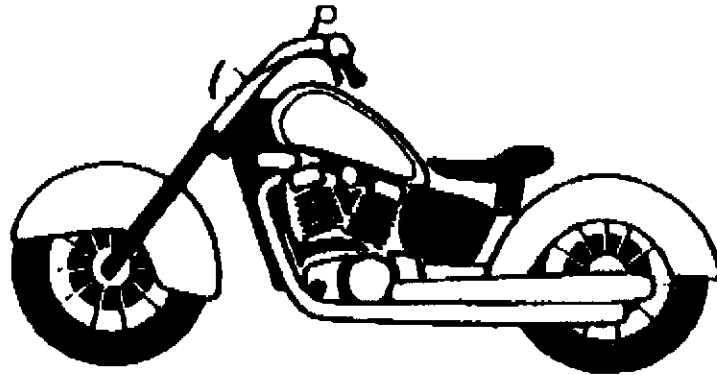
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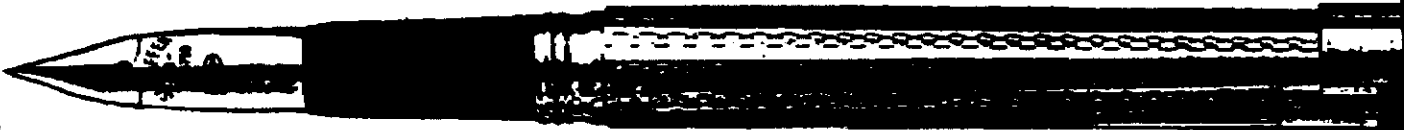
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, <i>The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland</i>
1 st SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, <i>East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande</i>
	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport</i>
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM <i>Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond</i>
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, <i>Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend</i>
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00 Noon <i>Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg</i>
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, <i>Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill</i>
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, <i>Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland</i>
4 th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, <i>Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem</i>
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, <i>Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles</i>
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, <i>Farmhouse Café, 3500 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro,</i>
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM <i>Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria</i>
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, <i>RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland</i>
2 nd WEDNESDAY	KLAMATH COUNTY	6:30 PM, <i>Old Town Pizza Co., 722 Main St., Klamath Falls</i>
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, <i>PrimeTimeSportsBar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield</i>
1 st FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport</i>